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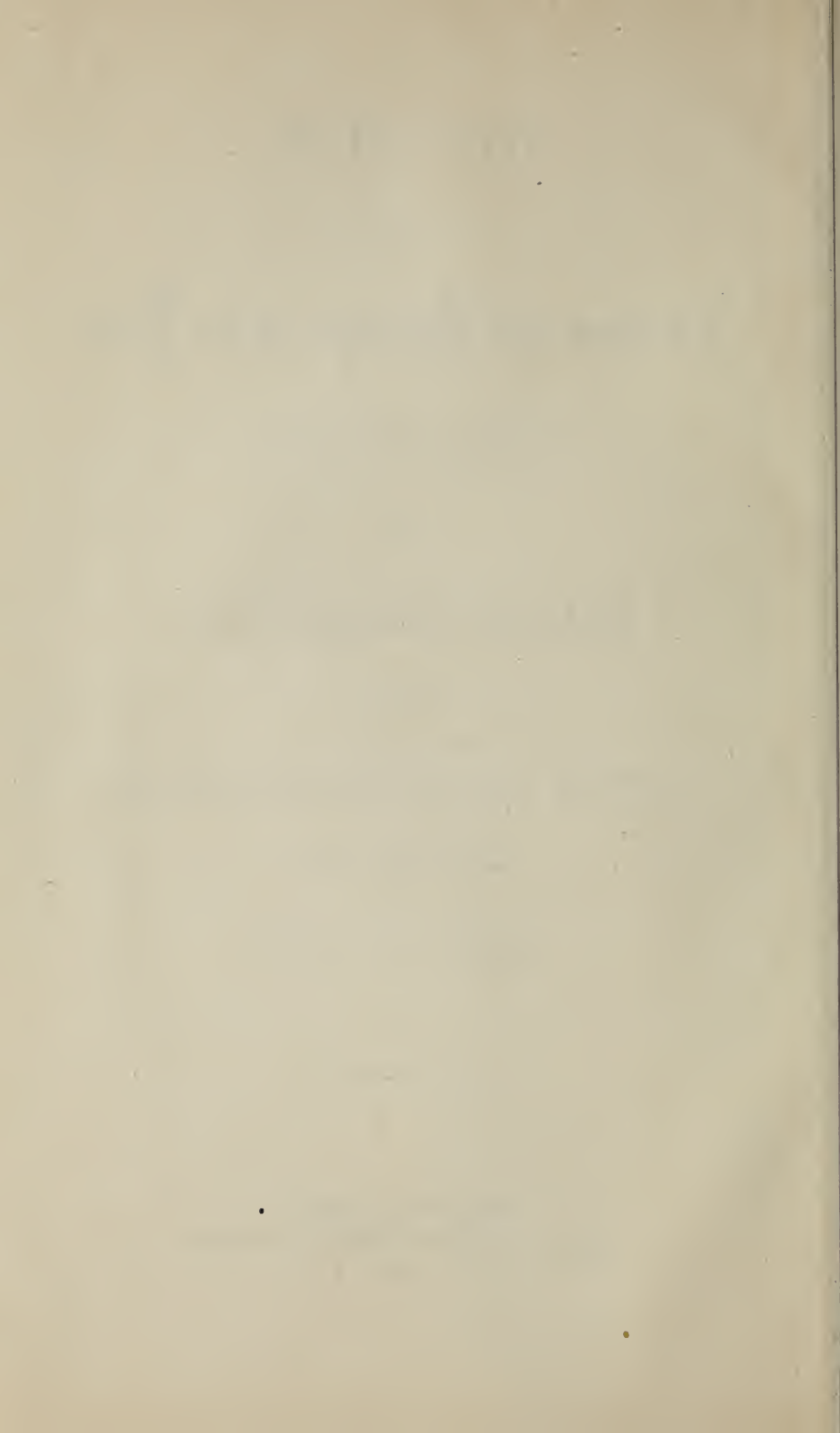
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## Articles in Town Warrant.

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ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the annual reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, School Committee, and all other Committees whose duty it may be to report to this Meeting, and act thereon.

ART. 3. To determine the number of School Committee the town will elect and the time they shall serve.

ART. 4. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges; also to determine the number and manner of electing Highway Surveyors for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To determine the number and manner of electing Collectors of Taxes; also to see if the Town will make a discount on taxes paid before a certain date; also to see if the Town will vote to add interest to all taxes unpaid after a certain date.

ART. 6. To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, three Selectmen, who shall be Overseers of the Poor; three Assessors, and one School Committee for three years; also such others, if any, as the Town shall vote to choose; four Constables, four Fence Viewers, all on one ballot; also to choose all other necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 8. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the ensuing year and appropriate the same.

ART. 9. To see what disposition the Town will make of the Dog Fund now in the hands of the Treasurer.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will vote to build or hire one or more tenements in which to lodge tramps and purchase necessary appurtenances, or to give their Selectmen any instruction in relation to tramps.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will vote to have each and every owner of real estate, within the limits of said town, mow or cut the grass, weeds, brush, etc, in the highway, the whole length or breadth of his or her estate joining the same, at least once a year.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will vote to have the Assessors prepare and publish a report containing the assessed value of each poll, real estate, personal property, and the amount of tax in items.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will adopt any method for doctoring paupers for the present year.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will purchase land to enlarge the cemetery in District 7, near Glendale Church, and fence the same.

ART. 15. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the doings of the Selectmen in relation to the purchase of land for a cemetery in the South Parish.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will raise fifty dollars to pay expenses of Decoration day next forthcoming.

ART. 17. To see what action the Town will take in regard to obtaining a title to School-house lot in District No. 9.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will authorize the present Town Clerk to sign the minutes of the last annual meeting.

# Selectmen's Report.



*For the Year Ending March 20, 1876.*

## SCHOOLS.

Appropriation by the Town for schools,	\$3,200 00
Interest on Town loan,	102 31
State School fund,	287 22
Dog fund appropriated for schools,	214 18
Town of Monson, for schooling Monson children,	24 00
Town of Palmer, for schooling Palmer children,	24 00
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Total for schools,	\$3,851 71
Paid bills approved by the Town School Committee, for the support of schools :	
For last year's bills,	\$2 00
For expenses of the schools for this year,	3,802 06
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	\$3,805 06

The amount expended in each district will be found in the report of the School Committee.

## PAUPERS.

Appropriation by the Town,	\$1,500 00
Paid as follows :	
Alvin Bennett, for keeping paupers,	13 00
R. M. Day, for keeping paupers, and 25 tramps,	403 65
R. M. Day, for keeping Frank Taylor's family 16 weeks,	68 79
Sophia Gray, for support of Alvin Banister to April 18, 1875,	33 75
Sophia Gray, extra care during sickness of Alvin Ban- ister,	15 00

Solomon Brewer, for support of Alvin Banister,	\$100 25
Thomas Speight, for board of Peter Doyle,	23 85
Albert Bedurtha, for board of Charles Lamson,	4 56
Mrs. Wm. L. Crocker, for support of Wm. L. Crocker,	131 62
C. F. Hale, for support from May 17, of Ruby Giles,	80 50
Dollie Chaffee, support of Pollie Truden,	65 00
Dollie Chaffee, for extra care during sickness of Pollie Truden,	13 00
Mrs. Williams, for extra care during sickness of Pollie Truden,	3 00
Hiram Squires, for support of Susan Squires,	60 50
Northampton Insane Asylum, for support of D. A. Warner,	221 43
Northampton Insane Asylum, for support of Caroline Bliss,	190 15
Northampton Insane Asylum, for support of Ann M. Clark,	93 95
Northampton Insane Asylum, for support of Charles A. Hunn,	15 55
Vermont Asylum for support of Saphronia Scripture,	191 75
Worcester Hospital for Insane, for support of Mary Cadwell,	39 00
For support of Mary A. Brewer,	190 69
Ellen M. Beebe, for rent of house for Richard Armstrong,	30 00
N. Beebe, for wood for Oakley family,	10 50
Robert Darrah, for board of Mrs. Wm. Patrick and children,	8 00
S. C. Spellman, goods furnished Richard Armstrong,	7 72
Fuller & Arnold, " " Richard Armstrong,	33 59
" " " " Martin Andrews,	12 96
" " " " Edwin Oakley family,	10 15
" " " " George Smith,	84
" " " " Dennis Connell,	3 02
" " " " Mrs. Crocker,	6 57
" " " " Michael Sweeney,	25
" " " " Paupers at Poor House,	15 47
E. B. Gates, " " Bixby family,	4 97
Stebbins Foskitt, medical attendance on Susan Squires,	22 00
Stebbins Foskitt, medical attendance on Alvin Banister,	2 00
Stebbins Foskitt, medical attendance on Bixby,	2 00

Abial Bottom, medical attendance on paupers,	\$49 25
Daniel Bottom, medical attendance on Pollie Truden,	13 50
George T. Ballard, medical attendance on paupers,	64 00
M. Lynch, keeping 411 Tramps,	205 50
H. S. Ball, keeping 80 tramps,	40 00
S. U. Stanton, keeping 3 tramps,	2 25
M. F. Beebe, keeping 16 tramps,	11 00
E. B. Gates, keeping 16 tramps,	11 00
F. E. Clark, keeping 7 tramps,	7 00
Mrs. Alice, keeping 4 tramps,	4 00
E. B. Gates, food for tramps,	2 50
Mortimus Pease, witness in Hunn & Connell's cases,	5 00
John Casey, witness in Hunn & Connell's cases,	2 50
S. S. Brewster, keeping tramp Charles McDonald while sick,	2 80
City of Springfield, for aid to Gilligan family,	176 10
City of Springfield, for aid to Rood family,	60 89
Elam Chaffee, tolling bell for Mrs. Cutter,	50
G. J. Allen, for goods delivered to M. H. Warren for poor,	3 22
J. Q. Adams, rent of house for Crocker family,	12 50

## OLD BILLS.

City of Springfield, aid to Gilligan family,	104 00
Abial Bottom, medical attendance on Mary A. Brewer,	25 00
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	\$2,931 44

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation by the Town,	\$2,000 00
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Paid as follows :

Henry Clark, surveyor, and others, Dist. No. 1,	\$131 10
William H. Day, " " " " " 2,	141 00
Albert A. Phelps, " " " " " 3,	101 50
M. H. Warren, " " " " " 4,	222 84
Albert Bedurtha, " " " " " 5,	266 51
M. H. Chaffee, " " " " " 6,	174 50
Jason Stebbins, " " " " " 7,	105 85
G. W. Tupper, " " " " " 8,	321 36
Alvin Chilson, " " " " " 9,	231 50
William Leach, " " " " " 10,	169 00
John Trask, " " " " " 11,	222 50

M. F. Beebe, surveyor, and others, Dist. No. 12,	\$141 75
G. W. Tupper, work on permanent improvement at Collins Depot,	200 00
Alvin Chilson, work on permanent improvement at Collins Depot,	38 50
F. I. Sage, Cement pipe for said improvement at Collins Depot,	63 00
B. & A. Railroad, freight on same,	9 80
Frank Bramble, for repairing bridge abutment at Collins Depot,	76 97
Benjamin Butles, for dry bridge, District No. 9,	5 00

## OLD BILLS.

Cyrus Lee, work in District No. 4,	3 00
Isaac Bradway, work in District No. 10,	14 50
Samuel Merrick, work in District No. 12,	8 00
Henry Dewey, work in District No. 12,	5 00
J. P. Wilcox & Co., cement pipe,	26 25
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	\$2,679 43

## NEW ROAD AT COLLINS DEPOT.

Appropriation by the Town,	\$100 00
Paid as follows :	
Joseph Baldwin, for building new road as per contract,	\$100 00

## CONTINGENT ACCOUNT AND TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation by the Town,	\$1,000 00
Paid as follows :	
E. G. Day, notifying Town officers,	\$12 00
Minor Noble, posting warrants and notifying Town officers,	19 00
Henry Clark, posting warrants and notifying Town officers,	13 50
Clark W. Bryan & Co., for books, bills, stationery, etc.,	16 10
F. J. Warner and others, for appraising school property,	38 75
S. C. Spellman, for appraising school property,	11 50
A. J. Blanchard, for appraising school property,	7 00
David Adams, for $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of land for burying ground,	150 00
J. S. Albray, for mowing burying ground, District 12,	6 00
Franklin Butles, for mowing burying ground, District 9,	1 75
N. Beebe, lumber for hearse-house,	1 05
J. Q. Adams, labor and materials on hearse-house,	3 62
Clark Goodwill, going with hearse and digging graves,	69 50

W. L. Collins, going with hearse and digging graves,	\$86 25
C. L. Buell, witness in Damond case,	2 50
Mrs. Crowningshield, in Damond case,	2 50
Weaver, Shipman & Co., printing Town reports,	48 00
Almon Nelson, fencing road in small pox case,	1 00
George T. Ballard, collecting Town and District taxes for 1874,	34 00
Cong. Society So. Parish, for use of vestry,	50 00
Recording two Deeds,	1 00
M. F. Beebe, stationery and postage,	7 00
A. Jackson Blanchard, postage, express charges, etc.,	3 90
E. B. Gates, moving safe, storage, stationery, etc.,	59 50
E. B. Gates, recording births, marriages and deaths,	36 70

## OLD BILLS.

Stearns & Knowlton, counsel for Town,	57 00
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	\$739 12

## TOWN OFFICERS.

## SELECTMEN.

M. F. Beebe,	\$120 00
E. B. Gates,	57 00
S. U. Stanton,	52 00
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	\$229 00

## ASSESSORS.

A. Jackson Blanchard,	\$98 75
S. U. Stanton,	60 60
John N. Isham,	35 00
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	\$194 35

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

J. M. Foster,	\$65 00
A. B. Newell,	66 24
George T. Ballard,	65 00
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	\$196 24
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	\$1,358 71

## STATE AID ACCOUNT.

No appropriation by the Town.

Paid as follows :

Mrs. Rowena C. Bliss,	\$48 00	
Mrs. Harriet M. Scriptor,	4 00	
Mrs. Mary Rice,	48 00	
Mrs. Angenette D. Crash,	96 00	
Mr. George W. Gray,	72 00	
	<hr/>	\$268 00

## INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Appropriation by the Town, \$150 00

Paid by Treasurer as follows :

Town loan com., interest on Town loan,	\$102 31	
Mr. Walker, interest on note,	10 50	
Second National Bank, interest on temporary loan,	57 00	
Joseph Baldwin, interest on temporary loan,	27 12	
	<hr/>	\$196 93

## SUMMARY.

	APPROPRIATION.	EXPENDED.
Schools,	\$3,851 71	\$3,805 06
Paupers,	1,500 00	2,931 44
Highways and bridges,	2,000 00	2,679 43
Contingent account,	1,000 00	1,358 71
New road,	100 00	100 00
Interest account,	150 00	196 93
State aid account,		268 00
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	\$8,601 71	\$11,339 57

## RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Due from State, State aid,	\$268 00
County Treasurer, dog fund,	191 42
W. M. Green, collector 1872,	10 05
Alvin Chilson, collector 1875,	1,008 94
M. H. Warren, collector 1875,	320 20



Due from G. T. Ballard, collector 1874, balance district tax, district 6,	\$29 46	
M. A. Brewer, expenses paid to Jan. 14, 1876,	211 02	
Town of Monson for schooling Monson children,	40 00	
Town of Palmer for schooling Palmer children,	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,091 09

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Outstanding orders,	\$653 32	
One note to M. Walker,	150 00	
Interest on the same,	2 62	
Balance due Town Treasurer,	241 61	
Due Stearns & Knowlton, counsel for Town officers,	39 00	
Northampton Asylum for support of D. A. Warner, about	55 33	
Northampton Asylum for support of Caroline Bliss, about	47 54	
Northampton Asylum for support of Ann M. Clark, about	46 97	
Northampton Asylum for support of Chas. A. Hunn, about	50 00	
Vermont Asylum for support of Sa- phronia Scripser, about	47 94	
City of Springfield for aid to Gilligan family, about	55 00	
E. W. Dickinson, coffin for C. L. Stetson,	15 00	
For support of Alvin Banister, about	26 50	
For support of W. L. Crocker, about	10 00	
For support of Ruby Giles, about	10 00	
For support of M. A. Brewer, about	55 00	
H. S. Ball, keeping tramps, about	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,530 83
Balance in favor of the Town,		\$560 26

The Selectmen recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year :

For Schools,	\$3,200 00
Paupers,	2,500 00
Highways and Bridges,	2,500 00
Contingencies and Town Officers,	1,500 00
Interest,	200 00

Respectfully submitted,

M. F. BEEBE,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
S. U. STANTON,	
E. B. GATES,	

*of*  
*Wibraham.*

# Treasurer's Report.

*Town of Wilbraham in Account with E. B. Gates, Treasurer of the Town of Wilbraham, for the Year ending March 20th, 1876.*

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By cash in Treasury, March 20th, 1875,	\$664 05
From County treasury, dog fund,	214 18
From Town of Monson, for schooling Monson children,	24 00
From Town of Palmer, for schooling Palmer children,	24 00
From Second National Bank, temporary loans,	3,000 00
From Joseph Baldwin, temporary loan,	1,500 00
From State Treasurer, corporation tax,	95 00
From State Treasurer, State aid refunded,	312 00
From State Treasurer, National Bank tax,	310 44
From State Treasurer, income State school fund,	287 22
From Town of Chicopee, Taylor family,	71 44
From Town of Shutesbury, for Susan Squires,	82 50
From Damon expenses in Damond case,	10 00
From Henry Brewer, for earth, District No. 2,	6 50
From D. A. Calkins, for wire,	4 00
From M. Pease, for cement pipe,	5 00
From J. M. Foster, discount on Montague bill,	2 87
From J. M. Merriek, sale of Town histories,	3 50
From M. F. Beebe, on account of M. A. Brewer,	4 67
From cash in treasury belonging to several school districts,	36 06
From A. J. Blanchard, from school District No. 1,	11 93
From Town loan committee, interest on Town loan,	102 31
From M. A. Bliss, collector for 1874,	300 00
From George T. Ballard, collector for 1874,	845 55

By cash from Alvin Chilson, collector for 1875,	\$6,503 00
From M. H. Warren, collector for 1875,	2,153 09
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	\$16,573 28
From George T. Ballard, on tax, District No. 6,	7 00
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	\$16,580 28
To Balance,	241 61
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	\$16,821 89

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To cash paid interest on temporary loan,	\$84 12
Cash paid notes to Second National Bank,	3,000 00
Cash paid note to Joseph Baldwin,	1,500 00
Cash paid State Treasurer, State tax,	1,480 00
Cash paid assessors' abatements, 1875,	88 44
Selectmen's orders, 1875-6,	10,334 13
State aid,	268 00
Paid Dr. S. Foskitt, medical attendance on Susan Squires,	22 00
A. J. Blanchard, for District No. 7,	45 20
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	\$16,821 89

## TOWN VALUATION, ETC.

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Valuation of North Parish, real,	\$458,435 00
Valuation of North Parish, personal,	126,547 00
Valuation of South Parish, real,	297,577 00
Valuation of South Parish, personal,	75,796 00
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Total,	\$958,355 00
Number of polls in North Parish,	330
Number of polls in South Parish,	243
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Total,	573
Poll tax,	\$2 00
Rate per cent,	2 80

### TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

For Schools,	\$3,200 00
Paupers,	1,500 00
Highways and Bridges,	2,000 00
Town officers and contingencies,	1,000 00
Payment of interest,	150 00
New road at Collins Depot,	100 00
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	\$7,950 00
State tax,	1,480 00
County tax,	1,447 08
Overlays on above,	510 03
Appraised value of school property,	\$16,531 00
District No. 1,	1,434 00
District No. 2,	2,146 00
District No. 3,	866 00
District No. 4,	3,561 00

District No. 5,	\$877 00
District No. 6,	572 00
District No. 7,	1,271 00
District No. 8,	1,085 00
District No. 9,	864 00
District No. 10,	2,503 00
District No. 11,	324 00
District No. 12,	1,028 00
Cash in treasury due several districts,	47 99
Overlayings on remission taxes,	13 71
	<hr/> *16,592 70
Total assessment,	<hr/> \$27,979 81

A. JACKSON BLANCHARD, } *Assessors*  
 SULLIVAN U. STANTON, } *of*  
 JOHN N. ISHAM, } *Wilbraham.*

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\* Of this amount \$16,547.50 was remitted to the tax-payers of the several school districts.

## Report of School Committee.

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THE School Committee of the Town of Wilbraham beg leave to present the following report:

The schools of a town are an index of its character. The interest of citizens in the education of the young is in proportion to their sense of the value of knowledge and of the importance of it to society and the State.

It is invariably true that the best social prosperity is found where the children and youth are best provided with facilities for mental and moral culture. Those communities are most thrifty and happy where the schools are fostered and the greatest efforts are put forth for their success.

The town cannot afford, therefore, to let down the standard of its schools in any direction. Its appropriations must be ample. Its teachers must be efficient. Public care must not be withheld. The young must ever be incited to better and nobler endeavors. If we would make our State worthy of her history we must see to it that the schools within her limits are looked after with a zeal and devotion worthy of the fathers whose wisdom and foresight planted these institutions, and whose wise statutes provided for their maintenance from age to age.

In commenting upon the schools which have been committed to our charge, we have little that is specially interesting to report. Like the experience of former years, we have found that some have attained to high excellence; others have fallen far below what we had hoped, while

some have maintained a respectable mediocrity, never astonishing by great success; never falling to the zero of absolute failure.

Many of our teachers have been conscientious and laborious, while others have looked little beyond the remuneration to which their work entitled them. This is by no means confined to this year's corps of teachers, however, and the criticism will bear a universal application.

The true teacher will feel an inspiration which springs not so much from pecuniary reward as from the consciousness of noble motives and an honest desire to start influences, which shall press on continually and endlessly. When a teacher is impelled by an ambition to mould character; to lead young minds to noble thought and virtuous deeds; to make men and women out of the material committed to her care, she has found her place and success will crown her efforts.

The Committee wish to offer a few suggestions for the consideration of the town, of a highly practically character. The first is in reference to the school-house in what was formerly District "Number Eleven." The dimensions of the building are altogether too strait for the successful prosecution of school-work. The whole number of scholars in the winter term was thirty-two. The actual accommodations would limit the number to not more than sixteen. The pupils must, therefore, be huddled together in an uncomfortable way, to the detriment of good order and the best success of the school. At the same time, a room which is only seventeen feet by seventeen, with a height of only eight feet, and this crowded, must be utterly detrimental to the health of teacher and scholars. The imperative need, therefore, is an addition to the present building, with corresponding school furniture, or a new house. This matter must be early considered by the town.

The Committee recommend the discontinuance of the



school in what was District "Number Three," and a division of the pupils attending, between "Number Twelve" and "Number Ten." The reasons for this are apparent. The number of pupils is small. The expense of supporting the school is nearly as heavy as that of the larger schools. The scholars can be accommodated in the adjoining schools without crowding them. The money spent can be more advantageously used for the town and in the interest of education. It will be good policy for the town to diminish the schools to the smallest practicable number. A removal of the school-house in "Number Twelve" to some more southern point, and other necessary expenses might be met by the sale of house and land in "Number Three." The advantages of some such arrangement as is here suggested would be incalculable.

The school in District "Number Eight" is already calling for special attention. The house is overrun with pupils. The great majority of them are remote from the school-house. More comfortable accommodations will be speedily demanded. We leave it to the wisdom of the town to decide what shall be done. At the same time many of our school-houses are in need of repairs, and the Committee recommend that an appropriation be made which shall cover the expense of such repairs as may be necessary in order to make our school-houses comfortable and respectable.

The steady increase of our population has brought the town to meet the question of High School facilities. We have already within our boundaries five hundred and fifty-one families, which are more than the required number. The following is so much of the law (Revised Statutes, Chapter 38, Section 2,) as bears upon our own town:

"Every town may, and every town containing five hundred families or householders, shall, besides the schools prescribed in the preceding section, maintain a school to be kept by a master of competent ability and good morals,

who in addition to the branches of learning before mentioned, shall give instruction in general History, Book-keeping, Surveying, Geometry, Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, Botany, the civil polity of this Commonwealth and of the United States, and the Latin language. Such last mentioned school shall be kept for the benefit of all the inhabitants of the town, ten months at least, exclusive of vacations, in each year and at such convenient place, or alternately at such places in the town, as the legal voters at their annual meeting determine."

It is understood by the Committee that stipulations may be made with an academy located in the town, by which pupils qualified to enter the High School, having been thoroughly examined by the School Committee, may be received by such institution, the town paying the tuition. As a matter of economy this will be seen to be most practicable with us, and certainly no advantages which the town could provide could compete with those of Wesleyan Academy in our own town.

The Committee recommend, therefore, that the town authorize such an arrangement with the trustees or principal of Wesleyan Academy as shall meet the case, thus giving our children the advantages of a High School according to law.

The School Committee feel called upon to direct the attention of all teachers to what the statutes demand of them, aside from the duty of teaching the common rudiments of education. The laws of the State require a symmetrical culture, and that can be effected only by training the mind as well as the mental powers. Nothing can show more clearly the wisdom of our legislators than the enactment found in chapter thirty-eight, under the head of amendments, which reads as follows:

"It shall be the duty of \* \* \* \* all preceptors and teachers of academies, and of all other instructors of youth, to exert their best endeavors to impress on the minds of children and youth committed to their care and

instruction, the principles of piety and justice, and a sacred regard to truth; love of their country, humanity and universal benevolence; sobriety, industry, and frugality; chastity, moderation and temperance; and those virtues which are the ornament of human society and the basis upon which a republican constitution is founded."

If we would have intellectual training of any great service to the State, the young must be taught the principles of right living. There must be inculcated purity of thought, of life, of conduct. Education without a right moral basis is little better than ignorance. They who stand at the fountain head of influence, must see to it that all that is true and beautiful in character shall be constantly insisted upon, and so learning and virtue be made to walk together in a harmony that shall save us from the corruption to which we are constantly exposed.

In this centennial year, amid all the rich products of our civilization, let the common school be held up as one of the great instruments of our progress and success. In one of the foreign expositions a New England school-house was set up with all the appurtenances which belonged thereto. It was like transplanting a tropic flower to some northern hot-house as a sample of the flora of torrid climes. This is the native soil of the common school. Let the multitudes who shall visit our shores, see what fruit matures from this tree of knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. FOSTER,	} <i>School Committee.</i>
A. B. NEWELL,	
G. T. BALLARD,	

## ROLL OF HONOR.\*

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### NAMES OF SCHOLARS WHO HAVE BEEN NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY DURING THE YEAR.

John Barker.	Willie A. Day.	Annie Newell.
Mary Beebe.	Mary E. Howard.	Cora Newell.
Henry Blodgett.	Tommy Mack.	Willie Phelps.
Luther Bruuer.	Willie McGuire.	

### NAMES OF SCHOLARS WHO HAVE BEEN NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY DURING TWO TERMS.

Henry Amidon.	Willie H. Foster.	Nellie Mack.
Albert Blodgett.	Mary A. Fuller.	Robert Munsell.
Louis Barker.	Ernest W. Howlett.	Leroy Noble.
Lillie Bradway.	Jennie Hunt.	Thomas Ladd.
Carrie Colton.	Minnie Hunt.	Eva Lamson.
Henry Day.	John Laynes.	

### NAMES OF SCHOLARS WHO HAVE BEEN NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY DURING ONE TERM.

H. Burt Allen.	Julia Green.	Perlin Nichols.
Jennie Beebe.	Willie Hunt.	Bessie Pease.
Arthur Bennett.	Adella M. Howlett.	Lillie Pease.
Etta Bishop.	Edmund Jones.	Nelson E. Pease.
Charles E. Blodgett.	Bennie J. King.	Mattie Pease.
Bennie Brewer.	Lula Knowlton.	Dennis Powers.
Charles Brewer.	Emma Ladd.	Mary Powers.
Oscar Brewer.	Joseph Ladd.	Louis Richards.
Willie Brewer.	Bridget Lines.	George Robbins.
Mattie Bracken.	Ella Lines.	Thomas Taylor.
Villa Butler.	Arthur Lyman.	Flora B. Thresher.
James Butler.	Fred Lyman.	Rosa E. Thresher.
Charles M. Calkins.	Susie Mack.	Frank Tupper.
Susie Chapin.	Cora Marshall.	Homer Tupper.
Jennie S. Day.	Fannie Marshall.	Lucy Waters.
Russell E. Day.	Charles Miller.	Mary Waters.
Mary Downing.	Thomas Morton.	Clara Warner.
Charles Dunlavy.	Willie Munsell.	Jennie Warner.
Geo. M. Edson.	Mary J. Mulrony.	
Mattie Graves.	Louise Nichols.	

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\*Based upon the Registers kept by the teachers.

# TABLE OF STATISTICS.

No.	NAMES.	Length of Schools in months, four weeks to a month.			Wages of Teachers per month.			Average attendance of Scholars.			Whole number of Scholars.			No. of Scholars under five years of age.			No. of Scholars over fifteen years of age.			Total wages of Teachers.	Incidentals.	Amount of School money expended.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.		
		Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.						
1	Atkinson,	2½	2½	8	\$30	\$22	20	26	25	22	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$246	\$34 62	\$280 62	A. M. Corbin.	Fall.	Winter.
2	Wright,	2½	2½	3	30	32	19	26	24	24	29	31	4	8	7	0	0	3	246	31 85	280 85	L. A. Lane.	Fall.	Winter.	
3	Cross,	2½	2½	8	28	30	15	17	18	22	19	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	230	10 15	240 15	M. Adelle Pease.	Fall.	Winter.	
4	{ Advanced, Primary,	2½	2½	3½	32	32	34	18	22	26	27	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	262½	75 51	600 01	Mary E. Washburne. M. A. Firmin.	Fall.	Winter.	
5	Scantic,	2½	2½	3	28	30	9	10	10	11	11	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	230	25 54	255 54	M. E. Washburne. E. F. Bliss.	Fall.	Winter.	
6	Hendrick,	2½	2½	3	30	32	16	17	21	17	18	25	0	0	0	0	0	2	246	26 06	272 66	R. C. Gillette.	Fall.	Winter.	
7	Chapin,	2½	2½	3	28	30	11	7	16	13	9	18	0	0	0	0	0	5	230	23 48	268 48	Mary E. Brewer.	Fall.	Winter.	
8	Bliss,	2½	2½	3½	30	32	34	16	22	30	18	27	41	0	0	0	0	2	258	55 07	313 07	Eunice Beebe. Jason Butler.	Fall.	Winter.	
9	Butler,	2½	2½	3½	30	30	34	21	23	24	24	29	33	0	0	0	0	4	254	37 70	291 70	Sarah J. Tilden.	Fall.	Winter.	
10	{ Advanced, Primary,	2½	2½	3	32	32	34	22	23	15	32	31	23	0	0	0	0	0	102	64 78	428 78	Annie E. Beeman.	Fall.	Winter.	
11	Langdon,	2½	2½	3	30	32	18	17	24	26	22	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	246	55 65	301 65	L. Godfrey. Lauriette Godfrey.	Fall.	Winter.	
12	Merrick.	2½	2½	3	30	30	32	22	21	18	26	24	20	0	0	0	1	1	246	32 55	278 55	Clara Markham. C. Markham.	Fall.	Winter.	
		32½	31½	43½	300	322	434	233	255	279	295	307	355	4	10	7	1	3	80	\$3,320½	\$481 56	\$3,802 06			









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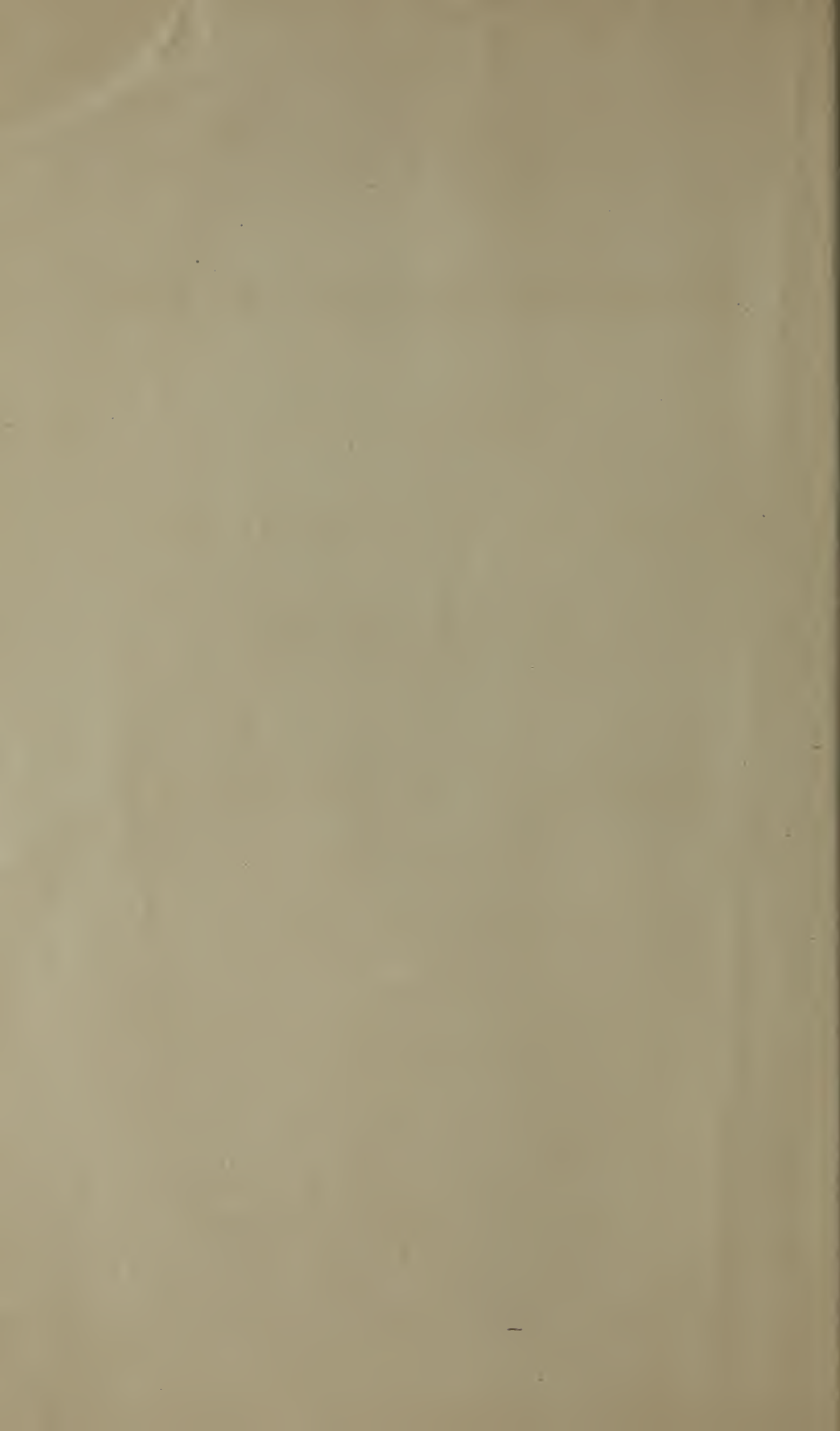
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## Articles in Town Warrant.

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

ART. 2. To hear the annual reports of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, School Committee, and all other Committees, whose duty it may be to report to this meeting and act thereon.

ART. 3. To determine the number of School Committee the town will elect and the time they shall serve.

ART. 4. To determine the number and manner of electing Collectors of Taxes, also to see if the town will vote to add interest to all taxes unpaid after a certain date.

ART. 5. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges, also to determine the number and manner of electing Highway Surveyors, for the ensuing year, also to see if the Town will fix the compensation for labor on the highways.

ART. 6. To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, three Selectmen who shall be Overseers of the Poor, three Assessors and one School Committee for three years, also such others, if any, as the Town shall vote to choose, four Constables, four Fence Viewers, all on one ballot; also to choose all other necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will accept of the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will vote to act in conjunction with the Town of Ludlow to raise the bridge at Collins depot and put a pier under the same, and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will vote to build one or more school-houses in the Town, and appropriate money therefor, and choose all necessary committees to carry the same into effect.

ART. 10. To see what measures the Town will take to establish and support a High School in the Town.

ART. 11. To see what action the Town will take in relation to interest on taxes collected in 1874.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will vote to petition the County Commissioners of our County to dislocate or discontinue the highway as laid by them on the petition of Abner C. Burley, from near the house of Ellen M. Beebe to near the house of Abner C. Burley in said town.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will vote to build a road from the west entrance in the new cemetery in the South Parish, so as to make the lots in said cemetery more accessible.

ART. 14. To see what disposition the Town will make of the dog fund now in the hands of the Treasurer.

ART. 15. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the ensuing year and appropriate the same.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to receive proposals for medical attendance on paupers for the year ensuing.

# Selectmen's Report.

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## SCHOOLS.

Appropriation by the Town for Schools,	\$3,000 00
Appropriation by the Town for High School purposes,	100 00
Appropriation by the Town for permanent repairs,	300 00
Interest on Town Loan,	102 31
State school fund (forfeited),	
Dog fund,	191 42
Town of Monson, for schooling Monson children,	40 00
Town of Palmer, for schooling Palmer children,	12 00
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Total amount available for schools,	\$3,745 73

The Selectmen having nothing to do with the contracts for the repairs on school-houses, wages of teachers, school books or incidentals for the schools, have given orders on the Treasurer for said purposes, only for bills approved by the School Committee, to the amount of \$3,900 11

A detailed account of which will be found in the School Committee's Report.

## PAUPERS.

Appropriation by the Town for paupers,	\$2,000 00
Orders given on the Treasurer as follows :	
R. M. Day, for support of Sally Munsell,	\$117 60
“ “ for support of Caroline Abbey,	164 13
“ “ for support of Corydon L. Kibbe,	42 75
“ “ for keeping thirty-three tramps,	16 50
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	\$340 98

Mrs. Wm. L. Crocker, for support of Wm. L. Crocker, to March 31, 1876,	\$6 25	
Abial Bottom, for medical attendance of Wm. L. Crocker last year,	4 00	
Fuller & Stanton, for provisions to Wm. L. Crocker last year,	5 62	
Albert Bedurtha, for syringe for Wm. L. Crocker,	2 50	
Mrs. Sally Crocker, for support of Wm. L. Crocker to March 15, 1877,	271 86	
	<hr/>	\$290 23
C. F. Hale, for board of Ruby Giles to March 15, 1877,	\$135 75	
Geo. W. Ely, for clothing for Ruby Giles,	1 25	
F. E. Clark, for clothing for Ruby Giles,	4 82	
J. M. Foster, for medical attendance for Ruby Giles (last year),	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$145 82
Dollie Chaffee, for board of Reuben Caldwell,	\$8 00	
Ephraim Moores, for board of Reuben Caldwell to March 15,	79 50	
M. F. Beebe, for clothing for Reuben Cadwell,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$97 50
S. B. Brewer, for support of Alvin Banister to March 15,	\$147 36	
Jerome Pease, for support of Pelatiah Glover to March 15,	85 71	
Dollie Chaffee, for support of Polly Truden to March 12,	65 57	
	<hr/>	\$298 64
Town of Ware, for support and burial of Enoch R. Crocker,	\$45 25	
Town of Longmeadow, for support and burial of Zebulon Frost,	53 00	
City of Springfield, for support of Nellie Gilligan and family,	283 55	
City of Springfield, for support of Lorenzo Rood and family,	32 52	
	<hr/>	\$414 32



City of Springfield, for board of Ebenezer Stacy,	\$15 36	
E. J. Edmonds, for board of Ebenezer Stacy,	18 00	
	<hr/>	\$33 36
Charles Foskitt, for board and care of Mary A. Brewer,	\$75 25	
O. K. Ladd, for board and care of Mary A. Brewer,	77 25	
E. G. Washburn, casket, etc., for Mary A. Brewer,	31 00	
	<hr/>	\$183 50
J. Draper, Superintendent for support of Sophronia Scripser to January 1, 1877,	\$192 50	
Pliny Earle, Treasurer, for support of D. A. Warner to January 1, 1877,	199 40	
Pliny Earle, Treasurer, for support of Caroline Bliss to January 1, 1877,	188 50	
Pliny Earle, Treasurer, for support of Ann M. Clark to January 1, 1877,	187 55	
Pliny Earle, Treasurer, for support of Charles A. Hunn to January 1, 1877,	203 56	
	<hr/>	\$971 51
John Maloney, for care of Martin Lynch (small pox case),	\$21 50	
Bourke Bros., for coffin for Martin Lynch,	18 00	
Jerry Shehan, for digging grave for Martin Lynch,	2 00	
John R. Briggs, for interring Martin Lynch,	13 00	
Ann Blackmer, for care of Lynch children,	52 00	
Jane Beach, for care of Lynch children,	36 00	
Priscilla Ammo, for care of Lynch children,	14 25	
Mary Doyle, for care of Lynch children,	21 00	
Michael Rocke, for work for Lynch family,	6 00	
Kate Rocke, for work for Lynch family,	15 00	
Wm. Holbrook, for medical attendance Lynch family,	170 00	
J. M. Merrick, for coal for Lynch family,	6 71	
Phineas Knowlton, for expenses for Lynch family,	2 00	

E. B. Gates, for expenses for Lynch family,	\$15 00	
E. B. Gates, for groceries for Lynch family,	23 51	
W. L. Collins, for expenses of Lynch family,	6 25	
C. E. Stacy, for meat for Lynch family,	10 49	
W. M. Green, for milk for Lynch family,	4 85	
E. W. Dickinson, for coffin for Lynch child,	8 00	
E. G. Washburn, for coffin for Lynch child,	2 50	
John Cornish, for interring two Lynch children,	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$468 06
Henry Bronson, for care of Whiting Bronson (small pox case),	\$6 00	
Hunn & Stimpson, for meat for Whiting Bronson,	1 25	
G. J. Allen, for groceries for Whiting Bronson,	4 14	
Fuller & Stanton, groceries for Whiting Bronson,	1 21	
George T. Ballard, for medical attendance for Whiting Bronson,	195 00	
George T. Ballard, for sundries for Bronson family,	12 79	
	<hr/>	\$220 39
John Hooker, for medical attendance on Sullivan family (small pox case),	\$10 00	
Michael Rocke, for work and care of Sullivan family,	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$35 00
George T. Ballard, for 9 vaccinations to poor persons,	\$4 50	
George T. Ballard, for medical attendance on paupers,	75 00	
Stebbins Foskitt, for medical attendance on paupers,	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$104 50
Stebbins Foskitt, for medical attendance on Moulton family,	\$32 50	
Geo. W. Ely, for provisions to Moulton family,	47 61	
F. G. Clark, for provisions and wood to Moulton family,	5 35	
C. A. Corbin, for wood to Moulton family,	5 00	

A. A. Phelps, for wood to Moulton family,	\$5 00	
M. F. Beebe, for provisions to Moulton family,	16 39	
James Merrick, for rent of tenement to Moulton family,	12 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$123 85
Fuller & Stanton, for goods to Richard Armstrong,	\$22 55	
W. P. Fuller, for goods to Richard Armstrong,	17 00	
Ellen M. Beebe, for rent of tenement to Richard Armstrong,	40 00	
D. R. McCray, for wood to Richard Armstrong,	7 50	
	<u>          </u>	\$87 05
Fuller & Stanton, for goods to Albert Tebodo,	\$3 59	
George T. Ballard, for medical attendance on Albert Tebodo,	2 50	
	<u>          </u>	\$6 09
Fuller & Stanton, for goods to Michael Sweeney,	\$17 38	
L. W. Jennison, for wood to Michael Sweeney,	3 75	
	<u>          </u>	\$21 13
W. P. Fuller, for goods to Edwin Oakley,	\$5 91	
W. P. Fuller, for goods to Martin Andrews,	11 21	
	<u>          </u>	\$17 12
E. M. Allis & Son, for board of Sarah J. Eastman,	\$9 00	
F. E. Clark, for expenses to Tewksbury with S. J. Eastman,	18 35	
	<u>          </u>	\$27 35
Fuller & Stanton, for goods to John Rose,	\$1 98	
L. W. Jennison, for wood to John Rose,	2 95	
	<u>          </u>	\$4 93
Michael Powers, for wood to Chas. M. Willard,	\$2 00	
John Shea, for provisions to Chas. M. Willard,	10 32	
	<u>          </u>	\$12 32
W. P. Fuller, for provisions to James Champlin,	\$10 02	
L. W. Jennison, for wood to James Champlin,	3 00	
David R. McCray, for wood to James Champlin,	10 62	
	<u>          </u>	\$23 64

J. M. Merrick, for coal for Mrs. Colgrove,	\$8 14	
E. M. Allis & Son, for board of Mrs. Colgrove and family,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$18 14
F. E. Clark and M. F. Beebe, expenses to Ware, in Crocker case,	\$8 20	
Clark Goodwill, for removing Mrs. McGrath to Manchester,	7 00	
John Keiley, for mending boots for C. L. Kibbe,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$16 20
E. B. Gates, for provisions to Henry A. Burnett,	\$11 72	
W. H. Brown, for board of Sarah Patrell to March 15,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$21 72
J. M. Merrick, for coal for tramp house,	\$10 44	
H. S. Ball, for keeping 84 tramps,	42 00	
E. M. Allis & Son, for keeping 80 tramps,	40 00	
C. G. Robbins, for keeping 159 tramps,	39 75	
M. F. Beebe, for keeping 9 tramps,	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$135 69
E. W. Dickinson, for coffin for E. L. Stetson, last year,	\$15 00	
E. W. Dickinson, for coffin for Jas. McKnight,	11 00	
Abial Bottom, for medical attendance on Mayo Ferry, (last year.)	5 75	
	<hr/>	\$31 75
S. B. Brewer, for board of Edwin R. Crocker,	\$0 72	
Lewis Stowell, for board of Edwin R. Crocker,	54 00	
Stebbins Foskitt, for medical attendance on Edwin R. Crocker,	4 00	
F. E. Clark, for services as overseer of poor, with Edwin R. Crocker,	5 00	
M. F. Beebe, for services as overseer of poor, with Edwin R. Crocker,	1 50	

E. W. Dickinson, for casket for Edwin R. Crocker,	\$20 00	
W. L. Collins, for hearse and grave for Edwin R. Crocker,	4 75	
		<u>\$89 97</u>
Total expenditure for Paupers,		<u>\$4,240 76</u>

Of the above amount there has been received from other towns, estates and persons, and due from other towns as follows :

Mary A. Brewer's estate, for support of M. A. Brewer,	\$443 74
Town of Monson, for support of Mayo Ferry,	5 00
City of Springfield, for support of paupers,	156 99
Town of Brimfield, for support of Mrs. Colgrove,	18 14
Frank Crocker, for support of Edwin R. Crocker,	89 97
Town of Longmeadow, for support of Whiting Bronson,	220 39
Henry Glover, for support of Pelatiah Glover,	3 46
Dennis Connell, for return of aid,	2 98
M. Sweeney, for return of aid,	25
	<u>\$940 92</u>

Due from Town of Chicopee, for aid to H. A. Burnett,	\$11 72
From Town of Chicopee, for aid to S. E. Patrell,	10 00
From Town of Palmer, for aid to E. L. Stetson,	15 00
From Henry Glover, for aid to Pelatiah Glover,	48 43
From Michael Sullivan, for aid to Sullivan, (small-pox case,)	25 00
	<u>\$110 15</u>

#### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation by the town, \$2,500 00

Orders given as follows :

Henry Clark, surveyor, and others, District No. 1,	\$126 55
Edwin B. Brewer, surveyor, and others, District No. 2,	148 90

Albert A. Phelps, surveyor, and others, District No. 3,	\$146 00
Moses H. Warren, surveyor, and others, District No. 4,	427 11
A. O. Thresher, surveyor, and others, District No. 5,	208 85
A. O. Thresher, surveyor, and others, District No. 6,	107 40
A. D. Seaver, surveyor, and others, District No. 7,	185 46
George W. Tupper, surveyor, and others, District No. 8,	365 03
Alvin Chilson, surveyor, and others, District No. 9,	290 00
Matthias Casey, surveyor, and others, District No. 10,	259 23
Monroe*Pease, surveyor, and others, District No. 11,	139 55
Henry Dewey, surveyor, and others, District No. 12,	121 50
Town of Ludlow, balance one-half repairs on Collins and Red Bridges,	16 79
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	\$2,542 37

#### CONTINGENT ACCOUNT AND TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation by the town,	\$1,500 00
Orders given on the Treasurer as follows :	
C. W. Bryan & Co., for Town reports, books, blanks and advertising,	\$77 95
Stearns, Knowlton & Long, counsel, Mrs. Brewer's case, 1874,	35 00
Stearns, Knowlton & Long, counsel, Town officers, 1875,	39 00
Stearns, Knowlton & Long, retainer and counsel, this year,	40 00
Henry Clark, for notifying town officers and posting warrants,	33 30
W. L. Collins, for going with hearse and digging graves,	92 50
Clark Goodwill, for going with hearse and digging graves,	33 00
F. E. Clark, for cash paid for work and materials for tramp- house,	88 92
P. P. & T. O. Potter, for lumber for tramp-house,	82 79
John Bumstead, for damage by defective highway,	3 75
Albert Bedurtha, for expenses to Northampton in Connell case,	4 00
Edson Clark, for repairing and painting hearse, No. Parish,	41 50
A. C. M. Spear, for damage as per referee's award,	11 00
Samuel Bowles, for advertising for proposals for fences,	3 90
H. H. Burbank, for taxes on Mary A. Brewer's place,	9 12
H. H. Burbank, for discount on taxes,	254 64

H. H. Burbank, for collecting taxes (in part),	\$35 00
Geo. T. Ballard, for witness in Connell and Hunn cases,	5 00
C. A. Corbin, for repairing town pound,	1 00
C. G. Robbins, for lease of land for tramp-house, five years,	10 00
F. E. Clark, for cash paid expenses of fire inquest,	52 77
F. E. Clark, for expenses to Amherst and Pelham for plank for Collins bridge,	4 60
Ira G. Potter, for expenses in Spear case and making papers in 1875,	6 50
J. W. Green, for notifying Representative to General Court,	1 50
Treas. N. Parish Cong. Society, for use of vestry,	50 00
E. B. Gates, for recording births, marriages and deaths,	34 35
E. B. Gates, for express, storage, stationery and postage,	32 50
F. E. Clark, for stationery and postage,	12 00
M. Wells Bridge, for expenses of County Commissioners on petition of A. C. Burley,	83 90
A. J. Blanchard, for express and postage,	2 97
Asa French, for executing lease of Nine Mile Pond,	10 00
Treasurer of Commonwealth, as ordered by Commissioners on Inland Fisheries,	10 00
F. E. Clark, for expenses to Boston about lease of Nine Mile Pond,	7 50
S. C. Spellman, for discount on taxes,	166 24
E. B. Gates, Treasurer, balance due Treasurer, March 20, 1876,	241 61
E. B. Gates, Treasurer, for cash for recording three deeds,	1 50
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	\$1,619 31

## TOWN OFFICERS.

## SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

F. E. Clark,	\$145 00
M. F. Beebe,	70 00
Albert Bedurtha,	83 00
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	\$293 00

## ASSESSORS.

A. J. Blanchard,	\$82 00
S. U. Stanton,	40 00
John N. Isham,	30 00
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	\$152 00

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A. B. Newell,	\$77 00
Geo. T. Ballard,	65 00
J. M. Foster,	70 00
	<hr/> \$212 00

Total expended for contingencies and town officers, \$2,281 31

## CEMETERY ACCOUNT.

Appropriation for deed of S. Parish cemetery lot,	\$125 00
Appropriation for fencing of S. Parish cemetery lot,	200 00
Appropriation for fencing of Adams cemetery lot,	100 00
	<hr/> \$425 00

Orders given on the Treasurer as follows :

George Edson, for deed of land for Glendale cemetery,	29 00
Stockwell Bettes, for surveying and plan of S. Parish cemetery,	48 00
A. H. Thompson, for posts for fence of S. Parish cemetery,	45 00
O. L. Davis, for lumber for fence of S. Parish cemetery,	70 00
T. Griswold, for building fence of S. Parish cemetery,	30 63
Peck & Potter, for building front fence of S. Parish cemetery,	590 00
J. P. Wilcox, for cement pipe for S. Parish cemetery,	12 60
Albert Bedurtha, for cash paid and work on S. Parish cemetery,	49 62
T. Griswold, for work on S. Parish cemetery,	28 51
A. O. Thresher, for lumber for stakes for lots in S. Parish cemetery,	4 25
M. F. Beebe, for stakes for cemetery lots,	3 00
E. Oakley, for cutting wood in cemetery,	27 57
M. Andrews, for cutting wood in cemetery,	28 47
James Champlin, for cutting wood in cemetery,	19 38
Albert Bedurtha, for hauling wood to market,	44 15
Franklin Butter, for mowing brush in Butterville cemetery,	2 00
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Total account on Cemeteries,	\$1,032 18



Of the above amount, there is due, and been received  
as follows :

Received of T. Griswold, for lumber,	\$4 50
Due from Lacowsie Manufacturing Co., for wood,	221 11
Due from William P. Chaffee, for lumber, about	20 00
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	\$245 61

#### STATE AID ACCOUNT.

No appropriation by the Town for State Aid.

Orders given on the Treasurer as follows :

Mrs. Rowena C. Bliss, paid to March 1, 1877,	\$48 00
Mrs. Mary Rice, paid to March 1, 1877,	48 00
Mrs. Angenette D. Coash, paid to March 15, 1877,	64 00
Mrs. Isabella G. Daniels, paid to March 1, 1877,	44 00
Mrs. Harriet Fuller, paid to March 1, 1877,	44 00
George W. Gray, paid to April 1, 1876,	6 00
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Total paid for State Aid,	\$254 00

#### FIRE APPARATUS.

Appropriation by the town,	\$100 00
Order given to Henry Dewey, Treasurer Wilbraham Fire Co., as per vote of the town,	\$100 00

#### INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Appropriation by the town for interest,	\$200 00
Orders given as follows :	
Town Loan Committee, for interest on town loan,	\$102 31
E. B. Gates, Treasurer, for interest paid on J. Baldwin's notes,	95 43
E. B. Gates, Treasurer, for interest paid on old order,	3 10
E. B. Gates, Treasurer, for interest paid on Davis' note,	89 25
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Total expended for interest,	\$290 09

## SUMMARY.

	APPROPRIATIONS.	EXPENDED.
Schools,	\$3,745 73	\$3,900 11
Paupers,	2,000 00	4,240 76
Highways and bridges,	2,500 00	2,542 37
Contingencies and town officers,	1,500 00	2,281 31
Cemeteries,	425 00	1,032 18
State Aid,		254 00
Fire apparatus,	100 00	100 00
Interest,	200 00	290 09
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	\$10,470 73	\$14,640 82

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Outstanding orders,	\$1,120 05	
One note to M. Walker,	150 00	
One note to Lucetta Howlett,	125 00	
One note to A. O. Thresher,	150 00	
One note to Horace Clark,	600 00	
One note to Joseph Baldwin,	1,700 00	
Interest on the above notes,	41 96	
	<hr/>	\$3,887 01

## RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Dog fund in hands of Town Treasurer,	\$227 77	
Due from State Treasurer, for State Aid,	298 00	
Due from W. M. Green, Collector for 1872,	10 05	
Due from M. H. Warren, Collector for 1875,	146 73	
Due from Alvin Chilson, Collector for 1875,	57 52	
Due from H. H. Burbank, Collector for 1876,	718 26	
Due from S. C. Spellman, Collector for 1876,	547 73	
Due from Town of Chicopee, for paupers,	21 72	
Due from Town of Palmer, for paupers,	15 00	
Due from Henry Glover, for Pelatiah Glover,	48 43	
Due from Michael Sullivan, for small pox case,	25 00	
Due from Lacowsic Manufacturing Co. for wood,	221 11	
Due from Wm. P. Chaffee, for lumber, about	20 00	
Cash in treasury, March 15, 1877,	377 51	
	<hr/>	\$2,734 83
Balance against the town,		\$1,152 18

The Selectmen recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year :

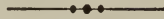
For schools (including High school),	\$4,000 00
Paupers,	3,000 00
Highway and bridges,	2,500 00
Contingencies and town officers,	2,000 00
County Commissioners' road,	2,000 00
School-house in District No. 11,	1,000 00
Paying the debt of the town,	1,152 18
Collins' bridge,	500 00
New cemetery road,	100 00
Interest,	300 00
Stocking nine-mile pond,	200 00

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. CLARK,	}	<i>Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor of Wilbraham.</i>
M. F. BEEBE,		
ALBERT BEDURTHA,		

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## Treasurer's Report.



*Town of Wilbraham in account with E. B. Gates, Treasurer of the  
Town of Wilbraham, for the year ending March 15, 1877.*

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By cash from County Treasurer, dog fund,	\$191 42
From Joseph Baldwin, temporary loans,	5,000 00
From David Davis, temporary loans,	1,700 00
From Horace Clark, temporary loans,	600 00
From A. O. Thresher, temporary loans,	150 00
From town of Monson, for schooling Monson children,	40 00
From town of Palmer, for schooling Palmer children,	12 00
From J. M. Merrick, sale of Town Histories,	4 25
From State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	75 18
From State Treasurer, National Bank tax,	309 46
From State Treasurer, State aid refunded,	276 00
From town of Brimfield, for Mrs. Colgrove,	18 14
From town of Monson, for M. Ferry,	5 00
From town of Longmeadow, for Bronson family,	220 39
From City of Springfield, aid to paupers,	156 99
From M. F. Beebe, for support of M. A. Brewer,	443 74
From Frank Crocker, for expenses of E. R. Crocker,	89 97
From Dennis Connell, return of aid,	2 98
From Henry Glover, for support of P. Glover,	3 46
From M. Sweeney, return of aid,	25
From T. Griswold, for lumber from cemetery lot,	4 50
From town loan committee on town loan,	102 31
From Selectman's order for interest,	187 78

By cash from amount of old order to S. Foskitt, given by mistake, last year,	\$22 00
From George T. Ballard, balance district tax, district No. 6,	29 46
From M. H. Warren, collector for 1875,	173 47
From Alvin Chilson, collector, 1875,	862 98
From H. H. Burbank, collector, 1876,	6,270 48
From S. C. Spellman, collector, 1876,	3,813 71
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	\$20,765 92

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To cash paid notes to Joseph Baldwin,	\$3,300 00
Cash paid note to David Davis,	1,700 00
Cash paid interest on temporary loans,	187 78
Cash paid State Treasurer,	990 00
Cash paid State aid,	254 00
Cash paid Assessors' abatements,	36 54
Old orders outstanding March, 20, 1876.	653 32
Selectmen's orders,	13,266 77
Cash in the treasury,	377 51
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	\$20,765 92

## Town Valuation, Etc.,

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Valuation of North Parish, real,	\$458,255 00
Valuation of North Parish, personal,	120,145 00
Valuation of South Parish, real,	296,851 00
Valuation of South Parish, personal,	59,319 00
Total,	\$934,570 00
Number of polls in North Parish,	335
Number of polls in South Parish,	232
Total,	567
Poll tax,	\$2 00
Rate per cent,	1 20

### TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

For Schools,	\$3,000 00
Paupers,	2,000 00
Highways and bridges,	2,500 00
Town officers and contingencies,	1,500 00
Payment of interest,	200 00
Land for cemetery, of Mrs. Howlett,	125 00
Fencing the same,	200 00
High school purposes,	100 00
Fire apparatus,	100 00
Repairing school-houses,	300 00
Fencing addition to burying ground near Deacon David Adams',	100 00
	\$10,125 00

Amount brought forward,	\$10,125 00
State tax,	990 00
County tax,	1,022 06
Overlayings,	211 78
Total committed to collectors,	<u>\$12,348 84</u>

A. JACKSON BLANCHARD, } *Assessors*  
 SULLIVAN U. STANTON, } *of*  
 JOHN N. ISHAM, } *Wilbraham.*

REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

*Of the Town of Wilbraham, for 1876-7.*

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GENTLEMEN:— History teaches no lesson with greater emphasis, than that the success, strength and permanence of a nation is based upon the integrity, morality and education of its citizens. While true of all governments, it is especially true of that form in which the people choose their own rulers. If the masses are ignorant, immoral, and wanting in integrity, they will not only be less scrupulous in the choice and election of their rulers, but vice and crime will flourish, the natural products of such a soil.

Since facts show that education has a powerful influence in preventing crime, as a matter of economy, it is better to educate our citizens; to train them in our schools to habits of industry, regularity and self-reliance; to teach them the value of integrity and morality; to accustom them to face and conquer difficulties, than that they grow up in ignorance, forming evil habits, which, ripening into crime, increase the probabilities of their future support in our almshouses and prisons.

Statistics show that over three-fourths of the poverty, vice and crime are found among those who either have never en-



tered our schools, or were so irregular in their attendance that the school had little influence in forming their habits, or moulding their character.

As a source of happiness and safety, as well as a purer and nobler national life, it becomes us to jealously guard our schools, to thoroughly study their influence in all its bearings, that under our intelligent care, they may not only become the most efficient and useful, but also gather all of our school population within the sweep of their influence. It is true that the ignorance, vice and crime that fill our almshouses, and crowd our prisons, or with tireless feet tramp from place to place, are not wholly the products of American soil, nor conclusive proofs of the inefficiency of her institutions.

For, while the European tide of emigration that has poured so strongly and steadily into our land, for so many years, has brought numbers that are a blessing and form part of the bones and brains of our country, with them also have come many old and young fugitives from justice, ignorant, degraded, steeped in crime, graduates of her street schools and prisons.

These, scattered through the cities, villages, and more rarely the rural portions of our land, have sown more thickly the seeds of vice, given an impetus to crime, and so increased the numbers of our paupers, criminals and illiterate, that to judge the results of our school system wholly by our statistics, would not only be unfair, but would give a false impression. On many of these the school has had but little, if any direct influence.

They are found in our midst, but not in our schools. Therefore to judge our school system justly, we must consider not only its results upon those who attend, but also its failure to reach many, who most need its elevating influence.

Hence with just and generous appreciation, must be blended friendly yet faithful criticism.

Judging the schools of this town with reference to the first

point, your Committee have no hesitation in saying our schools are doing a noble work.

Not that they cannot be improved in many respects ; they can be.

The teachers, Committee, as well as the friends and parents realize this.

But in lengthened schools, the selection of teachers, the mode of teaching, the introduction of maps and charts as aids in illustration, the greater regularity of attendance, the increasing value of our school property as new and commodious houses, with ample grounds, are taking the place of the weather-beaten, knife-scarred houses of our early days, there is evidence of a marked improvement.

To these must be added the striking fact, that our scholars complete the course of study in our public schools, though of wider range, much younger than formerly.

During the year our schools as a whole have been supplied with earnest, efficient, and faithful teachers. One or two instances have occurred where the change of teachers for the Winter term has proved most unfortunate, and the result, though, perhaps, not a total failure, was but little removed from it. Too much care cannot be exercised in the selection of teachers, and yet with the best care, unfortunate selections will sometimes be made.

Throughout the town, especially during the Winter term, more scholars have been absent and tardy than for many years.

The main cause of this, doubtless, has been the unusual amount of snow in the first of the Winter, blocking many roads so as to render them impassable. This may be the reason also, why some teachers, in making out their registers, have not in every instance counted all the absent, and tardy marks found against some of the pupils' names. The teacher's motive may have been commendable, thinking, perhaps, that under the circumstances the scholar ought to be excused. But this is wrong. These marks show certain facts, and no

teacher can change these facts, however desirable it might be to do so.

Your Committee would suggest that more attention be paid to writing in some of our schools. While some of our teachers have taken especial pains in this, and are worthy of commendation, others have been remiss, and greatly neglected it. Last year the attention of the town was called to the need of a larger school-house in what was formerly District No. 11. In response, the town instructed the Selectmen, and School Committee, to find what was needed—the prices of lots suitable for a school-house. In accordance with your instructions, this has been done, and we report the imperative need of building a school-house this year, to be in readiness for the Winter school. Several lots in the vicinity can be bought at reasonable prices, and your Committee recommend the town to raise money for this purpose.

We congratulate the citizens of Wilbraham on the increasing value of property, the evident marks of prosperity, and the accumulation of capital in the development, at Collins Depot, of the finest water power in town. With this capital has come an increasing number of families, and the school at Collins Depot is fast outgrowing, if it has not already outgrown its accommodations.

There is need that the town build either this year, or the next, as it may deem best, a larger house with ample accommodations for graded schools.

The School Committee of Monson notified your Committee, October 23, 1876, of their desire to discontinue, at the close of the Fall term, the agreement made June 14, 1873, with the Committee of Wilbraham, permitting certain scholars of Monson, living on the Boston road, to attend school in No. 9, by payment of tuition *pro rata*. Your Committee acknowledged the receipt of this notification, and excluded the scholars of Monson from the Winter school.

Hence, until some similar arrangement is made with Mon-

son, Wilbraham cannot legally collect tuition for schooling the scholars of Monson, and ought not to admit them to her schools.

### UNCONDITIONAL TITLE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Common sense and sound business principles alike demand that, as far as possible, a man should have a clear and unconditional title to his property. The wisdom and justice of this is so apparent, that wills, deeds, and all transferences of property are expressed in the most explicit language, and the law provides all possible safeguards to secure this result; and that man would court almost certain failure who should invest his money and conduct his business in violation of this principle.

Shall we as a town use less care than an ordinary business man?

Is it wise to hold our school property by so uncertain a tenure, that the simple holding of a caucus, singing-school, or religious meeting, may be deemed a sufficient reason for the former owner to claim not only the land, but also the house upon it, through violation of the conditions of the deed?

And yet *this* is the only title that Wilbraham has to the lot and school-house in No. 9.

Is Wilbraham satisfied with such a title? As citizens, is it manly to care so little for justice and our rights, as to allow this to continue? As tax-payers, is it wise to purchase and hold property with such restrictions? The question is not, whether it is *best* to use our school-houses for anything but school purposes; but whether *one* man, or the *town* has the right and power to settle that point. First, let the town own its school property without restrictions, then if it wishes vote only to use it for school purposes, rather than be forced thus to vote to save its property.

Fully believing that this right belongs to the town, and that it ought never to yield it, your Committee recommend

the town to purchase a lot near by with an unconditional title, and move the school-house thereon, unless an unrestricted title can be obtained of the lot on which the house now stands.

### UNITING AND GRADING SCHOOLS.

The schools of Wilbraham have been under the town system two years. For some years previous to its final adoption we were in a transition state, gradually conforming to its methods, yet retaining more or less the habits of thought and modes of action of the district system.

Educated under this system, with our early associations linked with it, no wonder we look with jealous eyes, and often with suspicion upon any proposed changes, or cherish honest doubts of any real gain by them.

While it does not always follow that all changes are improvements, yet it is true that there can be no improvements without change. The reaching forward unto those things that are before, implies in a certain sense, the leaving of those things that are behind. All growth in physical, mental, or spiritual life, is in obedience to this law. To become a man, one must cease to be a child, both physically and mentally. Realizing in some measure the truth of this principle, your Committee, two years ago, after studying the condition of the schools of town then intrusted more fully to their care, came to the conclusion that some changes could, and ought to be made, that would be beneficial. One of the changes that then was, and still is, deemed of great importance, is to diminish so far as practicable the number of our schools, that we may grade them; thus greatly increasing their efficiency and usefulness.

While we recognize the fact that it is utterly impracticable to attempt to unite and grade schools in the country as rigidly as in a city, or that all country schools, even, can be alike graded, since circumstances vary, still we believe it is not only possible and practicable that some changes be made in this

town, but also, that a wise regard for the best interests of our schools demands that Wilbraham should begin, and continue from time to time to unite and grade its schools so far as practicable. Having reached these conclusions, your Committee waited until they had clearly presented them to the town in last year's report, before attempting to carry them out, that so important a change might not be done in haste, or without the knowledge of the town. Hence it was not until this year, that in laying out our school work, we voted to discontinue the Summer school of No. 3, intending, if the town deemed best, eventually to discontinue it entirely, and divide its scholars between Nos. 10 and 12. The main reasons for our action are so concisely and clearly given in last year's report, that we copy them. "The number of pupils is small. The expense of supporting the school is nearly as heavy as that of the larger schools. The scholars can be accommodated in the adjoining schools without crowding them. The money spent can be more advantageously used for the town, and the interests of education. It will be good policy for the town to diminish the schools to the smallest possible number. A removal of the school-house in No. 12 to some southern point, and the necessary expense might be met by the sale of house and land in No. 3."

At a town meeting called soon after the Summer school began, the town instructed the Committee to continue the school in No. 3 as before. In accordance with these instructions a school has been maintained there during the year, though the law gives the Committee authority to determine how many schools shall be kept, and to regulate the system of distribution and classification. The following is so much of the law as refers to this point :

"Every town shall at the annual meeting choose by written ballots a board of School Committee, which shall have the general charge and superintendence of all the public schools in town." "Sec. 16 ; Chapter 38."

Following are various decisions of the Supreme Court, defining the power thus granted. Chief Justice Shaw uses the following language: "There being no specific direction how schools shall be organized; how many schools shall be kept; what shall be the qualifications for admission to the schools; the age at which children may enter; the age to which they may continue; these must all be regulated by the Committee under their power of superintendence."

"The power of general superintendence vests a plenary authority in the Committee to arrange, classify and distribute pupils in such a manner as they think best adapted to their general proficiency and welfare." 5 Cush. 207.

Thus the Committee have the power, if they choose to exercise it, to determine how many schools shall be kept. But the Committee do not desire to act contrary to the wishes of the town, if it can be conscientiously avoided. We believe that the town really desires, and intends to do what is best for the schools. The differences arising are not about results, but the best way of securing them. Hence we believe that after careful consideration, the town will cheerfully co-operate with its Committee in lessening the number of our schools, and grading them so far as possible.

If the running expenses of the schools of town exceed the appropriations, it is partly owing to the derangements of your Committee's plans, by the town's action. Pursuing this policy of uniting schools where possible, your Committee, by sending some of the scholars of No. 10 to No. 4, have been enabled to dispense with the services of one teacher during the Winter term, thus diminishing expenses with no detriment, as we think, to the school.

#### BY-LAWS FOR HABITUAL TRUANTS.

The law makes it the duty of each town to make such by-laws concerning truants, and all children between seven and fifteen years of age not attending school and growing up in

ignorance, as shall be most conducive to their welfare and the good order of the town. Your Committee, in 1874, prepared such a code, which were adopted by the town, and copies were ordered to be printed and placed in each school room. These by-laws were unfortunately lost, and your Committee have therefore prepared a set for your adoption this year. Your Committee has also appointed two persons as truant officers, as required by law. It is not optional with the town to adopt a set of by-laws, but the statute says they shall adopt them.

### HIGH SCHOOL.

The last census shows that Wilbraham is legally obliged to sustain a High School. Thus we are called to act upon a question affecting not only the welfare of our common schools, but also the broader culture and higher mental discipline of our future citizens.

A High School will benefit our common schools in two ways. First, by giving a definite standard to be gained in each study preparatory for admission to the High School, it will not only mark out more definitely the work of teacher and scholar, but also stimulate their zeal and ambition, to reach the required standard. Second, since some of the studies now taught in the common schools could, on account of more time and ampler means of illustration, be taught far better in a High School, a more thorough mastery of the primary branches could be secured in our common schools.

While as wide a range of studies as is consistent with a thorough knowledge of the common branches should be taught in our schools, yet the mistaken idea that a scholar's knowledge is to be measured by the number of pages recited, or of branches studied, still prevails too widely, and through its pernicious influence scholars are often found in some of the higher studies, when the time would be far better spent in more earnest study and thorough drill of the fundamental branches.



Once, doubtless, the range of studies was too narrow ; now it is, if anything too wide, especially for ungraded schools. Hence the necessity of a High School in which our scholars can pursue these advanced studies, which the common school can never successfully teach, and, except in rare instances, ought never to attempt.

Thus Wilbraham is not only legally *obliged* to sustain a High School, but the best interests of our common schools demand it. How can this be done to secure the best results with the least expense?

Two ways readily present themselves. We can either build a house and hire teachers for a High School, or we can make arrangements with Wesleyan Academy to teach all scholars eligible to High School instruction.

Let us carefully compare the merits of each method, to decide intelligently which is the better. *The first method will be much more expensive.*

This will be readily seen by enumerating the necessary items of expense, such as lot, house, furniture apparatus, fuel, care of buildings, salaries of teachers, etc.

While the cost of these items will vary according to circumstances, yet we think the following estimate a low one :

A lot, with a suitable house properly furnished, will cost at least \$3,000, to say nothing of apparatus, which will swell the sum according to the quantity, and quality obtained ; to this add care of the house, fuel, and salaries of Principal and assistant, and we have a total of \$5,000, or more, necessary expenses of a High School the first year. For succeeding years the salaries of teachers, care of the house, and fuel, with the interest on the value of the school property will be the main items of expense, except such repairs as will be necessary from time to time.

This yearly expense, at a low estimate will be from \$1,500, to \$2,000. On the other hand, by making arrangements with

Wesleyan Academy, the necessary yearly expense will vary from \$700 to \$1,000, according to the number of scholars.

Thus we conclude that our pupils could be educated at Wesleyan Academy for about *one-half* the cost of the first method; much *less* than half the expense, if we take into consideration the cost of building a house and its necessary running expenses.

*Which way will produce the better results?*

We fully believe that Wesleyan Academy would give our scholars a thoroughness of drill, quality of instruction, and breadth of culture that cannot be secured in a High School such as the town would be likely to establish.

*First, the drill would be more thorough.*

Want of time often prevents that thoroughness of drill, necessary for clearly understanding and fixing in the mind the subject studied.

Hence the scholar sometimes passes so rapidly from subject to subject, that his knowledge is confused and unreliable. With the large corps of teachers, the longer time for recitation, the graded and systematic course of study which Wesleyan Academy furnishes, this difficulty, if not entirely removed, would be much less than in a High School, with the limited number of teachers, which the town must necessarily furnish.

*Second, the quality of instruction would be superior.*

The nearer we can reach the plan of having our pupils taught by those who teach their *favorite* studies, the greater will be the proficiency of our scholars, and the better will be the results secured. Hence Wesleyan Academy, with her large number of skillful teachers, each adapted to his or her own department, would give better results than a town High School.

Comparing the tuition of Wesleyan with other Academies, such as at Easthampton, Andover and Exeter, we find there is no Academy of equal rank with so low tuition. The cost

of tuition in the Academies specified is \$60 per year ; in many others of high rank, it is between \$40 and \$50 per year, while in Wesleyan it is not quite \$40 a year. For the benefit of the educational interests of the town, the Trustees of Wesleyan Academy generously offer to make a reduction of from ten to fifteen per cent. from the regular tuition to all scholars of the town eligible to High School instruction.

When we consider that in doing this they allow the town the use of buildings admirably adapted for the purposes of instruction, with a valuable museum and cabinet classified and systematically arranged for the study and illustration of special departments of natural science ; also chemicals, chemical and philosophical apparatus, to illustrate the principles of Chemistry and Natural Philosophy, with a new and valuable telescope and astronomical charts for the study of the heavens ; maps, classical and modern ; Institution, and Society Libraries, reading-room, etc., making a total value of nearly \$50,000, with a large corps of skillful teachers, each adapted to his or her own department, thus furnishing our pupils rare facilities for a thorough English, Academic, or College preparatory course, it seems as if every citizen must conclude that no other arrangement which the town could possibly make, would possess near the advantages which we shall thus secure.

But it will be said we cannot make such an arrangement if we would, since it is contrary to law. Your Committee have taken special pains to gain information on this point. The opinion of eminent lawyers in Springfield and various parts of the State, the Secretary of the Board of Education, the Attorney-General has been sought, and all say, " Yes, it is a violation of the *strict* letter of the law," but nearly all say, " It is the wiser and better course to take, and if we were citizens of the town, we should vote *unhesitatingly* to make arrangements with Wesleyan Academy."

Influenced partly by the advice so fully given by so many

eminent jurists, and more, perhaps, by the fact that Monson adopted this course, before the law which it violates was enacted, and has continued to do so regularly and without protest since; that Leicester has a similar arrangement; that Ashburnham has lately adopted it; that many other towns are taking preliminary steps for the same purpose, your Committee have no hesitation in earnestly recommending it to the town as the better course to pursue, not only as a matter of economy but also to secure the best results.

The arrangement which the town of Ashburnham has made with the trustees of Cushing Academy, answers most nearly, if not entirely, not only the *spirit*, but also the *letter* of the law. By that arrangement, the Trustees of Cushing Academy agree to maintain a school for three terms, of at least twelve weeks each per year, free to all scholars of the town eligible to High School instruction, not exceeding fifty a term.

The qualifications of pupils for admission to the High School, are to be determined by the School Committee, and the teachers shall be appointed, and the course of studies shall be determined by the concurrent action of the Trustees and School Committee.

In consideration of the maintenance of such school by the Trustees and the instruction of the High School scholars, the town agrees to pay one thousand dollars per annum.

Your Committee would recommend the town to make some similar arrangements with the Trustees of Wesleyan Academy.

At the last annual meeting, the town raised one hundred dollars to pay the tuition of scholars eligible to High School instruction in Wesleyan Academy.

Since the Spring term had been in session three weeks before town meeting, and no opportunity occurred for your Committee to confer with the Principal, on account of his sickness, until after May 20th, it seemed best to defer sending any

scholars until another year, especially since a number of them had already begun attending school in a neighboring town.

Another reason greatly influencing our decision was, the money appropriated by the town for the purpose was utterly insufficient. It would only pay the tuition of three scholars for a year, and we had between thirty and forty applications.

If the town needs any incentive to make immediate arrangements to furnish High School instruction, perhaps the State's action in withholding the town's share of the school fund, because Wilbraham has not kept a High School this year, as required by law, may furnish one. The sum lost to the town this year is nearly three hundred dollars, almost half enough to furnish all our scholars fitted for a High School, with instruction in Wesleyan Academy.

Here then is an additional and powerful reason, for making immediate arrangements with this Academy, since we can thus furnish our scholars with the best instruction, at the least expense, and so secure our share of the school fund, which will be towards half enough to pay the expense of such an arrangement.

Seldom, if ever, in a single year have we been called to act upon so many questions vital to the best educational interests and welfare of the town.

Therefore, disregarding all personal and local preferences for the public good, let each question be considered and decided on its own merits, that we may show ourselves worthy citizens of a republic, which, although a century old, we trust is yet in the infancy of a national life, to be spent in guarding the rights and developing the nobler capabilities of mankind.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. NEWELL, }  
 G. T. BALLARD, } *School*  
 J. M. FOSTER, } *Committee.*

## ROLL OF HONOR.



NAMES OF SCHOLARS WHO HAVE BEEN NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY  
DURING THE YEAR.

Lizzie Karney,	Ellen J. Downing,
Tommy Loynes,	Luther Bruer,
George M. Edson,	Mary E. Howard,
Lottie M. Edson,	Susie Mack,
Fannie Marshall,	Henry Day,
Sammie Warner,	Willie McGuire,

NAMES OF SCHOLARS WHO HAVE BEEN NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY FOR  
TWO TERMS.

Mary J. Mulroney,	Henry Blodgett,
James Mulroney,	Louise Richards,
Jennie L. Day,	Carrie A. Colton,
Jennie Hunt,	Mary F. Beebe,
Jennie Beebe,	Lillie B. Pease,
Annie E. Newell,	Bessie M. Pease,
Cora P. Newell,	Hattie C. Darrah,
Herbert D. Newell,	Emma Brewer,
Amelia Stebbins,	Fannie French,
Hattie Stebbins,	John Barker,
Minnie Ellis,	Willie Day.
Herbert Morgan,	

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

No.	Names.	Length of Schools in months.			Wages of Teachers per month.			Whole number of Scholars.			Average attendance of Scholars.			No. of Scholars under five years of age.			No. of Scholars over fifteen years of age.			No. of Scholars in each district.	Total wages of Teachers.	Incidentals.	Permanent Improvements.	Total of School Money expended.	Names of Teachers.				
		Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.													
1	Atchinson,	21	21	3	\$30	\$50	\$82	22	25	25	20	22	23	0	1	0	0	1	7	35	\$246	\$21	70	\$29	93	\$297	63	Sarah J. Thyden,	
2	Wright,	21	21	3	32	32	31	39	39	40	34	36	35	2	0	0	0	1	3	45	262	24	00	—	—	286	00	Alice M. Corbin,	
3	Cross,	24	24	3	28	28	30	11	16	8	9	14	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	31	230	43	00	—	—	273	00	Emma E. Leach,	
4	{ Advanced, Primary, South Centre.	21	21	3	32	32	34	38	38	30	29	33	26	24	0	0	0	0	0	{ 59	262	95	74	59	85	649	59	Susie S. Beebe, Martha A. Firmin,	
5	Scantle,	21	21	3	28	28	30	14	14	12	11	12	8	0	0	0	1	0	3	16	230	35	61	—	—	265	61	M. De Witt Warren,	
6	Hendrick,	21	21	3	30	30	32	16	24	25	15	21	22	1	0	0	0	1	23	23	242	17	50	—	—	273	50	Ella F. Bliss,	
7	Chapin,	21	21	3	28	28	30	7	7	16	5	14	1	0	0	0	7	10	10	230	230	27	50	—	—	247	50	Jennie B. Walker,	
8	Collins, Depot.	21	21	3	32	32	31	32	35	41	24	27	30	0	0	0	1	0	8	47	262	45	78	54	92	362	70	Mary L. Graves,	
9	Butler,	21	21	3	32	32	31	35	33	33	28	26	24	0	0	0	1	1	1	38	262	55	85	—	—	317	85	Minnie S. Burleigh,	
10	{ Advanced, Primary, McCray.	21	21	3	32	32	34	39	29	33	28	29	27	1	0	0	0	2	{ 68	262	43	16	—	—	—	—	305	16	Annie E. Beeman,
11	Langton,	21	21	3	30	30	32	24	20	31	16	16	24	2	1	0	0	4	40	246	21	85	—	—	267	85	Lauriette Godfrey,		
12	Merrick,	21	21	3	32	30	32	31	19	21	21	26	16	15	2	0	0	1	12	251	28	00	—	—	279	00	Laura A. Albray.		
	Totals,	321	321	39	398	396	422	339	315	353	256	270	283	11	3	0	3	3	37	413	3,251	459	69	144	70	3,855	39		

NAMES OF TEACHERS.









*Erasmus B. Giles*

REPORTS

OF THE

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## Articles in Town Warrant.

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

ART. 2. To hear the annual reports of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, School Committee, and all other Committees whose duty it may be to report to this meeting, and act thereon.

ART. 3. To determine the number of School Committee the town will elect, and the time they shall serve.

ART. 4. To determine the number and manner of electing Collectors of Taxes; also to see if the town will vote to add interest to all taxes unpaid after a certain date.

ART. 5. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges; also to determine the number and manner of electing Highway Surveyors for the ensuing year; also to see if the town will fix the compensation for labor on the highways.

ART. 6. To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, three Selectmen, who shall be Overseers of the Poor, three Assessors, and one School Committee for three years; also such others, if any, as the town shall vote to choose, four Constables, four Fence-viewers, all on one ballot; also to choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 7. To see if the town will accept of the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 8. To see if the town will vote to act in conjunction with the town of Ludlow to raise the bridge at Collins Depot, and put a pier or other support under the same, and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to build a School-house in District No. 8, and appropriate money therefor, and choose all necessary Committees to carry the same into effect.

ART. 10. To see if the town will vote to build a road from the West entrance in the new Cemetery in the South Parish, so as to make the lots in said Cemetery more accessible.

ART. 11. To see what disposition the town will make of the Dog Fund now in the hands of the Treasurer.

ART. 12. To see if the town will grant to Reuben H. Chaffee a right of way from the East gate of the new Cemetery in the South Parish to his private burial lot.

ART. 13. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the ensuing year, and appropriate the same.

# Selectmen's Report.

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## SCHOOLS.

Appropriation by the Town for Schools,	\$3,000 00
Interest on Town Loan,	102 31
Dog fund appropriated for schools,	227 77
State school fund,	246 62
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	\$3,576 70

The School Committee, alone, being responsible for the expenditure of the money available for support of schools, the Selectmen have given orders for bills approved by them to the amount of \$3,312 35

A detailed account of school expenses will be found in the Report of the School Committee.

## PAUPERS.

Appropriation by the Town for support of paupers, \$2,500 00

Paid for the support of paupers as follows :

For salary of Town Physician,	\$50 00
Sally Munsell,	116 20
Caroline Abby,	127 39
Polly Truden,	116 66
Corrydon L. Kibbe,	96 28
Pelatah Glover,	25 49
Alvin Banister,	129 08
Ruby Giles, including funeral expenses,	114 56
Reuben Caldwell,	118 93
Wm. L. Crocker, including funeral expenses,	116 16
Charles M. Willard,	115 14

For Ebenezer Stacy,	14 45
Edward W. Colton, at Reform School	42 30
Daniel A. Warner, at Insane Hospital,	212 10
Ann M. Clark, at Insane Hospital,	189 00
Caroline Bliss, at Insane Hospital,	192 42
Charles A. Hunn, at Insane Hospital.	63 06
Harriett Goodwill, at Insane Hospital,	44 45
Sophonria Scripser, at Insane Hospital,	195 00
Mrs. Nellie Gilligan and five children,	342 71
Mrs. Nettie Paige and four children,	181 97
Lorenzo Rood and family,	10 10
Richard Armstrong, including funeral ex- penses of wife,	96 55
* Albert Ormsby,	63 25
Mrs. Martin Andrews and family,	23 69
Sarah Jackson,	16 14
Horace Laird, clothing for family,	3 60
Michael Sweeny,	7 50
George Truden, clothing,	4 25
John Connor,	11 85
James B. Ferris, expense of taking to North- ampton twice, and to Tewksbury,	48 00
Patrick Laddy,	75
Keeping tramps, R. M. Day,	\$5 00
Keeping tramps, Calvin G. Robbins,	99 88
Fuel for Tramp house,	19 00
	<hr/> \$123 88
Henry Wilson and family,	75 06
Sarah Patrell,	5 00
John B. Moulton and family,	49 21
Mrs. Kate Colgrove and family,	65 51
Robert Darrah and family,	31 28
James Champlin and family,	29 28
Mrs. C. F. Hale and family,	2 65
Ada Burnett,	10 00
Total paid for support of Paupers,	<hr/> \$3,280 90



Of the above expenses the following amounts have been refunded :

From State, on account of James B. Ferris,	2 10
State, on account of Robert Darrah,	5 14
City of Boston, on account of Henry Wilson and family,	76 06
City of Springfield, on account of James Champlin,	23 03
Town of Longmeadow, on account of C. F. Hale,	2 65
Town of Brimfield, on account of Mrs. Kate Colgrove,	8 75
Town of Chicopee, on account of Sarah Patrell,	5 00
Town of Chicopee, on account of Ada Burnett,	10 00
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Total amount refunded,	132 73

There is also due from cities and towns, on above accounts, as follows :

From City of Boston, on account of Henry Wilson,	3 75
City of Springfield, on account of John B. Moulton,	49 21
Town of Brimfield, on account of Kate Colgrove,	56 76
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	109 72
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Amount to be deducted,	\$242 45
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Net cost of Paupers for the past year,	\$3,038 45

#### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation by the Town,	\$2,000 00
Orders given as follows :	
To Henry Clark, surveyor, and others, District No. 1,	\$114 81

Luther Markham, surveyor, and others, District No. 2,	102	35
A. A. Phelps, surveyor, and others, District No. 3,	131	70
M. H. Warren, surveyor, and others, District No. 4,	278	53
A. O. Thresher, surveyor, and others, District No. 5,	201	25
Andrew Beebe, surveyor, and others, District No. 6,	117	87
A. D. Seaver, surveyor, and others, District No. 7,	121	74
G. W. Tupper, surveyor, and others, District No. 8,	269	11
Alvin Chilson, surveyor, and others, District No. 9,	152	00
Mathias Casey, surveyor, and others, District No. 10,	176	87
Munroe Pease, surveyor, and others, District No. 11,	100	28
Henry Dewey, surveyor, and others, District No. 12,	89	14
For new plank, for Collins bridge,	\$109	80
Repairs, Collins bridge,	5	25
One-half expense lighting Collins bridge,	18	24
	<hr/>	133 29
Total expenditure for Highways,		<hr/> \$1,988 94

#### CONTINGENT ACCOUNT AND TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation by the town,	\$1,200	00
Orders given as follows :		
To Alvin Chilson, collecting taxes 1875,	\$100	00
Henry Clark, posting warrants and notifying town officers,	33	20
M. H. Warren, posting warrants,	4	50
F. W. Dickinson, notices for Seantie bridge,		75

W. M. Green, error in discount on taxes, '72,	1 54
B. & A. R. R. train to bring engine to fire June 24,	25 00
F. E. Clark, register of voters,	1 70
H. H. Burbank, balance for collecting taxes for 1876,	40 00
M. H. Warren, collecting taxes for 1876,	75 00
J. S. Albray, mowing Cemetery near Dea. Adams',	4 50
W. L. Collins, services as undertaker,	108 75
Clark Goodwill, services as undertaker,	75 25
C. W. Bryan & Co., for printing Reports, etc.,	82 42
Samuel Bowles, advertising,	11 10
Marcus Daniels, damage to wife by defect in highway,	150 00
R. Armstrong, mowing Cemetery, South Parish,	8 00
Franklin Butler, mowing Cemetery, Butler- ville,	5 00
Clark Goodwill, services under dog law,	5 00
E. Howlet, repair of Cemetery fence,	75
M. E. Society, for use of vestry for town meeting,	50 00
S. C. Spellman, services as Moderator, 1877,	5 00
G. W. Ely, for rent of shelter for fire appa- ratus,	5 00
Albert Bedurtha, setting posts at Cemetery,	1 50
C. A. Corbin, repair of town pound,	50
A. J. Blanchard, stationery and postage for Assessors,	3 25
A. O. Thresher, collecting taxes for 1877,	49 00
E. B. Gates, expenses to Boston on recount of votes,	10 00
E. B. Gates, recording births, marriages and deaths,	33 30
E. B. Gates, express, storage, stationery and postage,	34 50
W. L. Collins, expenses in small pox case, 1877,	2 75

Wm. R. Sessions, stationery and postage,	5 00
F. E. Clark, stationery and postage,	6 00
Stockwell Bettes, surveying and map of the town,	59 50
F. E. Clark, time and expenses as Committee on division of town,	41 75
Wm. R. Sessions, time and expenses as Committee on division of town,	25 75
Ira G. Potter, time and expenses as Committee on division of town,	27 00
Frank Hollister, time and expenses as Committee on division of town,	16 00
Total amount of contingant expenses,	<u>\$1,108 26</u>

## TOWN OFFICERS.

## SELECTMEN.

Wm. R. Sessions,	\$84 80
F. E. Clark,	81 00
F. W. Dickinson,	58 00
	<u>223 80</u>

## ASSESSORS.

A. J. Blanchard,	\$74 00
S. U. Stanton,	40 00
H. H. Burbank,	28 75
	<u>142 75</u>

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

George T. Ballard,	\$75 00
James M. Foster,	58 75
Jason Butler,	55 00
	<u>188 75</u>

Total of contingencies and town officers, \$1,663 56

## NEW SCHOOL HOUSE DISTRICT NO. 11.

Appropriation by the town,	\$600 00
Received for old school-house,	53 00— \$653 00

Orders given as follows :

To J. P. Streeter for site and grading the same,	60	75	
Thomas J. Mills, building school-house, contract price,	580	00	
Thomas J. Mills for extras on school-house,	3	75	
Sherwood Furniture Co., desks, etc.,	60	00	
Sundry persons for materials and labor in furnishing house,	18	34—	722 84

### STOCKING NINE-MILE POND.

Appropriation by the town, \$150 00

Orders given as follows :

To C. E. Peck, expenses for 6,000 land-locked salmon,	\$25	95	
C. E. Peck, expenses for 27 black bass,	74	95	
C. E. Peck for screen for outlet and warning-boards,	15	50	
John Baldwin, damage by stoppage of water by fish-screen,	2	00—	118 40

### INTEREST.

Appropriation by the town, \$300 00

Paid interest on town loan,	\$102	31	
Interest on temporary loans,	194	96	
Interest on M. Walker note,	21	00	
Interest on L. Howlett's note,	13	13—	331 40

### STATE AID ACCOUNT.

(No appropriation by the town.)

Orders given on the Treasurer as follows :

To Mrs. Rowena C. Bliss, paid to March 1, 1878,	\$48	00	
Mrs. Mary Rice, paid to March 1, 1878,	48	00	
Mrs. Angenette D. Coash, paid to March 1, 1878,	46	00	
Mrs. Isabella G. Daniels, paid to March 1, 1878,	48	00	
Mrs. Harriett Fuller, paid to March 1, 1878,	48	00—	238 00

## SUMMARY.

	APPROPRIATIONS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS.	EXPENDED.
Schools,	\$3,576 70	\$3,312 35
Paupers,	2,500 00	3,038 45
Highways and bridges,	2,000 00	1,988 94
Contingencies and town officers,	1,200 00	1,663 56
New school-house,	653 00	722 84
Stocking Nine-Mile Pond,	150 00	118 40
Interest,	300 00	331 40
Paying debt of town,	1,000 00	
State aid,		238 00
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	\$11,379 70	\$11,413 94

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Outstanding orders,	\$904 25
One note to Warren Collins,	400 00
One note to M. Walker,	150 00
One note to Lucetta Howlett,	125 00
One note to A. O. Thresher,	150 00
One note to Horace Clark,	600 00
One note to First National Bank, Springfield,	800 00
Pauper and other bills which will be due April 1, estimated amount,	400 00
Interest on above notes,	75 00— 3,604 25

## RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Dog fund due from County Treasurer,	\$192 48
Due from State Treasurer for State aid,	280 00
Due from Alvin Chilson, Collector for 1875,	57 52
Due from S. C. Spellman, Collector for 1876,	189 54
Due from D. A. Atchinson, Collector for 1877,	2,050 29
Due from town of Palmer for paupers,	15 00
Due from city of Boston for paupers,	3 75
Due from city of Springfield for paupers,	49 21

Due from town of Brimfield for paupers,	56 76	
Cash in treasury, March 15, 1878,	54 61	
	<hr/>	\$2,949 16
Balance against the town, net debt,		\$655 09

The Selectmen recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year :

For schools,	\$3,000 00
Paupers,	3,000 00
Highways and bridges,	2,000 00
Contingencies and town officers,	1,500 00
County Commissioners' road and land damages,	1,200 00
School-house, district No. 8,	2,000 00
Collins bridge (raising and pier),	500 00
Paying the debt of the town,	650 00
Fencing school-house lot, district No. 11,	60 00

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. SESSIONS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
F. E. CLARK,		<i>of</i>
F. W. DICKINSON,		<i>Wilbraham.</i>

## Town Valuation, Etc.

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Valuation of North Parish, real,	\$467,380 00
Valuation of North Parish, personal,	120,844 00
Valuation of South Parish, real,	299,630 00
Valuation of South Parish, personal,	62,795 00
Total,	<u>\$950,649 00</u>
Number of polls in North Parish,	361
Number of polls in South Parish,	232
Total,	<u>593</u>
Number of dwelling-houses in North Parish,	263
Number of dwelling-houses in South Parish,	192
Total,	<u>455</u>
Number of horses in North Parish,	233
Number of horses in South Parish,	168
Total,	<u>401</u>
Number of cows in North Parish,	469
Number of cows in South Parish,	285
Total,	<u>754</u>
Number of sheep in North Parish,	104
Number of sheep in South Parish,	52
Total,	<u>156</u>
Number of acres of land taxed, North Parish,	12,570
Number of acres of land taxed, South Parish,	11,281
Total,	<u>23,851</u>



Poll tax,	\$2 00
Rate per cent.,	1 25

## TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

For schools,	\$3,000 00	
Paupers,	2,500 00	
Highways and bridges,	2,000 00	
Town officers and contingencies,	1,200 00	
Payment of debt,	1,000 00	
Payment of interest,	300 00	
Building school-house, District No. 11,	600 00	
Stocking Nine-Mile Pond,	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$10,750 00
State tax,		825 00
County tax,		1,022 06
Overlayings,		472 61
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Total committed to collectors,		\$13,069 67

A. JACKSON BLANCHARD,	} Assessors of Wilbraham.
SULLIVAN U. STANTON,	
H. HERBERT BURBANK,	

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Wilbraham in account with E. B. Gates, Treasurer of the  
Town of Wilbraham, for the year ending March 15, 1878.

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By Cash in Treasury, March 15, 1877,	\$377 51
Cash from County Treasurer, dog fund,	227 77
Cash from Joseph Baldwin, temporary loans,	6,800 00
Cash from First National Bank, temporary loans,	1,900 00
Cash from Warren Collins, temporary loan,	400 00
Cash from State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	57 72
Cash from State Treasurer, National Bank tax,	277 08
Cash from State Treasurer, State aid refunded,	256 00
Cash from State Treasurer, school fund,	246 62
Cash from State Treasurer, aid to State paupers,	5 14
Cash from State Treasurer, transportation of State paupers,	2 10
Cash from City of Boston, for Wilson family,	76 06
Cash from City of Springfield, aid to paupers refunded,	23 03
Cash from Town of Chicopee, aid to paupers refunded,	36 72
Cash from Town of Brimfield, for Mrs. Colgrove,	8 75
Cash from Town of Longmeadow, for C. F. Hale,	2 65
Cash from Henry Glover, for support of P. Glover,	50 00
Cash from Lacousie Woolen Company for wood from cemetery lot,	220 80
Cash from Wm. P. Chaffee, for lumber from ceme- tery lot,	19 00
Cash from S. D. Cooley, for old school-house, Dis- trict No. 11,	53 00
Cash from Geo. T. Ballard, dividend on insurance on school-house, District No. 10,	18 00

Cash from Michael Sullivan, return of aid in small-pox case, 1877,	6 00
Cash from M. A. Bliss, interest collected, 1874,	75 70
Cash from Geo. T. Ballard, interest collected, 1874,	36 57
Cash from Town Loan Committee, interest on Town loan,	102 31
Cash from Walter M. Green, collector for 1872,	10 05
Cash from M. H. Warren, collector for 1875,	146 73
Cash from H. H. Burbank, collector for 1876,	719 70
Cash from S. C. Spellman, collector for 1876,	358 19
Cash from D. A. Atchinson, collector for 1877,	5,403 00
Cash from A. O. Thresher, collector for 1877, in full,	<del>4</del> 594 32
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	\$22,510 52

## DR.

To Cash paid Clark W. Bryan & Co., for Treasurer's book,	\$2 25
Cash paid notes to Joseph Baldwin, temporary loans,	8,500 00
Cash paid First National Bank, temporary loans,	1,100 00
Cash paid interest on temporary loans,	194 96
Cash paid interest on M. Walker's note,	21 00
Cash paid interest on L. Howlett's note,	13 13
Cash paid for blank certificates for dog licenses,	1 00
Cash paid State Treasurer, State tax,	825 00
Cash paid State aid,	238 00
Cash paid Assessors' abatement, 1873-4,	23 00
Cash paid Assessors' abatement, 1875,	11 65
Cash paid Assessors' abatement, 1876,	53 44
Cash paid Assessors' abatement, 1877,	67 38
Cash paid old orders outstanding, March 15, 1877,	1,120 05
Cash paid Selectmen's orders,	10,285 05
Cash in Treasury,	54 61
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	\$22,510 52

# REPORT

OF THE

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

*Of the Town of Wilbraham, for 1877-8.*

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CITIZENS OF WILBRAHAM:—The school year just closed has been a prosperous one. The mild weather of Winter, and a freedom from epidemics, has contributed not a little to the success attending it. Our schools, however, are not faultless, and while we take pleasure in their general progress, we may well consider their wants and imperfections, and lend our aid as parents and citizens in making them effective and useful to the limit of their capability. We first invite your attention to the topic of attendance. Scholars are frequently detained from school, to assist at home or on the farm, and on returning they find their classes have gone right on, and double work must be the consequence. This the scholar cannot do and do well, and his poor recitations have a demoralizing effect on himself and on the school. That this is a serious evil, no one can deny, and that the remedy is easy is equally evident. You hold it and can apply it. Parents esteem it a light thing to burden their children with numberless duties, and then, with glaring inconsistency, complain that they do not make more rapid progress. It devolves on you to inspire your children with an ambition to achieve some definite object in life; it devolves on you to assist them in forming habits of study and application, and to avoid so dis-

tracting the mind that such habits shall be impossible. You should hold his school days sacred to study; they will end soon enough at best, and the duties of home, however imperative, will prove poor substitutes for the unlearned lessons which they replace.

### READING.

Reading has received more than the usual attention, and we are happy to say, that a large proportion of the pupils under ten years of age read with a surprising fluency and correctness. No longer we hear that monotone so common a few years since, but an accent, emphasis and enunciation which is not excelled by those whose study has advanced them to the most difficult reading. The higher classes show a corresponding improvement. This is encouraging, if the study and training one receives in the common schools, commencing with his first induction, determines his proficiency as a reader, for, however successful one may be in mastering the higher branches taught, if faulty in this, a cloud hovers over his achievements and forever darkens the brilliancy of his other perhaps masterly acquirements.

### SPELLING.

Good spelling is of no small importance to a pupil. To base an education on poor reading and spelling is like building an architectural structure on a weak and imperfect foundation. However symmetrical the proportions and grand the conception and construction, it only adds prominence to its underlying weakness; so with education, with these elements wanting, embellishments serve only to make strikingly apparent the imperfections. Scholars should have such a facility in spelling as to be not only able to spell such words as are found in the ordinary spelling book, but all words common in published works. This can only be acquired by the practice of spelling after each exercise in reading.

### SUCCESSFUL TEACHING.

This can only be accomplished by one reared in refinement, educated to a thorough knowledge of all the branches common to our schools, not liable to mistakes in pronunciation or grammatical errors in the construction of sentences, possessing in the largest sense dignity of character; not ungainly in attitude, uncouth in manners, or rough in tones of voice; possessing genuine politeness, a model of good breeding. Such are the qualifications sought in a teacher, and essential to warrant success. Plutarch says on the training of children: "Childhood is a tender thing and easily wrought into any shape. Yea, and the very souls of children readily receive the impressions of those things that are dropped into them while they are yet soft; but when they grow older they will, as all hard things are, be more difficult to be wrought upon, and as soft wax is apt to take the stamp of the seal, so are the minds of children to receive the instruction impressed on them at that age. Nor are we to omit taking due care, in the first place, that those children who are appointed to attend upon such nurslings, and to be bred with them for play-fellows, be well mannered; and next, that they speak plain, natural Greek, lest, being constantly used to converse with persons of a barbarous language and evil manners, they receive corrupt tinctures from them. For it is a true proverb that if you live with a lame man you learn to halt." The wisdom and truth of these sayings are pertinent.

### DEATH IN THE SCHOOLS.

One of the sad events of the year, is in the death of one of our corps of teachers, Miss Hattie J. Coash, a young lady of promise, with more than an average of those rare qualities which adorn the life and character of all true women of American birth and culture. She entered the school service with the year, and in a single term gained the esteem and love of her pupils and their parents, as well as the confidence

of the committee. Hardly had she entered on the duty of the second term, when she was prostrated with sickness, and after a long and painful struggle she yielded to its power.

Another sad event was in the death of one of the pupils, Carrie Wilson, aged 12 years.

#### SCHOOL NO. 10

Has been the unfortunate school of the year. Such was the number in attendance that your Committee after the first week of the Winter term established a Primary School, that all might be accommodated and properly instructed; but after about six weeks, measles came into the school, and so reduced the attendance that it was expedient to close the Primary Department and merge both in one; this produced confusion, and altogether the success of this school was very much impaired. The teachers were faithful and efficient, and are not compromised by the result.

#### SCHOOL-HOUSE NO. 11.

During the year, a new and convenient school building has been constructed in school section No. 11. This supplies a want and necessity long existing; and while that vicinity rejoices in this expenditure for their accommodation, we can congratulate ourselves and them, that the last of those very ancient school-houses, unsuitable to the purpose for which they were intended, and unbecoming our day, has passed away, and we can point with just pride to our school buildings, which will compare favorably with those of other towns of our magnitude and financial ability. The expenditures for this building will be found in the Selectmen's Report.

#### EXPENDITURES.

There are certain expenditures necessary to be made each year on the school property of the town, which do not appear to the Committee until some event reveals the neces-

sity. We therefore recommend a small appropriation for permanent improvements and repairs.

The reduction of the appropriations for the support of the schools made at the last annual meeting, led the Committee to fear that they would not be able to carry them through the year without cutting down the salaries to an extent that might be of serious detriment to the schools, or be forced to shorten the length of the schools against their judgment of a wise policy. They were, however, agreeably disappointed; owing to the depression in business, we effected a reduction of ten per cent. on the wages of the teachers; thus we were enabled to continue the schools the usual number of weeks. There was also a large falling off in incidental expenses this year, owing partly to the mildness of the weather, and in a few instances purchases made last year. The incidentals are reduced 31 per cent. from last year. This enables us to make an exhibit of \$264.35 of unexpended school funds.

We recommend for the support of schools the coming year the following sum :

For regular expenses, - - -	\$2,700 00	and dog fund.
Incidentals, - - -	300 00	
Permanent repairs, - - -	100 00	
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Total,	\$3,100 00	and dog fund.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. T. BALLARD,	} School Committee
J. M. FOSTER,	
JASON BUTLER,	
	of
	Wilbraham.



## ROLL OF HONOR,

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NAMES OF SCHOLARS WHO HAVE BEEN NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY DURING THE YEAR.

Luther Brewer,	Eva C. Lamson,
John Casey,	Mary J. Mulrooney,
Henry Day,	George Lyman,
Cora P. Newell,	Willie McGuire.

NAMES OF SCHOLARS WHO HAVE BEEN NEITHER TARDY NOR ABSENT DURING TWO TERMS.

Lillie B. Pease,	Fannie Squier,
Mattie M. Pease,	Susie Mack,
Louisa Kinworthy,	Susie Hunn,
Addie S. Beebe,	Homer Tupper,
Nellie Atchinson,	Susie Chapin,
Lizzie Alexander,	Bertha Bronson,
Tommie Mack,	Nellie Casey,
Frank Jones,	Jennie A. Beebe,
Minnie E. Hunt,	Frank Lyman,
Julia Green,	Clifford Moody,
Willie A. Phelps,	Willie Foster,
Henry Chapin,	Rachel Coote,
Lottie M. Edson,	James Mulrooney,
Louisa Richards,	Frank Tupper,
Louis Richards,	Annie Chapin,

NAMES OF SCHOLARS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN ABSENT NOR TARDY DURING ONE TERM.

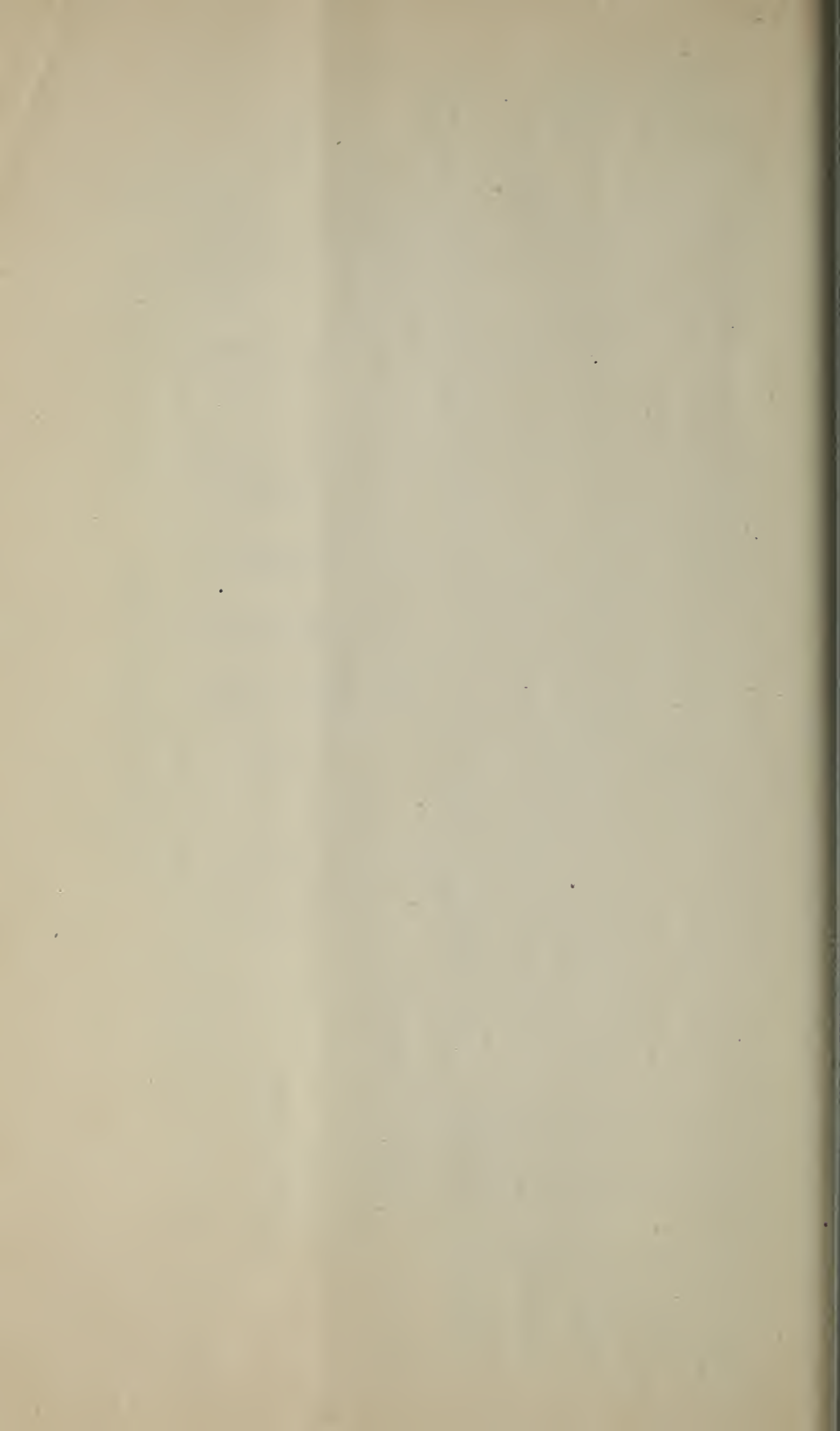
Florence Clark,	Maud Davis,
Oscar Brewer,	King Moore,
Willie Day,	Lettie Sessions,
John Barker,	Willie S. Smith,

Louis Barker,  
Edwin Howard,  
Freddie Robbins,  
Chas. Moody,  
Linnie McCray,  
Clarence Curtis,  
Mary Powers,  
Leroy Noble,  
Lizzie Carney,  
Chas. Rood,  
Lizzie Thompson,  
Jennie Day,

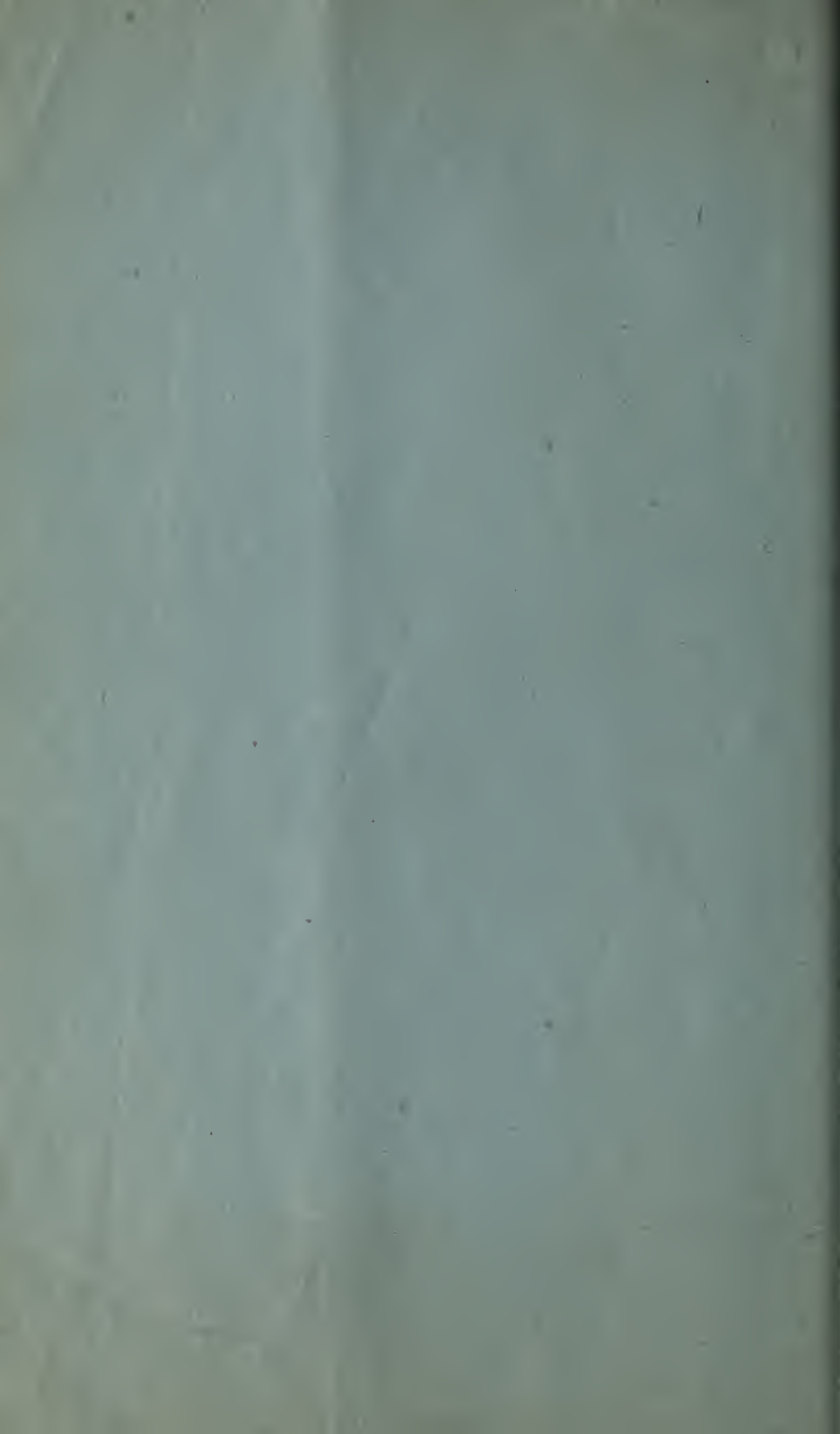
Russel Day,  
Henry Thresher,  
Hattie Lamson,  
Eddie Newcomb,  
John Whalen,  
Henry C. Amidon,  
Eddie F. Amidon,  
Grace Spencer,  
Edward S. Hitchcock,  
Bertie Nichols,  
John Fitzpatrick,  
Edith Corbin.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No.	NAMES.	Length of Schools in months.			Wages of Teachers per month.			Whole number of Scholars.			Average attendance of Scholars.			No. of Scholars under five years of age.			No. of Scholars over fifteen years of age.			Total wages of Teachers.	Incidentals.	Permanent Improvements.	Total of School Money expended.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.		
		Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Summer Term.	Fall Term.	Winter Term.							
1	Ackinson,	21	21	3	\$27 00	\$27 00	\$28 80	26	27	33	24	25	31	0	0	0	3	7	\$221 40	\$19 65	—	\$241 05	M. Adelle Pease,	M. Adelle Pease,	M. Adelle Pease.	
2	Wright,	21	21	3	28 80	28 80	30 60	34	26	36	31	25	30	0	0	0	1	235 80	23 05	—	258 85	Alice Corbin,	Alice Corbin,	Alice Corbin.		
3	Cross,	21	21	3	25 20	25 20	27 00	12	14	15	9	12	12	0	1	1	0	2	207 00	5 65	—	212 65	Hattie J. Coash,	Hattie J. Coash,	Elsie M. Sessions.	
4	Advanced, Primary,	21	21	3	28 80	28 80	30 60	25	24	18	21	21	16	0	0	0	0	235 80	71 00	\$40 75	536 35	Susie S. Beebe, Maria A. Firthin,	Susie S. Beebe, Maria A. Firthin,	Susie S. Beebe. Maria A. Firthin.		
5	Seaside, Henrick,	21	21	3	25 20	25 20	27 00	16	14	16	13	12	13	3	2	0	0	207 00	19 93	—	226 93	Emma A. Lee, Jennie S. Himes,	Elsie M. Sessions, Jennie S. Himes,	Stella M. Day. M. Dewitt Warren.		
7	Chapin, Collins Depot, Butler,	21	21	3	27 00	27 00	28 80	30	30	30	30	30	31	0	0	0	4	207 00	22 65	—	229 65	Mary E. Chester, Carrie P. Sanderson	Mary E. Chester, Carrie P. Sanderson	A. J. Blanchard. Janson Butler.		
8	Advanced, Primary,	21	21	3	28 80	28 80	30 60	46	45	56	37	39	36	6	2	2	1	235 80	65 55	50 49	351 84	Amelia T. Lyon,	Ellen A. Chapin,	Wm. J. Sessions. Ellen A. Chapin.		
11	Langton, Merrick,	21	21	3	27 00	27 00	28 80	20	22	33	15	18	23	1	2	0	0	5	221 40	20 00	—	241 40	Emma D. Mills, Laura A. Albray,	Mary M. Robbins, Laura A. Albray,	Jennie R. Walker. Laura A. Albray.	
12	Totals,	321	321	40 1/2	354 60	354 60	408 60	325	334	369	273	285	283	11	7	3	2	785	2957 49	314 11	40 75	3,312 25				







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## Articles in Town Warrant.

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ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the annual reports of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, School Committee, and all other Committees whose duty it may be to report to this meeting, and act thereon.

ART. 3. To fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the year ensuing; also, to see if the Town will vote to add interest to all taxes unpaid after a certain date.

ART. 4. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges; also, to determine the number and manner of electing Highway Surveyors for the ensuing year; also, to see if the Town will fix the compensation of labor on the highways; also, to see how the Town will apportion the appropriation for highways among the Highway Surveyors.

ART. 5. To choose Town Clerk, Treasurer, three Selectmen, who shall be Overseers of the Poor, three Assessors, four Constables, four Fence Viewers, all on one ballot; also, one School Committee for three years, on a separate ballot; also a Collector of Taxes for the year ensuing, on a separate ballot; also to choose all other necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 7. To see what disposition the Town will make of the Dog Fund now in the hands of the Treasurer.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will instruct the Assessors to publish the valuation list and assessment of taxes for the current year.

ART. 9. To decide by ballot, which shall be "Yes" or "No," the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"

ART. 10. To see whether the Town will, by its vote or otherwise, ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens the right to hold Town offices and to vote in Town affairs on the same terms as male citizens.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will vote to provide a suitable book-case for the use of the Town Clerk.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will instruct their Selectmen to prosecute any person or persons selling or transporting intoxicating liquors within this Town, contrary to the laws of the Commonwealth.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to place Guide Boards at such places in the Town as, in their judgment, may be necessary.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars, to defray the expense of winding and keeping in running order the Town Clock in Memorial Church.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will adopt the rules and regulations for the care of, and fishing in Nine Mile Pond, in Wilbraham, as recommended by the Fish Committee.

ART. 16. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the ensuing year, and appropriate the same, and vote how the same shall be raised.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will vote to instruct their Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as may be sanctioned by the Selectmen, to pay the orders of the Selectmen, in anticipation of the taxes for the current year.

# REPORT

OF THE

## Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.



### SCHOOLS.

Appropriation by the Town for schools,	\$1,875 00
Appropriation by the Town for incidentals for schools,	50 00
Appropriation by the Town for recitation seats for school No. 3,	20 00
Income from Massachusetts school fund,	226 65
Dog fund appropriated for schools,	89 52
Interest on Town loan,	78 50
Total amount available for schools,	<u>\$2,339 67</u>

The School Committee having entire control of the expenditures for schools, the Selectmen have given orders for bills approved by them to the amount of

2,231 56

Balance unexpended,

\$108 11

An account in detail of the school expenses may be found in the Report of the School Committee.

### PAUPERS.

Appropriation by the Town,	\$1,200 00
Received from City of Springfield, for aid furnished Alexander R. Fletcher,	33 43
Received from the State, aid to State paupers refunded,	24 00
Received from the State for transportation of State paupers,	2 40

Received from the State for burial of State paupers,	\$5 00
Received of Henry Cadwell for A. S. Tufts' coal,	5 10
Total amount available for support of paupers,	<u>\$1,269 93</u>

Paid for support of paupers having settle- ment in this Town, as follows:	
Hospital for Insane, Northampton, for D. A. Warner,	180 82
Hospital for Insane, Northampton, for Caroline Bliss,	170 13
Mary Ann Foskit, for board and care of Lusina E. Foskit to Nov. 2,	\$58 00
A. J. Blanchard, cloth furnished Lusina E. Foskit,	72
E. G. Washburn, for coffin, robe, plate and box for Lusina E. Foskit,	15 00
	<u>73 72</u>
Nellie Gilligan, for aid for herself and five children to April 1st, 1882,	126 00
Nettie Page, for aid for herself and four children to April 1, 1882,	64 00
Town of Leverett, sickness and burial ex- penses of Mary A. Lamson,	34 25
A. J. Blanchard, time and expenses to Wendell and Leverett in Lamson case,	8 95
	<u>43 20</u>
John Trask, aid furnished Alexander B. Fletcher,	33 43
E. G. Washburn, for coffin furnished Reu- ben Cadwell,	7 00
Dollie Chaffee, board and care of Reuben Cadwell to July 26, 1881,	12 53
A. J. Blanchard, time and expenses con- nected with death and burial of Reu- ben Cadwell,	4 90
H. Danks, time and expenses connected with death and burial of Reuben Cadwell,	3 25

M. F. Beebe, time and expense connected with death and burial of Reuben Cadwell,	\$1 50	
		\$29 18
Calvin G. Robbins, for keeping tramps to Dec. 5, 1881,	3 75	
Calvin G. Robbins, for keeping 17 tramps, (one over Sunday,)	4 62	
Calvin G. Robbins, fuel for tramp house,	75	
		9 12
A. D. Tufts, for board and care of A. S. Tufts and wife to April 1, 1882,	77 00	
Dr. Hamilton, for medical attendance on A. S. Tufts,	30 00	
Mrs. H. D. Foskit, for packing goods for A. S. Tufts,	75	
E. B. Gates & Co., for coal and provisions for A. S. Tufts,	11 62	
M. F. Beebe, cash paid for over-shoes for A. S. Tufts,	1 75	
Henry Cadwell, for doing chores for A. S. Tufts,	2 00	
John Speight, for moving goods for A. S. Tufts,	1 00	
C. E. Stacy, for meat furnished A. S. Tufts,	3 22	
J. S. Albray, for drawing coal for " " "	75	
		128 09
James F. Phelps, wood furnished Benj. D. Tilden,	3 00	
Geo. W. Ely, for goods furnished Benj. D. Tilden,	3 50	
M. F. Beebe, for meat furnished Benj. D. Tilden,	2 75	
		9 25
A. J. Blanchard, time and expenses in Mrs. Poro's case,		10 00
James Canty, board and care of Loren Hale, from Sept. 1 to Oct. 29, 1881, (State pauper,)		25 00

Hiram Danks, time and expenses for Mrs. Hill, (lunatic,)	\$1 00
Herbert O. Pease, for care of C. M. Wil- lard, (old bill,)	45 00
Total expended for paupers,	<u>\$947 94</u>

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation by the Town,	\$1,000 00
Received of C. G. Robbins, for stone,	5 00
“ “ P. P. Potter, “	5 00
Total to be expended for Highways,	<u>\$1,010 00</u>

	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Expended.
Henry Clark, Surveyor, Dis- trict No. 1,	\$85 00	\$129 87
James C. Cooley, Surveyor, District No. 2,	100 00	93 39
John Speight, Surveyor, Dis- trict No. 3,	80 00	78 25
Luther Markham, Surveyor, District No. 4,	90 00	114 29
P. Knowlton, Surveyor, Dis- trict No. 5,	190 00	248 71
A. Chilson, Surveyor, District No. 6,	150 00	157 60
O. F. Benedict, Surveyor, Dis- trict No. 7,	105 00	149 19
A. A. Phelps, Surveyor, Dis- trict No. 8,	<u>100 00</u>	<u>209 55</u>
	\$900 00	\$1,180 85
Paid H. H. Burbank, for labor on High- way District No. 2, (old bill,)		19 28
Austin Davis, labor on Highway District No. 7, 1880, (old bill,)		3 50
Town of Ludlow, bill for lighting and snowing Collins Bridge, (old bill,)		1 50
Town of Ludlow, bill for lighting and snowing Collins Bridge to Mar. 1, '81,		<u>15 12</u>
		1,220 25
Expended above appropriation and available funds,		<u>\$210 25</u>



## CONTINGENT ACCOUNT AND TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation by the Town,	\$1,426 02
H. H. Burbank, for services as Assessor, 1880, (old bill),	\$1 25
Springfield Printing Co., for printing Town Reports,	43 00
Springfield Printing Co., for printing Yes and No ballots,	1 25
C. G. Robbins, notifying Town Officers,	6 30
C. E. Stacy, for posting Town warrants,	3 00
H. Danks, for collecting sewer taxes,	6 00
W. L. Collins, for services as undertaker,	28 75
John Trask, for repairing fence at Ste- phens Corner,	2 00
Bartlett & Rich, for printing tax bills,	1 75
H. Danks, for repairs on cemetery fence near David Adams's,	4 07
A. F. Tufts, for mowing cemetery ground near David Adams's,	2 50
F. D. Benton, labor on cemetery fence near David Adams's,	1 50
C. B. Fisk, for printing Assessors' Reports,	40 08
Knowlton & Long, for services as Town counsel,	46 66
Chas. L. Long, services as Town counsel,	11 66
Springfield Printing Co., for Assessors' book and advertising,	5 55
Austin Davis, for mowing Glendale ceme- tery,	4 81
Franklin Butler, for mowing Butlerville cemetery,	2 50
Fred. L. Stebbins, for copying and post- ing warrants,	3 00
J. S. Albray, for re-setting and straight- ening up monuments in cemetery near David Adams's,	10 50
W. L. Collins, for going with hearse, to Nov. 24,	60 50
City of Springfield, in settlement of Moul- ton case,	283 60

M. F. Beebe, time and expenses in Moulton case,	\$28 16
A. J. Blanchard, time and expenses in Moulton case,	15 00
G. W. Ely, for stationery on election day,	25
C. E. Peck, for postage, express charges and stationery,	2 30
Treasurer of Wesleyan Academy, for use of Music Hall,	40 00
W. L. Collins, for digging graves and going with hearse,	19 75
Benjamin Gill, for stationery,	1 26
Hiram Danks, for collecting taxes for 1881,	60 00
C. E. Stacy, for recording births, marriages and deaths,	29 55
C. E. Stacy, for storage,	25 00
C. E. Stacy, for postage, stationery and express charges,	10 00
C. G. Robbins, for lease of land for tramp house, from May 10, '81, to May 10, '86,	10 00
M. F. Beebe, for stationery and postage,	9 00
E. B. Gates, Town Loan Com., interest on Town loan,	78 50
Thompson, Brown & Co., for school books,	62 59
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	\$961 59

## TOWN OFFICERS.

## SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

M. F. Beebe,	\$74 50
A. J. Blanchard,	74 00
H. Danks,	60 00
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	\$208 50

## ASSESSORS.

C. E. Peck,	52 50
J. K. Butler,	28 25
A. A. Phelps,	27 61
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	\$108 36

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Benj. Gill,	\$57 50
Jesse L. Rice,	37 50
Henry Cutler,	31 25
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	\$126 25

Total expended for Contingencies and Town Officers, \$1,404 70

## EXPENDITURES FOR AQUEDUCT.

(No appropriation by the Town.)

To B. & A. R. R. Co., for freight on lead pipe,	\$8 65
Chadwick Lead Works, 4,252 lbs. $\frac{3}{4}$ in. $1\frac{3}{4}$ lead pipe,	269 32
John Speight, for labor digging ditch,	2 70
N. S. Beebe, for 2 stop-cocks and coupling,	3 00
C. E. Peck, for work on water tank,	75
Wilder & Puffer, for water cement,	1 75
John Day, for water tank,	20 40
John Day, for gas pipe for outlet,	26
Luther Markham, for drawing water tank from Springfield,	1 25
Luther Markham for labor on ditch,	9 00
John S. Albray, for labor on ditch and drawing pipe from Depot,	23 12
Flavel D. Benton, for laying and soldering pipe,	8 98
Asa Benton, for covering stone for well, and labor on ditch,	4 50
Otis K. Ladd, for labor on ditch,	9 25
Charles B. Lathe, for labor on ditch,	9 00
M. F. Beebe, for labor on ditch and well,	42 12
“ “ “ “ “ and aqueduct,	1 50
“ “ “ cash paid for recording lease of water for aqueduct,	75
Henry Wynn, for cutting pipe, and making wrench for water tank,	80
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	\$417 10
Credit by surplus pipe and cement,	9 36
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Total cost of Aqueduct,	\$407 74

EXPENDITURES FOR MOVING SCHOOL-HOUSE  
No. 5

Appropriation by the Town,		\$300 00
Demmond N. Haskell for land for school-house lot,	\$75 00	
Porter Cross & Son, for moving school-house,	150 00	
H. Danks, for lime, and freight on the same,	2 10	
Geo. A. Lane, for labor on school-house lot No. 5,	6 00	
H. Danks, for labor and materials furnished,	22 75	
E. F. Lemon, for laying fence wall on school-house lot No. 5,	38 12	
N. Knowlton, for mason work on school-house No. 5,	12 00	
Francis Lemon, for labor underpinning school-house No. 5,	4 25	
		<u>\$310 22</u>
Amount expended above appropriation,		\$10 22

EXPENDITURES FOR BOUNDARY STONES FOR  
SCHOOL-HOUSE LOT No. 3.

Appropriation by the Town,		\$5 00
Henry Cadwell, for setting boundary stones on school-house lot No. 3,		1 50
Balance unexpended,		<u>\$3 50</u>
Appropriation for enforcing Liquor Law,		\$200 00
Appropriation not expended.		

STATE AID ACCOUNT.

No appropriation by the Town.

State aid has been paid as follows:

To Mrs. Rowena C. Bliss, to March 1, 1882,	\$48 00	
Mrs. Mary Rice, to Nov. 1, 1881,	32 00	
		<u>\$80 00</u>

SUMMARY.

	Appropriations and Available Funds.	Amounts Expended.
For Schools,	\$2,339 67	\$2,231 56
Paupers,	1,269 93	947 94
Highways and Bridges,	1,010 00	1,220 25

For Contingencies and Town Officers,	\$1,426 02	\$1,404 70
Aqueduct,		407 74
Moving School-house No. 5,	300 00	310 22
Boundary Stones for School-house		
lot No. 3,	5 00	1 50
Enforcing Liquor Law,	200 00	
State Aid,		80 00
	<u>\$6,550 62</u>	<u>\$6,603 91</u>

#### RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Due from State Treasurer for State aid,	\$96 00	
From the Town of Chicopee, for		
Ada Burnett,	3 00	
Cash in Treasury,	638 59	
	<u>638 59</u>	\$737 59

#### LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Pauper and other bills due April 1, estimated,	\$145 00
Balance in favor of the Town,	\$592 59

The Selectmen recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

For Schools,	\$1,875 00
Paupers,	1,400 00
Highways and Bridges,	1,000 00
Contingencies and Town affairs	1,500 00

Respectfully submitted,

M. F. BEEBE,	} <i>Selectmen and</i>	
A. J. BLANCHARD,		} <i>Overseers of the Poor</i>
HIRAM DANKS,		

# Fish Committee's Report.

Number of permits issued,	104
Amount received for permits,	\$26 00
Expense for printing permits,	\$7 00
For postal cards,	75

## CARE OF POND.

Paid C. E. Peck, for 9 days,	\$9 00
C. G. Robbins, for 2 days,	2 00
S. M. Bliss, for 2 days,	3 00
Total expenses,	<u>\$21 75</u>
Balance in hands of Committee,	\$4 25

About two-thirds of those who received permits, have made the return as required by law, with the following result :

Pounds of Bass caught,	58½
Pounds of Pickerel caught,	121
Pounds of other fish,	84
Total amount returned,	<u>263½</u> pounds.

In order to reduce the expense of the care of the pond, your Committee would recommend the accompanying list of rules.

CHAUNCEY E. PECK, } *Fish Committee*  
CALVIN G. ROBBINS, } *of*  
SAMUEL M. BLISS, } *Wilbraham.*

WILBRAHAM, March 16th, 1882.

Rules for the Care of, and Regulations for,  
Fishing in Nine Mile Pond in Wilbraham.

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1. A committee of six shall be chosen, who shall have the care of the pond; and one of said committee shall be present on each of the days allowed for fishing, for the purpose of enforcing these regulations. Each of said committee shall receive a permit free, and no further compensation, excepting the Chairman whom they shall elect. The Chairman shall issue all permits, make all reports, and attend to the detail business of the committee.

2. Only residents of the Town and their families shall be allowed to fish in the pond, and they shall procure a permit from the Chairman of the fish committee.

3. Permits for the season shall be granted, to be used only on the first and third Thursdays of the months of July, August and September; and said permits shall include the family of the holder, and they shall be returned to the committee at the end of the season, with the number of pounds of fish caught.

4. No means shall be used for taking fish other than the ordinary hook and line, and no more than one hook shall be used at the same time by the same person.

5. No person shall be allowed to take fish from said pond for the purpose of selling the same; and no person, or family, shall be permitted to take more than ten (10) pounds on any one day.

6. Until further notice, all landlocked salmon are to be returned to the pond alive, and also, all black bass weighing less than one pound.

7. Any person violating these regulations, or fishing in the pond without a permit, shall be liable to the penalty provided by law.

8. The sum of ten cents shall be paid for each permit; provided, that all who held a permit for the season of 1881, shall be entitled to one for the season of 1882, free.



# Treasurer's Report.



*Town of Wilbraham in account with Chas. E. Stacy, Treasurer  
of the Town of Wilbraham for the year ending  
March 15, 1882.*

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By Cash in Treasury, March 15, 1881,	\$1,426 02
Cash from County Treasurer, Dog Fund, 1881,	91 75
Cash from Palmer Savings Bank, temporary loan,	1,000 00
Cash from State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	199 84
Cash from State Treasurer, National Bank tax,	239 59
Cash from State Treasurer, State aid refunded,	96 00
Cash from State Treasurer, burial State paupers,	5 00
Cash from State Treasurer, aid to State paupers re- funded,	24 00
Cash from State Treasurer, transportation of State paupers,	2 40
Cash from State Treasurer, income from School Fund,	226 65
Cash from Town of Hampden, State tax,	315 23
Cash from Town of Hampden, County tax,	375 89
Cash from Jno. M. Merrick, sale of Town Histories,	4 00
Cash from F. E. Clark, auctioneer's license,	2 00
Cash from Henry M. Bliss, auctioneer's license,	2 00
Cash from James C. Cooley, auctioneer's license,	2 00
Cash from W. E. Stone & Co., license,	1 00
Cash from P. P. Potter, for stones near Jenksville,	5 00
Cash from S. F. Merrick, for repairing fence,	75
Cash from Henry Cadwell, for coal,	5 10
Cash from Calvin G. Robbins, for covering stones for bridge,	5 00

Cash from Wesleyan Academy, for 123 lbs. lead pipe,	\$8 61
Cash from Wesleyan Academy, for cement,	75
Cash from Town Loan Committee, interest on Town loan,	78 50
Cash from Jno. M. Merrick, for lease,	2 00
Cash from City of Springfield, aid to A. R. Fletcher, refunded,	33 43
Cash from Hiram Danks, Collector, 1881,	5,986 52
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	\$10,139 03

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To Cash paid County tax,	\$983 74
Cash paid Palmer Savings Bank, temporary loan,	1,000 00
Cash paid Palmer Savings Bank, interest on temporary loan,	25 00
Cash paid State Treasurer, State tax,	825 00
Cash paid State Treasurer, National Bank tax,	22 06
Cash paid Assessors' Abatement, 1880,	2 00
Cash paid Assessors' Abatement, 1881,	29 37
Cash paid State Aid,	80 00
Cash paid Selectmen's old order,	45 00
Cash paid Selectmen's orders,	6,488 27
Cash in Treasury,	638 59
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	\$10,139 03

# Assessors' Report.

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Valuation of personal estate,	\$185,145 00
Valuation of real estate,	514,857 00
Total valuation,	\$700,002 00

Number of dwelling-houses,	279
Number of acres of land taxed,	12,741 <sup>151</sup> / <sub>340</sub>
Number of horses,	251
Number of cows,	475
Number of sheep,	86

Poll tax for men,	\$2 00
Poll tax for women,	50c.
Number of polls at \$2.00 each,	367
Number of polls at 50 cents each,	5
Total amount assessed on polls,	\$736 50

Amount of State tax assessed on property,	141 52
Amount of County tax assessed on property,	239 60
Town tax assessed on property,	4,650 00

## RATE PER CENT, OR RATE PER ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

State tax,	\$0 20
County tax,	35
Town tax,	6 95
Total rate per cent,	\$7 50 per \$1,000 00

Total Town tax,	\$4,650 00
Total State tax,	509 77
Total County tax,	607 85
Overlayings,	218 90
Total committed to Collector,	\$5,986 52

## TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

For Schools,	\$1,875 00
Seats,	20 00
Incidental School repairs,	50 00
Moving School-House,	300 00
Boundary Stones, School-House lot,	5 00
Highways and Bridges,	1000 00
Paupers,	1200 00
Prosecuting Liquor Sellers,	200 00
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	\$4,650 00

CHAUNCEY E. PECK, } *Assessor's*  
 JAMES K. BUTLER, } *of*  
 ALBERT A. PHELPS, } *Wilbraham.*

WILBRAHAM, March 16, 1882.

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
Town of Wilbraham, 1881-82.

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GENTLEMEN:—Your *School Property* is in tolerably good condition. Considerable repairs are needed in Schools No. 5 and No. 6, for which you will doubtless make provision. In some of the schools the black-boards are in a bad state, and some appliances, as maps, dictionary, etc., are needed. There has been no ruthless damage to property, such as we noticed last year. By reason of the more central location given to School No. 5, its numbers have been increased. New recitation benches have been bought for School No. 3, and a new stove for No. 4. Some changes have been made in the arrangement of the out-buildings at No. 6 and No. 8.

In giving the *record of our scholars*, we have gone to considerable trouble in tabulating some of the facts.

Number of children in Town, from 5 to 15 years,	256
Number enrolled for the year, of all ages,	288
Average membership,	217
Average attendance,	192
Ratio of attendance to number of children from 5 to 15,	.75
Ratio of attendance to actual membership,	.88

Actual absenteeism is, therefore, about 12 per cent. The reckoning in the latest Springfield report was 7

per cent. The 25 per cent of the above table is, for the State as given in the latest report, 24 per cent.

There are four scholars who have a clean record for the year; nineteen have a clean record for two terms, and fifty-six for one term, while it is probable that two-thirds of the whole enrollment have an almost clean record. The blemishes of tardiness and absenteeism are on the part of about twenty scholars, who seem to have no pride in making a good record for themselves and their school.

The causes for much of this absenteeism are not far to seek. Sickness, distance, necessity of some supplementary work at home where father and mother are both employed in the mills, laxity or shiftlessness of parents, failure of the teacher to awaken interest in the scholar, and, especially for this present year, the bad traveling caused by the heavy snows of late January and early February which for nearly a week rendered going to school almost if not quite impossible to many of the younger scholars.

Our scholars have been very generally faithful to work, in sympathy with their teachers, and appreciative of their privileges. We have seen a very commendable degree of orderliness, neatness, and industry. Many have already outstripped the advantages we can offer them, while others have fallen behind them. With only a few slight exceptions, we have had evidence of truthfulness and purity which has been highly satisfactory. Only a case or two of direct falsehood has been reported to us; and we have seen but few of those attempts to deceive a teacher which, though they may be regarded "smart" by some people, are, after all, to be frowned upon by teacher and parent as the vilest kind of wickedness. We have heard no profanity whatever, and have had only two cases of that kind of talk and conduct which have given the country schools of the past such a bad name and which have gone far to lay the foundations

of a low corrupt life. We do not think that there is no profanity, no obscenity, no untruthfulness, no trespassing on the property and rights of others; but we are proud to say that the impression produced on our minds is, in this respect, good. And there is hardly a scholar in our schools of whom we are not proud, and towards whose future life we do not look with interest and hope. In proportion to the whole number enrolled, our scholars have cost us \$7.75 each; in proportion to average membership, \$10.28; to average attendance, \$11.62. The actual incidental expense has not exceeded 27 cents per scholar; and we are made to feel, therefore, that the Town is doing a large amount of good at a very low expense,—a good which is appreciated on the scholar's part, as these figures show. We have granted twelve certificates, and discontinued one scholar.

In reporting *the work of our teachers*, we can speak mostly in commendation. Without exception they have been conscientious, and any failure has resulted from inexperience and want of tact, rather than from remissness. Of the work in Nos. 3, 4 and 7, we can speak with unmodified approval; we are much pleased with the present arrangement at Nos. 5 and 8 primary. In schools as small as 5 and 7, "eternal vigilance" is necessary, lest the scholars should lose enthusiasm and the teachers method. Of the work of some of the other teachers, we have spoken in another place.

Only a few of our corps have shown the real teacher's enthusiasm. Some, not lacking in knowledge, have failed in courage to grapple with the problem how to catch, retain, and direct the mind of the young and listless scholar. The appearance of school premises, the neatness of the scholars, and the manner in which the register is kept, tell us a good deal about the capacity and fitness of a teacher. Let our teachers herein cultivate accuracy and neatness. Let them make authority and discipline felt at all times, whether

during study hours or recreation, while the scholar is on the premises; let them deal promptly in securing attendance and obedience, and failing that, let them appeal to the proper authorities.

In these days, when so much of information on teaching is abroad in book and newspaper, when institutes are multiplied, and when teaching is coming to be regarded as a science superior to any other, that teacher must have a feeble mind and an unfeeling heart who does not catch an inspiration to do the best work, without reference to either obstacles or remuneration. If you teach with full minds and warm hearts, you will fill minds and warm hearts in return. If you create an interest, the scholar will come to school, and the tide of absenteeism will be in large measure turned.

The registers' Lists of Visitors show *an increased interest on the part of parents and neighborhoods*. We are glad for this. We hope the day is coming when no school year shall fail to record at least one visit from every parent whose family is represented in the school; we hope, furthermore, that those who were once young themselves, but have buried or bowed their youthfulness in the dust of toil or the din of daily work, will revive again those sunnier recollections of former years, by putting on their better garb and paying an occasional visit to our schools. The doors are always open for such visits. They would mightily assist in the regulation and increased efficiency of the schools. You who live in the neighborhood of a school, ought to know more about it than we, who can pay it only occasional visits. We ask your kindly co-operation. We solicit your criticism. We ask your forbearance and charity. We have during the past year received all these, and are thankful for them. If there are any exceptions to this, they are, in nearly all instances, not among those who have been long resident with us, or of whose moral



status we have had reason to form a very high regard.

We are here having special reference to Districts No. 2 and No. 6. In the former, one or two families carelessly or otherwise persist in defying the law against truancy. Their laxity in this matter renders the present arrangement at No. 2 an experiment, and one which will have to be vigorously seconded by the Truant Officer, if it is to become a success. In No. 6, the case was of a somewhat different kind. The school was working well, if the teacher had met with a loyal backing. But when a parent goes into a school, and, in the presence of the scholars, dictates terms to the teacher, discipline, so far as that teacher is concerned, is likely to come to an end speedily. The case was not reported to us till some time afterward, or we should have tried to make the man see that his act was decidedly against law and subversive of discipline. The case in No. 8 advanced, was somewhat different from these just mentioned. It had shown a decided gain at the point where it was weakest, and the problem would have been fully solved if the parents had not prejudged the case and had given their sympathy to the teacher instead of the scholar. It is not strange, therefore, that more sympathy was not awakened between teacher and scholar, or that the vigor of discipline was somewhat relaxed toward the close. Pardon our mention of these exceptions to the loyalty which has been so general, and which we bespeak for ourselves and our teachers another year.

In regard to *studies pursued*, and ground lost or gained: Arithmetic, we must report as good, generally speaking. Spelling has been very good,—a judgment based not only on oral but also written spelling, which is practiced in nearly all the schools. In reading, we have seen, with few exceptions, little to commend. We gave some very general hints on the subject, in our Report of last year. It does seem as

though the end might be attained, if our teachers would interest themselves beforehand in the lesson, ask questions to bring out the sense and force, and give occasionally original lessons from other books or papers. Geography and history are very good. Penmanship has deteriorated,—a thing which can hardly be avoided where schools are so frequently changing teachers. On this point, we would call attention to our Report of last year. Grammar is only fair, with some exceptions.

A word in regard to *the work of your Committee*, who have sought to serve you promptly, faithfully, and fully as possible. We have made in all, 81 regular visits, occupying nearly an entire session of the school at each visit. We have made few remarks. Where commendation has been deserved, we have given it, and have only withheld our criticism where a teacher was no longer to continue in a position. To make these visits we have traveled upwards of 400 miles, in all kinds of going and weather. There have been 254 visits other than those made by us.

We are only imperfectly satisfied with the fruits of the year. This must be the case always, where visits are so infrequent and made at times when things wear often an unnatural appearance; where we depend for a good deal of our information on the interest parents take in the schools, and on the fidelity of teachers who lack experience.

It has been our principle to select the teacher whom we thought best suited to a given locality, and to choose teachers from our own Town, if possible. We shall not hesitate to go outside, however, if we can get better service for the same price. These are days of strong competition, and the applicants from our Town should be equal to the best, if they would secure the market. It is with the deepest solicitude for the scholar, that we make our selection of teachers:

and in dread of too frequent changes, we make each new appointment with hesitation.

We ought to say a word about the change of Arithmetics. The change had long been needed. The new one is by the same author as the old one, and published by the same house. It is a "Practical Arithmetic," containing only those topics, tables and examples which are found in actual use. It will not lumber the mind with things that are unnecessary, and will allow more opportunity to thoroughly fix and impress what is taught.

We are very much in need of something in the line of Supplementary Reading to brace us up at the point where we are now so weak.

We feel the lack of system in our supervision, and are at present feeling our way toward a plan by which both teachers and committee may work with such method as to insure real progress, not only for a term but for years. We have discussed the advisability of an occasional meeting in common of teachers and committee, that we may impart to one another of our experience. A teachers' institute was held on the 20th and 21st of October, 1881, by members of the State Board of Education. Upwards of one hundred visitors from abroad were present during the session, and all admitted the tonic effect produced.

We have thus sought, gentlemen, to include in our report all the facts and factors of education which have come under our notice. And we have endeavored to state ourselves so that our words may not only reach and profit this Town meeting, but so that they may be also read by the teachers, parents, and scholars into whose hands the Report may fall. Scholar, teacher, committee, parents, are all essential elements in public education. It is not for us to decide whose share in this work is the largest and the grandest. Each is large enough to call forth the best efforts of all concerned. No scholar should fail to lay up large

stores of knowledge in these days when it is offered in such abundance, no teacher should lack the method and the aim that will give this desire after knowledge proper impetus and direction, no parent should regard lightly his indirect but most potent influence on the plastic nature of his child, no committee fail to meet wisely and promptly the demands of his school community.

By some oversight (though we used, as we supposed, the greatest care) the school appropriation was taken as \$1800, whereas it proved to be \$1875. Our schools in consequence fell short a week. But there is in the treasury a surplus of \$100 or more. If you will allow us this surplus and make the usually liberal apportionment, we will make up this deficiency. The running expenses of our schools are about \$70 per week.

We recommend for the following year:

For Schools,	\$1,900 00
Incidentals,	75 00
Total,	<u>\$1,975 00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. RICE,	} <i>Committee.</i>
BENJ. GILL,	
H. CUTLER,	

## Roll of Honor.

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### SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT OR TARDY FOR ONE TERM.

Sadie Campbell,	Eddie Pease,	Minnie Rice,
Harry Clark,	Willie Foskit,	Clara Rice,
Luke Kibbe,	George Foskit,	Edwin Howard,
John Fitzpatrick,	John Mack,	Frank Howard,
Louise Alexander,	Mary Morrison,	Mary Merrick,
Loren Phelps,	Wesson Phelps,	May Kelley,
Lora Rindge,	Geo. A. Bennett,	Homer Tupper,
Herbert Tupper,	Wm. Green,	Milo Rindge,
Henry Green,	Lydia Green,	Herbert Morgan,
Elsie French,	Myra Olds,	Thos. Marshall,
Cora Day,	Willie Rice,	Frank Bradway,
Eddie Bradway,	Frank Brown,	Isabel Cutler.
	Frank Lynch,	

### SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT OR TARDY FOR TWO TERMS.

H. Burdett Lyman,	Annie Corbin,	Mary Warner,
Eddie C. Clark,	Bessie Pease,	Aggie Coote,
Lillian Hitchcock,	Susie Mack,	Chas. Bradway,
Herbert Green,	Lilia Beebe,	Eunice Bell,
Oliver Green,	Cora Beebe,	Nettie Bell.

### SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT OR TARDY FOR ONE YEAR.

Frank J. Lyman,	Josie A. Gill,	Allyn M. Seaver.
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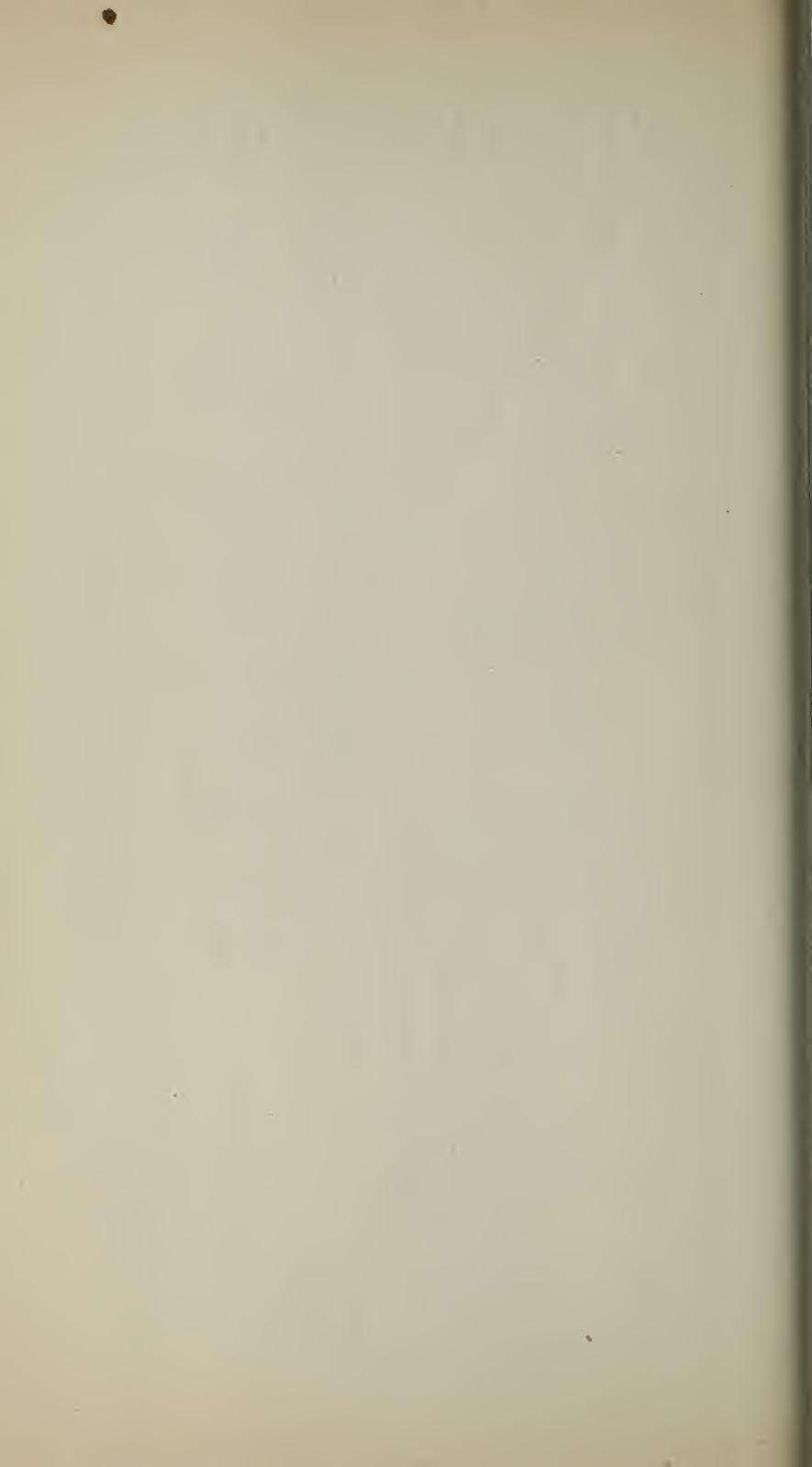
### THREE YEARS.

Kittie E. Gill.

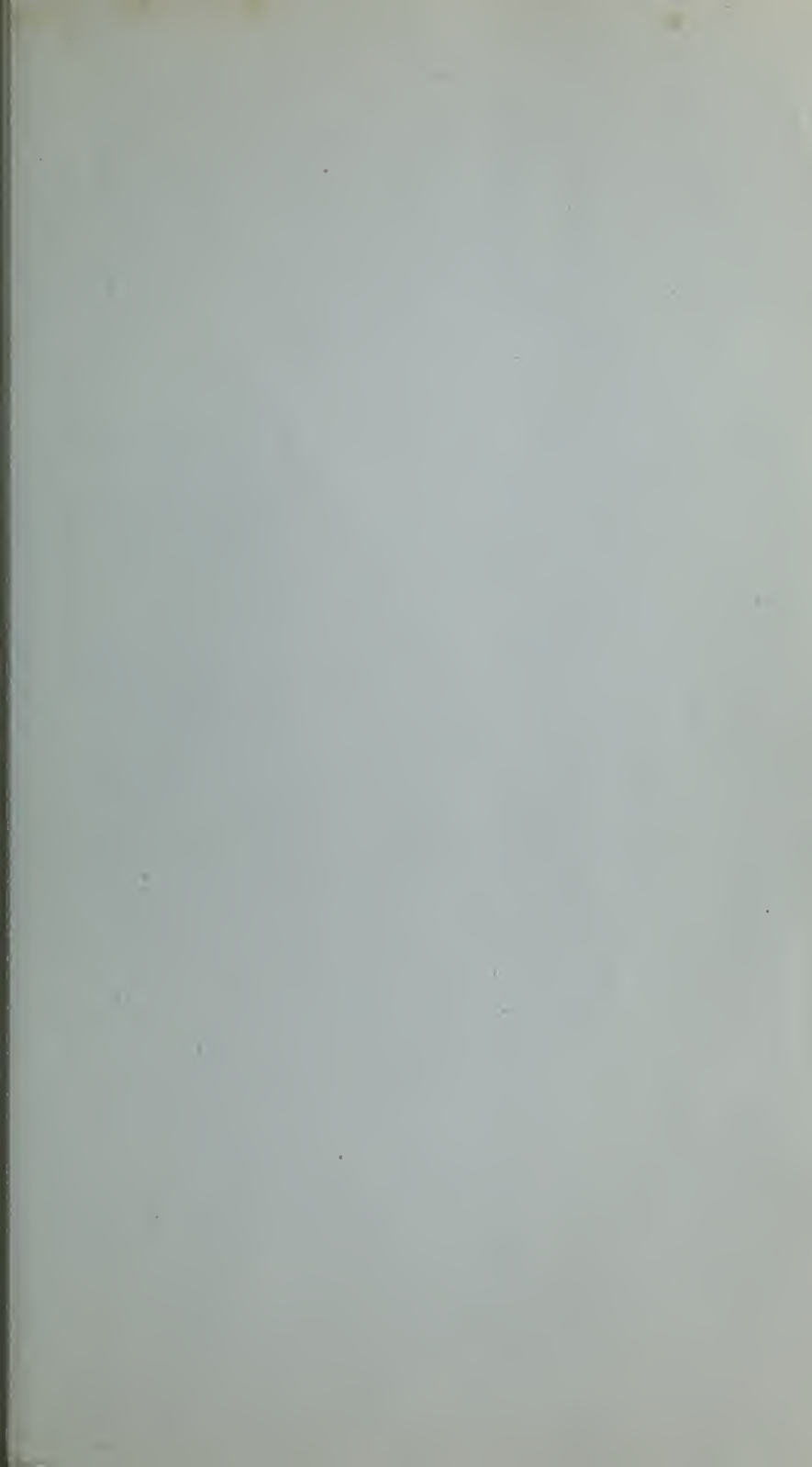


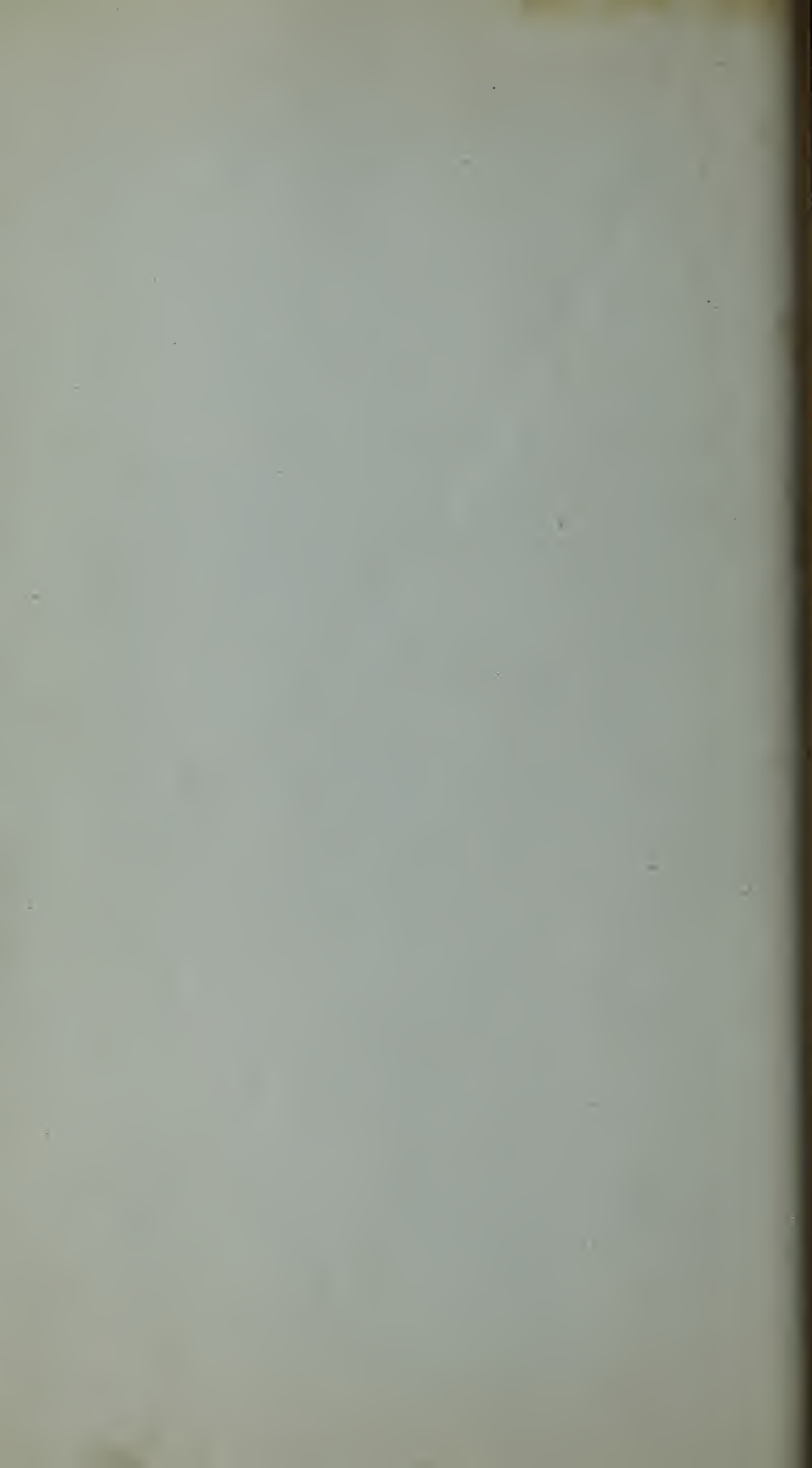
# STATISTICAL TABLE.

No.	NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	Length of Schools in Months.			Wages of Teachers per Month.			Whole Number of Scholars.			Average Attendance of Scholars.			Under 5 years old.		Over 15 years old.		Total Wages of Teachers.	Incidentals.	Total of School Money Expended.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.		
		Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Summer				Fall.	Winter.	
1	Atchinson,	2½	2½	2½	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$28.80	12	14	12	11	13	11	..	..	..	\$214.20	\$21.37	\$235.57	Dora M. Merrick.	Clara Markham.	Mary E. Brewer.	
2	Langdon,	2½	2½	2½	27.00	27.00	28.80	21	28	26	17	23	19	1	..	..	214.20	22.17	236.37	Abbie A. Herrick.	A. A. Herrick.	Cora M. Pease.	
3	Merrick,	2½	2½	2½	28.80	28.80	30.60	34	30	34	28	26	27	..	..	..	228.15	38.22	266.37	Lizzie L. Corbin.	L. L. Corbin.	L. L. Corbin.	
4	Wright,	2½	2½	2½	28.80	28.80	30.60	40	41	40	36	40	34	1	..	..	228.15	36.47	264.62	Mary Robbins.	Mary Robbins.	Mary Robbins.	
5	Bliss,	2½	2½	2½	25.20	25.20	27.00	10	13	13	9	12	11	..	..	..	200.25	35.52	225.77	Ella M. Firmin.	Cora M. Pease.	Jennie H. Swift.	
6	Butler,	2½	2½	2½	28.80	28.80	32.00	34	36	35	29	29	31	1	..	..	224.00	29.76	253.76	Jennie H. Swift.	J. H. Swift.	John A. Bangs.	
7	Glendale,	2½	2½	2½	25.20	25.20	27.00	8	9	10	7	8	7	..	..	..	200.25	19.41	219.66	Evanore Beebe.	E. Beebe.	E. Beebe.	
8	{ Advanced	2½	2½	2½	28.80	28.80	30.60	22	24	23	18	21	19	..	..	..	228.15	32.14	260.29	Lauraetta Godfrey	L. Godfrey.	L. Godfrey.	
8	{ Primary,	2½	2½	2½	28.80	28.80	30.60	40	38	32	34	33	26	..	..	..	228.15	31.00	250.15	M. Adelle Pease.	M. A. Pease.	Mary J. Brewster	
	Totals,	22½	22½	24½	248.40	248.40	266.00	221	223	225	189	205	185	3	..	..	3 1,965.50	266.06	2,221.56				









REPORTS

OF THE

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## ARTICLES IN TOWN WARRANT.

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

ART. 2. To hear the annual reports of the Selectmen, and Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, School Committee, and all other Committees whose duty it may be to report to this meeting, and act thereon.

ART. 3. To fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the year ensuing; also to see if the Town will vote to add interest to all taxes unpaid after a certain date.

ART. 4. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges; also to determine the number and manner of electing Highway Surveyors for the ensuing year; also, to see if the Town will fix the compensation of labor on the highways; also, to see how the Town will apportion the appropriation for highways among the Highway Surveyors.

ART. 5. To choose Town Clerk, Treasurer, three Selectmen, who shall be Overseers of the Poor, three Assessors, four Constables, four Fence Viewers, all on one ballot, also one School Committee for three years, on a separate ballot, also a Collector of Taxes for the year ensuing, on a separate ballot; also to choose all other necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 7. To see what disposition the Town will make of the Dog Fund now in the hands of the Treasurer.

ART. 8. To decide by ballot, which shall be "Yes" or "No," the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"

ART. 9. To see if the Town will instruct their Selectmen to prosecute any person or persons selling or transporting intoxicating liquors within this Town, contrary to the laws of the Commonwealth.

ART. 10. To see what measures the Town will take to provide for the adequate lighting of the streets of the Center Village.

ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to pay any portion of the expense of the sewer at the North Village, constructed in 1882.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money to improve the Cemeteries of the Town.

ART. 13. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the ensuing year, and appropriate the same, and vote how the same shall be raised.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will vote to instruct their Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as may be sanctioned by the Selectmen, to pay the orders of the Selectmen in anticipation of the taxes for the current year.



# REPORT

OF THE

## Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

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### SCHOOLS.

Appropriation by the Town for schools,	\$2,000 00
Appropriation by the Town for incidentals for schools,	75 00
Income from Massachusetts school fund,	225 63
Dog fund appropriated for schools,	91 75
Interest on Town loan,	78 50

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Total amount available for schools, \$2,470 88

As the School Committee have entire control of the expenditures for schools, the Selectmen have given orders for bills approved by said Committee to the amount of

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2,418 99

Balance unexpended, \$51 89

A detailed account of the expenses of the schools may be found in the Report of the School Committee.

### PAUPERS.

Appropriation by the Town,	\$1,400 00
Received from the City of Springfield, for aid furnished the Bronson family,	14 84
Cash received from State Treasurer, for burial of John A. Jones, State pauper,	10 00

Received from State, aid to State paupers refunded,	\$41 07
Avails of A. S. Tufts' effects sold,	15 75
Received from the Town of Chicopee for aid rendered Ada Burnette,	5 00
Received for aid rendered Mary Callahan,	6 00
Received from Chas. M. Willard's effects,	48. 00

Total amount available for the support of paupers, \$1,540 66

Paid for support of paupers having settlement in this Town, as follows:

Hospital for Insane, Northampton, for D. A. Warner,	190 92
Hospital for Insane, Northampton, for Caroline Bliss,	169 48
Dexter Tufts, for board and care of A. S. Tufts and wife,	\$260 00
Dr. Hamilton's bill for medical attend- ance on A. S. Tufts,	8 00
Dr. Foskit for medical attendance on Mrs. A. S. Tufts,	6 25
Hiram Danks, for clothing for A. S. Tufts and wife,	9 05
	283 30
Nellie Gilligan, for aid for herself and family to July 1, 1882,	24 00
Bridget Dupray, for two days' work for Daniel Murphy,	2 00
Elizabeth Callahan, for twenty-two and one-half days' labor for Daniel Murphy,	30 00
W. E. Stone, goods for Daniel Murphy,	3 29
	35 29
W. E. Stone, for groceries furnished Ja- cob Adams,	17 09
P. P. Potter, for supplies furnished Jacob Adams,	41 61

Dr. Foskit, for medical attendance on Jacob Adams,	\$24 00	
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E. B. Gates & Co., for goods furnished Munn Jones' family,	44 96	
P. P. Potter, for aid rendered Munn Jones' family,	11 37	
Franklin Calkins, for potatoes furnished M. Jones' family,	2 13	
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Calvin G. Robbins, for keeping tramps,	18 24	
Calvin G. Robbins, for fuel for tramp house,	50	
E. B. Gates & Co., for coal furnished tramp house,	6 71	
	<hr/>	25 45
Hiram Danks, for aid furnished Ada Burnette,		5 00
Mary Callahan, for support of self and family,		6 00
H. S. Swan, for burial expenses of C. M. Willard,		23 00
H. H. Burbank, supplies furnished Bronson family,	9 34	
Emma Campbell, for labor in Bronson family,	1 50	
Dr. Foskit, for medical attendance on Bronson family,	4 00	
	<hr/>	14 84
Roger Laplant, for board and care of William Carlin, during sickness,		10 50
Dr. J. W. Hannum, for medical attendance and provisions furnished for Benway family,		22 57
George W. Ely, for goods furnished John A. Jones' family,	3 30	

E. G. Washburn, for casket furnished John A. Jones,	\$10 00
J. M. Foster, for medical attendance on John A. Jones,	11 00
Hiram Danks, for supplies and rent of house for John A. Jones and family,	7 20
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	\$31 50
Total expended for paupers,	<hr/> \$983 01

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation by the Town,		\$1,000 00
	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Expended.
To Henry Clark, Surveyor, Dis- trict No. 1,	\$85 00	\$63 89
Harvey Kent, Surveyor, Dis- trict No. 2,	100 00	61 26
John Albray, Surveyor, Dis- trict No. 3,	80 00	80 00
Luther Markham, Surveyor, District No. 4,	90 00	92 30
P. Knowlton, Surveyor, Dis- trict No. 5,	190 00	151 37
Alvin Chilson, Surveyor, Dis- trict No. 6,	150 00	169 53
Randolph Beebe, Surveyor, District No. 7,	105 00	111 62
A. A. Phelps, Surveyor, Dis- trict No. 8,	100 00	78 30
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	\$900 00	\$808 37
Paid the Town of Ludlow for lighting and snowing bridges,		13 32
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		\$821 69
Balance unexpended,		<hr/> \$178 09

## CONTINGENT ACCOUNT AND TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation by the Town,	\$1,500 00
Nelson F. Twing, for printing six hundred Town Reports,	\$40 50
Charles B. Fisk, for printing yes and no ballots,	1 50
Calvin G. Robbins, for posting Town warrants and notifying Town officers,	8 40
F. H. Osgood, for examining a diseased horse on Charles Edson's place,	5 00
W. L. Collins, for services as undertaker, etc.,	124 00
Charles B. Fisk, for printing six hundred Assessors' Reports,	46 76
F. Butler, for mowing cemetery and repairing gate in Butlerville,	3 00
M. F. Beebe, for disposing of diseased horse, as ordered by State Commissioners on diseased animals,	1 00
C. E. Peck, for guide boards,	21 55
Hiram Danks, for labor and materials in erecting guide boards,	13 15
M. F. Beebe, for labor erecting guide boards,	4 50
George L. Rindge, for seventeen guide board posts,	5 10
C. E. Peck, for one book case,	15 00
Hiram Danks, for freight on Pennock's road machine,	8 54
Austin Davis, for mowing cemetery, District No. 7,	3 00
John Ferris, for mowing cemetery near Deacon Adams',	4 75
Hubbard & Co., for spring lock,	50
C. E. Peck, for express bills, stationery and postage,	2 80
Henry Morris, for counsel for the Town,	11 00
Bartlett & Rich, for printing tax bills and for express charge,	2 00

Mr. Cowles, for painting and repairing hearse,	\$40 00
C. E. Stacy, for storage,	25 00
C. E. Stacy, recording births, marriages and deaths,	30 15
C. E. Stacy, express bills, postage and stationery,	10 00
M. F. Beebe, for stationery and postage, Springfield Printing Company, for tax books and warrants,	4 15
Hiram Danks, for collecting taxes for 1882,	50 00
E. B. Gates, Town Loan Com., interest on Town Loan,	78 50
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	\$568 85

TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

M. F. Beebe, - - - - -	\$85 25
H. Danks, - - - - -	81 00
Philip P. Potter, - - - - -	47 00
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	\$213 25

ASSESSORS.

C. E. Peck, - - - - -	\$64 95
A. Chilson, - - - - -	22 25
H. H. Burbank, - - - - -	17 50
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	\$104 70

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Benj. Gill, - - - - -	\$50 00
Jesse L. Rice, - - - - -	40 00
Henry Cutler, - - - - -	15 00
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	\$105 00
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Total expended for Contingencies and Town Officers,	\$913 30

EXPENDITURES FOR SEWER AT NORTH WIL-  
BRAHAM.

(No appropriation by the Town.)

To B. & A. R. R. Co., for freight on cement pipe and cement, - - - - -	\$20 55
Phineas Knowlton, for work on sewer, - - -	152 18
Wm. H. H. Phillips, for surveying, plan and specifications of sewer, - - - - -	4 75
D. C. Jones, for lumber, - - - - -	30 19
J. P. Wilcox, for cement pipe and cement, - -	200 03
Collins Manufacturing Co., for labor on sewer, -	87 21
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	\$494 91
Credit by lumber sold, - - - - -	\$18 50
Cement pipe used by the Town, - - - - -	5 25
Cement sold, - - - - -	1 00
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	\$24 75
Total cost of sewer, - - - - -	<hr/>
	\$470 16

## EXPENDITURES FOR ENFORCING LIQUOR LAW.

Appropriation by the Town, - - - - -	\$200 00
Hiram Danks, for time and expenses in suppressing liquor selling, - - - - -	\$10 00
M. F. Beebe, for services in connection with suppressing illegal liquor selling, - - - - -	3 50
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	\$13 50
Balance unexpended, - - - - -	<hr/>
	\$186 50

EXPENDITURES FOR WINDING AND REPAIRING  
TOWN CLOCK.

Appropriation by the Town, - - - - -	\$25 00
To Benj. Gill, trustee of the M. E. church, for wind- ing and keeping in repair the Town clock, - - -	22 00
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Balance unexpended, - - - - -	\$3 00

## STATE AID ACCOUNT.

(No appropriation by the Town.)

State aid has been paid as follows:

To Mrs. Rowena C. Bliss, to March 1, 1883,	\$48 00
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## SUMMARY.

	Appropriations and Available Funds.	Amounts Expended.
For Schools,	\$2,470 88	\$2,418 99
Paupers,	1,540 66	983 01
Highways and bridges,	1,000 00	821 59
Contingencies and Town Officers,	1,500 00	991 80
Sewer,		494 91
Enforcing liquor law,	200 00	13 50
Winding and keeping in repair the Town clock,	25 00	22 00
State aid,		48 00
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	\$6,736 54	\$5,793 80

## RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Due from State Treasurer for State aid,	\$48 00	
From Collins Manufacturing Co., for sewer,	423 14	
Cash in Treasury,	2,047 69	
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		\$2,518 83

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Pauper and other bills due April 1, estimated,	\$162 12
Balance in favor of the Town,	<hr/> \$2,356 71



The Selectmen recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year :

For Schools,	\$1,875 00
Paupers,	1400 00
Highways and bridges,	1000 00
Contingencies and Town Officers,	1,500 00

Respectfully submitted,

M. F. BEEBE,	}	<i>Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor of Wilbraham.</i>
HIRAM DANKS,		
PHILIP P. POTTER,		

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

*The Town of Wilbraham in Account with Charles E. Stacy,  
Treasurer for the Year ending March 15, 1883.*

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By Cash in the Treasury, March 15, 1882,	\$638 59
Cash from the County Treasurer, Dog Fund, 1882,	85 08
Cash from Palmer National Bank, temporary loan,	1,000 00
Cash from State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	209 30
Cash from State Treasurer, National Bank tax,	205 56
Cash from State Treasurer, State aid refunded,	88 00
Cash from State Treasurer, burial of State pauper refunded,	10 00
Cash from State Treasurer, aid to State pauper re- funded,	41 17
Cash from State Treasurer, income of Mass. School Fund,	225 63
Cash from Town of Hampden, State tax,	420 31
Cash from Town of Hampden, County tax,	375 89
Cash from John M. Merrick, sale of Town History,	2 00
Cash from Town Loan Committee, interest on Town loan,	78 50
Cash from Town of Chicopee, old bill,	3 00
Cash from Town of Chicopee, aid to pauper re- funded,	5 00
Cash from John Connell, funeral expenses of Dennis Connell refunded	10 00
Cash from Chas. Callahan, aid to Mary Callahan refunded,	6 00
Cash from City of Springfield, aid to John Bronson refunded,	14 84

Cash from M. F. Beebe, for lumber,	\$0 50
Cash from H. Danks, Collector, J. Baldwin's sewer assessment,	26 01
Cash from Michael Powers, sewer assessment,	23 51
Cash from F. D. Benton, sewer assessment,	23 51
Cash from the Overseers of the Poor, effects of C. M. Willard,	48 00
Cash from the Overseers of the Poor, sale of effects of A. S. Tufts,	15 70
Cash from Hiram Danks, Collector, 1882,	7,405 58
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	\$10,961 68

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To Cash paid for New Town Record,	\$3 50
Cash paid for New Mortgage Record,	4 50
Cash paid County Treasurer, County tax,	983 74
Cash paid State Treasurer. State tax,	1,100 00
Cash paid Palmer National Bank, temporary loan,	1,000 00
Cash paid Palmer National Bank, interest on tem- porary loan,	27 22
Cash paid Franklin Fisk, abatement,	4 80
Cash paid Sarah Meers, abatement,	72
Cash paid J. L. Weston, abatement,	96
Cash paid State aid,	48 00
Cash paid Selectmen's orders,	5,740 55
Cash in Treasury,	2,047 69
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	\$10,961 68

# ASSESSORS' REPORT.

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Valuation of personal estate,	\$170,645 00
Valuation of real estate,	527,590 00
Total valuation,	\$698,235 00
Number of acres of land taxed,	12,766 <sup>127</sup> / <sub>100</sub>
Number of dwelling-houses,	290
Number of horses,	240
Number of cows,	503
Number of sheep,	118
Poll tax for men,	\$2 00
Poll tax for women,	50c.
Number of polls at \$2.00 each,	351
Number of polls at 50 cents each,	1
Total amount assessed on polls,	\$702 50
Amount of State tax assessed on property,	328 69
Amount of County tax assessed on property,	256 85
Town tax assessed on property,	6,091 89

## RATE PER CENT., OR RATE PER ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

State tax,	\$0 47
County tax,	37
Town tax,	8 76
Total rate per cent.,	\$9 60 per \$1,000 00
Total State tax,	\$679 69
Total County tax,	607 85
Total Town tax,	6,091 89
Overlayings,	26 15
Total committed to Collector,	\$7,405 58

## TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

For Schools,	\$1,891 89
Incidental School repairs,	75 00
Paupers,	1,400 00
Highways and Bridges,	1,000 00
Prosecuting Liquor Sellers,	200 00
Contingencies,	1,500 00
Town Clock,	25 00
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	\$6,091 89

CHAUNCEY E. PECK,	} <i>Assessors</i>
H. HERBERT BURBANK,	
ALVIN CHILSON,	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>Wilbraham.</i>

WILBRAHAM, March 20, 1883.

WILBRAHAM, March 22, 1883.

List of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen of Wilbraham, to be submitted to the town for their acceptance at their next annual meeting :

Wells L. Phelps,  
Erasmus B. Gates,  
Henry Clark,  
Elijah Munsell,  
William F. Morgan,  
Edwin L. Tupper,  
Albert Bliss,  
Myron Brewer,  
Henry T. Bolles,

Benjamin F. Squire,  
George H. Hastings,  
James C. Cooley,  
Munroe Pease,  
Henry C. Frost,  
David M. Havens,  
Benjamin F. Green,  
Charles A. Corbin,  
Chauncey E. Peck.

M. F. BEEBE,  
HIRAM DANKS,  
PHILIP P. POTTER,

*Selectmen of Wilbraham.*

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## School Committee of the Town of Wilbraham

FOR 1882—1883.

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GENTLEMEN :—We beg leave to submit to your earnest considerations the following as a partial Report for the year now closing :

Children in the Town, May 1, 1882, 5 to 15 years of age,	270
Children in the Town, May 1, 1882, 8 to 14 years of age,	196
Children of all ages in Schools during the year,	288
Average membership,	214
Average attendance,	189

These facts and those included in the Table at the end of this Report must not be supposed to furnish the history of education in our Town for the year now closing. They furnish merely some of its materials, conditions and possibilities. In them you will not find what progress each child has made or what changes have taken place in his manners and morals. School accommodations, appropriation, scholars, teachers, may be called the bone, muscle and sinew of education, but are not to be mistaken for the life, which is education itself. These things, with others, have a formative influence for good or evil upon the plastic nature of the young child; and no one can estimate how constant, how effective, and yet how subtle, is their operation. Now the part which a committee may play in this process is very general at best, and hence

quite unsatisfactory. They may systematize and give a direction, more or less sustained, to school affairs year after year. Such a system, meeting with hearty co-operation from parents, and finding teachers to practically apply it, ought to be expected to produce quite satisfactory educational results. As committees are constituted, however, it is but natural that their work should be wanting in perfect organization and breadth of scope; that parents should feel that the education of their children has been entrusted to others who will see to it and be responsible for it; while so far as the general run of teachers is concerned, in country schools at least, the conditions of the scholar's education seem to be fulfilled if the lessons are mechanically gone over.

It is therefore seldom that we find these public factors of education operating at their best, while certain other influences are at work all the time and often insidiously and destructively. The good that a child learns at school may be counterbalanced by an evil that lurks at home; the association with some fellow scholar in the recreation hour may undo the good influences of the school hour; what little moral tone may be imparted to him in the school-room may be sapped and undermined by loafing habits contracted at grocery stores or other public places, where, not through any evil in the place itself, not only moral strength is undermined but sometimes the worst sort of depravity is inspired. These constant and indirect influences of education are almost beyond our control, quite beyond our estimation. It is indeed a high responsibility to be called to disburse your educational fund, to superintend your school affairs; but you must recollect, as parents and citizens, that you are not thereby relieved of the responsibility of adding your best efforts everywhere and always for the good of the rising generation.

For several years past, a number of children have been farmed out upon us from adjoining towns. We have watched the experiment pretty closely. Viewed from their standpoint those towns may regard this new arrangement as a marked suc-



cess. From our side we can see that it is fraught with evil effects, for coming into school districts whose accommodations were barely sufficient they have rendered them overcrowded, and what is worse, they have, by their disproportionately large numbers, lowered in some districts the standard of excellence very considerably. It might be well for the selectmen to discover what relation we sustain to persons of this class and whether there is redress or relief.

We again call your attention to the state of school property in Districts No. 5 and No. 6. It demands immediate attention. These houses are not a protection against inclement weather, to say nothing of looks and convenience. We advise as urgent, that the Town raise this year at least \$300 which may be devoted exclusively to repairs at one of these houses. By raising such a sum for two or three consecutive years our school-houses can be put in first-class condition.

Your committee have made upwards of eighty official visits during the year. Everything has gone on quietly, with no special wear or damage to school property and no discord worthy of mention.

Tardiness and occasional absence is the great blot against us; in school No.5, alone, is the record nearly clean. This fault lies with the parents and teachers. The cases are mostly of such a sort that the truant officer ought not to be called in to settle them. The teachers ought to protect themselves and the reputation of their schools. Failing the attendance of the scholar and the co-operation of parents then the truant officer should be called upon. We have had little occasion to employ such officers during the two years past.

Our teaching corps has been quite permanent the past year. Six schools have retained their teachers through the year. This is a result at which we are aiming, for each change in teachers is really a hazardous experiment. Such changes sometimes speedily undo the good work of months, but unfortunately they will come, and sometimes we have not the best of materials out of which to fill places that are of necessity made

vacant. To some of our teachers we would make two important suggestions—the need of more *force* and *practical common sense*. A school-room should leave the impression of a busy place. To a casual visitor the impression of confusion is in some particulars better than one of mopish indolence and unemployed quietness. The busy hum that comes from application is preferable to a silence that tries to be proper and do nothing over much. A hive of bees leaves but the impress of disorder to him who sees them come and go; only he who has opened the cells and gathered the sweets from year to year knows how to understand and prize the well organized and unremitting labor that has gathered the honey “from every opening flower.” Throw yourselves with enthusiasm into the work of your scholars. Take recreation also with them. We have no sympathy with teaching during recess.

Our teachers are slavishly bound to their books also, when to depart from them would be a practical benefit to the scholar. In the scholar's daily life there occur practical problems in arithmetic, geography, grammar, reading, etc. And often he can solve these problems out of the book when he could not solve them in it. It is well that the door should open from the studies in the book to practical examples taken out of life. Such tests are of priceless value to the scholar and always interesting. There have been some examples of practical work during the year that have been very gratifying. In one school occasional extra reading exercises for the advanced scholars, out of magazines and newspapers; in another excellent letters and compositions, on very simple subjects, it is true, but interesting to the scholar because they embraced descriptions of something about which he knew and had had recent enjoyment; in another an excellent paper which went through several editions, every one looking neat, with each scholar's article written out in his own hand; in another an array of original drawings by the small children, that would have done honor to a school of more ambitious pretensions; in another excellent declamations and dialogues; in still another free gymnastics. These are

some of the things that have been done and can be done, provided we use good judgment and are not too ambitious.

We are gratified to state that there have been nearly 300 visits other than those made by the Committee. These present some curious incongruities. For instance, the smallest school in Town has had the largest amount of visitation. The two schools on the mountain have had eighty-four visitations, the two on West street only twenty-four. It is well that our attention should be called to these facts. They sometimes lead to interesting conclusions. There is likely to be less truancy, more faithful attendance on work, and better teaching in the schools that receive most visitation.

Having made some changes in text-books during the two years preceding, we did not think it expedient to burden you unduly, the present year. A change in the readers now in use is quite necessary. They have been read and re-read till they have no profit in them.

Gentlemen, increased numbers are making an increased demand upon us from year to year. It is not impossible that in some of our districts there may be a call for more room and a larger force of teachers.

The following have been our sources of revenue for the year now closing :

Appropriation,	\$2,000 00
Incidentals,	75 00
From State School Fund,	225 63
From Dog Tax,	91 75
Interest on Town Loan,	78 50
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Total Revenue from all sources,	\$2,470 88
Total Expenditures,	2,415 99

Recommended for the following year :

Appropriation,	\$2000 00
Permanent Repairs,	300 00
Incidentals,	75 00
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Total,	\$2,375 00

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN GILL, }  
 HENRY CUTLER, } *Committee.*  
 JESSE L. RICE, }

# ROLL OF HONOR.

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## NOT ABSENT OR TARDY ONE TERM.

Geo. Bennett,	Carrie Goodale,	John Powers,
Chas. Bradway,	Cora Graves,	Clara Rice,
Eddie Bradway,	Herbert Greene,	Lee Rice,
Frank Bradway,	William Greene,	Minnie Rice,
Willie Caffrey,	Eddie Lane,	Lora Rindge,
Bertie Clark,	Geo. M. Lyman,	Johnnie Stephens,
Eddie C. Clark,	H. Burdette Lyman,	Homer Tupper,
Harry E. Clark,	Frank Lynch,	Mary Warner,
Bernice Conery,	Herbert Morgan,	Mary Welch,
George Crawford,	Eddie Pease,	Willie Weeks,
Frank Foskit,	Mary Phelps,	Michael L. Welsh,
George Foskit,	Sarah Phelps,	Katie Wynn.

## NOT ABSENT OR TARDY TWO TERMS.

Frank Bassett,	Aggie Coote,	May Kelly,
Nettie Bell,	Jennie Foskit,	Minnie Morgan,
Eunice Bell,	Lizzie Foskit,	Nellie Morgan,
Albert Butler,	Willie Foskit,	Raymond Pease,
Blanche Butler,	Oliver Greene.	Milo Rindge.

## NOT ABSENT OR TARDY ONE YEAR.

Emily Cunningham,	Frank Howard,	Susie Mack,
Bessie Pease,		Herbert Tupper.

## NOT ABSENT OR TARDY TWO YEARS.

Josie Gill.

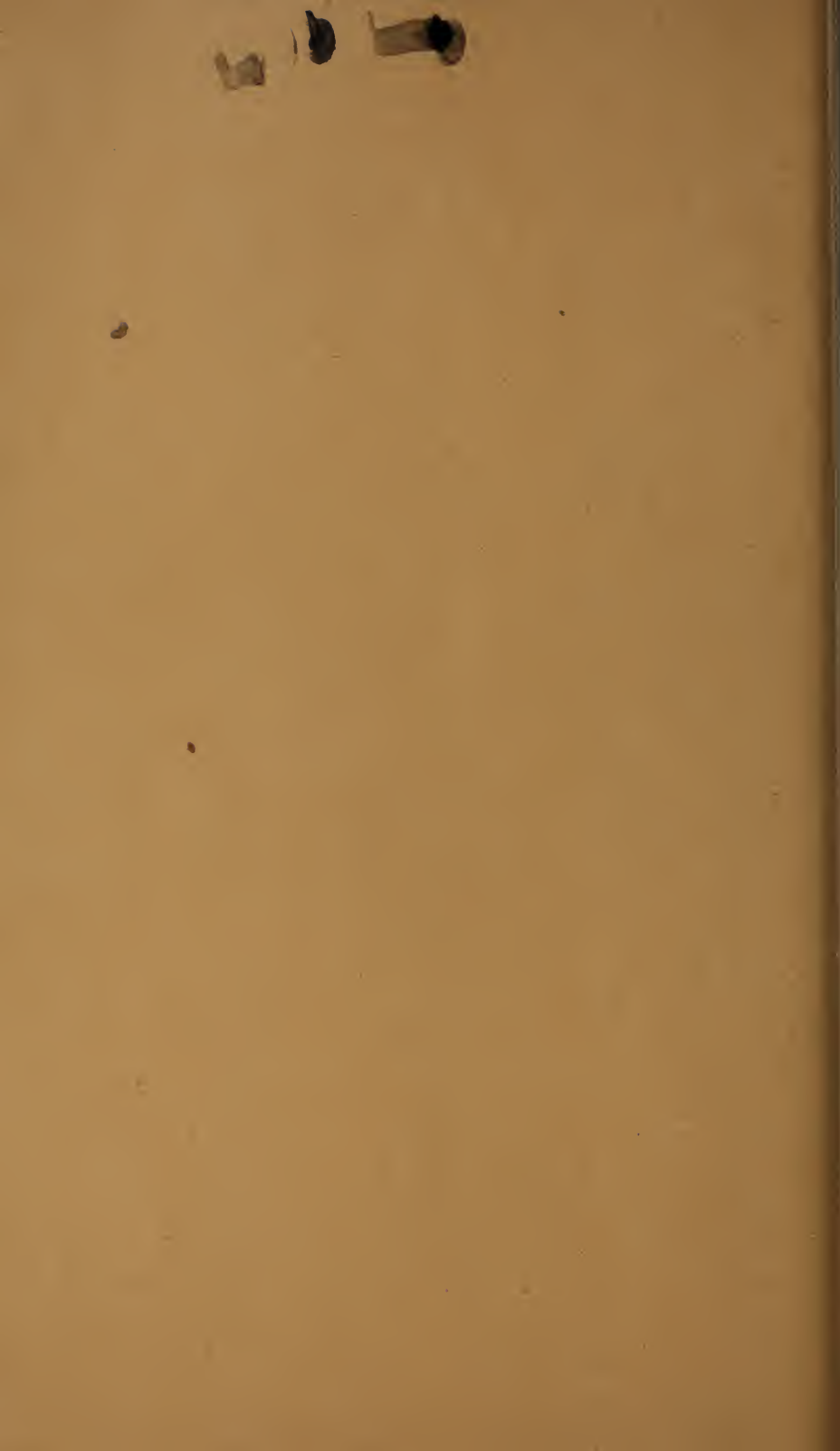
## NOT ABSENT OR TARDY FOUR YEARS.

Kittie Gill,	Allyn Seaver.
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# STATISTICAL TABLE.

Number.	NAME.	Weeks.	WAGES PAID TO TEACHERS.			TOTAL.	Incidentals.	Total Expenditure for Schooling.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.		
			MONTHLY PAY.						SUMMER.	FALL.	WINTER.
1	Atchinson,	33	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$28.80	\$228.15	\$31.78	\$259.93	Dora M. Merrick.	Dora M. Merrick.	Dora M. Merrick.
2	Langdon,	33	27.00	28.80	28.80	233.10	26.10	259.20	Mabel Ray.	Mabel Ray.	Mabel Ray.
3	Merrick,	33	28.80	28.80	30.60	243.00	35.87	282.87	Lizzie L. Corbin.	Lizzie L. Corbin.	Clara Markham.
4	Wright,	33	28.80	30.60	30.60	247.95	39.66	287.61	M. Adelle Pease.	M. Adelle Pease.	M. Adelle Pease.
5	Bliss,	33	25.20	25.20	27.00	213.30	28.70	242.00	Jennie H. Swift.	Jennie H. Swift.	Jennie H. Swift.
6	Butler,	33	32.00	28.80	30.60	251.00	34.38	285.38	Marcus S. Beebe.	Estelle Kenyon.	Ella Firmin.
7	Glendale,	33	25.20	25.20	27.00	213.30	17.28	230.58	Evanore Beebe.	Evanore Beebe.	Evanore Beebe.
8	{ Advanced,	33	28.80	28.80	30.60	243.00	43.72	286.72	Emma P. Brewer.	Emma P. Brewer.	Emma P. Brewer.
8	{ Primary,	33	28.80	28.80	30.60	243.00	43.20	286.20	M. J. Brewster.	M. J. Brewster.	M. J. Brewster.
	Totals,	297	\$251.60	\$252.00	\$264.60	\$2115.80	\$300.19	\$2415.99			







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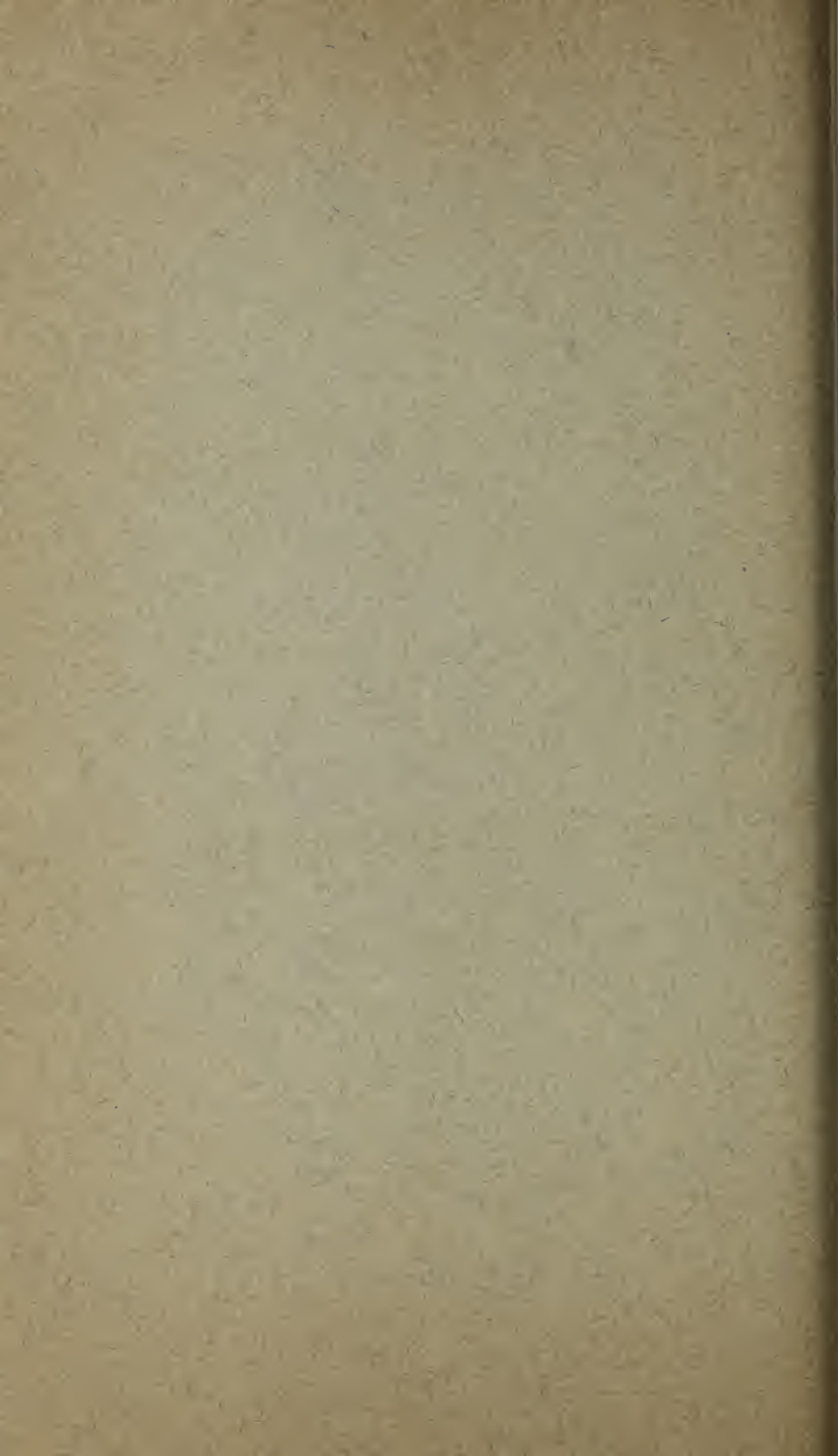
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TOWN OFFICERS,

WILBRAHAM, MASS.

1886.

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REPORTS

-OF THE-

SELECTMEN & OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

TREASURER,

ASSESSORS AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

-OF THE-

TOWN OF WILBRAHAM,

YEAR ENDING MARCH 15, 1886.



LUDLOW, MASS. :

A. H. BARTLETT, PRINTER.

1886.

# LIST OF JURORS,

AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN.

A. JACKSON BLANCHARD,  
ERASMUS B. GATES,  
BENJAMIN F. GREEN,  
MUNROE PEASE,  
ALBERT A. PHELPS,  
ETHELBERT BLISS,  
ABNER E. BELL,  
JOHN SPEIGHT,  
JAMES RICHARDS,

PHINEAS KNOWLTON,  
MYRON BREWER,  
GEORGE H. HASTINGS.  
CHAUNCEY E. PECK,  
JESSE L. RICE,  
ELIAS S. KEYES,  
WILLIAM A. MOWRY,  
A. DELOS SEAVER,  
FRANCIS E. CLARK.

## ARTICLES IN TOWN WARRANT.

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ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2.—To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, School Committee and other town officers.

ART. 3.—To fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.

ART. 4.—To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

ART. 5.—To determine the number and manner of electing Highway Surveyors for the year ensuing.

ART. 6.—To see if the Town will fix the compensation for labor on the highways: also to see how the town will apportion the appropriation for highways among the Highway Surveyors.

ART. 7.—To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, three Selectmen who shall be Overseers of the Poor, three Assessors, four Constables, four Fence Viewers, all on one ballot, also one School Committee for three years on a separate ballot also a Collector of Taxes for the year ensuing, on a separate ballot, also to choose all other necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 8.—To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 9.—To see what disposition the Town will make of the Dog Fund of 1885.

ART. 10.—To decide by ballot which shall be "Yes" or "No" the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"

ART. 11.—To see if the Town will instruct their Selectmen to prosecute any person or persons selling or transporting intoxicating liquors within this Town, contrary to the laws of the Commonwealth.

ART. 12.—To see if the Town will instruct the Assessors to publish the valuation list and assessment of taxes for current year.

ART. 13.—To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money to improve the Cemeteries of the Town.

ART. 14.—To see if the Town will provide for the adequate lighting of the streets in Town.

ART. 15.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty two dollars to defray the expense of winding the clock on Memorial Church.

ART. 16.—To see if the Town will discharge the Building Committee from all further services pertaining to the erection of any Town Buildings.

ART. 17.—To see if the Town will take any measure to prevent the erection of the building called "Memorial Hall."

ART. 18.—To see if the Town will direct the Town Treasurer to pay no money of the Town in payment for said building or any expenses connected therewith.

ART. 19.—To see what disposition the Town will make of the school building and lot in District No. 2.

ART. 20.—To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the completion and furnishing of the building to be used for town purposes, called "Memorial Hall."

ART. 21.—To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for defraying the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year and appropriate the same, and vote how the same shall be raised.

ART. 22.—To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow such sums of money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year as may be sanctioned by the Selectmen, the same to be paid from said taxes.

# REPORT OF SELECTMEN

## AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

### SCHOOLS.

Total Expenditures for salaries of teachers, books, incidentals and permanent repairs, See School Committee's report.	\$2,799.28
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### PAUPERS.

Appropriation by the Town,	\$1,500.00
Expended as follows :	
Caroline Bliss, Support at Northampton Insane Hospital,	177.58
Daniel A. Warner, Support at Northampton Insane Hospital,	194.58
A. S. Tufts and Wife, board at \$5.00 per week,	\$260.00
Medical Attendance,	17.50
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	277.50
Frederick D. McClintock, Board at \$2.50 per week,	130.00
Mrs. T. J. Downs, Rent,	28.50
Nurse,	6.00
Provisions and board,	21.73
Medical Attendance,	6.00
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	62.23

Betsey Webster, Clothing,	\$ 8.75	
Provisions and Wood,	44.62	
Repairs on house,	2.50	
M. F. Beebe, time and expenses.	12.00	
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		\$ 67.87
Annise P. Eddy, Support at Northampton Insane Hospital,		45.50
William Davis, Board and care.	92.00	
Clothing,	12.45	
Truss,	7.00	
Carbolic Acid and liniment.	2.65	
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		114.10
Munn Jones and Family, Provisions and Clothing,	203.15	
Rent,	42.00	
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		245.15
Mrs. Daniel Grady, Provisions,	8.29	
Fuel,	34.16	
Medicines and Medical Attendance.	12.55	
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		55.00
John Connors :—		
T. P. Sampson, Coffin.	10.00	
Henry Clark, time and expenses.	3.00	
M. F. Beebe, “ “ “	1.00	
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		14.00
C. E. Hubert :—		
Loomis Bros., Coffin,		10.00
Paid C. G. Robbins, for keeping tramps,	82.37	
Fuel,	1.75	
M. F. Beebe, Fuel,	7.00	
Hubbard & Co., Fuel.	3.55	
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		94.67
Alphonso Davis :—		
P. P. Potter, Aid,		2.00



Thomas Sullivan :—

(Charged Town of Westfield)

Board and care,	45.93
Medical Attendance,	10.00
Coffin,	15.00
Burial lot,	3.75

\$ 74.68

Harriet M. Sullivan :—

(Charged State of Mass.,)

Paid for Coffin,	3.50
Henry Clark, time and expense,	1.00

4.50

J. Champlin and Wife :—

Paid by City of Springfield last year,	6.00
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Total expenditures for Paupers, 1,575.36

Of the above, the following sums have been refunded,

From Town of Westfield :—

Expense of Thomas Sullivan,	\$74.68
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From State of Mass.,

Expenses of Harriet Sullivan,	5.00
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Total amount refunded, 79.68

#### CONTINGENCIES AND TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation by the Town, \$1,400.00

Expended as follows :

A. H. Bartlett, printing town reports,	\$30.80
“ “ “Yes” and “No” ballots,	.50
S. E. Baker, posting warrants,	12.00
Springfield Printing Co., Assessors' books,	3.75
E. H. Cutler, freight on town reports,	.50
C. E. Stacy, recording births, marriages and deaths,	5.40
C. E. Stacy, storage, and services as Reg- istrar,	4.20
C. G. Robbins, notifying town officers,	4.20

James B Crane, deed of Crane lot,	\$250.00
Orson Knowlton, repairs on tank,	2.00
C. E. Peck, balance due putting salmon trout in Nine Mile Pond,	4.45
Springfield Republican, advertising proposals Memorial Hall and school house,	11.70
Springfield Union, advertising proposals Memorial Hall,	6.48
A. H. Bartlett, printing valuation lists,	35.00
“ “ notices bicycle riding,	1.25
C. H. Whiting, index and record books,	5.13
W. E. Stone, moving safe, books etc.	15.00
“ telegrams, express, postage etc.	4.99
J. S. Morgan, services as building committee,	7.50
W. L. Collins, services as Undertaker,	65.00
Hiram Danks, Tax-bills, 1885.	1.75
William Roonan, reward for the arrest and conviction of John Metz,	25.00
Dr. J. W. Hannum, returning births.	2.50
M. F. Beebe, cash paid Maynard for cutting wood,	2.00
Dr. H. G. Webber, returning births,	2.50
Rent of Music Hall, to April 1st, 1886,	40.00
Henry Morris, legal counsel,	7.00
C. L. Gardner, “ “	110.00
E. B. Gates, Interest on Town loan,	78.50
Ira G. Potter, expenses in purchasing Crane lot,	10.50
W. E. Stone, recording births, marriages, and deaths, and procuring loan,	51.42
Esther M. Allis, use of room for registrars,	1.50
F. E. Clark, cash paid for copying specifica- tions, contract, express, etc.,	4.05
C. E. Peck, postage, stationery and express,	3.20
P. P. Potter, services as building committee,	10.00
Henry Clark, postage and stationery,	7.00
Expenditures for Contingencies,	<hr/> \$826.77

## TOWN OFFICERS.

## SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

M. F. Beebe,	\$76.00	
Henry Clark,	85.00	
P. P. Potter,	57.50	
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		\$218.50

## ASSESSORS.

Chauncey E. Peck,	\$58.25	
H. T. Bolles,	23.75	
Alvin Chilson,	15.62	
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		\$97.62

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Jason Butler,	\$47.50	
Jesse L. Rice,	41.25	
Chas. D. Woods,	40.00	
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		\$128.75

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

W. E. Stone,	\$9.00	
M. F. Beebe,	8.00	
Henry Clark,	8.00	
P. P. Potter,	3.00	
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		\$28.00

## COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Hiram Danks,	65.00	
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Total expenditures for contingencies & town officers, \$1,364.64

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation by the Town, \$1,200.00

Expended as follows :

Dist. No. 1, By Henry Clark,	\$ 69.36
2, " J. C. Cooley,	128.93
3, " A. A. Phelps,	92.43
4, " Luther Markham,	128.39
5, " Hiram Danks,	208.97
6, " G. H. Hastings,	152.36

Dist. No. 7, By Randolph Beebe,	\$108.40
8, " A. A. Phelps,	140.48
J. P. Wilcox, cement pipe and cement,	15.25
Henry Clark, drawing pipe and cement,	4.00
One half lighting and repairing Collins and Red bridges,	25.47
G. H. Hastings, chestnut plank for bridges,	18.63
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Total expenditures for Highways and Bridges,	\$1,092.67

## BUILDING SCHOOL HOUSE IN NO. 2.

Appropriation by the Town,	\$2,500.00
Expended as follows :	
E. P. Ball, survey and plan,	\$ 7.46
F. R. Rindge and others, grading,	107.85
P. P. Potter, stone and stakes,	5.94
T. D. Potter & Co.,	1,669.00
M. J. Dillon, two privy vaults,	30.00
L. Giffin, squaring school house etc.,	5.00
J. C. Cooley and others, cleaning school house,	2.00
" moving and repairing furniture,	8.22
H. S. Ball, dressing over furniture,	4.08
D. B. Montague, stove and fixtures,	20.39
O. D. Case & Co., school furniture,	91.89
Henry Clark, freight on " "	3.11
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Total expenditures on school house,	\$1,954.94

## LIGHTING STREETS.

Appropriation by the Town,	\$75.00
Expended as follows :	
C. E. Peck, fitting lamp post,	\$ .60
E. B. Gates, oil, chimneys and wicks,	10.16
J. C. Moody, " " " "	18.53
" care of lamps, thirteen months,	32.00
John Ruppel, care of lamps twelve months,	26.00
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Total expenditures for lighting streets,	\$87.29

## IMPROVING CEMETERIES.

Appropriation by the Town,		\$ 50.00
Expended as follows :		
Hiram Danks, plank at Butlerville cemetery,	\$ .75	
J. S. Albray, mowing cemetery near David Adams,	6.00	
Franklin Butler, mowing cemetery at Butlerville,	6.00	
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Total expenditures for cemeteries,		\$12.75

## WINDING AND CARE OF TOWN CLOCK.

Appropriation by the Town,	\$22.00
Paid Benj. Gill for winding and care of clock,	22.00

## BUILDING MEMORIAL HALL.

Appropriation by the Town,	\$6,000.00
Expended as follows :	
C. E. Peck,	\$50.00
“	252.29
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	\$302.29

## STATE AID ACCOUNT.

Paid Rowena C. Bliss,	\$48.00
Frances M. Davis,	48.00
William Butler,	48.00
Albert F. Johnson,	36.00
Catherine O'Hara,	48.00
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	\$228.00

## SUMMARY.

	Expenditures.	Appropriations and Available Funds.
For Schools,	\$2,799.28	\$2,895.26
Paupers,	1,575.36	1,579.68
Highways and Bridges,	1,092.67	1,200.00
Contingencies and town officers,	1,364.64	1,400.00
Improving Cemeteries,	12.75	50.00
Lighting Streets,	87.29	75.00

Building School house Dist. No. 2.	1,954.94	2,500.00
Winding Clock,	22.00	22.00
Memorial Hall,	302.29	6,000.00
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	\$9,211.22	\$15,721.94

## RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Due from State of Mass., State Aid,	\$ 266.00	
“ “ M. F. Beebe and others, for grass on Betsey Webster's place,	43.00	
Cash in Treasury,	2,423.98	
	<hr/>	\$2,732.98

## LIABILITIES.

Outstanding Orders,	\$302.29	
Pauper bills due April 1st. (Estimated)	175.00	
Flynt Building & Construction Co.,	30.00	
School Supplies,	142.91	
	<hr/>	\$650.20
Balance in favor of the Town,		\$2,082.78

The Selectmen recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year :

For Schools,	\$2,500.00
Paupers,	1,500.00
Highways and Bridges,	1,200.00
Care of Street Lamps,	75.00
Winding Clock,	22.00
Improving Cemeteries,	40.00
Memorial Hall,	2,475.00
Furnishing Hall,	600.00
Memorial Tablets,	100.00

Respectfully Submitted,

M. F. BEEBE,	} Selectmen of Wilbraham
HENRY CLARK,	
P. P. POTTER,	

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

*The Town of Wilbraham in account with Walter E. Stone,  
Treasurer, for year ending March 15, 1886.*

## CR.

By Cash in Treasury, March 15, 1885,	\$2,240.84
From County Treasurer, Dog Fund, 1885,	100.25
State Treasurer, National Bank Tax,	210.85
“ “ Corporation Tax,	211.11
“ “ Income Mass. School Fund,	215.04
State Treasurer, State Aid refunded,	159.00
Ira G. Potter, guardian of Caroline Bliss,	49.50
Palmer National Bank, Temporary loan,	1,000.00
Town Loan Committee, interest on town loan,	78.50
Town of Paxton, aid to Mrs. J. Fouracre,	8.00
State Treasurer, aid to paupers,	50.00
“ “ burial of paupers,	10.00
City of Boston, aid to R. Gougher,	4.24
W. E. Stone, druggist's license,	1.00
Hubbard & Co., grass on Crane lot,	4.50
M. F. Beebe, rye raised on Betsey Webster's land,	3.03

By Cash From Boston & Albany R. R., account of Thomas Sullivan,	\$ 31.50
Town of Westfield, account of Thos. Sullivan,	43.18
Jason Butler, coal, school house No.8,	13.50
Hiram Danks, Collector, 1885,	9,580.19
	<hr/> \$14,014.23

## DR.

To Walter Maynard, abatement,	\$ 6.43
Postage stamps and express,	1.25
State Treasurer, $\frac{1}{4}$ liquor license,	.25
Palmer National Bank, temporary loan,	1,000.00
“ “ “ interest,	13.78
State Treasurer, state tax,	630.00
County Treasurer, county tax.	766.74
Assessors' abatements,	34.87
Selectmen's orders,	8,908.93
State aid,	228.00
Cash in Treasury,	2,423.98
	<hr/> \$14,014.23



# CERTIFICATE OF AUDITOR.

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I hereby certify that I have carefully examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen for the past year and find them correctly kept, and proper vouchers for every order drawn on the Treasurer.

I have also examined the books of the Treasurer, and find all payments properly vouched for, the accounts correct; and the amount of cash on hand to be \$2,423.98.

A. J. BLANCHARD, *Auditor.*

Wilbraham, March 22, 1886.

# ASSESSORS' REPORT.

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Valuation of personal estate,	\$162.925.00
Valuation of real estate,	540.890.00
	\$703,815.00
Total valuation,	
Number of acres of land taxed,	12,931
Dwelling houses,	295
Horses,	231
Cows,	469
Sheep,	107
Poll tax for men,	\$2.00
Poll tax for women,	.50
Number of polls at \$2.00 each.	388
Number of polls at .50 each,	1
Total amount assessed on polls.	\$776.50
Amount of State tax assessed on property,	242.00
Amount of County tax assessed on property,	378.74
Town tax assessed on property,	8,107.00
TOTAL RATE PER CENT, OR RATE PER 1000.	12.50
Total State tax,	630.00
Total County tax,	766.74
Total Town tax,	8,107.00
Overlayings,	70.45
	\$9,574.19
TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.	
For Schools,	\$2,200.00
Paupers,	1,500.00
Highways and Bridges,	1,200.00

For Street lamps,	\$ 75.00
Town Clock,	22.00
Cemeteries,	50.00
School books,	200.00
School incidentals,	100.00
Prosecuting liquor sellers,	100.00
Building school house.	1,660.00
Building Town hall. (to be taxed this year)	1,000.00
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	\$8,107.00

TABLE SHOWING NO. OF POLLS, NO. OF SCHOOL CHILDREN, AND AMOUNT OF RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT TAXES ASSESSED IN EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Dist.	No. of Polls	No. of school children	Resident Taxes.	Non-resident Taxes.	Total.
1	37	14	\$1,056.41	\$ 23.88	\$1,080.29
2	43	32	389.39	310.88	700.27
3	45	35	1,156.80	39.42	1,196.22
4	78	52	1,635.82	31.87	1,667.69
5	16	11	343.56	19.37	362.93
6	37	30	607.42	178.44	785.86
7	24	16	445.15	79.62	524.77
8	108	55	1,608.92	1,647.24	3,256.16
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					\$9,574.19

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

School houses, \$11,000; Cemeteries, \$1000; Water works. \$500; Fire apparatus, \$100. Total assets, not including cash in treasury, \$12,600.

CHAUNCEY E. PECK, } Assessors  
 ALVIN CHILSON, } of  
 HENRY T. BOLLES, } Wilbraham.

Wilbraham, March 19, 1886.

# REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF WILBRAHAM.



The School Committee of Wilbraham submit the following report:

The work of our schools for the year just closed has for the most part, been as good as we could expect. Our teachers have been earnest and zealous in their labors; have shown a great deal of interest in the important work to which they have devoted themselves. There have been more changes among our teachers the past year than for some time previous; for this reason some of our schools have not shown that degree of excellence which they otherwise would under the continued labors of experienced teachers. We have always obtained the best results by retaining a teacher in the same school, when one was found with tact and ability. It necessarily takes valuable time for teachers and pupils to become mutually acquainted and ready to work together with that mutual sympathy which is so essential to the proper training of the pupil's mind.

A very great loss has been sustained during the past year, in the death of two of our most highly valued and successful teachers. It is a coincidence that they should have been con-

nected, at different times with the same school, and that it should be the scene of the last labors of both.

Miss Carrie E. Farnham devoted herself with great energy and fidelity to her work ; possessed a most happy faculty in the direction both of teaching and discipline and exerted an influence of the most gentle and yet positive kind over her pupils. Her amiability of spirit together with her energy, of character eminently fitted her for her work which with great heroism she continued until within a few days of her death. She died at her home in Dunstable, Mass., May 23, 1885.

Miss Lillie B. Pease succeeded Miss Farnham and after a term of thorough and conscientious service was compelled by disease to abandon the work to which she was greatly attached and died September 27, 1885. Miss Pease gave marked promise as a teacher. She felt the responsibility of her position and gave herself up with untiring devotion to the welfare of her pupils. Her pleasant and persuasive manners together with great gentleness of temper won their confidence and her death was the occasion of deep sorrow to all who knew her.

Drawing has been introduced into our schools. We think this study will prove very beneficial to the pupils in many ways. It will enable them to obtain correct ideas of form, size and distance. It cultivates the powers of observation by teaching the child to observe closely the forms which are to be drawn. It trains the hand to make upon the blackboard or paper the picture that is formed in the child's mind. It may seem a very simple and easy task to draw a straight line uniform in size some required length ; it is quite a different thing to take pencil or crayon and produce such a line. The true artist is one that makes every stroke of the brush, pencil or crayon mean something. The ability to make these master-strokes is only acquired by careful patient toil. We would impress upon our teachers the importance of having the work thorough in order to obtain the best results. The pupils seem interested in the work and if we were to offer any criticism it would be that they try to do

too much without taking as much pains as they should to do the work well. This study brought into the Common Schools will serve to develop any taste that the pupil may have for art or architecture. While we do not expect that every child will become an artist, we do believe that this study properly conducted will prove beneficial to all.

There were not enough pupils to warrant the expense of keeping school No. 1 during the spring and fall terms. In the winter there were twelve pupils, most of these were of such an age that they would attend only in the winter.

We have had thirty-four weeks of school the past year in most of our schools and we hope and think the town will be willing to have as many the coming year.

In accordance with the vote of the town at the last annual meeting, a nice school house with two rooms has been built in former District No. 2. Only one room was furnished in the fall as it was thought best to keep the school in the winter and see if more accommodations were necessary before furnishing the other room. There were over fifty pupils in the school and we expect that we shall have to keep two schools hereafter. In consequence of this we shall need a little larger appropriation for schools in order not to be obliged to shorten all of our schools. The second room has been supplied with furniture and is now ready for use.

School house No. 4 needs repairing on the inside and it has been thought best to treat it in the same manner in which No. 5 was fixed, by sheathing the interior, which will make a durable finish.

There were purchased during the first year that we came into the new arrangement:—

Books and supplies, amounting to		\$284.81
Amount delivered to schools,	\$221.37	
“ on hand April 1st, 1885,	63.44	
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Amount on hand April 1st, 1885,	\$63.44	
Purchased in 1885 & '86,	249.67	
	<hr/>	\$313.11
Amount on hand April 1st, 1886.	\$143.17	
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The revenues for the year now closing have been :

Appropriation,	\$2,500.00
From State school fund.	215.04
From Dog Tax,	88.22
Interest on Town Loan,	78.50
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Total,	\$2,881.76
Total expenditures,	2,799.28
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Balance in treasury,	\$82.48

Recommended for the following year :

Appropriation,	\$2,500.00
Permanent repairs,	200.00
Books and supplies.	200.00
Incidentals,	50.00
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Total,	\$2,950.00

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. D. WOODS.	}	<i>Committee.</i>
JASON BUTLER.		
JESSE L. RICE.		

# ROLL OF HONOR.

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## NOT ABSENT OR TARDY ONE TERM.

Louise Alexander.	Lizzie Foskit,	Burdette Mansfield,
Rosa Bumstead,	Willie Foskit,	Matthew McGrath.
Leon Bennett.	George Foskit.	James Powers,
Luther Butler.	Fred Gould,	Sarah Phelps,
Lena Butler,	Arthur Gill,	Charles Phelps,
Blanche Butler,	Herbert Green,	Loren Phelps,
Lillie Beebe,	Estella M. Green.	Kittie Powers.
Cora Beebe,	Oliver Green,	Thomas Powers.
Robert Coote,	Lydia Green,	Lee Rice,
Fannie Calkins.	Myra Gates,	Arthur Ricker,
Mabel Calkins,	Lillian Hitchcock,	Rosa Stevens,
Herbert Calkins.	Eugene N. Hill,	John Stevens,
Bernard Conery,	Luke W. Kibbe,	James Stevens.
Richard Davis,	Grace Lilley,	Arthur Stevens,
John Driscoll,	Bernard Lynch,	Thomas Sweeney.
W. Lester Emmons,	Frank Lynch,	Michael Sullivan,
Henry Edson,	Thomas Lyons,	Nora Winn,
John Chardon,	Charles Moody,	Mary Winn,
		Kate Winn.

## NOT ABSENT OR TARDY TWO TERMS.

George Bennett,	Raymond Pease.	James Seaver,
Gertrude Chase,	Wesson Phelps.	Annie Sullivan,
Frank Foskit,	Charles Ricker,	Maggie Sullivan.
Nellie Jennings.	Lizzie Stevens,	Mary Sullivan,
Blanche Knight,	Willie Stevens,	Herbert Tupper.
Minnie Morgan,	Cassius Seaver.	Frank Warner.

## NOT ABSENT OR TARDY ONE YEAR.

Ida J. Butler,	Cora Hollingsworth,	Nellie Morgan.
Benj. C. Butler,	Chas. Hollingsworth,	John Mack,
Albert H. H. Butler.	Henry Donovan,	Julia Winn.

## NOT ABSENT OR TARDY SEVEN YEARS.

Allyn Seaver.



# STATISTICAL TABLE.

Number.	NAME.	Length of Schools in Weeks.	Monthly Wages paid to Teachers.			Whole No. of Pupils.			Average Attendance of Pupils.			Incidentals.	Total teachers' wages.	Total expenditures for Schools.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.		
			Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter						
1	Atchinson.	12			\$ 27.00	27	34	12	19	24	8	\$30.25	81.00	111.25	Ella Green.	Mary E. Burns,	Cora M. Pease.
2	Langdon.	34	\$ 28.80	\$ 28.80	34.00	34	53	53	30	27	46	28.00	260.40	288.40	Carrie E. Farnham	Fannie C. Ray,	Mary E. Burns.
3	Merrick.	34	28.80	28.80	30.60	35	36	28	30	27	23	48.19	250.20	298.39	Lillie B. Pease,	Fannie C. Ray,	M. Adella Pease.
4	Wright.	34	30.60	30.60	30.60	39	42	36	38	38	30	32.20	260.10	292.30	Lofta Bragg,	Fannie H. Swift,	Jennie H. Swift.
5	Bliss.	34	25.20	25.20	27.00	16	22	15	15	20	14	27.79	219.60	247.39	Jennie H. Swift,	Emma W. Vinton,	Emma W. Vinton.
6	Butler.	34	31.00	31.00	32.00	35	20	28	25	17	22	46.70	266.50	313.20	Fannie A. Stebbins,	Fannie A. Stebbins,	Fannie A. Stebbins.
7	Glendale.	34	25.20	25.20	27.00	13	13	11	12	12	10	21.70	219.60	241.30	Evanore O. Beebe,	Evanore O. Beebe,	Fannie C. Ray.
8	Advanced. Primary.	34 33	28.80 28.80	28.80 28.80	30.60 30.60	31 29	38 24	35 26	28 25	32 20	31 22	*514.30	250.20 242.55	250.20 756.85	Emma P. Brewer, Maria E. Bliss.	Emma P. Brewer, Maria E. Bliss.	Emma P. Brewer. Maria E. Bliss.
Totals.		283	227.20	227.20	269.40	225	229	244	192	190	206	749.13	2,050.15	2,799.28			

\*Including \$394.17 for Books and Supplies, Globes, Maps, Charts etc.







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## LIST OF JURORS,

As Revised by the Selectmen.

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A. JACKSON BLANCHARD,  
ERASMUS B. GATES,  
BENJAMIN F. GREEN,  
HENRY M. BLISS,  
ALBERT A. PHELPS,  
JOHN SPEIGHT,  
ANSON SOULE,  
ANSON C. BREWER,

MYRON BREWER,  
GEORGE H. HASTINGS,  
CHAUNCEY E. PECK,  
JESSIE L. RICE,  
ELIAS S. KEYES,  
WILLIAM A. MOWRY,  
A. DELOS SEAVER,  
PHINEAS KNOWLTON,

HENRY CLARK.

## Articles in Town Warrant.

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ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2.—To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, School Committee and other town officers.

ART. 3.—To fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.

ART. 4.—To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

ART. 5.—To determine the number and manner of electing Highway Surveyors for the year ensuing.

ART. 6.—To see if the town will fix the compensation for labor on the highways; also to see how the town will apportion the appropriation for highways among the Highway Surveyors.

ART. 7.—To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, three Selectmen who shall be Overseers of the Poor, three Assessors, five Constables, four Fence Viewers, all on one ballot; also one School Committee for three years on a separate ballot; also a Collector of Taxes for the year ensuing, on a separate ballot; also to choose all other necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 8.—To decide by ballot which shall be “yes” or “no” the question, “Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?”

ART. 9.—To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 10.—To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for defraying the expenses of the town for the ensuing year, and appropriate the same, and vote how the same shall be raised.

ART. 11.—To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow such sums of money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year as may be sanctioned by the Selectmen, the same to be paid from said taxes.

ART. 12.—To see if the town will instruct the Assessors to publish the valuation list and assessment of taxes for current year.

ART. 13.—To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to improve the cemeteries of the town.

ART. 14.—To see if the town will provide for the adequate lighting of the streets in town.

ART. 15.—To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-two dollars to defray the expense of winding the clock on Memorial Church.

ART 16.—To see if the Town will instruct their Selectmen to prosecute any person or persons selling or transporting intoxicating liquors within this Town contrary to the laws of the Commonwealth.

ART. 17.—To see what disposition the Town will make of the Dog Fund of 1885.

ART. 18.—To see if the Town will instruct the School Committee to establish and maintain a school in connection with the Town of Hampden, located near the line between Wilbraham and Hampden.

ART. 19.—To see what action the town will take in the matter of insuring our school houses against fire and other damages.

ART. 20.—To see what action the town will take in the matter of the claim of Chauncey E. Peck.

# Report of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

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## SCHOOLS.

Total expenditures for salaries of teachers, books and incidentals, . . . . .		\$2,779.59
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## PAUPERS.

Expended as follows :

A. S. Tufts and wife, board and support at \$2.50 per week, each, . . . . .	\$260.00	\$260.00
Mrs. T. J. Downs and child, board and support at \$2.00 per week, . . . . .	49.56	
H. G. Webber, medical attendance, . . . . .	4.00	
	\$53.56	
Munn C. Jones and family, supplies, . . . . .	44.55	\$44.55
F. D. McClintock, board and care, . . . . .	25.71	\$25.71
Betsey Webster, supplies furnished by M. F. Beebe, . . . . .	9.60	
Supplies furnished by A. J. Blanchard, . . . . .	32.90	
“ “ E. B. Gates, . . . . .	29.30	
	\$71.80	
Emma L. Bliss, board and care, . . . . .	24.00	
Coal, . . . . .	3.56	
	\$27.56	
Mrs. Daniel Grady, supplies furnished by P. P. Potter, . . . . .	37.75	
Care and nursing, . . . . .	12.00	
Supplies furnished by H. K. Wight, . . . . .	53.05	

Fuel furnished by Edward Haley, .	\$35.00	
Medicine " J. H. Losee,	9.40	
Milk " D. C. Jones, .	8.10	
Supplies " John Cummings	1.75	
Medical attendance by Dr. Squier, .	27.00	
" " Dr. Hannum,	15.50	
	—	\$199.55
Calvin Robbins, for lodging tramps, and fuel for tramp house, . . . . .	102.12	
Mowry Bros., for coal, . . . . .	9.94	
Hubbard & Co., " . . . . .	1.68	
D. B. Montague, stove and fittings, .	10.28	
	—	\$124.02
William Davis, board, care, medicine and clothing, . . . . .	112.51	
Clothing, . . . . .	7.25	
	—	\$119.76
Mrs. Amo, supplies furnished by Henry Clark, . . . . .	3.50	
Medical attendance by H. A. Fisk, M. D., . . . . .	25.00	
	—	\$28.50
Abbie F. Knight, support at Northampton Lunatic Hospital, . . . . .		\$140.98
Caroline Bliss, support at Northampton Lunatic Hospital, . . . . .		\$172.28
Daniel A. Warner, support at North- ampton Lunatic Hospital, . . . . .		\$180.98
O. H. Langdon and wife, board and care,	78.00	
Medicine, . . . . .	1.95	
	—	\$79.95
John Connell :— (Charged to town of Concord, Mass.)		
Board, washing, nursing, etc., by James McDonald, . . . . .	130.49	
Nursing by Maggie McDonald, . . . . .	43.00	
Medical attendance by Dr. Gelineau,	100.00	
Burial expenses and coffin, . . . . .	19.50	
	—	\$292.99

John McLear :—

(Charged to State of Massachusetts.)

Surgical attendance, . . . . .	5.00	
Carrying to city hospital, . . . . .	4.50	
Support at city hospital, . . . . .	31.50	
R. R. fare, Springfield to Keene, N. H., . . . . .	3.00	
		————— \$44.00

Total expenditures for paupers, \$1,866.19

## TOWN OFFICERS AND CONTINGENCES.

## SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Henry Cutler, . . . . .	45.50	
Henry Clark, . . . . .	63.75	
P. P. Potter, . . . . .	42.00	
		————— \$151.25

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Jason Butler, . . . . .	35.00	
J. L. Rice, . . . . .	35.00	
C. D. Woods, . . . . .	38.75	
		————— \$108.75

## ASSESSORS.

A. Chilson, . . . . .	30.00	
W. F. Morgan, . . . . .	31.25	
H. T. Bolles, . . . . .	62.80	
		————— \$124.05

## REGISTRARS.

W. M. Green, . . . . .	7.00	
A. D. Seaver, . . . . .	7.00	
J. S. Albray, . . . . .	7.00	
W. E. Stone, . . . . .	10.00	
		————— \$31.00

## COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Hiram Danks, . . . . .	\$75.00
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A. J. Blanchard, services as Auditor, . . .	4.50
F. E. Clark, services as Bldg. Com., . . .	22.00
W. L. Collins, services as undertaker, . . .	67.00
S. E. Baker, posting town warrants, . . .	12.00
"    notifying town officers, . . .	10.50
W. E. Stone, postage, stationary, sorting and filing papers, and meeting Town Clerks at Monson, . . . . .	14.59
W. E. Stone, express and cash paid for legal advice, . . . . .	6.54
W. E. Stone, recording births, marriages, and deaths, . . . . .	20.70
M. F. Beebe, guide posts and setting. . .	\$ 1.00
H. G. Weber, returning births, . . . . .	1.00
L. J. Roy, returning births, . . . . .	.25
A. H. Bartlett, printing valuation list, . .	38.00
A. H. Bartlett, printing ballots and town reports, . . . . .	28.30
A. H. Bartlett, printing tax bills, . . . . .	1.75
Bosworth & Barrows, legal counsel 1885, . .	4.00
J. D. Gill, collector and assssors' books, . .	3.73
Springfield Printing Company, order book, . .	6.50
Orson Knowlton, repairs on water tank, . .	1.50
American Road Machine Company, blade for road machine, . . . . .	6.00
Henry Clark, to setting furniture and clean- ing school house District No. 2, . . . . .	13.40
Michael Kelley, swine killed by order of the Cattle Commissioners, . . . . .	52.50
E. B. Gates, interest on town loan, . . . . .	78.50
W. J. Skillings, painting road machine, . .	11.25
Wesleyan Academy, rent Music Hall, . . . .	40.00
C. G. Robbins, lease land for tramp house, . . . . .	10.00
Flynt Building and Construction Company plans and specifications for Memorial Hall, . . . . .	85.00

Henry Clark, postage, stationery and telegrams, . . . . .	5.25	
W. E. Stone, storage, postage and stationery, . . . . .	27.60	
	<hr/>	\$573.36
Total expenditures for contingencies and Town Officers, . . . . .		<hr/> \$1063.41

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Expended as follows :

Dist. No. 1, By Henry Clark, . . . . .	\$103.02	
2, M. J. Kelley, . . . . .	84.01	
3, A. A. Phelps, . . . . .	106.05	
4, Luther Markham, . . . . .	136.71	
5, Hiram Danks, . . . . .	113.95	
6, Alvin Chilson, . . . . .	171.42	
7, { E. E. Clark, . . . . .	109.89	
{ Marcus Daniel, . . . . .	10.47	
8, A. A. Phelps, . . . . .	133.80	
Town Palmer, grading hill near Walter Green's, . . . . .	60.00	
Alden Bros., timber for bridge, . . . . .	7.83	
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Total expenditures for highways and bridges, . . . . .		\$1037.15

## LIGHTING STREETS.

Oil, wicks, care, etc., at North Wilbraham, . . . . .	\$ 37.97	
Oil, wicks, care, etc., at Wilbraham street, . . . . .	45.43	
	<hr/>	\$83.40

## WINDING TOWN CLOCK.

Benjamin Gill, . . . . .	\$ 22.00
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## CARE OF CEMETERIES.

J. S. Albray, labor in cemetery near Deacon Adams', . . . . .	\$ 6.00	
E. E. Clark, cutting brush in Glendale cemetery, . . . . .	1.00	
Franklin Butler, labor in Butlerville cemetery, . . . . .	8.00	
C. C. Day, labor in Glendale cemetery, . . . . .	9.00	
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Total expenditure for care cemeteries,		\$ 24.00

## REPAIRING SCHOOL HOUSES.

Nathaniel Knowlton, plastering in District No. 4, . . . . .	\$ 28.95	
Henry Clark, labor and material in District No. 4, . . . . .	26.33	
W. J. Skillings, painting in District No.8, . . . . .	75.88	
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Total expenditures on school houses,		\$131.16

## STATE AID ACCOUNT. CHAP. 301 ACTS 1879.

Paid Rowena C. Bliss, . . . . .	\$48.00	
Frances M. Davis, . . . . .	48.00	
William Butler, . . . . .	48.00	
A. F. Johnson, . . . . .	21.00	
Catherine O Hara, . . . . .	28.00	
	<hr/>	193.00

## MILITARY AID. CHAP. 252 ACTS 1879.

Paid O. H. Langdon . . . . .	72.00	
	<hr/>	\$72.00

## SUMMARY.

	Expenditures.	Appropriations and Available Funds.
For Schools, . . . . .	\$ 2779.59	\$ 3151.80
Paupers, . . . . .	1866.19	1610.14
Contingences and Town Officers, . . . . .	1063.41	No appropriation
Highways and Bridges, . . . . .	1037.15	1200.00
Lighting Streets, . . . . .	83.40	75.00
Winding Town Clock, . . . . .	22.00	22.00
Care of Cemeteries, . . . . .	24.00	25.50
Repairs on School Houses, . . . . .	131.16	200.00
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	\$7006.90	6284.44

## RESOURCES OF TOWN.

Due from State of Mass., State Aid, . . . . .	193.00
Cattle Commissioners, . . . . .	42.00
Town of Concord, . . . . .	292.99
E. E. Clark, grass from Webster place, . . . . .	15.00
State Military Aid, . . . . .	36.00
Cash in Treasury, . . . . .	1393.49
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Total resources of town, . . . . .	\$1,972.48

## LIABILITIES.

Due on note, Mrs. Granger, . . . . .	\$318.00
Outstanding bills, . . . . .	167.00
Outstanding order, C. E. Peck, . . . . .	302.00
Flint Construction company, . . . . .	85.00
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	\$872.00
Balance in favor of the town, . . . . .	\$1,100.48

The Selectmen recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year :

For Schools, . . . . .	\$2,500.00
Paupers, . . . . .	1,500.00
Highways and bridges, . . . . .	1,200.00
Contingent expenses, . . . . .	1,500.00
Care of street lamps, . . . . .	75.00
Improving cemeteries, . . . . .	40.00
Winding Town clock, . . . . .	22.00

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY CUTLER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
HENRY CLARK,		of
PHILIP P. POTTER,		<i>Wilbraham.</i>

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury March 15th, 1886,	\$2,423.98
Received from M. F. Beebe, for grass and hay from Betsey Webster place,	38.00
Dwight W. Eddy, support at Northampton Insane Hospital of Annise P. Eddy,	45.50
Town of Ludlow, overpaid,	.50
Mary E. Burns, teacher, overpaid,	8.80
Druggists' license,	1.00
J. M. Merrick, town history,	2.00
Henry M. Bliss, auctioneers' license,	2.00
Burial lots in East Wilbraham cemetery,	25.50
Town of Palmer, tuition and school books, two years,	84.63
Josephine Granger, note outstanding,	333.00
State Treasurer, support state paupers,	19.14
State Treasurer, temporary support state paupers,	7.50
State Treasurer, corporation tax,	256.59
State Treasurer, National bank tax,	186.05
State Treasurer, state aid,	228.00
County Treasurer, dog fund,	115.40
State Treasurer, income Massachusetts school fund,	216.92
Hiram Danks, collector,	6,078.33
E. B. Gates, town loan committee, interest on town loan,	78.50
	\$10,151.34

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax, . . . . .	\$600.00
County tax, . . . . .	836.00
State and military aid—state, \$193.00 ; military, \$72.00, . . . . .	265.00
Josephine Granger, endorsed on note, . . . . .	15.00
Assessors' abatements, 1885 taxes, . . . . .	8.06
Assessors' abatements, 1886 taxes, . . . . .	111.64
Selectmen's orders, . . . . .	6,921.90
State Treasurer, one-fourth druggist license, . . . . .	.25
Cash in Treasury March 15, 1887, . . . . .	1,393.49
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	\$10,151.34

WALTER E. STONE, *Town Treasurer.*

Wilbraham, March 15, 1887.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

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Valuation of personal estate, . . . . .	\$150,081.00
Valuation of real estate, . . . . .	. 542,030.00
	\$692,111.00
Total valuation, . . . . .	\$692,111.00
Number of Acres of land taxed, . . . . .	12,931
Dwelling houses, . . . . .	296
Horses, . . . . .	224
Cows, . . . . .	473
Sheep, . . . . .	68
Poll-tax for men, . . . . .	\$2.00
Poll tax for women, . . . . .	.50
Number of polls at at \$2.00 each, . . . . .	435
Number of polls at 50 cents each, . . . . .	1
Total amount assessed on polls, . . . . .	\$870.50
Total number of persons paying a tax on property, . . . . .	176
Total number of persons paying a poll tax only, . . . . .	259
Amount of state, county and town tax assessed on property, . . . . .	\$5,189.83
Town tax assessed on property, . . . . .	3,753.83
Total State tax, . . . . .	\$600.00
Total County tax, . . . . .	836.00
Total Town tax, . . . . .	4,547.00
Total tax committed to collector, . . . . .	\$5,060.33

## TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

For lighting streets in town, . . . . .	\$75.00
Winding clock on Memorial Hall, . . . . .	22.00
Schools, . . . . .	100.00
Books and supplies for schools, . . . . .	200.00
Incidentals, . . . . .	50.00
Permanent repairs of school houses, . . . . .	200.00
Paupers, . . . . .	1,500.00
Highways and bridges, . . . . .	1,200.00
Contingencies, . . . . .	1,200.00

## NUMBER OF SCHOOL CHILDREN IN EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

District No. 1, 10; No. 2, 44; No. 3, 35; No. 4, 49; No. 5, 19; No. 6, 23; No. 7, 16; No. 8, 44. Total number of children, 240.

No. Militia, . . . . .	215
No. of dogs, . . . . .	60
No. of steam boilers, . . . . .	14

## ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

School houses, \$13,000; Cemeteries, \$1000; Water works, \$500; Fire apparatus, \$100. Total assets, not including cash in treasury, \$14,600.

H. T. BOLLES,	} Assessors of Wilbraham.
W. FRANKLIN MORGAN,	
ALVIN CHILSON,	

Wilbraham, March 16, 1887.

## Report of the School Committee of the TOWN OF WILBRAHAM.

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The School Committee of the Town of Wilbraham submit the following report :

The schools during the year just closing have, on the whole, been very successful. The Spring Term in No. 6 was an exception to this. While the teacher employed came to us highly recommended, and was, from an educational standpoint, amply qualified to teach the scholars of the district, her powers of government were so small that her term's work was a failure, and the school was closed after having been kept seven weeks. We were fortunate in the selection of her successor, and the school has been put into first-class condition, and the work done has been of an excellent character.

There have not been scholars enough to warrant maintaining a school in No. 1. The school was opened in the Spring, but after three weeks it was closed, only five scholars having appeared.

Only one school was maintained in No. 2 during the Spring and Fall, but in the Winter both rooms were occupied, as the number of scholars warranted the extra school.

Both schools at No. 8 were closed in the seventh week of the Winter Term on account of the prevalence of scarlet fever in the Depot Village. After remaining closed four weeks they were again opened, but so few scholars appeared it was thought best to close them till the Spring Term. They opened for the Spring Term March 21st, two weeks before the other schools, and the term will be of thirteen weeks in order to make up for part of the time lost in Winter.



During the latter half of the Winter Term a vacation was given to Miss Beebe, the teacher in No. 7, on account of her health, and the term was finished by Miss Cora Pease. Miss Beebe is expecting to resume her duties in the Spring Term. The other schools in the town have been kept open the same number of weeks as last year, viz, thirty-four, and they have been successfully taught.

From some reason not evident to us, there has been a falling off throughout the year in the attendance at some of the schools, so that during the Winter Term there were thirty-two less scholars in our schools than in the preceding spring. In this connection we would earnestly call the attention of parents to the importance of sending their children to the schools, and sending them *regularly*. The average attendance of scholars for the year was 78 per cent of the number registered in the schools. This number of absences practically reduces the amount of schooling more than one-fifth, the number of school days per week from five to four, and the number of weeks of school from thirty-four to twenty-seven. Not only does this irregularity in attendance affect the scholar who is absent, but it affects the scholarship of each school and interferes with thoroughness and completeness of the work of instruction. Allow us to again urge upon parents the fact that an absence from school is not a light matter.

The long established custom of employing, when practical, residents of the town as teachers, and of retaining the same teachers term after term, has been kept up, and, in our opinion, much of the success that has attended our schools is due to this latter fact. In the term just opening there is only one change in teachers, and this does not give us a new teacher, but is a transfer from one school to another.

Some years ago it was found necessary to reduce the salaries paid teachers, and this was effected by a scaling down of ten per cent. This left the salaries at very peculiar amounts as, \$25.20, \$28.80 and \$30.60 per month. These have been slightly modified so that we are now paying \$26, \$28 and \$30 per month.

The only repairs made during the year, were plastering the walls and ceiling of No. 4 and painting the outside of No. 8. Our school houses are now in very good condition, and will not need to have any expenditures of importance upon them during the coming year.

Before submitting our financial report, a few words of explanation may help to a clearer understanding.

At the last town meeting we asked for and obtained the appropriation with the expectation that there would be ten schools of three terms each, making an aggregate of 340 weeks. As stated above, the number of pupils in No. 1 was so small that it was closed after running only three weeks, and while No. 2 was a very large school, we thought it better economy to pay higher wages to one teacher than to run two schools during the Spring and Fall. These facts, with the unexpected shortening of Nos. 6 and 8, reduced the total number of weeks of school to 275, or five-sixths of time anticipated. As seen from this we ought to have one-sixth of the appropriation left in the treasury, which will be seen to be the case. The item of books and supplies is unusually large this year from the fact that one bill amounting to \$144.96 should have been paid from last years' appropriation, but was presented too late, and hence appears in this years' expenses. The Town of Palmer finds it more convenient to have some of its scholars attend school No. 6 in this town, than to provide schooling in Palmer for them. As this does not interfere with the success of the school in any way, this has been permitted, and the town of Palmer has been charged a proportional part of the expenses of the school. For amount thus received see below.

The revenues for the current year have been :—

Appropriation for schools,	.	.	.	\$2500.00
Appropriation for books, supplies, etc.,	.	.	.	250.00
From Mass. School Fund,	.	.	.	216.92
From Dog Tax of 1885,	.	.	.	100.25
Interest on Town Loan,	.	.	.	78.50

Town of Palmer, tuition for 1884-5,	.	.	32.16
Town of Palmer, tuition for 1885-6,	.	.	52.47
Total,	.	.	<u>\$3230.30</u>
Total expenditures for schools, 1886-7,	.	.	<u>2779.92</u>
Balance in treasury,	.	.	\$450.38

From the liability of its being necessary to maintain ten schools, part or all of the year, we would recommend the same appropriations for the following year as were made for the present, viz :—

Appropriation,	.	.	.	.	\$2500.00
Books and supplies,	.	.	.	.	250.00
Total,	.	.	.	.	<u>\$2750.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

JASON BUTLER,  
 JESSIE L. RICE,  
 CHAS. D. WOODS, } *Committee.*

# ROLL OF HONOR.

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## NOT ABSENT OR TARDY ONE TERM.

Joseph Baldwin,	Mary Lynch,
Cora Beebe,	Johnnie Lyons,
Leon J. Bennett,	Albert Markham,
Clara Brunelle,	Arthur Miller,
Flossie Brunelle,	Bertie Pease,
Joseph Brunelle,	Charlie Phelps,
Luther Butler,	Sarah Phelps,
Minnie Callahan,	Tommie Powers,
Jimmie Canty,	Charlie Raymond,
Patsey Conery,	Arthur Ricker,
Jimmie Connors,	George Rist,
Minnie Connors,	Allyn Seaver,
Robert Coote,	George Stebbens,
Charlie Day,	Arthur Stevens,
Henry I. Edson,	John Stevens,
Lizzie Foskit,	Lizzie Stevens,
Willie Foskit,	Russell C. Stevens,
E. Grace Greene,	Josie Sweeney,
Lydia Greene,	Herbert E. Tupper,
Stella M. Greene,	John Wynn,
Annie Hakey,	Julia Wynn,

Chas. E. Hollingworth.

## NOT ABSENT OR TARDY TWO TERMS.

Louise Baker,	Herbert F. Greene,
George Bosthwick,	William W. Greene,
May Canty,	Charlie Stone,
Gertrude A. Chase,	Alice Veasy,
Ella Fitzgerald,	Kate Wynn,
Frank Foskit,	Arthur Gill,

Cora E. Hollinsworth.

## NOT ABSENT OR TARDY ONE YEAR.

Blanche B. Butler,	James Seaver,
Olive L. Greene,	Willie Taylor,
Cassius B. Seaver,	Nora Wynn.

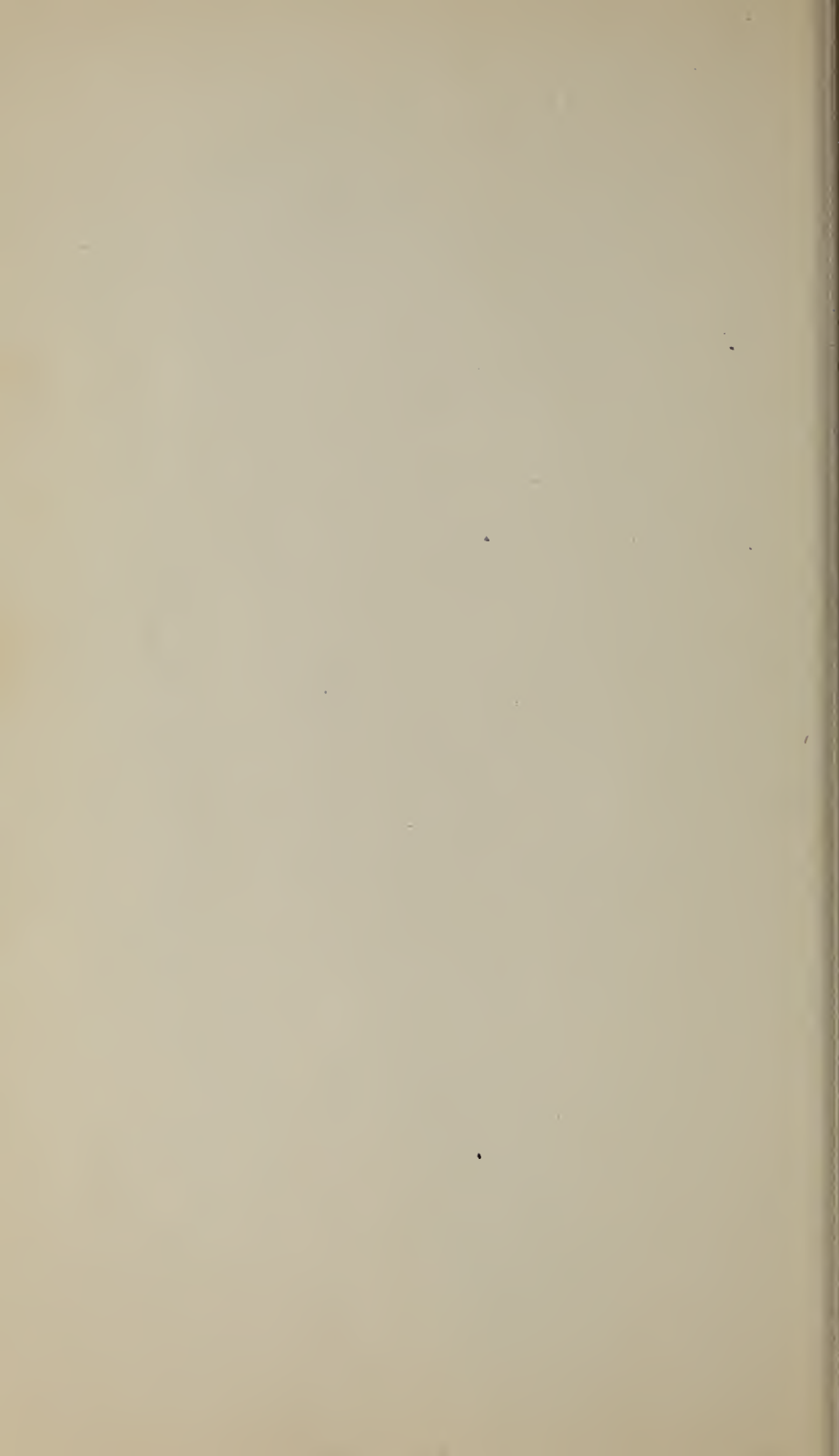
## NOT ABSENT OR TARDY TWO YEARS.

Ida J. Butler,	Albert H. H. Butler,
Benj. C. Butler,	Willie M. Morgan.

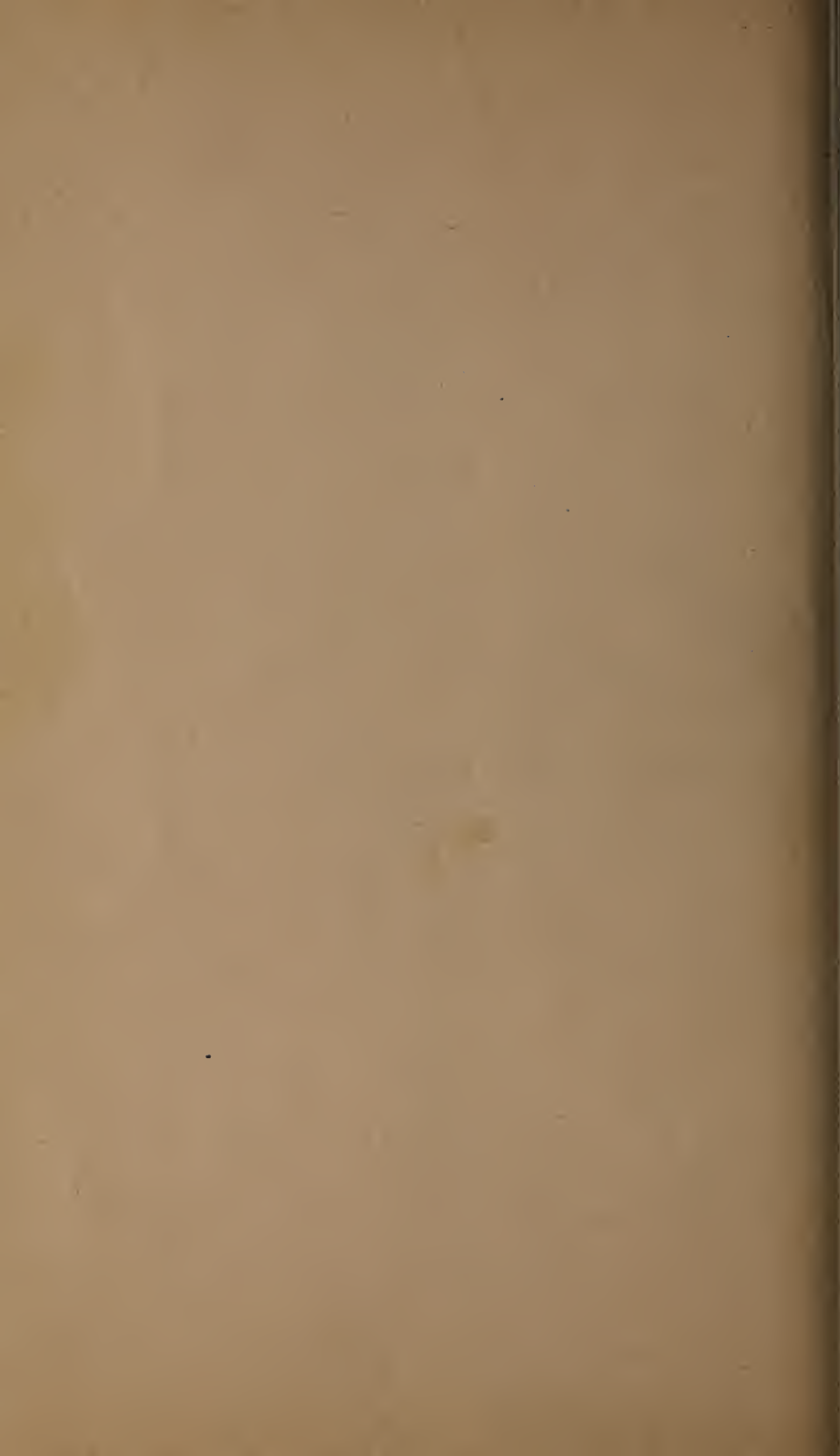
# STATISTICAL TABLE.

Number of School.	Grade of School.	Length of School in Weeks.	Monthly Wages paid to Teachers.			Whole No. of Pupils.			Average Attendance of Pupils.			Incidentals.	Total Teachers' Wages.	Total expenditures for Schools.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.			
			Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter							
1	Ungraded.	3	\$25.20			5		5								SPRING.		
2	Primary. Advanced.	34	32.00	\$32.00	\$30.00	50	55	39	38	43	33	\$46.41	266.50	\$20.16	365.41	Cora M. Pease, Mary E. Burns,	Mary E. Burns,	Mary E. Burns, Nancy M. Bragg,
3	Ungraded.	34	28.80	30.00	30.00	33	29	26	26	23	18	27.50	251.70	279.20	M. Adele Pease, Fannie Merrick,	Fannie Merrick, Clara A. Markham,	Fannie Merrick, Clara A. Markham,	
4	Ungraded.	34	30.60	30.60	30.00	35	32	28	33	28	26	37.70	258.30	296.00	Jennie H. Swift,	Clara A. Markham,	Clara A. Markham,	
5	Ungraded.	34	25.20	26.00	28.00	26	18	19	14	15	16	29.02	224.80	253.82	Emma W. Vinton, Sarah E. Norton,	Emma W. Vinton, Lucella J. Bancroft,	Emma W. Vinton, Lucella J. Bancroft,	
6	Ungraded.	31	28.80	30.00	30.00	34	32	31	28	21	25	8.68	230.40	259.08	Sarah E. Norton,	Lucella J. Bancroft,	Lucella J. Bancroft,	
7	Ungraded.	34	25.20	26.00	28.00	17	17	13	12	14	12	30.50	218.80	249.30	Evanore O. Beebe,	Evanore O. Beebe,	Evanore O. Beebe,	
8	Primary. Advanced.	30	28.80	30.00	30.00	40	35	27	36	28	16		221.70			Fannie Stebbins, Fannie Stebbins, Maria E. Bliss,	Jennie H. Swift, Fannie Stebbins, Maria E. Bliss,	Jennie H. Swift, Fannie Stebbins, Maria E. Bliss,
8	Totals.	275	253.40	234.60	266.00	266	247	234	210	196	186	783.36	1,996.56	2,779.92	*1,046.95			

\*Including \$538.60 for books and supplies for all the schools.









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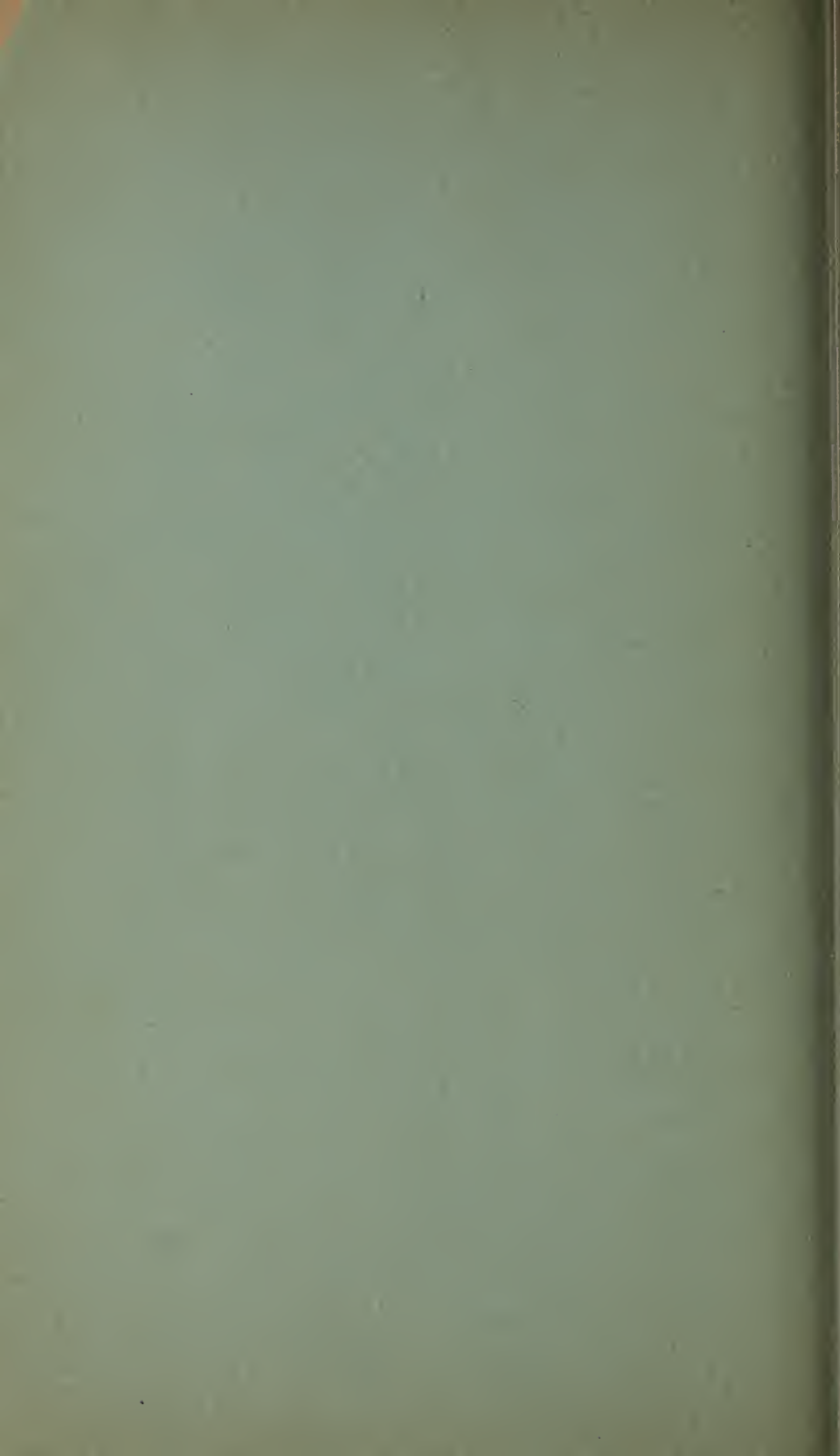
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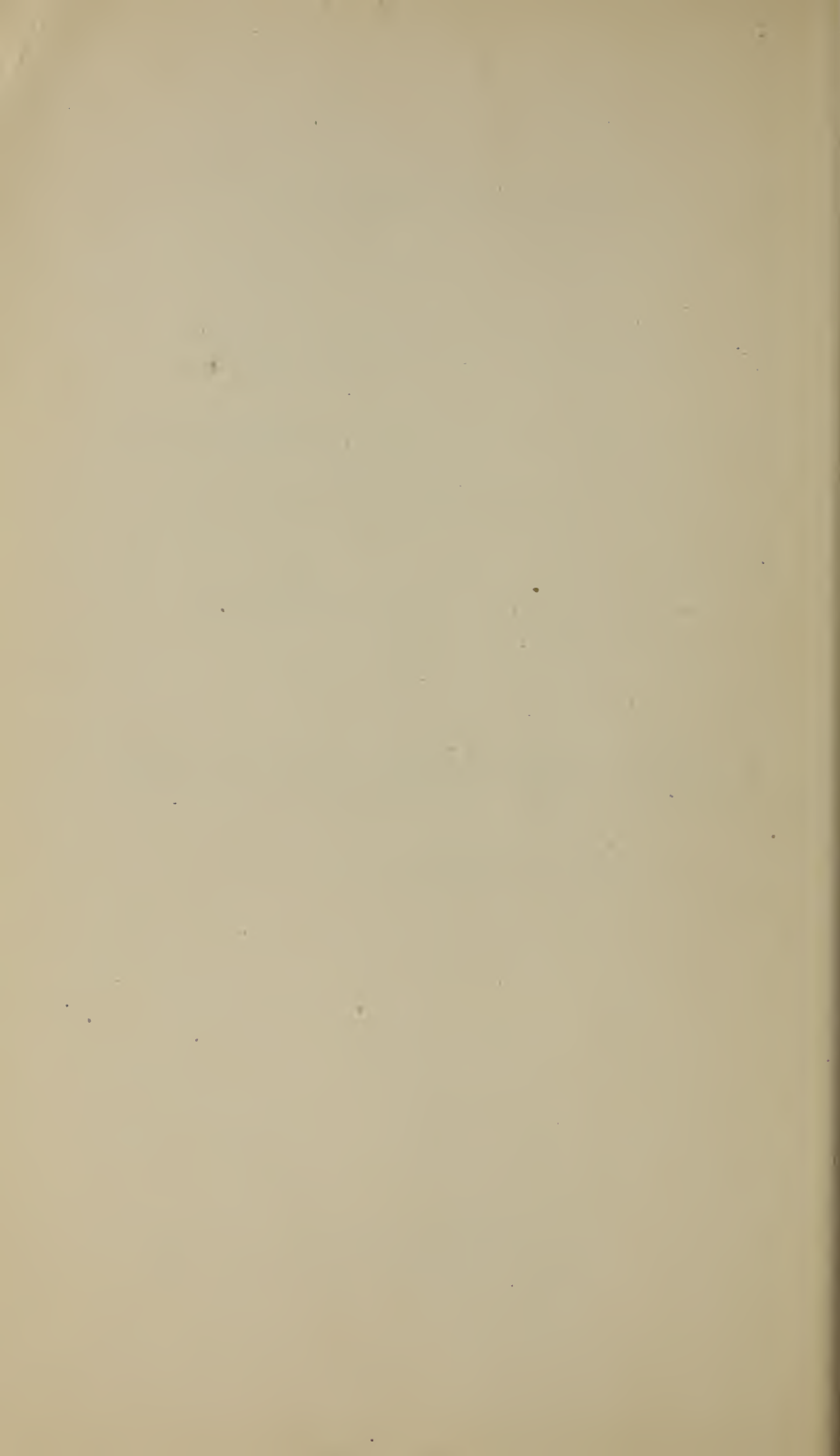
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## LIST OF JURORS,

As Revised by the Selectmen.

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ERASMUS B. GATES,  
BENJAMIN F. GREEN,  
HENRY M. BLISS,  
ALBERT A. PHELPS,  
ANSON SOULE,  
ANSON C. BREWER,  
CHARLES A. CORBIN,  
MARCUS DANIELS,  
FRANCIS M. ANGELL,

JAMES RICHARDS,  
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GEORGE H. HASTINGS,  
CHAUNCEY E. PECK,  
JESSIE L. RICE,  
ELIAS S. KEYES,  
WILLIAM A. MOWRY,  
A. DELOS SEAVER,  
PHINEAS KNOWLTON.

## Articles in Town Warrant.

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ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2.—To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, School Committee and other town officers.

ART. 3.—To fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.

ART. 4.—To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

ART. 5.—To determine the number and manner of electing Highway Surveyors for the year ensuing.

ART. 6.—To see if the town will fix the compensation for labor on the highways; also to see how the town will apportion the appropriation for highways among the Highway Surveyors.

ART. 7.—To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, three Selectmen who shall be Overseers of the Poor, three Assessors, five Constables, four Fence Viewers, all on one ballot; also one School Committee for three years on a separate ballot; also a Collector of Taxes for the year ensuing, on a separate ballot; also to choose all other necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 8.—To decide by ballot, which shall be “yes” or “no,” the question, “Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?”

ART. 9.—To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 10.—To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for defraying the expenses of the town for the ensuing year, and appropriate the same, and vote how the same shall be raised.

ART. 11.—To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow such sums of money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year as may be sanctioned by the Selectmen, the same to be paid from said taxes.

ART. 12.—To see if the town will provide for the adequate lighting of the streets in town.

ART. 13.—To see if the Town will instruct their Selectmen to prosecute any person or persons selling or transporting intoxicating liquors within this Town contrary to the laws of the Commonwealth, or take any action in regard to the same.

ART. 14.—To see what disposition the Town will make of the Dog Fund of 1886.

ART. 15.—To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to build or place a school house on the ground formerly occupied by the old No. 3 school-house, and establish and maintain a school there.

# Report of the Selectmen

## and Overseers of the Poor.

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### SCHOOLS.

Salaries of teachers, . . . . .	\$2,090.00
Books, paper, ink, pencils, etc., . . . . .	\$144.05
Purchase and care of same, . . . . .	18.00
Commission, . . . . .	10.00
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	\$172.05
Fuel and incidentals, . . . . .	265.87
Cleaning and care of school houses and sawing wood, . . . . .	86.13
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Total expenditure for schools, . . . . .	\$2,614.05

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### REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

J. C. Cooley, District No. 2, . . . . .	\$8.44
H. Danks, District No. 5, . . . . .	2.75
H. Danks, District No. 7, . . . . .	7.85
H. Danks, District No. 8, . . . . .	5.25
E. S. Keyes, labor and material on various houses, . . . . .	39.57
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Total expenditure on school houses, . . . . .	\$63.86



## PAUPERS.

Expended as follows :

A. S. Tufts and wife, board and care, . . . . .		\$260.00
Caroline Bliss's support at Northampton lunatic hospital, . . . . .	\$52.08	
Coffin and funeral expenses, . . . . .	28.50	
	<hr/>	\$80.58
Abbie S. Knight, support at Northampton lunatic hospital, . . . . .		\$169.68
Daniel A. Warner, support at Northampton lunatic hospital, . . . . .		\$183.12
O. H. Langdon and wife, board and care, . . . . .		\$72.00
Betsey Webster, supplies and care, last year, . . . . .	20.20	
Betsey Webster, supplies and care, this year, . . . . .	79.39	
	<hr/>	\$99.59
Wm. Davis, board, care and clothing, . . . . .		\$119.23
Emma L. Bliss, board and care, . . . . .		\$102.00
Mrs. Daniel Grady, supplies, . . . . .	129.36	
Medical attendance, J. W. Hannum, . . . . .	11.00	
	<hr/>	\$140.36
Munn C. Jones, rent, last year, . . . . .		\$24.50
E. W. Ferris, supplies, . . . . .		\$18.55
Mrs. Elmer F. Barden, cash, charged city of Springfield, . . . . .		\$4.00
Rachael Pomery, expense to Shelburne Falls, charged town of Buckland, . . . . .		\$4.60
Mrs. Wm. Barrows, wood, charged town of Wendell, . . . . .		\$4.50
James Olmsted, supplies, . . . . .	16.00	
Medical attendance, J. W. Hannum, (Charged to State of Massachusetts.) . . . . .	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$19.00
Wm. Barrows, telegraphing death of, . . . . .		\$1.69
Timothy Powers, expense of wife at Springfield city hospital, . . . . .		\$29.00
Refunded by Powers, \$14.		

J. F. McGuan and family :—

(Charged to City of Holyoke.)

Medical attendance, J. W. Hannum,	18.00	
Medicine, nursing and burial expenses,	42.96	
Supplies, . . . . .	257.37	
	<hr/>	\$318.33
C. G. Robbins, for lodging tramps, and fuel, . . . . .	138.74	
Coal, . . . . .	22.09	
	<hr/>	\$160.83
Total expenditure for paupers,		<hr/> <hr/> \$1,811.56

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## TOWN OFFICERS.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

C. D. Woods, . . . . .	50.00	
J. L. Rice, . . . . .	37.50	
Jason Butler, . . . . .	35.00	
	<hr/>	\$122.50

### SELECTMEN.

Henry Cutler, . . . . .	49.50	
A. C. Brewer, . . . . .	43.50	
	<hr/>	\$93.00

### ASSESSORS.

H. T. Bolles, . . . . .	58.00	
W. F. Morgan, . . . . .	31.00	
Geo. I. Hammel, . . . . .	30.00	
	<hr/>	\$119.00

### TAX COLLECTOR.

Hiram Danks, . . . . .		\$75.00
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### REGISTRARS.

W. E. Stone, . . . . .		\$10.00
		<hr/> <hr/> \$419.50

## CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

E. B. Gates, interest on town loan, . . . .	\$78.50
W. L. Collins, service as undertaker, . . . .	73.25
E. W. Wall, notifying town officers, . . . .	18.00
E. W. Wall, writing and posting warrants, . . . .	18.00
E. W. Wall, expense and station charges, H. Moriarty,	2.20
E. W. Wall, expense and station charges, T. Clematis,	2.07
E. W. Wall, expense and station charges, D. Lane, . . . .	1.25
E. W. Wall, expense and station charges, J. Courtney,	1.25
E. W. Wall, notifying H. Clark of election, . . . .	1.50
As Representative :	
P. B. Murphy, dog posters, . . . .	1.00
J. D. Gill, book and blanks for assessors, . . . .	3.60
C. B. Fisk & Co., town reports and ballots, . . . .	17.35
Gates & Co., blanks for registrars, . . . .	5.50
C. L. Long, legal service, 1885, . . . .	16.00
C. E. Stacy, storage, weights and measures, . . . .	6.00
Dr. J. T. Webber, returning births, . . . .	1.50
N. W. and J. P. Rand, returning births, . . . .	.50
Geo. M. Stearns, legal service, . . . .	206.00
A. M. Copeland, legal service, 1885, . . . .	5.00
W. E. Stone, express, postage, stationary, etc., . . . .	17.05
W. E. Stone, storage, . . . .	25.00
W. E. Stone, returning births, marriages and deaths, . . . .	27.35
Hiram Danks, expense and labor on sewer, . . . .	7.45
Mrs. E. M. Allis, rent of room for registrars, . . . .	4.00
W. L. Collins, rent of room, 2 years, for selectmen and registrars, . . . .	24.00
J. Baldwin, rent of hall for 1887 and 1888, . . . .	40.00
A. H. Bartlett, tax-bill blanks, . . . .	1.75
Wm. Lincoln & Co., insurance of school houses, 5 years,	120.00
Total contingencies,	\$725.07

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Expended as follows :

Dist. No. 1, By Henry Clark, . . . .	\$95.46
2 M. J. Kelley, . . . .	111.84

Dist. No. 3-8	A. A. Phelps,	.	.	.	165.22
4	Luther Markham,	.	.	.	103.35
5	Hiram Danks,	.	.	.	154.50
6	Alvin Chilson,	.	.	.	201.76
7	Marcus Daniels,	.	.	.	64.56
Town of Ludlow, half expense of lighting bridge,					15.45
Alden Bros., plank for bridge near Henry Clark's,					12.86
Alden Bros., plank for bridge near Henry Clark's,					14.86
P. P. Potter, plank for bridges near Henry Clark and					
Chas. Rindge,					9.00
W. H. Day, railing near cider mill,					5.98
A. Chilson, snowing Red Bridge,					4.00

## REPAIR AND ESTIMATES ON RED BRIDGE.

E. H. Waid, labor,	.	.	.	\$8.00	
T. D. Potter & Co., lumber,	.	.	.	9.00	
C. A. Smith, labor,	.	.	.	2.00	
Geo. White, inspection and estimates,	.	.	.	14.50	
P. P. Potter, time and expense,	.	.	.	10.00	
				<u>\$43.50</u>	43.50
Half charged Town of Ludlow,					
Total expenditure Highways and Bridges,					<u>\$1,002.34</u>

## LIGHTING STREETS.

Oil, wicks, care, etc., North Village,	.	.	.	\$31.59	
Oil, wicks, care, etc., South Village,	.	.	.	49.88	
				<u>\$81.47</u>	
New street lamps at North Village,	.	.	.		\$32.52

## CARE OF CEMETERIES.

J. S. Albray, old yard,	.	.	.	\$10.00	
C. C. Day, Glendale,	.	.	.	4.95	
Franklin Butler, Butlerville,	.	.	.	8.00	
				<u>\$22.95</u>	

## STATE AID. CHAP. 301, ACTS 1879.

Paid Rowena C. Bliss,	.	.	.	\$48.00	
Francis M. Davis,	.	.	.	48.00	
William Butler,	.	.	.	48.00	
Catherine O'Hara,	.	.	.	20.00	
				<u>\$164.00</u>	

## MILITARY AID. CHAP. 252, ACTS 1879.

Paid O. H. Langdon, . . . . .	\$144.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$144.00

## SUMMARY.

Expended for Schools, . . . . .	\$2,614.05	
Paupers, . . . . .	1,811.56	
Highways and bridges, . . . . .	1,002.34	
Lighting streets, . . . . .	81.47	
New street lights, . . . . .	32.52	
Care of cemeteries, . . . . .	22.95	
Repair of school houses, . . . . .	63.86	
Contingencies, . . . . .	725.07	
State aid, . . . . .	164.00	
Military aid, . . . . .	144.00	
Town officers, . . . . .	419.50	
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Total expenditures for year,		\$7,081.32

## RESOURCES OF TOWN.

Due from State of Mass., State aid, . . . . .	\$164.00	
State Military Aid, . . . . .	72.00	
J. Olmsted, . . . . .	3.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$239.00
Town of Ludlow, . . . . .		12.25
Town of Wendall, . . . . .		4.50
Town of Buckland, . . . . .		4.60
City of Holyoke, . . . . .		105.77
City of Springfield, . . . . .		4.00
Cattle commissioners, . . . . .		42.00
E. E. Clark, grass from Webster place, 1886, . . . . .		15.00
Timothy Powers, . . . . .		15.00
Uncollected taxes, 1887, . . . . .		392.92
Cash in treasury, . . . . .		1,512.94
		<u>          </u>
		\$2,347.98

## LIABILITIES.

Outstanding bills, (estimated) . . .	300.00	
Outstanding order, C. E. Peck, . . .	302.00	
	<hr/>	\$602.00
Balance in favor of the town, . . .		<hr/> \$1,745.98

The Selectmen recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year :

For Schools, . . . . .	\$2,200.00
Paupers, . . . . .	1,500.00
Highways and Bridges, . . . . .	1,500.00
Contingent expenses, . . . . .	1,300.00
Care of street lamps, . . . . .	100.00
Care of cemeteries, . . . . .	40.00

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY CUTLER, } *Selectmen*  
 PHILIP P. POTTER, } *of*  
 ANSON C. BREWER, } *Wilbraham.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, March 15, 1887, . . . . .	\$1,393.49
Received from M. F. Beebe, balance for hay from Betsey Webster's land, . . . . .	5.00
Town of Concord, John Cornwell case, . . . . .	293.99
For druggist's license, . . . . .	1.00
Springfield Safe Deposit & Trust Co., loan, . . . . .	1,000.00
Timothy Powers, part of City Hospital bill for wife, . . . . .	14.00
Cutler & Co., loan, . . . . .	500.00
Hiram Danks, grass from Betsey Web- ster's land, . . . . .	17.00
State Treasurer, corporation tax, . . . . .	276.82
State Treasurer, National bank tax, . . . . .	222.14
State Treasurer, State aid, Chap. 252, Acts 1879, . . . . .	24.00
State Treasurer, State aid, Chap. 301, Acts 1879, . . . . .	207.00
State Treasurer, temporary support, State Paupers, . . . . .	16.00
State Treasurer, income Massachusetts school fund, . . . . .	216.25
County Treasurer, dog fund, . . . . .	133.37
Town of Ludlow, half expense repair- ing red bridge, . . . . .	9.50

Received from City of Holyoke, support John F. McGuan's family, . . . .	212.56
Town of Palmer, Tuition, . . . .	59.50
E. B. Gates, town loan committee, Interest on town loan, . . . .	78.50
Hiram Danks, Collector, . . . .	7,667.69
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	\$12,347.81

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid Josephine Granger, balance on note, . . . .	\$318.00
Interest on same, . . . .	16.00
State Treasurer, one-four druggist's license, . . . .	.25
County tax, . . . .	836.00
State tax, . . . .	900.00
Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Co., loan, . . . .	1,000.00
Interest on same, . . . .	17.00
Abatement on taxes, . . . .	71.05
Cutler & Co., loan, . . . .	500.00
Interest on same, . . . .	10.25
State aid, . . . .	164.00
Military aid, . . . .	144.00
Selectmen's orders (old), . . . .	85.00
Selectmen's orders, . . . .	6,773.32
Cash in Treasury, March 16th, 1888, . . . .	1,512.94
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	\$12,347.81

WALTER E. STONE, *Treasurer.*

Wilbraham, March 16th, 1888.



## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT, 1887.

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Births recorded, . . . . .	36
Males, . . . . .	16
Females, . . . . .	20
Marriages, . . . . .	15
Deaths, . . . . .	31
Males, . . . . .	15
Females, . . . . .	16
Wages assigned, . . . . .	7
Mortgages, . . . . .	6
Other documents, . . . . .	1
Dogs licensed, . . . . .	81
Males, . . . . .	79
Females, . . . . .	2

Wilbraham, March, 1888.

WALTER E. STONE,

*Town Clerk.*

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### CERTIFICATE OF AUDITOR.

I hereby certify that I have carefully examined the accounts of the Selectmen for the past year and find them correctly kept, and vouchers for all orders drawn on the Treasurer.

I have also examined the books of the Treasurer, and find all payments properly vouched for, the amounts correct, and the amount of cash on hand to be fifteen hundred and twelve dollars and ninety-four cents (\$1,512.94).

F. A. WARREN, *Auditor.*

Wilbraham, March 16, 1888.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

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Valuation of personal estate, . . . .	\$166,155.00
Valuation of real estate, . . . .	533,916.00
	\$700,071.00
Total valuation, . . . .	
Number of Acres of land taxed, . . . .	12,901
Dwelling houses, . . . .	301
Horses, . . . .	222
Cows, . . . .	488
Sheep, . . . .	21
Poll-tax for men, . . . .	\$2.00
Poll-tax for women, . . . .	.50
Number of polls at \$2.00 each, . . . .	408
Number of polls at 50 cents each, . . . .	1
Total amount assessed on polls, . . . .	816.50
Total number of persons paying a tax on property, . . . .	193
Total number of persons paying poll-tax only, . . . .	216
Amount of State, County and Town tax assessed of property, (including overlayings) . . . .	\$7,244.11
Town tax assessed of property, . . . .	6,290.00
State tax, . . . .	900.00
County tax, . . . .	836.00
Total town tax, . . . .	6,324.61
Total tax committed to collector, . . . .	8,060.61

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### TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

For Schools, . . . .	\$2,500.00
School books and supplies, . . . .	250.00
Paupers, . . . .	1,500.00

Paid Highways and bridges, . . . .	1,200.00
Contingencies, . . . .	1,500.00
Transportation of scholars, . . . .	100.00
Lighting streets, North Village, . . . .	50.00
Lighting streets, South Village, . . . .	50.00
Prosecution of illegal liquor selling, . . . .	200.00

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ASSETS.

School houses, \$13,000 ; cemeteries, \$1,000 ; water-works, \$500 ; fire apparatus, \$100. Total assets, not including cash in the treasury, \$14,600.

H. T. BOLLES,	} Assessors	
W. F. MORGAN,		of
GEORGE I. HAMEL,		Wilbraham.

# Report of the School Committee of the Town of Wilbraham.

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In presenting our report for the current year there is but little that can be said more than is shown in the tables accompanying this. The year has been a good one for the schools. No epidemic has prevailed in any part of the town during the school year, and all of the schools with the exception of No. 1, have been running the usual number of weeks. During part of the winter term of last year, School, No. 8 was closed, and for this reason the spring term was 13 weeks long, making a total of 36 weeks instead of 34 as in the other schools. The number of scholars has been so small in District No. 1 that no school has been opened there during the year.

Your committee has been somewhat undecided as to the best plan of conducting school No. 2. During the spring and fall the attendance was hardly large enough to warrant two schools, and yet it was almost too large for one. During the winter the attendance has been larger and two schools have been maintained, and we are hoping that this may continue to be the case.

The following extract from the "Records of the School Committee" will show what action was taken in regard to a union school with town of Hampden. "The Chairman and Secretary of the Committee met the Hampden School Committee at a private school room in a house in Hampden near the Wilbraham line to

consult in relation to the establishment of a union school in accordance with a vote of the town at the last town meeting. It was decided to refer the matter of the establishment of the school to Hampden, and that in case the school should be established, Hampden should maintain the school, and that Wilbraham should for the current year pay tuition, at the rate of cost per scholar for maintainance of the school, for all scholars attending from the families of Mr. Bliss and Mr. Soule. Also that Wilbraham should furnish text books for the scholars from these two families so far as they were of the same kind as used in Hampden, and that for all others furnished by Hampden a fair amount should be paid for their use." The Hampden School Committee established the school, and four scholars attended from the above named families. The cost to Wilbraham is \$37.30. The bill was received from Hampden too late to be paid this year and will appear in next year's account.

A few scholars from Palmer attended school No. 6, and tuition was received from them in proportion to cost of school. The amount thus received this year was \$59.50.

Most of our school houses, having been built before text books were furnished by the town, did not have closets in which the books and supplies could be kept. During the present year closets have been built in school houses Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. In the entry of No. 4 a large closet was built for the storage of the books and supplies kept on hand for all the schools. The cost of all these closets was \$39.57.

At the last annual town meeting \$100 was appropriated for transportation of scholars. The committee have had no requests for transportation and the money remains unexpended.

The tables will be found to contain more of the details of the schools than those of preceding years. Under "Incidentals" in table 3, are included care of house, brooms, pails, and small repairs. At the end of each term the teachers report to the

Secretary of the Committee the number of books in the school and their condition, whether good, fair or poor. In estimating the value of books in schools, (Table III, last column) books in good condition are considered of three-fourths cost value, fair one-half, and poor one fourth cost. This does not include maps, globes, books of reference, etc.

Value of books on hand, March, 1887, . . .	\$130.75	
Value of supplies on hand, March, 1887, . . .	60.06	
Paid for books during year, . . . . .	79.80	
Paid for supplies during year, . . . . .	54.05	
	<hr/>	\$324.66
Paid purchase, care and delivery books, etc., . . .	30.00	
Paid express, postage, etc., . . . . .	6.90	
Paid for rubber stamp and ink, . . . . .	3.30	
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Total cost, books and supplies, etc., 1887-8, . . .	174.05	
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Books delivered to schools, (table III) . . . . .	78.88	
Supplies delivered to schools, (table III), . . . . .	37.78	
	<hr/>	\$116.66
Value new books on hand, March, 1888, . . . . .	131.67	
Value supplies on hand, March, 1888, . . . . .	76.33	
	<hr/>	\$208.00
Value books in use in schools, (table III) . . . . .	358.56	
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Total value books and supplies, . . . . .	\$576.56	

The revenues for the current year have been as follows :

Appropriation for schools, . . . . .	\$2,500.00
Appropriation for books and supplies, . . . . .	250.00
Appropriation for transportation of scholars, . . . . .	100.00
From State school fund, . . . . .	216.25
From dog tax of 1886, . . . . .	115.40
Interest on town loan, . . . . .	78.50
Town of Palmer, tuition for 1886-7, . . . . .	59.50
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Total, . . . . .	\$3,319.65

## Expenditures :—

Teachers,	.	.	.	.	.	2,090.00
Fuel,	.	.	.	.	.	246.52
Books, supplies, etc.,	.	.	.	.	.	174.05
Incidentals,	.	.	.	.	.	103.48
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Total,	.	.	.	.	.	\$2,614.05
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Balance in treasury,	.	.	.	.	.	\$705.60

We would recommend an appropriation of \$2,500 for school purposes for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE L. RICE,  
 CHARLES D. WOOD, } *Committee.*  
 JASON BUTLER,



## ROLL OF HONOR.

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### NOT ABSENT OR TARDY ONE TERM.

Joseph Allore,	Helen Gill,
Pemelia Allore,	Susie Haskill,
John Baldwin,	Herbert F. Greene,
Lilla M. Beebe,	Howard Markham,
Imogene E. Bennett,	Victoria Maurice,
Alfred Brunelle,	Raymond Pease,
Flossie Brunelle,	Nellie Peck,
Lena Brunelle,	Herbert F. Pierce,
Valena Brunelle,	Sarah Phelps,
Herbert Calkins,	Annie Powers,
Bernard Canerey,	Allyn Seaver,
Annie Connors,	Cassius Seaver,
Sarah Coote,	Clara Skillings,
Charlie Darrah,	Arthur Stevens,
Mamie Day,	Willie Stevens,
Henry Edson,	Josie Sweeney,
Frank Foskit,	Ernest Welch,

Kate Wynn.

### NOT ABSENT OR TARDY TWO TERMS.

Joseph Baldwin,	Chas. E. Hollingsworth,
Joseph Brunelle,	Albert Markham,
Gertrude A. Chase,	Minnie M. Morgan,
Colda Couture,	Tommy Powers,
Rosa Couture,	Charles Raymond,
Alice Coote,	Arthur Ricker,
Arthur Gill,	James Seaver,
Stella M. Greene,	Charles Spencer,
William W. Greene,	Willie Taylor,

Nora Wynn.

NOT ABSENT OR TARDY ONE YEAR.

Charles Day,  
Frank Gould,

Clare Raymond,  
Julie Wynn,  
John Wynn.

NOT ABSENT OR TARDY TWO YEARS.

Olive L. Greene.

TABLE I.

Number of School.	MONTHLY SALARIES.		NAMES OF TEACHERS.		
	Spring and Fall.	Winter.	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
2 A	\$32 00	\$30 00	Mary E. Burns,	Mary E. Burns,	Mary E. Burns, Leila E. Bennett,
2 P	.....	28 00	.....	.....	Harriet F. Ray,
3	30 00	30 00	Fannie Merrick,	Fannie Merrick,	Fannie Merrick,
4	30 00	30 00	Clara Markham,	Clara Markham,	Clara Markham,
5	26 00	28 00	Emma W. Vinto,	Emma W. Vinto,	Cora M. Pease,
6	30 00	30 00	Nellie F. Tiffany,	Luella J. Bennett,	Constance E. Allan,
7	26 00	26 00	Evanore O. Beebe,	Evanore O. Beebe,	Evanore O. Beebe,
8 A	30 00	30 00	Cora M. Pease,	Cora M. Pease,	M. B. Pratt,
8 P	30 00	30 00	Maria E. Bliss,	Maria E. Bliss,	Maria E. Bliss,

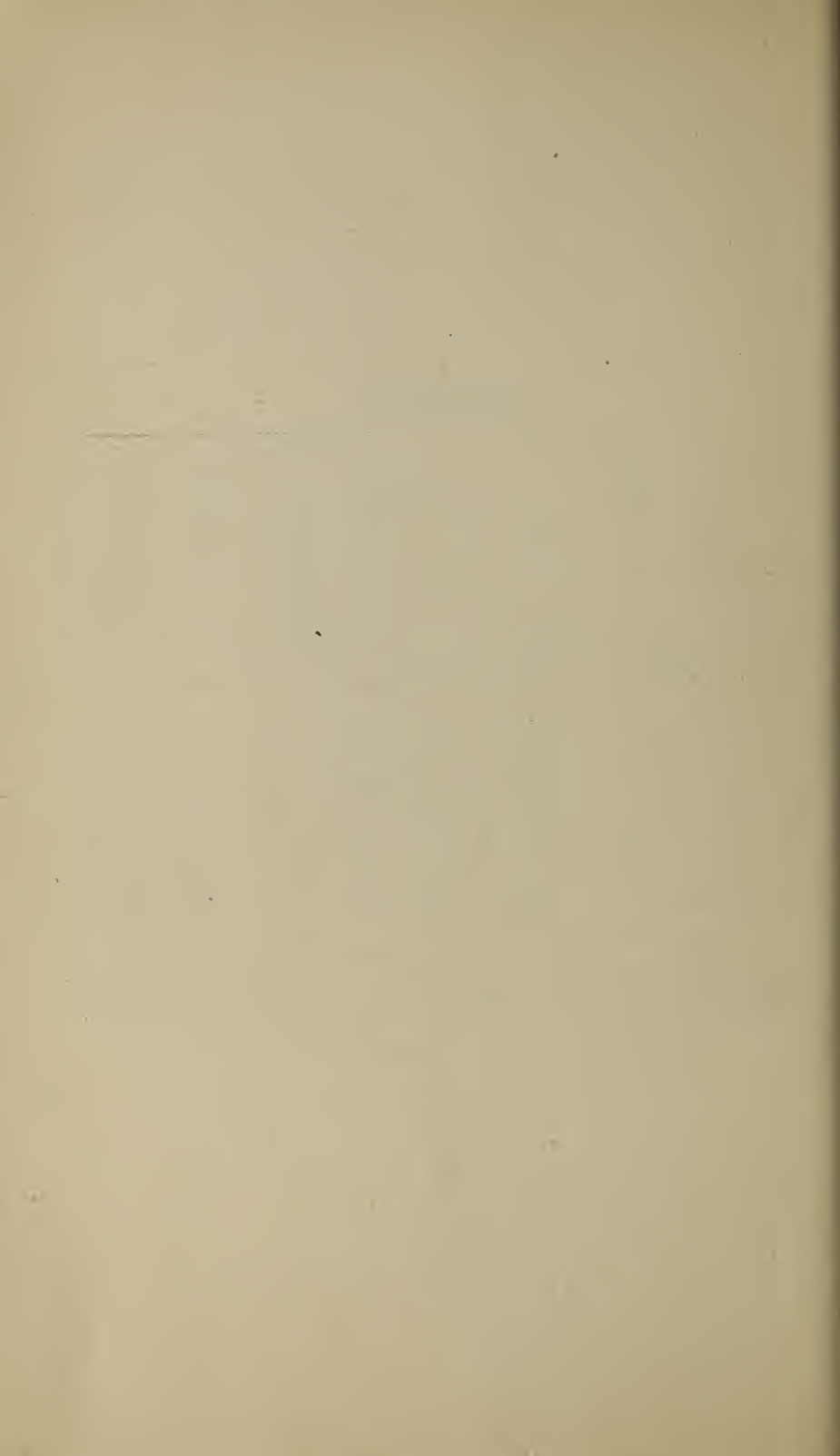
TABLE II.

Number of School.	WHOLE No. OF SCHOLARS.				AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP.				AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.				Percentage Attendance during the year.
	Spring	Fall	Winter	Year.	Spring	Fall	Winter	Year.	Spring	Fall	Winter	Year.	
2 A	45	50	26	62	39.6	45.6	23.3	43.6	35.7	42.3	20.3	39.9	89.9
2 P			28				22.2				10.3		
3	24	22	22	29	17.6	19.9	20.7	19.4	16.0	18.1	18.8	17.6	90.8
4	37	32	30	40	33.9	30.5	29.6	31.3	30.7	28.4	27.4	28.8	92.
5	19	18	23	24	19.	16.2	19.4	18.2	18.4	14.	14.4	15.6	85.7
6	25	27	26	29	24.4	23.2	23.1	23.5	20.5	19.2	20.	19.9	84.7
7	15	15	12	17	13.7	14.	11.3	13.	11.9	10.8	10.8	11.2	86.1
8 A	23	26	26	31	20.5	23.1	22.9	22.2	18.3	17.3	19.8	17.4	78.4
8 P	32	32	34	39	28.6	28.9	29.4	28.9	26.	26.4	25.3	25.9	89.6
Total	220	222	227	271	197.3	201.3	201.9	200.2	177.5	176.5	173.1	175.6	87.7

TABLE III.

Number of School.	Length of school in Weeks.	Total paid Teachers.	Fuel.	Incidentals.	Total Expenditure for Schools.	Value of books delivered to Schools.	Value of supplies delivered to Schools.	Value of Books in use in Schools (Estimated)
2 A	34	\$266.00	\$49.75	\$ 9.45	\$400.70	\$ 9.48	\$ 7.71	\$52.31
2 P	12	75.50						
3	34	255.00	20.00	9.07	284.07	2.77	3.26	49.82
4	34	255.00	27.15	14.88	297.03	3.88	4.11	44.38
5	34	227.00	20.50	13.92	261.42	11.39	3.72	41.39
6	34	250.50	41.12	11.80	303.42	28.50	7.35	59.31
7	34	221.00	33.00	5.96	259.96	8.00	2.91	30.04
8 A	36	270.00	55.00	212.45*	807.45*	13.62	4.82	62.68
8 P	36	270.00				1.94	3.90	18.63
Total.	288	\$2 090.00	\$246.52	\$277.53	\$2,614.05	\$78.88	\$37.78	\$358.56

\*Including \$174.05 for books and supplies for all the schools.









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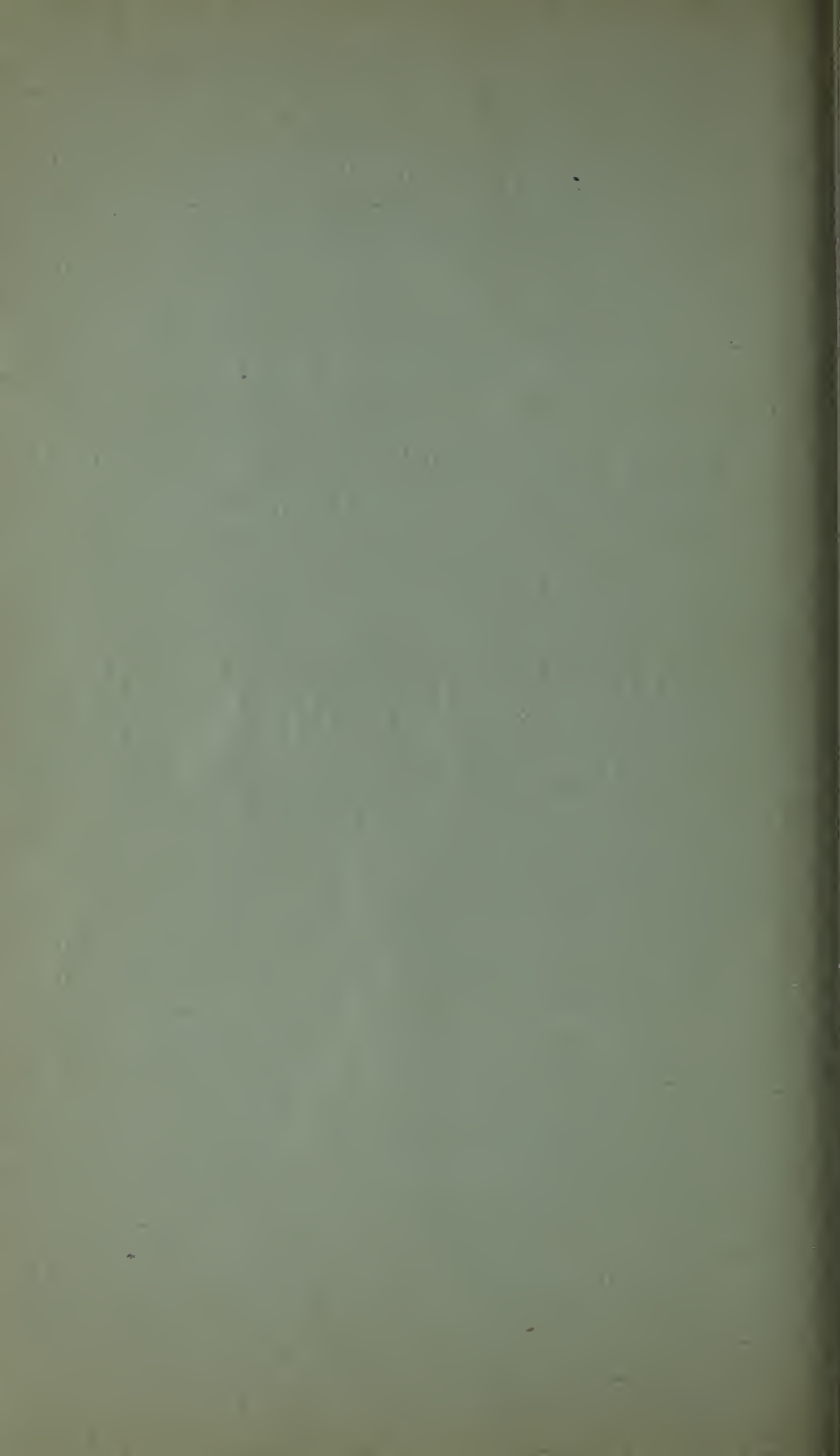
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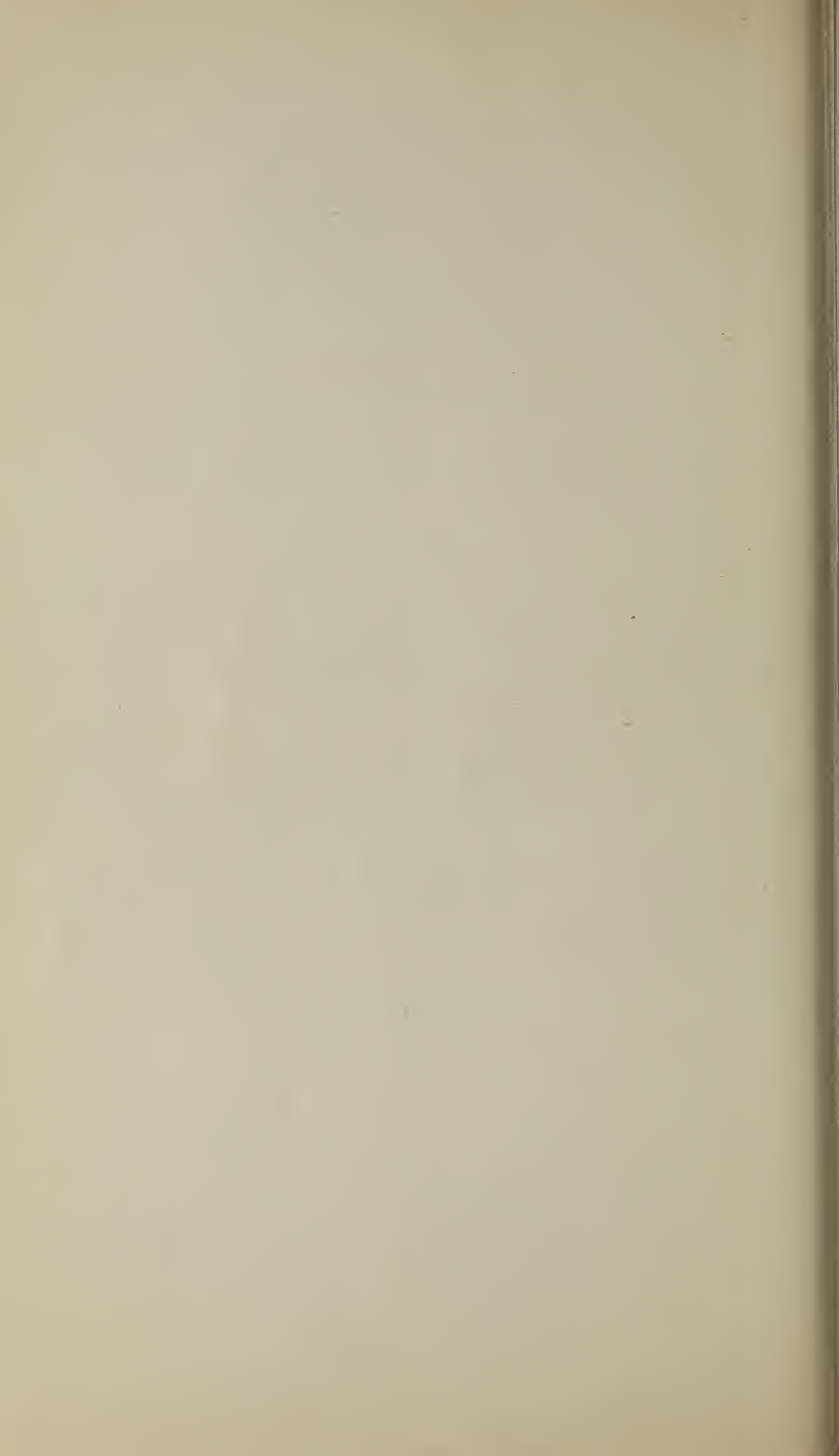
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# LIST OF JURORS,

AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN.

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E. B. GATES,  
ANSON C. BREWER,  
HIRAM DANKS,  
JASON BUTLER,  
CLARENCE P. BOLLES,  
EDMUND W. JONES,  
FRED W. GREEN,  
JAMES RICHARDS,  
ALVIN CHILSON,

ALBERT A. PHILLIPS,  
MARCUS DANIELS,  
A. DELOS SEAVER,  
WILLIAM H. DAY,  
DE WIT MOWRY,  
FRED A. WARREN,  
CHARLES C. BEEBE,  
HENRY CUTLER,  
HENRY M. BLISS.

## ARTICLES IN TOWN WARRANT.

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

ART. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, School Committee and other town officers.

ART. 3. To fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To determine the number and manner of electing highway surveyors for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To see if the town will fix the compensation for labor on the highways; also to see how the town will apportion the appropriations for highways among the highway surveyors.

ART. 7. To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, three Selectmen, who shall be Overseers of the Poor, three Assessors, five Constables, four Fence Viewers, one Auditor, all on one ballot; also one School Committee for three years, one School Committee for two years on a separate ballot; also a Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year on a separate ballot; also to choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To decide by ballot which shall be "Yes" or "No" the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 9. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the selectmen.

ART. 10. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for defraying the expenses of the town for the ensuing year, and appropriate the same, and vote how the same shall be raised.

ART. 11. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as may be sanctioned by the Selectmen, the same to be paid from taxes.

ART. 12. To see if the town will provide for the adequate lighting of the streets in town.

ART. 13. To see if the town will instruct their Selectmen to prosecute any person or persons selling or transporting intoxicating liquors within this town contrary to the laws of this commonwealth, or take any action in regard to the same.

ART. 14. To see what disposition the town will make of the dog fund of 1889.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to purchase or lease a farm for the maintenance of the town's poor, or instruct the Overseers of the Poor in regard to their maintenance.

ART. 16. To see if the town will instruct the Assessors to publish the valuation list and assessment of taxes for the current year.

ART. 17. To see if the town will grant money for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to pay Martin S. Howard for injuries received in the highway.

ART. 19. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to harden the road leading from the Depot to Wilbraham street.

ART. 20. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to have a survey of the highways in town.

ART. 21. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 431 of the Acts of 1888, relating to the employment of a Superintendent of Schools and appropriate money therefor.

# Report of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

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## SCHOOLS.

Salaries of teachers, . . . . .	\$2,153.50
Books and supplies, . . . . .	256.36
Purchase, care and delivery of same and ex- press, . . . . .	38.99
Fuel and incidentals, . . . . .	284.35
Care of school houses, . . . . .	86.35
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Amount paid, . . . . .	\$2,819.55
Less amount refunded by J. L. Rice, . . . . .	2.00
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Total expenditures for schools, . . . . .	\$2,817.55

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## TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.

Anson Soule, . . . . .	\$50.00
Geo. H. Hastings, . . . . .	20.00
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Total, . . . . .	\$70.00

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## REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

E. S. Keyes, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 7 and 8, . . . . .	\$15.16
E. S. Keyes, lumber and labor on fence at No. 1, . . . . .	18.36



C. A. Brewer, posts for fence at No. 1, . . .	\$ 8.25
F. D. Benton, Nos. 5, 7 and 8, . . .	72.02
N. Knowlton, Nos. 4, 5 and 6, . . .	8.00
E. Bliss, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, . . .	27.60
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Total, . . . . .	\$149.39

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PAUPERS.

Mrs. E. F. Barden and child, charged to Springfield, . . . . .	\$ 16.00
Abbie S. Knight, support at Northampton Lunatic Hospital, . . . . .	169.46
Daniel A. Warner, same, and burial ex- penses, . . . . .	157.99
A. S. Tufts and wife, . . . . .	216.21
Mrs. Morris, . . . . .	51.33
Henry Gray, . . . . .	76.00
Gillon, McQuilty child, burial expenses, charged to State, . . . . .	5.75
Betsey Webster, . . . . .	141.83
Munn C. Jones and family, . . . . .	86.05
Wm. Davis, . . . . .	60.46
W. A. Perry and family, . . . . .	126.53
Henry A. Squires, charged to South Hadley, . . . . .	42.43
O. H. Langdon and wife, . . . . .	72.00
Rachel Pomeroy, charged to Buckland, . . . . .	49.75
Joseph Micher, charged to State of Mass., . . . . .	346.11
John Moulton and wife, . . . . .	13.92
Brainard Lucas, . . . . .	49.13
Henry Raynor (charged to Hampden, \$14.47), . . . . .	37.83
Andrew Hodge, charged to Agawam, . . . . .	305.75
W. H. Page's family, . . . . .	64.77
H. B. Simons, tramps, fuel, rent of land, etc., . . . . .	112.08
C. G. Robbins, tramps and fuel, . . . . .	33.14
Coal and sundry expenses for Tramp House, . . . . .	16.45
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Total expenditures for paupers, . . . . .	\$2,250.97

## LIGHTING STREETS.

North Village, . . . . .	\$73.43
South Village, . . . . .	62.81
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Total, . . . . .	\$136.24

## CARE OF CEMETERIES.

C. C. Day, Glendale, . . . . .	\$ 6.00
L. Holman, Old Yard, . . . . .	10.00
F. Butler, North Wilbraham, . . . . .	9.00
C. M. Calkins, stakes for yard at North Wilbraham, . . . . .	1.20
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Total, . . . . .	\$26.20

## PAINTING FENCE AT GLENDALE.

C. C. Day, labor, . . . . .	\$ 1.50
W. F. Morgan, labor, . . . . .	10.00
W. E. Stone, paint, . . . . .	15.00
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Total, . . . . .	\$26.50

## MEMORIAL DAY.

C. E. Peck, Treasurer Veteran Soldiers' Association, . . . . .	\$75.00
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## TOWN OFFICERS.

## SELECTMEN.

W. F. Morgan, . . . . .	\$56.00
Jason Butler, . . . . .	48.00
C. E. Stacy, . . . . .	62.97
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Total, . . . . .	\$166.97

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Jason Butler,	.	.	.	.	\$45.00
Ethelbert Bliss,	.	.	.	.	36.25
C. D. Woods,	.	.	.	.	47.50
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Total,	.	.	.	.	\$128.75

## ASSESSORS.

J. L. Rice,	.	.	.	.	\$75.18
Geo. I. Hamel,	.	.	.	.	28.00
Thomas H. Mack,	.	.	.	.	25.00
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Total,	.	.	.	.	\$128.18

## TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER.

J. A. Parker,	.	.	.	.	\$15.00
Henry Cutler,	.	.	.	.	15.00
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Total,	.	.	.	.	\$30.00

## AUDITOR.

F. A. Warren,	.	.	.	.	\$3.50
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## TAX COLLECTOR.

Hiram Danks,	.	.	.	.	\$75.00
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## SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

C. E. Stacy,	.	.	.	.	\$6.25
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## REGISTRARS.

A. D. Seaver, to April 1st, 1889,	.	.	.	.	\$ 6.00
W. M. Green, to October 30, 1889,	.	.	.	.	12.50
W. E. Stone, to April 17, 1889,	.	.	.	.	3.00
F. W. Green, to October 4, 1889,	.	.	.	.	7.50
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Total,	.	.	.	.	\$29.00

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Dist. No. 1. James Richards, . . .	\$194.05
2. Munroe Pease, . . .	98.29
3. A. A. Phelps, . . .	127.46
5. M. A. Lane, . . .	197.54
6. B. B. Green, . . .	164.08
6. F. M. Angell, . . .	118.49
7. Wm. Clark, . . .	176.16
8. J. F. Phelps, . . .	185.79
Luther Markham, . . .	9.62
W. F. Morgan, . . .	6.00
E. B. Gates, sewer pipe, nails, etc., . . .	8.04
F. D. Thompson, repairing road scraper, . . .	.50
O. F. Benedict, . . .	12.00
C. C. Day, . . .	4.80
W. L. Collins, . . .	40.12
Benjamin Butler, railing, . . .	3.28
Cutler & Co., boards for canal bridge, . . .	.85
Alden Bros., plank, . . .	4.50
C. W. Nash, shingling river bridge, . . .	31.88
C. E. Stacy, car fare to Palmer, . . .	.25
F. F. Marcy, shingles, lumber and nails for river bridge, . . .	103.96
F. F. Marcy, material and labor on canal bridge, . . .	346.83
F. D. Benton, labor on canal bridge, . . .	4.37
Town of Ludlow, one-half expense lighting bridge, 1888-89, . . .	30.38
Amount paid, . . .	\$1,869.24
Less rebate freight on lumber, . . .	12.60
Total expenditures, . . .	\$1,856.64

## CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

Wesleyan Academy, rent for Music Hall, 1888, . . .	\$ 40.00
C. B. Fiske & Co., printing town reports, . . .	22.10

E. W. Wall, posting warrants and services at the polls, . . . . .	\$ 14.00
Esther M. Allis, rent of room for Registrars, . . . . .	6.00
The Republican Co., advertising, . . . . .	1.90
Arthur B. Curtis, York safe, . . . . .	175.00
Maynard & Spellman, getting by-laws approved, . . . . .	5.00
Springfield Printing Co., Assessors' books, . . . . .	3.00
E. S. Keyes, repairing Hook and Ladder house, . . . . .	1.95
J. Hitchcock, labor, moving safe, . . . . .	.75
Thos. H. Kearney, notifying town officers and services at the polls, . . . . .	15.00
W. E. Stone, express, postage, stationery and storage 3 months, . . . . .	7.45
W. L. Collins, Undertaker, . . . . .	131.25
W. L. Collins, rent of room for Selectmen and Registrars, . . . . .	2.25
Henry Clark, services on Memorial Hall committee, . . . . .	18.00
Mrs. F. S. Beebe, services M. F. Beebe, same, . . . . .	16.00
C. E. Stacy, keys and express, . . . . .	1.30
A. H. Bartlett, tax bills, . . . . .	2.00
C. B. Fiske & Co., Selectmen's orders, . . . . .	5.00
H. G. Loomis, furniture for office, . . . . .	17.00
E. B. Gates, lamp for office, . . . . .	1.50
B. & A. R. R. Co., freight on safe, . . . . .	4.40
F. F. Marcy, material for voting booths, . . . . .	4.44
Jason Butler, labor on voting booths, . . . . .	4.00
Thos. H. Kearney, posting warrants, . . . . .	6.00
E. B. Gates, supplies for voting booths, . . . . .	.95
J. A. Parker, express, postage and stationery, . . . . .	5.62
C. L. Gardner, opposing petition of G. L. Collins, . . . . .	3.00
F. A. Warren, meeting Town Clerks, . . . . .	4.00

F. A. Warren, express, postage and stationery, . . . . .	\$ 4.05
Geo. W. Stearns, fee in Peck case, June, 1888, . . . . .	25.00
F. A. Warren, recording births, marriages and deaths, . . . . .	30.05
W. L. Collins, rent for office to April 1st, . . . . .	27.00
W. L. Collins, moving safe and books, . . . . .	5.00
N. W. Rand, M. D., reporting births, . . . . .	.75
H. C. Burr, supporting watering trough, . . . . .	4.38
F. D. Benton, moving Tramp House, . . . . .	38.00
Henry Cutler, postage, . . . . .	2.50
Wesleyan Academy, rent for Music Hall to April 1st, . . . . .	40.00
Joseph Baldwin, rent for hall, . . . . .	40.00
J. L. Rice, Tax Collector's book, express and postage, . . . . .	2.31
L. A. Burleigh, one-half expense resetting monument on town line, . . . . .	1.00
L. Markham, care of water tank, . . . . .	2.00
A. J. Blanchard, adm'r, rent Knowlton place, . . . . .	25.00
E. B. Gates, interest on town loan, . . . . .	78.50
Total, . . . . .	<u>\$844.40</u>

## STATE AID, CHAP. 301, ACTS OF 1889.

Paid Rowena C. Bliss, . . . . .	\$24.00
Francis M. Davis, . . . . .	38.00
Wm. Butler, . . . . .	44.00
J. L. Grout, . . . . .	21.00
Total, . . . . .	<u>\$127.00</u>

## MILITARY AID, CHAP. 279, ACTS OF 1889.

Paid O. H. Langdon, . . . . .	\$144.00
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## SUMMARY.

Expended for schools, . . . . .	\$2,817.55
Transportation of pupils, . . . . .	70.00
Repairs on school houses, . . . . .	149.39
Paupers, . . . . .	2,250.97
Lighting streets, . . . . .	136.24
Care of cemeteries, . . . . .	26.20
Painting cemetery fence at Glendale, . . . . .	26.50
Memorial Day, . . . . .	75.00
Town Officers, . . . . .	567.65
Highways and bridges, . . . . .	1,856.64
Contingencies, . . . . .	844.40
State aid, . . . . .	127.00
Military aid, . . . . .	144.00
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Total expenditures, . . . . .	\$9,091.54

## RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Due from State of Massachusetts, State aid, . . . . .	\$157.00
State Military aid, . . . . .	84.00
City of Springfield, . . . . .	133.29
Town of Wendell, . . . . .	4.50
Cattle Commissioners, . . . . .	42.00
Grass from Webster place, 1886, . . . . .	15.00
Timothy Powers, . . . . .	15.00
Uncollected taxes, . . . . .	221.57
Cash in treasury, . . . . .	360.17
State of Massachusetts, . . . . .	333.51
Town of Hampden, . . . . .	14.47
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Total, . . . . .	\$1,380.51

## LIABILITIES.

Outstanding bills (estimated), . . . . .	\$ 75.00
Note Springfield Institution for Savings, . . . . .	2,500.00
Three months' interest on same, . . . . .	25.00
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	\$2,600.00
Balance against the town, . . . . .	\$1,219.49

The Selectmen recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year :

For Schools, . . . . .	\$2,500.00
Paupers, . . . . .	1,500.00
Highways and bridges,. . . . .	1,200.00
Contingent expenses, . . . . .	1,200.00
Care of street lights, . . . . .	125.00
Care of cemeteries, . . . . .	30.00
Superintendent of Schools (providing the town ac- cepts Chap. 431, Acts of 1888), . . . . .	300.00
Painting cemetery fence at Glendale, . . . . .	50.00
Painting school houses, . . . . .	150.00

W. F. MORGAN, } *Selectmen .*  
 JASON BUTLER, } *of*  
 C. E. STACY, } *Wilbraham.*



# Treasurer's Report.

TOWN OF WILBRAHAM, YEAR ENDING MARCH 25TH, 1890.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury March 16th, 1889, . . .	\$ 403.03
Hiram Danks, balance taxes, 1888, . . .	129.50
“ “ “ 1889, . . .	8,574.92
H. M. Bliss, auctioneer's license, . . .	2.00
J. W. Fortune, pool table license, . . .	2.00
W. E. Stone, druggist license, . . .	1.00
Florida Museum, license, . . .	1.50
Town of Ludlow, account repairing Red Bridge, . . . . .	47.32
Joseph Baldwin, old bridge timber, . . .	3.60
Mrs. Patrick Kearney, old bridge timber, . . .	1.50
J. P. McDonald, old school house, No. 2, . . .	300.00
C. A. Brown & Co., old iron, . . .	1.40
Cutler & Co., loans, . . . . .	1,000.00
Springfield Safe Deposit & Trust Co., loan, . . .	2,500.00
State Treasurer, corporation tax, . . .	348.37
“ “ National Bank tax, . . .	152.25
“ “ State aid, Chapter 252, Acts 1879, . . . . .	72.00
“ “ State aid, Chapter 301, Acts 1879, . . . . .	167.00
“ “ Income Mass. school fund, . . .	209.84
“ “ Burial state pauper, . . .	5.00
“ “ Transportation state pau- per, . . . . .	2.25
County Treasurer, dog fund, . . . . .	135.05

Town of Buckland, act. Rachael Pomroy,	\$49.75
Town of So. Hadley, act. Henry Squier,	42.43
Town of Agawam, act. Andrew Hodge,	305.75
A. S. Tufts, part support self and wife, .	76.00
J. L. Rice, overpaid for wood, . . . .	2.00
W. E. Stone, bill paid twice, . . . .	.16
F. F. Marcy, overcharge freight, bridge timber, . . . . .	12.60
Joseph R. Powell, burial lot, Butlerville,	4.50
Chas. Jewett, burial lot, Butlerville, .	9.00
Springfield Safe Deposit & Trust Co., interest on bank account for year, . .	9.41
E. B. Gates, Town Loan Committee, . .	78.50
	<hr/> \$14,649.63

## EXPENDITURES.

Selectmen's orders, . . . . .	\$8,835.14
Springfield Safe Deposit & Trust Co., payment note, . . . . .	2,500.00
Interest on above, 5 per cent, . . . .	87.50
Cutler & Co., payment notes, . . . . .	1,000.00
Interest on above, 5 per cent, . . . .	6.41
Springfield Institution for Savings, interest on note to Dec. 1, 1889, 4 per cent, . .	100.00
State Treasurer, state tax, . . . . .	660.00
“ “ $\frac{1}{4}$ druggist license, . . . . .	.25
County Treasurer, county tax, . . . . .	704.96
State aid, . . . . .	127.00
Military Aid, . . . . .	144.00
Abatement taxes, 1888, . . . . .	10.00
“ “ 1889, . . . . .	114.20
Cash in treasury March 25th, 1890, . .	360.17
	<hr/> \$14,649.63

HENRY CUTLER, *Treasurer.*

WILBRAHAM, March 25th, 1890.

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## Assessors' Report.

Valuation of personal estate, . . . . .	\$138,635.00	
"    real estate, . . . . .	622,566.00	
		\$761,201.00
Total valuation, . . . . .	\$761,201.00	
Number of acres of land taxed, . . . . .	12,866	
"    dwelling houses, . . . . .	300	
"    horses, . . . . .	267	
"    cows, . . . . .	639	
"    sheep, . . . . .	53	
"    neat cattle other than cows, . . . . .	292	
"    swine, . . . . .	71	
Poll tax for men, . . . . .	\$2.00	
Number of polls at \$2.00 each, . . . . .	440	
Total amount assessed on polls, . . . . .	\$880.00	
Amount of State, County and Town tax assessed on property, . . . . .	\$7,996.49	
Total rate per cent, or rate per \$1,000, . . . . .	\$10.40	
Total State tax, . . . . .	\$660.00	
Total County tax, . . . . .	704.96	
Total Town tax, . . . . .	7,340.00	
Overlayings, . . . . .	91.53	
		\$8,796.49

### TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

For Schools, . . . . .	\$2,600.00	
Schools (provided the town votes to accept Chap. 431), . . . . .	300.00	



## Report of the School Committee.

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In presenting our report for the year just closing, there is little to be said more than is shown in the accompanying tables. The year has been a fairly successful one for the schools and has been marked by no unusual event. The policy of the School Committee in the past of retaining the same teachers term after term has been continued so far as practicable, three changes having been made during the year.

At the last Town Meeting the Committee were instructed to make arrangements to form a Union District with some of the surrounding towns, and to employ a Superintendent of Schools. Longmeadow was the only other town in this vicinity that voted favorably upon this question. As that town and ours combined did not have the required number of schools to avail themselves of the State Act, this arrangement was necessarily postponed another year. It is now hoped that, if the town so desires, a Union District may be formed with the towns of Monson and Brimfield, or some of the other adjacent towns.

Value of books on hand, March, 1889, . . .		\$159.44
Value of supplies on hand, March, 1889, . . .		63.83
Paid for books and supplies during year, . . .	\$256.36	
Purchase, care and delivery of		
books, etc., . . . . .	30.00	
Express, postage, etc., . . . . .	8.99	
Total cost of books, supplies, etc., 1889-90,		\$295.35
Value of new books on hand, March, 1890, . . .	\$149.16	
Supplies on hand, March, 1890, . . .	91.31	
Books in use in schools (estimated), . . .	400.00	
Total value of books and supplies, . . . . .		\$640.47

The revenues for the current year have been as follows :

Appropriation for school purposes, . . . . .	\$2,600.00
Appropriation for transportation of pupils, . . . . .	100.00
From State School fund, . . . . .	209.84
From Dog tax of 1888, . . . . .	153.81
From interest on town loan, . . . . .	78.50
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Total, . . . . .	\$3,142.15

Expenditures :—

Teachers, . . . . .	\$2,153.50
Fuel, . . . . .	255.15
Books and supplies, . . . . .	295.35
Care of school houses, . . . . .	86.35
Incidentals, . . . . .	27.20
Transportation of pupils, . . . . .	70.00
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Total, . . . . .	\$2,887.55

We would recommend an appropriation of \$2,500 for school purposes the coming year, and an appropriation of \$150 to paint the outside of school houses Nos. 3, 5, 6 and 7.

Respectfully submitted,

JASON BUTLER,	} <i>Committee.</i>
ETHELBERT BLISS,	
CHARLES D. WOODS,	

## Roll of Honor.

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### NOT ABSENT OR TARDY ONE TERM.

Herbert Burbank,	Grace Nichols,	Gracie Mowrey,
Lena Richards,	Herbert Baker,	James Canty,
Oliver Maurice,	Stella Hodge,	Willie Connois,
Paul Gamache,	Louise Noble,	Patsy Fitzgerald,
Silas Gamache.	Charles Day,	Nellie Kearney,
Roland Conture,	Lillia Beebe,	George Stebbins,
Joseph Coupal,	Bernard Conery,	James Stevens,
William Girard,	Annie Connois,	Florence Greene,
Fred Spright,	Mary Connois,	Thomas Coot.
Dora Bliss,	George Cady,	Jennie Emo,
Eva Darrah,	Annie Kearney.	George Hudson,
Raymond Pease,	Susie Lane,	Lizzie Stevens,
George Phelps,	Eddie Parker,	George Sorrell,
Edna Bennett,	M. Eloise Stone,	Cora Hollingworth,
Minnie Morgan,	Charlie Stone,	Grace Rindge,
Charlie Ricker,	Leon Bennett,	Jennie Lyons,
Oliver Greene,	May Lane,	Chas. Hollingworth,
Earl Lane,	John Lyons,	Freddie LaBroad,
Maud Alden.		

## NOT ABSENT OR TARDY TWO TERMS.

Valena Contre,	Gertrude Chase,	Stella Greene,
E. Grace Greene,	William Greene,	Ralph Baker,
Mamie Bishop,	Albert Butler,	Bertram Pease,
Grace Pease,	James Seaver,	Cassius Seaver,
Mabel Crocker,	Cora Day,	Henry Kearney,
Alice Veasey,	Annie Powers,	Joseph Dupray,
Walter Bliss,	Edna Crane,	Julia Wynn,
Freddie Stevens,	Eddie Stevens,	Arthur Stevens,
Emma Coot,	Robert Coot,	Benjamin Butler.

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## NOT ABSENT OR TARDY ONE YEAR.

Arthur Gill,	Helen Gill,	John Rochford,
Charlie Spencer,	Nora Wynn,	Mamie Day,
Lena Crocker,	Blanch Butler,	Frank Bronson.

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## NOT ABSENT OR TARDY TWO YEARS.

Arthur Gill,	Mamie Day.
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TABLE I.

No. of School.	Length of School in weeks.	MONTHLY SALARIES.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.			TOTAL PAID TEACHERS.	Fuel.	Incidentals, including care.	Total expenditures for Schools.
			SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.				
1	21	\$26.00	Abbie A. Herrick,	Mary E. Burns,	Abbie A. Herrick,	\$136.50		\$ 5.50	\$142.00
2	34	32.00	Mary E. Burns,	Mary E. Burns,	Mary E. Burns,	272.00	\$49.50	18.12	339.62
3	34	30.00	M. Adelle Pease,	M. Adelle Pease,	M. Adelle Pease,	255.00	22.00	7.25	284.25
4	34	30.00	Ella F. Bliss,	Florence A. Cushing,	Florence A. Cushing,	255.00	20.00	9.00	284.00
5	34	28.00	Cora M. Pease,	Cora M. Pease,	Lizzie J. McGuire,	238.00	48.65	10.50	297.15
6	34	30.00	Alice S. Moody,	Lizzie M. Perrin,	Lizzie M. Perrin,	255.00	20.00	8.10	283.10
7	34	26.00	Evanore O. Beebe,	Evanore O. Beebe,	Evanore O. Beebe,	221.00	27.50	6.00	254.50
8 A	34	30.00	Hattie A. Bliss,	Hattie A. Bliss,	Hattie A. Bliss,	255.00			
8 P	34	* 32.00	Maria E. Bliss,	Maria E. Bliss,	Maria E. Bliss.	266.00	69.50	† 344.43	934.93
						\$2,153.50	\$257.15	\$408.90	\$2,819.55

\* Salary \$30.00 during winter term.

† Includes \$295.35 paid for books and supplies for all the schools.

TABLE II.

No. of School.	WHOLE NUMBER OF SCHOLARS.				AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP.				AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.			
	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.	YEAR.	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.	YEAR.	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.	YEAR.
1	6		4	6	5.0		4.0	4.5	5.0		4.0	4.5
2	46	43	40	60	39.0	34.0	31.7	34.9	34.3	32.3	28.0	31.5
3	24	21	25	32	23.0	18.7	23.3	21.7	19.5	17.2	20.2	19.0
4	31	35	28	41	28.9	34.0	29.3	30.7	27.2	33.4	28.0	29.5
5	15	19	18	21	13.3	18.3	18.0	16.5	11.3	17.0	15.2	14.5
6	38	37	35	42	35.6	31.0	32.2	32.9	32.8	29.5	30.0	30.8
7	11	15	13	16	13.0	14.0	13.7	13.6	11.3	12.7	12.1	12.7
8 A	31	29	33	33	28.3	25.4	29.6	27.8	25.7	23.8	23.9	24.5
8 P	47	55	35	55	46.1	49.1	29.0	41.3	43.6	44.4	23.3	37.1
Total	249	254	231	306	232.2	224.5	210.8	223.7	210.7	210.3	184.8	203.5



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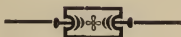
## SELECTMEN,

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, TREASURER,  
ASSESSORS AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

# TOWN OF WILBRAHAM

YEAR ENDING MARCH 25, 1891.



PALMER, MASS.:  
PRESS OF C. B. FISKE & CO.  
1891.



# List of Jurors,

AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN.

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E. B. GATES,	FRED A. WARREN,
CLARENCE P. BOLLES,	CHARLES C. BEEBE,
EDMUND W. JONES,	HENRY M. BLISS,
FRED W. GREEN,	HIRAM A. KEITH,
JAMES RICHARDS,	CHARLES E. STACY,
ALBERT A. PHELPS,	JAMES S. MORGAN,
MARCUS DANIELS,	WILLIAM T. EATON,
A. DELOS SEAVER,	J. ADDISON BENNETT,
WILLIAM H. DAY,	EDWIN M. NICHOLS.

# Report of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 25, 1891.

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## SCHOOLS.

Salaries of Teachers,	.	.	.	\$2,195.00
Fuel,	.	.	.	244.31
Books and Supplies,	.	.	.	419.95
Care of School Houses and Incidentals,	.	.	.	92.85
Total Expenditure for Schools,	.	.	.	<u>\$2,952.11</u>

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## TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.

George H. Hastings,	.	.	.	\$20.00
Ethelbert Bliss,	.	.	.	50.00
James Richards,	.	.	.	10.00
Total,	.	.	.	<u>\$80.00</u>

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## REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

F. D. Benton,	.	.	.	\$22.67
Jason Butler,	.	.	.	1.02
W. S. Tiffany,	.	.	.	1.82
Hiram Danks,	.	.	.	2.10



E. S. Keyes, . . . . .	\$ 4.15
O. D. Case & Co., seats, . . . . .	12.73
C. A. Brown & Co., glass, . . . . .	1.50
F. F. Marcy, lumber for tables, . . . . .	2.99
Ethelbert Bliss, . . . . .	12.50
N. Knowlton, . . . . .	2.50
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Total, . . . . .	\$63.98

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#### PAINTING SCHOOL HOUSES.

J. C. Jones, paint, . . . . .	\$85.35
E. B. Gates, paint, . . . . .	7.85
Jason Butler, freight on paint, . . . . .	.50
W. S. Tiffany, painting Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, . . . . .	80.00
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Total, . . . . .	\$173.70

Paid Martin S. Howard for injuries sustained on the highway Sept. 19, 1889, . . . . .	\$300.00
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#### MEMORIAL DAY.

C. E. Peck, Treasurer Veteran Soldiers' Association, . . . . .	\$50.00
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#### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

James Richards, . . . . .	\$ 76.49
James M. Pease, . . . . .	132.38
A. A. Phelps, . . . . .	58.07
Luther Markham, . . . . .	70.63
George L. Rindge, . . . . .	126.16
F. M. Angell, . . . . .	115.56
Benj. B. Green, . . . . .	110.39

A. D. Seaver, . . . . .	\$177.45
W. H. McGuire, . . . . .	273.47
Henry Clark, . . . . .	28.02
W. F. Morgan, . . . . .	26.00
Alden Bros., plank, . . . . .	66.02
E. B. Gates, spikes and nails, . . . . .	2.47
Jason Butler, labor and material, . . . . .	.56
Alvin Chilson, railing and posts, . . . . .	15.09
C. E. Tupper, labor on River bridge, . . . . .	3.00
F. D. Benton, labor on River bridge, . . . . .	2.00
W. E. Stone, nails, . . . . .	.70
Collins Mfg. Co., fencing approaches to bridge, . . . . .	11.55
C. E. Peck, repairing and painting road scraper, . . . . .	13.80
C. A. Brown & Co., chain and dipper, . . . . .	.20
P. H. Potter, railing, . . . . .	9.56
J. P. Wilcox & Co., cement pipe, . . . . .	6.30
F. F. Marcy, lumber for trough, . . . . .	1.02
Town of Ludlow, one-half expense lighting and snowing River bridge, . . . . .	15.00
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Total Expenditure, . . . . .	\$1,341.89

#### REPAIRING BALDWIN HILL.

Frank Rindge and others, labor, . . . . .	\$205.05
F. D. Thompson, sharpening tools, . . . . .	7.20
E. B. Gates, powder and fuse, . . . . .	7.40
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Total, . . . . .	\$219.65

F. A. Warren, hardening road from North Wilbraham to Street, . . . . .	\$105.00
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## LIGHTING STREETS.

North Village, . . . . .	\$58.05
South Village to Nov 1, . . . . .	36.29
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Total, . . . . .	\$94.34

## TOWN OFFICERS.

## REGISTRARS.

F. A. Warren, . . . . .	\$4.50
Henry Cutler, . . . . .	9.00
A. D. Seaver, . . . . .	9.00
Franklin Edwards, to Oct. 30, . . . . .	6.00
C. E. Stacy, to Oct. 30, . . . . .	6.00
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Total, . . . . .	\$34.50

## SELECTMEN.

W. F. Morgan, . . . . .	\$63.50
Jason Butler, . . . . .	72.19
J. L. Rice, . . . . .	43.50
J. L. Rice, time and expense in Barden case, . . . . .	19.36
J. L. Rice, time and expense in Damon case, . . . . .	21.93
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Total, . . . . .	\$220.48

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Ethelbert Bliss, . . . . .	\$34.00
Mrs. S. F. White, . . . . .	55.00
Jason Butler, . . . . .	47.50
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Total, . . . . .	\$136.50

## ASSESSORS.

Thomas H. Mack, . . . . .	\$75.00
Earl M. Scott, . . . . .	20.00
Fred W. Green, . . . . .	18.00
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Total, . . . . .	\$113.00

## TAX COLLECTOR.

Hiram Danks,	.	.	.	.	\$75.00
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## TREASURER.

C. E. Stacy,	.	.	.	.	\$35.00
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## AUDITOR.

A. J. Blanchard,	.	.	.	.	\$4.00
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## SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

W. F. Morgan,	.	.	.	.	\$4.00
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## CARE OF CEMETERIES.

C. C. Day, Glendale,	.	.	.	\$ 6.00
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L. Holman, Old Yard,	.	.	.	10.00
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F. Butler, North Wilbraham,	.	.	.	9.50
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Total,	.	.	.	.	\$25.50
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## CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

J. W. Hannum, M. D., returning births,	\$ 2.25
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C. G. Robbins, posting warrants, &c.,	31.10
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E. M. Allis & Son, rent of room for registration,	4.00
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Clark W. Bryan & Co., voting lists,	4.50
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E. B. Gates, office supplies,	13.65
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C. B. Fiske & Co., town reports,	20.40
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C. B. Fiske & Co., stationery,	13.75
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Springfield Printing Co., assessor's book,	3.00
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American Road Machine Co.,	8.00
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Boston and Albany R. R. Co., freight,	.55
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C. E. Stacy, F. A. Warren's bill, stationery and express,	1.55
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W. H. Brainard, surveying road,	3.00
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W. L. Collins, undertaker,	112.25
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C. E. Stacy, express, matches and key,	2.65
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Robt. O. Morris, copying records of highways,	15.00
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Clark W. Bryan & Co., binding records of highways, . . . . .	\$ 1.50
J. Butler, paid for recording deed, . . . . .	.50
F. L. Stebbins, freight on water tank, . . . . .	.36
Chas. E. Alger, surveys and plan, . . . . .	10.00
J. Butler, labor and material fixing water tank, . . . . .	3.25
H. S. Lee, treasurer, interest on note to July 1st, . . . . .	50.00
John Roche, water tank, . . . . .	21.25
A. H. Bartlett, tax bills, . . . . .	2.00
A. H. Bartlett, valuation lists, . . . . .	41.00
J. C. Jones & Co., putty for hearse house, . . . . .	.88
W. S. Tiffany, labor and material, painting hearse house, . . . . .	5.33
E. B. Gates, paint for hearse house, . . . . .	5.86
D. Frank Hale, office supplies, . . . . .	1.00
H. M. Meek, election supplies, . . . . .	9.71
J. W. Baldwin, serving legal notices, . . . . .	5.97
E. B. Gates, supplies for elections, . . . . .	.28
C. E. Stacy, meeting town clerks, election officer, express, &c., . . . . .	7.80
C. G. Robbins, services at polls, . . . . .	2.00
Thomas H. Kearney, services at polls, . . . . .	1.50
Joseph Baldwin, rent of hall one year, . . . . .	40.00
W. L. Collins, rent of office, . . . . .	36.00
Springfield Institution for Savings, interest, . . . . .	50.00
C. E. Stacy, recording births, marriages and deaths, . . . . .	37.05
C. E. Stacy, cleaning weights, . . . . .	5.00
James Anderson, services in T. Phillips' case, . . . . .	4.92
H. G. Webber, M. D., returning births, . . . . .	1.25
Henry Burr, care of water tank, . . . . .	5.00
Luther Markham, care of water tank, . . . . .	2.00
Jason Butler, light at Gates' bridge, . . . . .	3.00
W. E. Stone, storage, weights and measures, . . . . .	25.00
Maynard & Spellman, counsel, 1889-1890, . . . . .	191.00
E. B. Gates, interest on town loan, . . . . .	78.50
Total, . . . . .	<hr/> \$884.56

## PAINTING CEMETERY FENCE AT GLENDALE.

W. F. Morgan, . . . . .	\$11.00	
O. F. Benedict, . . . . .	6.75	
Allyn M. Seaver, . . . . .	6.75	
E. B. Gates, paint, . . . . .	17.00	
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Total, . . . . .		\$41.50

## SUPPRESSING ILLEGAL SALES OF LIQUOR.

City of Springfield, . . . . .	\$16.50	
M. W. Needham, . . . . .	26.45	
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Total, . . . . .		\$42.95

## STATE AID, CHAP. 301, ACTS OF 1889.

Paid Francis M. Davis, . . . . .	\$48.00	
Paid Wm. Butler, . . . . .	48.00	
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Total, . . . . .		\$96.00

## MILITARY AID, CHAP. 279, ACTS OF 1889.

Paid O. H. Langdon, . . . . .	\$144.00	
Paid Lorenzo E. Munsell, . . . . .	54.00	
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Total, . . . . .		\$198.00

## PAUPERS.

Abbie S. Knight, support at Northampton Lunatic Hospital, . . . . .	\$169.46
Betsey Webster, . . . . .	131.35
Mrs. Oril L. Morris, . . . . .	97.79
A. S. Tufts and wife, . . . . .	121.72

O. H. Langdon and wife, . . . .	\$ 72.00
Wm. Davis, . . . .	143.29
Henry W. Raynor, chg. Hampden, \$29.64,	77.57
Daniel Grady and family, . . . .	9.00
Nellie B. Damon, chg'd Cummington, . .	83.22
Mrs. Frank H. Gilligan, . . . .	61.28
J. W. Hannum, medical attendance on Gillon McQuilty's child, . . . .	3.00
W. A. Perry and family, . . . .	69.47
John Moolton and wife, . . . .	132.90
Mrs. Mary Conley, charged to New Marlboro,	33.00
Charles Mirrick, charged to Pelham, . .	2.00
Pierce Butler, charged to State, . . . .	20.38
Thomas Wright, charged to State, . . . .	1.10
George Austin, charged to State, . . . .	49.60
Wm. Crosby, charged to Boston, . . . .	5.45
H. B. Simons, tramps, . . . .	13.50
H. B. Simons, rent of land 1 year, . . . .	1.00
E. B. Gates, coal for tramp house, . . . .	7.33
W. H. McGuire, coal for tramp house, . . . .	6.75
C. G. Robbins, tramps, . . . .	69.62
Total, . . . .	<u>\$1,381.78</u>

## SUMMARY.

Expenses for schools, . . . .	\$2,952.11
Transportation of pupils, . . . .	80.00
Repairs on School Houses, . . . .	63.98
Painting School Houses, . . . .	173.70
Martin S. Howard, for injuries, . . . .	300.00
Memorial Day, . . . .	50.00
Highways and Bridges, . . . .	1,341.89
Repairing Baldwin's Hill, . . . .	219.65
Hardening Road, . . . .	105.00
Lighting Streets, . . . .	94.34
Town Officers, . . . .	622.48

Care of Cemeteries, . . . . .	\$ 25.50
Contingent Account, . . . . .	884.56
Painting Cemetery Fence at Glendale, . . . . .	41.50
Suppressing Sales of Liquor, . . . . .	42.95
State Aid, . . . . .	96.00
Military Aid, . . . . .	198.00
Paupers, . . . . .	1,381.78
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Total Expenditures, . . . . .	\$8,673.44

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### RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

#### Due from State of Massachusetts :—

State Aid, . . . . .	\$ 96.00
Military Aid, . . . . .	93.00
State Paupers, . . . . .	71.08
Town of Hampden, . . . . .	44.11
Town of Cummington, . . . . .	83.22
Town of Palmer, tuition, . . . . .	105.39
City of Boston, . . . . .	5.45
Uncollected Taxes, . . . . .	165.79
Cash in Treasury, . . . . .	2,044.74
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Total, . . . . .	\$2,708.78

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### LIABILITIES.

Outstanding Bills, estimated, . . . . .	\$ 100.00
Note, Springfield Institution for Savings, . . . . .	2,500.00
Three Months' Interest on same, . . . . .	25.00
Outstanding order to C. G. Robbins, . . . . .	6.00
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Total, . . . . .	\$2,631.00
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Balance in favor of the town, . . . . .	\$77.78



The Selectmen recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year :—

For Schools, . . . . .	\$2,500.00
Transportation of pupils, . . . . .	100.00
Paupers, . . . . .	1,500.00
Highways and Bridges, . . . . .	1,200.00
Contingent Expenses, . . . . .	1,200.00
Care of Street Lights, . . . . .	125.00
Care of Cemeteries, . . . . .	25.00
Painting Cemetery Fence at North Wilbraham,	75.00

W. F. MORGAN,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
JASON BUTLER,		of
J. L. RICE,		<i>Wilbraham.</i>

# Treasurer's Report.

TOWN OF WILBRAHAM, YEAR ENDING MARCH 25TH, 1891.

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## RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury March 25th, 1890,	\$ 360.17
Hiram Danks, balance of taxes, 1889,	221.57
Hiram Danks, taxes, 1890,	9,403.33
John Speight, rent of Knight place,	77.63
A. S. Tufts, part support of self and wife,	15.25
John Fortune, pool table license,	2.00
F. D. Benton, for old plank,	.25
H. M. Bliss, auctioneer's license,	2.00
Palmer Savings Bank, loan,	1,000.00
Springfield Safe Deposit Trust Co., loan,	2,500.00
Springfield Safe Deposit Trust Co., interest on Deposits,	13.16
Sale of burial lots in Butlerville Cemetery,	19.50
State Treasurer, on account of contagious disease,	228.91
State Treasurer, corporation tax,	721.69
“ “ National Bank tax,	355.30
“ “ Military aid, refunded,	72.00
“ “ State aid, refunded,	141.00
“ “ Income Mass. school fund,	212.75
“ “ Town of Palmer, tuition re- funded,	119.32
“ “ Clerk of Police Court, Springfield, one-half of fine in Phillips' case,	5.00

County Treasurer, dog fund of 1890, . . .	\$123.69
Town of Marlboro, aid to John Conley, . . .	33.00
W. F. Morgan, for powder, . . .	.75
Town of Pelham, aid to Charles Mirrick, Jr. . . .	2.00
Town of Ludlow, contingent account, . . .	2.88
E. B. Gates, Town Loan Committee, interest on town loan, . . . . .	78.50
	<hr/> \$15,711.65

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid Selectmen's orders, . . . . .	\$8,373.44
Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Co., pay- ment of notes, . . . . .	2,500.00
Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Co., inter- est on above, 5 per cent, . . . . .	43.47
Palmer Savings Bank, payment of note, . . . . .	1,000.00
Palmer Savings bank, interest on above at 5 per cent, . . . . .	33.33
County Treasurer, county tax, . . . . .	727.23
State Treasurer, state tax, . . . . .	577.50
State aid, . . . . .	96.00
Military aid, . . . . .	198.00
Abatement of taxes, 1889, . . . . .	24.81
Abatement of taxes, 1890, . . . . .	93.13
	<hr/> \$13,666.91
Cash in Treasury, . . . . .	2,044.74
	<hr/> \$15,711.65

CHAS. E. STACY, *Treasurer.*

WILBRAHAM, March 25, 1891.

## Assessors' Report, 1890.

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Valuation of personal estate, . . .	\$168,571.00
Valuation of real estate, . . .	583,156.00
Total valuation, . . .	\$751,727.00

Number acres of land taxed, . . .	13,112
" dwelling houses, . . .	296
" horses, . . .	255
" cows, . . .	654
" sheep, . . .	38
" neat cattle, other than cows, . . .	219
" swine, . . .	78

Poll tax for men, \$2.00.

Number of polls at \$2 each, 430.

Total amount assessed on polls, . . .	\$860
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Amount of state, county and town tax assessed on property, . . .	9,509.73
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Total rate per cent, or rate per \$1,000, . . .	\$11.60
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Total state tax, . . .	\$ 577.50
Total county tax, . . .	727.23
Total town taxes, . . .	8,205.00
Overlayings, . . .	69.49

Total amount committed to Collector, . . .	\$9,569.12
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## TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

For schools, . . . . .	\$2,500.00
Paupers, . . . . .	1,500.00
Highways, . . . . .	1,500.00
Martin S. Howard, . . . . .	300.00
Hardening road, . . . . .	300.00
Grading road, . . . . .	200.00
Illegal liquor selling, . . . . .	200.00
Street lights, . . . . .	125.00
Painting cemetery fence, . . . . .	50.00
Care of cemeteries, . . . . .	30.00
Painting school house, . . . . .	150.00
Transporting scholars, . . . . .	100.00
Memorial Day, . . . . .	50.00
Contingencies, . . . . .	1,200.00
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Total, . . . . .	\$8,205.00

THOS. H. MACK, } *Assessors*  
 F. W. GREEN, } *of*  
 EARL M. SCOTT, } *Wilbraham.*

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 CERTIFICATE OF AUDITOR.

I have carefully examined the accounts of the Selectmen for the past year and find orders drawn on the Treasurer and receipts, for all expenditures; also footings and items of their books correct as given in their report. I have also examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct as reported, with proper vouchers for all payments and

Cash in bank, . . . . .	\$2,008.23
Cash in Treasurer's hands, . . . . .	36.51
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Total Cash in Treasury, . . . . .	\$2,044.74

H. W. CUTLER, *Auditor.*

NORTH WILBRAHAM, March 26th, 1891.

## Report of the School Committee.

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Within the past year several new books have been added to the schools. Supplementary reading matter has been largely increased.

A book of illustrated historical sketches for beginners in history has met cordial reception with the fifth, sixth and even seventh classes.

A history of an intermediate grade has also been adopted to precede the more advanced book which has for some time been used in the schools.

The state law requiring temperance instruction in connection with the study of physiology and hygiene is, we believe, faithfully heeded by our teachers.

In compliance with this law two new text-books have been adopted. 1. A primary book for use of teachers in giving oral instruction to primary classes and for use as a text-book in the hands of the fourth year class. 2. An intermediate grade for pupils of the fifth and sixth year classes. For more advanced classes the physiology which has been previously used is well adapted. A fine chart on physiology, illustrative of temperance instruction has been purchased, and will itinerate in turn to each school in town. A book on "Methods of Teaching" has been placed on the desk of each teacher.

A teachers' meeting has been profitably held during two terms of the year. Profit comes always from a close and comparative study of methods in teaching and of systems in management.

It has been well said "the term common school implies that common work is to be done, and a degree of uniformity is essential

to work in common." In the Fifty-second Report of the State Board of Education Secretary Dickinson after quoting a section of the Public Statutes says: "It is necessary that the schools of every town shall have a definite and well arranged course of studies." Fully convinced that this is truth the committee have united in arranging a course of study for the schools of the town.

The teachers were freely consulted in the arrangement of the course and made helpful suggestions. The classification adopted is based on the state law which requires school attendance from five to fifteen years of age. It includes therefore a course of study for nine years—each year representing a class or grade. It is not presumed that every pupil will be able to advance each succeeding year to a higher class; that is found impossible in our high schools and seminaries. But the course adopted is so flexible that pupils may advance from one class to another as fast as they are able by the advice of the committee, on recommendation of the teacher.

It is believed that this plan will appeal to a worthy ambition on the part of the pupil, that it will tend to secure more regular attendance and for a longer period, and with faithful coöperation on the part of the teacher will largely increase the educational value of our schools. It will require perseverance and time to realize the fullest results.

In some of the schools the benefits arising from the classification are already manifest.

To a really ambitious worker some common standard of attainment offers a pleasant incentive. To a worker less ambitious a given standard is not less necessary. Towns in our commonwealth, both large and small, are proceeding on this basis. It cannot be expected that the country school will afford just the same advantages as the city school.

But it is fully believed that with a well-arranged course of studies in the hands of competent teachers under efficient supervision the country school need not be inferior. It would be easy to point to examples which prove the truth of this statement.

It is hoped that in the near future the department of drawing will be given more attention than it now receives.

Several of our school houses within the past year have, by painting,

been improved in their external appearance. The committee are persuaded that more attention should be given to the interior furnishing of the school rooms. An attractive school room is not merely a gratification of taste; it educates, it is good business. It is not only a mental inspiration in itself, but it stimulates the pride of both teacher and pupils, and tends to make them more careful of property appropriated for their use. The saving in wear and tear is likely to more than counterbalance the added expenditure.



## Roll of Honor.

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### NOT ABSENT OR TARDY ONE TERM.

Walter Powers,	Etha Turner,
Joseph Coupal,	Mary O'Brian,
Silas Gamache,	Frank Bronson,
Mary Ogilvie,	Albert Butler,
Victorie Gamache,	Mabel Sizer,
Camelle Gamache,	Stella Hodge,
George Phelps,	Della Hastings,
Frank Foskit,	Fannie Calkins,
Etta Darrah,	Charlie Day,
Grace Green,	Hattie Ledbetter,
Grace Rindge,	Bertha Farr,
Stella Green.	Charlie Farr,
Effie Morgan,	Thomas Powers,
Mamie Lyons,	Michael Granfield,
John Lyons,	Nellie Kearney,
Walter Perkins,	Marjory Perry.
Bridget McGuan,	

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### NOT ABSENT OR TARDY TWO TERMS.

Bertha Hastings,	Cassius Sever,
Grace Pease,	James Sever,
Bertie Pease,	Katie McGuan,
Lena Crocker,	Grace Mowry,
Mamie Day,	Louis Rindge.
Cora Day,	

## NOT ABSENT OR TARDY ONE YEAR.

Blanche Butler,  
Gertie Chase,

Annie Powers.

## NOT ABSENT OR TARDY TWO YEARS.

Blanche Butler.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Value of books and supplies on hand March, 1890, . . . . .		\$240.47
Paid for books and supplies during year, . . .	\$379.85	
Purchase, care and delivering books and supplies, . . . . .	30.00	
Express and freight, . . . . .	10.10	
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Total cost of books and supplies, 1890-91,		\$419.95
Value of books and supplies on hand March, 1891, . . . . .	\$333.65	
Books in use in schools (estimated), . . . . .	540.00	
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Total value of books and supplies on hand,		\$873.65

The revenues for the current year have been as follows:—

Appropriation for school purposes, . . . . .	\$2,500.00
Appropriation for transportation of pupils, . . . . .	100.00
From State School fund, . . . . .	112.75
Dog tax of 1889, . . . . .	135.05
Interest on town loan, . . . . .	78.50
Town of Palmer, tuition, . . . . .	119.32
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	\$3,045.62

## EXPENDITURES.

Teachers, . . . . .	\$2,195.00
Fuel, . . . . .	244.31
Books and supplies, . . . . .	419.95
Care of school houses and incidentals, . . . . .	92.85
Transportation of pupils, . . . . .	80.00
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Total, . . . . .	\$3,032.11

We would recommend an appropriation of \$2500 for school purposes the coming year, and \$100 for transportation of pupils.

Respectfully submitted,

ETHELBERT BLISS, }  
 MRS. S. F. WHITE, } *Committee.*  
 JASON BUTLER, }

TABLE NO. I.

No of School.	Length of School in weeks.	MONTHLY SALARIES.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.			TOTAL PAID TEACHERS.	Fuel.	Incidentals, Including Care.	Total Expenditures For Schools.
			SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.				
1	22	\$26.00	Mary E. Burns.	M. Evelyn Belden.	M. Evelyn Belden.	\$143.00	\$17.38	\$ 4.65	\$ 165.03
2	34	32.00	M. Adelle Pease.	Mary E. Burns.	Mary E. Burns.	272.00	43.06	7.50	322.56
3	34	30.00	Florence A. Cushing.	M. Adelle Pease.	M. Adelle Pease.	255.00	22.00	6.25	283.25
4	34	* 30.00	Lizzie J. McGuire.	Florence A. Cushing.	Heien W. S. Durgin.	266.50	29.43	16.70	312.63
5	34	28.00	Lizzie M. Ferrin.	Lizzie McGuire.	Lizzie McGuire.	238.00	15.00	8.75	261.75
6	34	* 30.00	Evanore O. Beebe.	Lizzie M. Ferrin.	Edith McCormick.	266.50	42.25	6.00	316.75
7	34	† 26.00	Hattie M. Bliss.	Evanore O. Beebe.	Evanore O. Beebe.	227.00	23.00	8.00	256.00
8A	34	30.00	Hattie M. Bliss.	Hattie M. Bliss.	Hattie M. Bliss.	255.00	52.19	†454.95	1034.14
8P	34	32.00	Maria E. Bliss.	Maria E. Bliss.	Maria E. Bliss.	272.00			
					\$2195.00	\$244.31	\$512.80		\$2952.11

\*Salary \$32.00 Fall and Winter Term.

†Salary \$28.00 during Winter Term.

‡Including \$419.95 paid for Books and Supplies for all the Schools.

TABLE NO. II.

No. of School.	WHOLE NUMBER OF SCHOLARS.				AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP.				AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.							
	SPRING.		WINTER.		SPRING.		WINTER.		SPRING.		FALL.		WINTER.		YEAR.	
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2	55	8	43 <sup>7</sup>	9	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.6	6.6	38.5	5.2	5.6	5.4	38.5	5.6	5.4
3	21	58	17.1	43	47.5	43.2	38.4	43.2	43.2	15.3	42.3	33.1	37.9	15.3	33.1	37.9
4	34	28	34	35	26	25.3	32.7	25.3	25.3	31	17.3	22.7	18.4	31	22.7	18.4
5	15	30	12.6	29	30	43.2	24.3	43.2	43.2	11.1	25.5	23.3	26.3	11.1	23.3	26.3
6	32	17	31.6	15	15.6	13.2	11.7	13.2	13.2	29.8	31.7	25	28	29.8	25	28
7	15	35	15	34	33.6	29.6	29.6	31.6	31.6	11.7	13.7	15.3	13.6	11.7	13.7	13.6
8A	29	16	23.5	17	15.3	15.9	17.3	15.9	15.9	24.4	25.8	22.1	23.4	24.4	22.1	23.4
8P	49	27	39.4	29	25.4	27.2	27.2	25.3	25.3	36	46.1	31.9	33	36	31.9	33
		54		50	51.2	43.9	41.3	43.9	43.9							

## Articles in Town Warrant.

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

ART. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, School Committee and other Town Officers.

ART. 3. To fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see if the town will fix the compensation for labor on the highways, also to see how the town will apportion the appropriations for highways among the highway surveyors.

ART. 6. To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, three Selectmen who shall be Overseers of the Poor, three Assessors, five Constables, four Fence Viewers, one Auditor, one School Committee for three years; also a Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year; all on one ballot. Also to choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 7. To decide by ballot, which shall be "Yes" or "No," the question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

ART. 8. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for defraying the expenses of the town for the ensuing year, and appropriate the same, and vote how the same shall be raised.

ART. 9. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 10. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as may be sanctioned by the Selectmen, the same to be paid from taxes.

ART. 11. To see if the town will provide for the adequate lighting of the streets in town.

ART. 12. To see if the town will instruct their Selectmen to prosecute any person or persons selling or transporting intoxicating liquors within this town contrary to the laws of this Commonwealth, or take any action in regard to the same.

ART. 13. To see what disposition the town will make of the dog fund of 1890.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to purchase or lease a farm for the maintenance of the town's poor, or instruct the Overseers of the Poor in regard to their maintenance.

ART. 15. To see if the town will instruct the Assessors to publish the valuation list and assessment of taxes for the current year.

ART. 16. To see if the town will grant money for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

ART. 17. To see what instructions the town will give the Selectmen in regard to Charles L. Long's bill.

ART. 18. To see if the town will appropriate money for the care and winding of the town clock.

ART. 19. To see if the town will instruct their Selectmen to institute or defend suits to protect the interests of the town, and to employ counsel.

ART. 20. To see if the town will let the keeping of the tramps for the ensuing year to the lowest bidder.

ART. 21. To see if the town will elect a Board of Library Trustees and appropriate the money necessary to secure the gift of one hundred dollars worth of books from the state.

ART. 22. To see if the town will instruct their Selectmen not to license a billiard or pool table in town the ensuing year.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to amend the by-laws in relation to the holding of town meetings, so that they may be held in the North Village and Center Village on alternate years.

ART. 24. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars to harden the road leading from the Depot to Wilbraham Street.

ART. 25. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the purpose of cutting down what is known as Wesson's Hill, on Tinkham road, and widen a portion and harden the same from Loren Phelps' house to the Springfield line.

ART. 26. To see what action the town will take in relation to telephone and telegraph poles standing within the limits of the highway, and interfering with public travel.

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# List of Jurors,

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AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN.

E. B. Gates,	C. C. Beebe,
Clarence P. Bolles,	W. L. Collins,
Edmund W. Jones,	Henry M. Bliss,
James Richards,	Hiram A. Keith,
Albert A. Phelps,	Charles E. Stacy,
Marcus Daniels,	Walter M. Green,
A. Delos Seaver,	Wm. T. Eaton,
Wm. H. Day,	J. Addison Bennett,
Charles M. Pease,	Edwin M. Nichols.

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ART. 20. To see if the town will elect a board of library trustees and appropriate the money necessary to secure the gift of one hundred dollars' worth of books from the state.

ART. 21. To see if the town will pay for the advanced tuition of its pupils in Wesleyan Academy, on conditions such as shall be satisfactory to the school committee and to the board of instruction of said academy; also to raise funds for the same.

ART. 22. To see if the town will accept the provisions of chapter 431 of the Acts of 1888 relating to the employment of a superintendent of schools, and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 23. To see if the town will allow the Young People's Agricultural Club to erect and maintain on the Green pens and suitable places to confine stock for their annual cattle show.

ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sum of money as will harden the road where needed leading from Cooley's corner, so called, to Ludlow.

ART. 25. To see if the town will accept the road as laid by the selectmen, commencing at the old Boston road at a point near the southwest corner of land of Henry Cutler and running northerly through land of Warren L. Collins about 400 feet and past the premises of Harriet H. Gates and Caroline Collins to the road leading from B. and A. R. R. station to Wilbraham Center.

ART. 26. To see if the town will give its selectmen any instruction in regard to the case of Joseph Baldwin against the town.

ART. 27. To see if the town will authorize its selectmen to dispose of its tramp house.



# Report of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 24, 1892.

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## SCHOOLS.

Salaries of teachers, . . . . .	\$2,393.00
Repairs, . . . . .	209.10
Books and supplies, . . . . .	498.14
Care of school houses, . . . . .	81.22
Transportation of pupils, . . . . .	40.00
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Total expenditure for schools, . . . . .	\$3,221.46

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## MEMORIAL DAY.

C. E. Peck, treasurer Veteran Soldiers' Association, . . . . .	50.00
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## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Benjamin B. Green, . . . . .	\$ 6.50
Frank R. Rindge, . . . . .	266.86
Henry Clark, . . . . .	201.84
Jason Butler, . . . . .	4.00
W. M. Green, . . . . .	179.44

W. H. McGuire, . . . .	\$155.54	
James M. Pease, . . . .	116.94	
A. A. Phelps, . . . .	129.89	
Luther Markham, . . . .	56.88	
Alden Bros., plank and timber, . . . .	34.08	
A. D. Seaver, . . . .	161.29	
J. C. Cooley, . . . .	13.75	
Alvin Chilson, . . . .	100.68	
James Richards, . . . .	26.40	
W. F. Morgan, . . . .	1.50	
Richard Riley, . . . .	1.75	
Richard Burby, . . . .	5.40	
Henry Clark, road commissioner, . . . .	3.25	
W. A. Mowry, . . . .	2.50	
Franklin Bramble, . . . .	2.00	
C. C. Beebe, . . . .	.75	
S. E. Berrett, hardening, . . . .	5.10	
Town of Ludlow, lighting bridge, . . . .	15.00	
Henry Clark and others, expended on Tink- ham road, . . . .	193.01	
		<u>\$1,684.35</u>

#### LIGHTING STREETS.

T. W. Hamilton, for pump lamps, . . . .	\$ 48.00	
City of Springfield, lanterns and chimneys, . . . .	37.00	
Henry Clark, time and expense getting and painting street lamps, . . . .	19.53	
W. F. Morgan, posts and labor, . . . .	8.50	
Care and supplies for lamps, . . . .	162.58	
		<u>\$275.61</u>

#### TOWN OFFICERS.

##### REGISTRARS.

W. M. Green, . . . .	\$12.00
C. E. Peck, . . . .	10.50
C. E. Stacy, . . . .	10.50

Franklin Edwards, . . . . .	\$10.50	
F. W. Green, . . . . .	6.00	
W. H. Day, . . . . .	7.50	
	<hr/>	\$57.00

## SELECTMEN.

W. F. Morgan, . . . . .	\$69.50	
J. L. Rice, . . . . .	57.65	
Henry Clark, . . . . .	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$177.15

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Jason Butler, . . . . .	\$51.75	
Henry M. Bliss, . . . . .	54.75	
Mrs. S. F. White, . . . . .	41.25	
	<hr/>	\$147.75

## ASSESSORS.

C. E. Peck, . . . . .	\$52.25	
Earl M. Scott, . . . . .	20.00	
Alvin Chilson, . . . . .	17.50	
	<hr/>	\$89.75

## TAX COLLECTOR.

Hiram Danks, . . . . .	\$75.00
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## TREASURER.

C. E. Stacy, . . . . .	\$35.00
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## AUDITOR.

H. W. Cutler, . . . . .	\$5.00
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## CARE OF CEMETERIES.

James Oaks, old yard, . . . . .	\$10.00	
C. C. Day, Glendale, . . . . .	7.00	
Franklin Butler, Butlerville, labor and material, . . . . .	11.00	
W. F. Morgan, stakes, . . . . .	1.00	
	<hr/>	\$29.00

## PAINTING CEMETERY FENCE AT BUTLERVILLE.

W. F. Morgan, labor, . . . . .	\$52.25	
E. B. Gates, material, . . . . .	39.40	
	<hr/>	\$91.65

## CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

Sophia Knowlton estate, rent for house, . . . . .	\$ 25.00
Wesleyan Academy, rent for Music Hall, . . . . .	40.00
W. F. Whitcomb, oil stove, . . . . .	8.00
W. M. Green, services as inspector at polls, . . . . .	1.25
Henry M. Green, services at town meeting, . . . . .	2.00
Henry M. Green, copying and posting town warrants, . . . . .	6.00
James D. Gill, field book, collector's book, $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen blanks, . . . . .	4.12
C. G. Robbins, services at polls, . . . . .	2.00
C. G. Robbins, looking after unmuzzled dogs and killing two dogs, . . . . .	3.50
C. B. Fiske & Co., voting lists, etc., . . . . .	39.55
C. E. Stacy, express and expenses on books, scales, etc., . . . . .	13.45
James T. Baker, packing scales, setting up scales, . . . . .	1.75
Jason Butler, light at Gates' bridge, . . . . .	1.50
Jason Butler, freight on lumber, . . . . .	.25
Fairbanks, Brown & Co., labor and polishing scales, . . . . .	18.50
M. H. Cooley, police duty, . . . . .	27.48
H. S. Lee, interest, . . . . .	100.00
E. B. Gates, stamped envelopes, . . . . .	10.80
C. E. Stacy, time and expenses for attending a meeting of the town clerks of the state, . . . . .	7.50
C. G. Robbins, police duty, . . . . .	2.00
A. H. Bartlett, tax bills and valuation lists, . . . . .	43.80
John LeDue, police duty, . . . . .	7.43
W. L. Collins, undertaker, . . . . .	90.75
C. G. Robbins, moving photo car, . . . . .	4.00

F. Edwards, services at polls, . . .	\$ 2.00
James S. Morgan, services at polls, . . .	3.00
Earl M. Scott, services at polls, . . .	3.00
Charles Lawler, services at polls, . . .	3.00
C. G. Robbins, posting town warrants, . . .	6.00
C. E. Stacy, meeting town clerks at Monson, . . .	9.00
F. A. Warren, services at polls, . . .	2.00
Frank R. Rindge, labor on sewer, . . .	34.60
Joseph Baldwin, rent of hall one year, . . .	40.00
Collins Manufacturing Co., stationery, . . .	.77
J. P. Wilcox & Co., drain pipe and cement, . . .	30.50
P. F. Madden, labor on sewer, . . .	25.71
Dr. N. W. Rand, returning of birth, . . .	.25
F. W. Green, services as ballot clerk at spring and fall meetings, . . .	4.00
E. M. Allis & Son, use of room for regis- trars, . . . . .	6.00
Henry Burr, supply of water, . . .	5.00
Luther Markham, care of water tank, . . .	2.00
Trustees of M. E. church, care and winding of town clock, . . . . .	15.00
Calvin Johnson, services in Baldwin case, . . .	3.00
B. & A. R. R., freight, . . .	2.92
C. G. Robbins, notifying town officers, . . .	7.20
S. F. White, preparing town and state re- ports for 1890-1891, . . . . .	10.00
R. B. Francis, 212 castings, . . .	5.83
C. E. Peck, repairing scraper, . . .	1.00
C. E. Peck, express, postage and stationery, . . .	1.50
C. C. Spellman, counsel, . . .	20.00
W. L. Collins, rent of room, . . .	36.00
W. H. Day, services at polls, . . .	2.00
W. H. McGuire, services at polls, . . .	2.00
W. F. Morgan, cash paid P. Beston for ser- vices in Baldwin case, . . . . .	5.00
C. E. Stacy, indexing deaths, &c., . . .	43.25
C. E. Stacy, repairing ballot box, . . .	1.00
C. E. Stacy, express, . . . . .	4.55

E. B. Gates, interest on town loan,	. . . . .	\$78.50	
J. W. Hayden, services Baldwin case,	. . . . .	3.00	
W. S. Banning, services Baldwin case,	. . . . .	3.00	
		<u>          </u>	\$882.21

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PAUPERS.

Wm. Davis,	. . . . .	\$153.73	
Abbie S. Knight, support at Northampton,	. . . . .	87.75	
Abbie S. Knight, coffin and box,	. . . . .	17.50	
Louis Jaques,	. . . . .	11.07	
A. S. Tufts and wife,	. . . . .	110.58	
Betsy Webster,	. . . . .	124.59	
Mrs. Oril L. Morris,	. . . . .	92.02	
Sarah M. and Mabel J. Downes,	. . . . .	25.14	
John B. Moulton,	. . . . .	180.42	
Frank Amo,	. . . . .	61.95	
Gurney & Spaulding, coal for tramp house,	. . . . .	7.37	
Wm. H. McGuire, coal for tramp house,	. . . . .	11.25	
C. G. Robbins, tramps,	. . . . .	65.90	
Henry Clark, cash paid lease of tramp house,	. . . . .	1.00	
		<u>          </u>	\$950.27

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STATE AID, CHAP. 301, ACTS OF 1889.

Paid Frances M. Davis,	. . . . .	\$48.00	
Wm. Butler,	. . . . .	48.00	
Cordelia Sheldon,	. . . . .	48.00	
John L. Grout,	. . . . .	33.00	
		<u>          </u>	\$177.00

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MILITARY AID, CHAP. 279, ACTS OF 1889.

Paid Lorenzo E. Munsell,	. . . . .	\$72.00	
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## SUMMARY.

Expenses for schools, . . . . .	\$3,221.46
Memorial Day, . . . . .	50.00
Highways and bridges, . . . . .	1,684.35
Lighting streets, . . . . .	275.61
Town officers, . . . . .	586.65
Care of cemeteries, . . . . .	\$ 29.00
Contingent account, . . . . .	882.21
Painting cemetery fence at Butlerville, . . . . .	91.65
State aid, . . . . .	177.00
Military aid, . . . . .	72.00
Paupers, . . . . .	950.27
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Total expenditures, . . . . .	\$8,020.20

## RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Due from State of Massachusetts, state aid,	\$156.00
Military aid,	54.00
Town of Hampden, . . . . .	44.11
Town of Cummington, . . . . .	83.22
Town of Palmer, . . . . .	153.82
Uncollected taxes, . . . . .	282.89
Estate of Abbie S. Knight, . . . . .	883.58
Cash in treasury, . . . . .	3,289.19
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	\$4,946.81

## LIABILITIES.

Outstanding Bills, estimated, . . . . .	\$ 300.00
Note, Springfield Institution for Savings, . . . . .	2,500.00
Four months' interest on same, . . . . .	33.33
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	2,833.33
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Balance in favor of the town, . . . . .	\$2,113.48

The Selectmen recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:—

For Schools,	.	.	.	.	\$2,500.00
Transportation of pupils,	.	.	.	.	50.00
Paupers,	.	.	.	.	1,200.00
Highways and bridges,	.	.	.	.	1,500.00
Contingent expenses,	.	.	.	.	1,500.00
Care of street lights,	.	.	.	.	200.00
Care of cemeteries,	.	.	.	.	25.00
Painting and repairing fence, old yard,	.	.	.	.	150.00

W. F. MORGAN, } *Selectmen*  
 HENRY CLARK, } *of*  
 JESSE L. RICE, } *Wilbraham.*



# Treasurer's Report.

TOWN OF WILBRAHAM, YEAR ENDING MARCH 25, 1892.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury March 25th, 1891,	\$2,044.74
Cash from Hiram Danks, balance of taxes, 1890,	165.79
Hiram Danks, taxes of 1891,	8,522.18
Town of Hampden, tuition re- funded,	5.00
City of Boston,	5.45
State Treasurer, for support of state paupers,	58.70
State Treasurer, corporation tax,	634.74
State Treasurer, national bank tax,	365.27
State Treasurer, transportation state paupers,	2.40
State Treasurer, state aid re- funded,	96.00
State Treasurer, military aid re- funded,	93.00
State Treasurer, income Mass. school fund,	284.56
Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Co., temporary loan,	1,000.00
Edgar Spear, for burial lot in Butterville cemetery,	7.50
John Spaight, for rent of Abbie Knight place,	100.00

Cash from Mrs. A. J. Blanchard, on acct. of Orril Morris estate, . . .	\$ 2.00
Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Co., temporary loan, . . .	500.00
Lyman Moore, for moving Da- guerian saloon, . . .	4.00
County Treasurer, dog fund re- funded, . . .	128.33
Austin Davis, for hay, . . .	8.00
E. B. Gates, interest on town loan, . . .	78.50
Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Co., interest on deposits, . . .	19.75
	<hr/> \$14,125.91

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid Selectmen's orders, . . .	\$7,771.20
Selectmen's old order, . . .	6.00
Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Co., payment of notes, . . .	1,500.00
Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Co., interest on above, at 5 per cent, . . .	26.25
County Treasurer, county tax, . . .	727.23
State Treasurer, state tax, . . .	495.00
State aid, . . .	177.00
Military aid, . . .	72.00
Mary L. Bliss, assessors' abatement, . . .	4.68
John W. Powers, assessors' abatement, . . .	8.64
Abatement of taxes, 1891, . . .	47.72
State Treasurer, for weights, . . .	1.00
Cash in treasury, . . .	3,289.19
	<hr/> \$14,125.91

CHAS. E. STACY, *Treasurer.*

Wilbraham, March 25th, 1892.

## Assessors' Report.

Valuation of personal estate, . . .			\$171,730.00
Valuation of real estate, . . .			586,295.00
			\$758,025.00
Number acres of land taxed, . . .			12,777
Dwelling houses, . . .			297
Horses, . . .			268
Cows, . . .			628
Sheep, . . .			7
Fowls, . . .			930
Poll tax, \$2.00.			
Number of polls, 385.			
Amount assessed on polls, . . .	\$		770.00
Amount assessed on property, . . .			8,035.07
			\$8,805.07
Total committed to collector, . . .			
\$8,805.07			
Rate per cent of total tax, \$10.60 per \$1,000.			
State tax, . . .	\$		495.00
County tax, . . .			727.23
Town tax, . . .			7,515.00
Overlays, . . .			67.84
			\$8,805.07

## TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

For schools, . . . . .	\$2,500.00
Transportation of pupils, . . . . .	100.00
Paupers, . . . . .	1,500.00
Highways and bridges, . . . . .	1,200.00
Contingent expenses, . . . . .	1,200.00
Care of street lights, . . . . .	125.00
New street lights, . . . . .	100.00
Care of cemeteries, . . . . .	25.00
Painting cemetery fence, North Wilbraham, . . . . .	75.00
Prosecuting illegal liquor sellers, . . . . .	200.00
Hardening road from depot to center village, . . . . .	200.00
Memorial day, . . . . .	50.00
Library, . . . . .	25.00
Care of town clock, . . . . .	15.00
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	\$7,515.00

Wilbraham, March 21st, 1892.

CHAUNCEY E. PECK,	} Assessors of Wilbraham.
ALVIN CHILSON,	
EARL M. SCOTT,	

## Certificate of Auditor.

I have carefully examined the accounts of the Selectmen for the past year and find orders drawn on the Treasurer for all bills paid, and receipts for all expenditures except those for state and military aid; also footings and items of their books correct as given in their report.

I have also examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct as reported, with proper vouchers for all payments and

Cash in bank, . . . . .	\$2,693.27
Cash in Treasurer's hand, . . . . .	595.92
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Total cash in treasury, . . . . .	\$3,289.19

It has never been customary to take receipts from parties receiving state and military aid. I would respectfully recommend, however, that in future such receipts be taken, as they are just as necessary as vouchers for any other disbursements.

H. W. CUTLER, *Auditor.*

North Wilbraham, Mass., March 22, 1892.

# Report of School Committee.

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## ROLL OF HONOR.

### NOT ABSENT OR TARDY FOR ONE TERM.

Mary Ogilvie,	George Sorrell,
Fred Smith,	John Wynn,
Walter Bliss,	Helen Gill,
Mamie Bishop,	Mable Skillings,
Mattie Burnett,	Howard Markham,
Charles Perry,	Mamie Lyons,
Maud Baker,	Harry Linnehan,
Nellie Peck,	Francis Green,
Allena Richards,	Alice Perry,
Fannie Calkins,	Etta Darrah,
Arthur Sizier,	Florence Morrison,
Willis Learnerd,	Cora Day,
Clifton Hodge,	Richard Davis,
Nettie Sizer,	Harry Edson.

### NOT ABSENT OR TARDY FOR TWO TERMS.

Blanche Butler,	Effie Morgan,
Maud Alden,	Gertrude Chase,
Minnie Alden,	Jamie Day,
Marjory Perry,	Herbert Calkins,
Louis Rindge,	Ethel Mowry,
Freddie Rindge,	Mable Crocker.

### NOT ABSENT OR TARDY ONE YEAR.

Frank Bronson,	James Seaver,
Annie Powers,	Charles Day,

Julia Wynn,  
Grace Mowry,  
Herbert Burbank,  
Cassius Seaver,

Mamie Day,  
Bertha Farr,  
Charles Farr.

NOT ABSENT OR TARDY TWO YEARS.

Annie Powers.

ABSENT BUT ONE DAY IN THREE YEARS.

Blanche Butler.

TABLE NO. 1.

No. of School.	Length of School in Weeks.	MONTHLY SALARIES.			NAMES OF TEACHERS.			TOTAL PAID TEACHERS.	Incidentals, Fuel and Care.	Total Expenditure for Schools.
		SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.						
1	34	\$26.00	Josie B. Eaton	Josie B. Eaton	Josie B. Eaton	\$221.00	\$22.50	\$243.50		
2A	33	*28.00	Mary E. Burns	Nellie J. Clifford	Nellie J. Clifford	241.00	28.12	473.12		
2P	24	28.00	M. Adelle Pease	Ida M. Atchinson	Ida M. Atchinson	168.00				
3	34	30.00	M. Adelle Pease	M. Adelle Pease	M. Adelle Pease	255.00	42.49	297.49		
4	34	32.00	Clara E. Stanton	Lizzie J. McGuire	Lizzie J. McGuire	272.00	40.06	312.06		
5	33	28.00	Lizzie J. McGuire	E. Eva Cunningham	E. Eva Cunningham	231.00	44.65	275.65		
6	34	32.00	Edith J. McCormick	Lizzie M. Perrin	Lizzie M. Perrin	272.00	25.69	297.69		
7	30	28.00	Evanore O. Beebe	Evanore O. Beebe	Evanore O. Beebe	210.00	55.16	265.16		
8A	33	32.00	Hattie M. Bliss	Jennie L. Upham	Hattie M. Bliss	264.00	†320.69	843.69		
8P	33	†32.00	Maria M. Bliss	Maria M. Bliss	Maria M. Bliss	259.00				
						\$2393.00	\$579.36	\$2972.36		

\*Salary \$32 Spring Term.

†Salary \$30 Spring Term.

‡\$250.74 paid for Books and Supplies for all the Schools.



TABLE NO. 2.

No. of School.	WHOLE NUMBER OF SCHOLARS.				AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP.				AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.			
	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.	YEAR.	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.	YEAR.	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.	YEAR.
1	8	9	9	11	7 2	9	8 3	8 2	7	8 3	6 3	7 2
2	48	49	41	64	29	43	35	35 6	24 2	36	25 4	28 5
3	21	18	25	32	15	14 3	17	17 3	13	14	18	15
4	28	32	29	37	23	28	23	24	22	25 6	19 6	22
5	11	14	13	13	9	14	14	12	8	13	12	11
6	34	24	19	34	31 3	21	18 3	23 5	29 7	20	17	22
7	13	14	14	17	12	14	14	13 3	10 4	13 7	13	12 3
8A	45	40	38	45	42	38	35	38 6	34 3	30 3	24	29 3
8P	38	41	32	44	35	37 5	28 6	30 3	32	34	24	30

The diminished school attendance for the winter term as shown by the report is owing to the prevailing illness of the season.

The committee note with pleasure the increased interest of the teachers in supplying themselves with practical helps in their work in the form of educational journals.

It is gratifying to be able to say that the school registers have in the aggregate been more promptly and properly made up by the teachers the present year than in the year previous.

In the school report of last year reference was made to attractive furnishings in the school rooms. It is hoped that each year will bring with it marked improvements in this direction.

The school room should be made a home for the children, a place where good fellowship among pupils, and between pupils and teacher, is cherished and cultivated.

The maximum of healthful mental activity in the school is at the very point where antagonism between teacher and pupils vanishes to zero and mutual sympathy with oneness of aim prevails.

Before the close of the last school year plans were in progress to place window shades in all the buildings. This plan was carried out last May. Repeated expressions of gratification from the teachers have proved their appreciation.

Increased blackboard accommodations in some of the rooms which have before been deficient in this particular, is another source of pleasure and profit to both teachers and pupils.

Building No. 1, the oldest of the school buildings, having been vacant a part of the time during the past few years, had reached a condition where repairs were necessary. The needed repairs have been made to a considerable extent, and the room furnished with maps, globe, etc. A new stove in room No. 5 has been a source of comfort to all occupants of the room during the past winter.

Two new text books have been introduced within the year—1, Eggleston United States History. This book was adopted by the committee last year and was put into use as soon as the change could be brought about, early in May of this year. It is giving excellent satisfaction. 2, An elementary text book on Civil Government, including our state constitution, suited to the work of the 9th grade, has been introduced, where pupils were ready for its use. Vigorous work has been done in this study. A Mechanic's Arith-

metic has been placed on the teacher's desk in the rooms having the most advanced pupils. The problems given are of a practical character, alike for farmers and mechanics. The work accomplished in the winter term with this book is highly commendable to both teachers and pupils.

The time has come when larger educational facilities for public instruction is desired by the most thoughtful citizens of the town. To achieve this object, educational interests must be shorn of politics, the best school appliances provided, and teachers employed possessed of inspiring qualities of character, as well as scholarly attainments, who will be able to hold the pupils in the public school through the prescribed nine years course, and prepare those who desire it to enter the second year of an academic course.

In 1870, by act of the Legislature, drawing was added to the list of studies prescribed for the public schools. The ability to teach elementary drawing, therefore, becomes a part of the required outfit of a teacher in the public school.

In some of the school rooms good work has been done, but not all of our faithful teachers have yet been able to bring this work to the desired standard. This branch of study systematically taught is a source of mental development of which our pupils cannot afford to be deprived. An eye trained to observe, and a hand to develop form and proportion, is of inestimable value in all practical affairs of life. Observation lessons and drawing lessons are so related in school work that they should go hand in hand. Drawing from objects is a very different mental exercise, since it develops much more of thought power than copying one line from another as found in a drawing book.

The following course of studies is recommended by the committee as an outline of work for the public schools. It covers the nine years of the pupils attendance between the ages of five and fourteen. The work is divided into years, leaving details for each term to be arranged by the teacher. With the large number of studies now prescribed by the state, it is well to avoid distracting the pupil's mind by crowding too great a variety into a single term.

## FIRST YEAR.

## READING.

Blackboard work. Chart. A list of new words kept upon the board and daily reviewed is desirable. Have pupils copy reading lessons on slates from board and chart as soon as they are able to do so. Teach phonics by use of words slowly pronounced as ball, b a ll, instead of giving separate sounds.

## SPELLING.

Oral and written, words in common use.

## LANGUAGE.

In dictation work teach the pupil use of capitals, question mark and hyphen. Days of the week. Names of months. Cultivate expression of thought by talks on plants and animals. Write pupil's name for daily copying.

## GEOGRAPHY.

Teach points of compass. Teach with the rule measurements, as inch, foot, etc. Estimate measurement of length, width and height of objects.

## NUMBER.

Teach combinations first by objects. Teach forms of figures, also signs, as +, —, ×, ÷, =, for convenience in blackboard work. Teach fractions objectively, by use of fraction discs, folding and cutting paper, &c. Roman numerals to 10.

## PHYSIOLOGY.

Oral temperance instructions. Morals and manners.

## OBSERVATION LESSONS.

Teach color, form, and common qualities of objects.

## DRAWING.

Draw from sticks laid, and paper cut. Illustrate by objects, the sphere, cube and cylinder. From these teach details of form—plane and curved surface, straight and curved lines.

## WRITING.

Teach correct position of hand and correct spacing of letters. Use slate, coarse ruled paper and pencil.

## SECOND YEAR.

## READING.

First Readers. Studied and sight reading each day. Insist on natural conversational tones. Drill daily on oral expressions of thought, both before and after reading aloud. Teach new words from the board. Give especial attention to natural defects in articulation. Phonics continued.

## SPELLING.

Oral and written. Thorough board drill on all new words.

## LANGUAGE.

Drill on preceding work. Teach common abbreviations, as Mr., Mrs., St., Ans., &c. Memorize selections. Reproduction of reading lesson, and stories read and told.

## GEOGRAPHY.

Semi-cardinal points of compass. Observe natural features in the neighborhood and their relation to each other: soil, fruits, grains. Teach direction of one object from another in the schoolroom. Direction of home, church, village, and objects of interest. Estimate measurements.

## NUMBER.

Drill in rapid combinations. Equivalent values in small coin. Fractions expressed in numbers. Roman numerals to 20. Teach pint, quart, peck, gallon. Teach pupils to tell time of day. Time measure.

## PHYSIOLOGY.

Oral temperance instruction. Morals and manners.

## OBSERVATION LESSONS.

Study clouds, rain, snow, dew, frost, rainbow. Plants.

## DRAWING.

Teach language or vocabulary of drawing. Name and illustrate lines—horizontal, vertical, oblique. Name and illustrate angles—right, acute, obtuse. Use practice paper.

## WRITING.

Pen, ink and paper. Preface lessons with general exercises in freehand movement. Continue this in all grades.

## THIRD YEAR.

## READING.

Second Readers with supplementary reading. Require an oral or written abstract *before* a prepared reading, *after* sight reading. Drill on abstracts.

## SPELLING.

Oral and written from reader. Drill on constructing original sentences, using words found in the lesson.

## LANGUAGE.

Reproduction of stories read. Original stories. Continue drill in the use of punctuation marks. Use of the apostrophe. Abbreviations of names, of months and days of the week. Explain contractions, as don't, can't, etc.

## GEOGRAPHY.

Teach orally form and surface of the earth. Divisions of land and water. Study globe and maps. Outline maps on blackboard or moulding-board. Boundary of town. Direction and distance to neighboring villages and cities.

## NUMBER.

Make tables in addition, subtraction, multiplication. Count by twos and threes. Use numeral frame. Roman numerals to 50. Write and read numbers to 1,000. Cogswell's Number Lessons.

## PHYSIOLOGY.

Oral temperance instruction. Morals and manners.

## OBSERVATION LESSONS.

Names of flowers and their habits. Names and specimens of all trees in the neighborhood.

## DRAWING.

Teach relation of lines, parallel, perpendicular, inclined. Give dictation lessons on lines and angles. Construct from paper a cube, cylinder and prism. No erasing. Drawing book No. 1. Plenty of practice paper.

## WRITING.

Copy book No. 1 with verbal instruction.

## FOURTH YEAR.

## READING.

Third Readers. Supplementary sight reading. Continue drill on abstracts. Match dissected stories. Insist on natural tones. Do not allow one pupil to interrupt another during a reading exercise.

## SPELLING.

Written and oral. Construct a lesson by selecting words from various text books used. "Drill on words never too well known." Word Primer.

## LANGUAGE.

Review work. Letter writing. In dictation work underscore nouns, then pronouns. Insist on proper use of the verb *be* in all its forms. Teach use of *shall, will, teach, learn*.

## GEOGRAPHY.

Teach important cities and physical features of the state. Boundary of county and state. Map drawing of school grounds, town, county and state. Guyot's Introductory.

## ARITHMETIC.

Write and read numbers to 10,000. Multipliers and divisors of two figures. Add and subtract fractions of like names. Bring the pupil to understand the *meaning* of the terms numerator and denominator. Teach U. S. money and decimals with toy money. Roman numerals to 100. Percentage. Teach common rates, as 50 per cent, 25 per cent, 20 per cent.

## PHYSIOLOGY.

Good Health for Children. Morals and manners.

## OBSERVATION LESSONS.

Study insects and birds, land and water animals.

## DRAWING.

Drill on definitions as found in the drawing books, enlarging on the questions given at the foot of the page. Drill in freehand and arm movements at the board. Draw from objects, using practice paper. No erasing. Drawing book No. 2.

## WRITING.

Copy book No. 2.

## FIFTH YEAR.

## READING.

Third Readers. Insist on the use of vocabulary and dictionary for meaning and pronunciation of new words. Sight reading from papers or magazines.

## SPELLING.

Written and oral. Review lessons may be made up from words previously misspelled.

## LANGUAGE.

Drill in review work. Teach orally and by written work the proper use of *lie, lay, can, may*. Teach abbreviations of names of states, never allowing the abbreviations Ark., Cal., Miss., Mass. to be pronounced as words of one syllable. Teach use of quotation marks. Language Primer.

## GEOGRAPHY.

Drill in map drawing. A memory map is a good review. Require mountains and rivers, then chief railroads and cities to be indicated. Harper's Introductory.

## ARITHMETIC.

Continue oral work in percentage. Illustrate clearly the nature and purpose of interest. Drill on fractions, common and decimal. Elementary text book completed.

## PHYSIOLOGY.

Health Lessons for Beginners. Morals and manners.

## OBSERVATION LESSONS.

Study plants in various stages of development from seeds planted in the room. Continue study of animals and insects. Metamorphosis—e.g. butterfly.

## DRAWING.

Continue drill in curves, right and left hand movement at the board, beginning at any point. Draw from real fruit or vegetables as wholes or parts. Drawing book No. 3. No erasing.

## WRITING.

Copy book No. 3.



## SIXTH YEAR.

## READING.

Fourth Readers. First Book in American history. Written abstracts daily as a part of language lessons.

## SPELLING.

Written and oral. Give special attention to geographical and biographical names found in reading lessons. Use Word Book.

## LANGUAGE.

Review preceding work. Abstracts of reading lessons. Change poetry into prose, giving careful attention to the thought involved. Use of paragraph. Dictate maxims and proverbs. Language Primer.

## GEOGRAPHY.

Harper's Common School Geography used with an approved topical outline. Brighten by all modern methods.

## ARITHMETIC.

Practical Arithmetic to page 160. At every step make clear basis principles. Avoid merely mechanical work. Drill in rapid mental work. Teach objectively solid measure, as measuring wood; also surface measure, schoolyard.

## PHYSIOLOGY.

Hygeine for Young People. Morals and manners.

## OBSERVATION LESSONS.

Make collection of leaves. Study shapes, margins and veinings. Kinds of flowers, roots and stems.

## DRAWING.

Drill in drawing objects bounded by reverse curves. Study plant and flower forms, and draw from nature. No erasing. Drawing book No. 4.

## WRITING.

Copy book No. 4.

## SEVENTH YEAR.

## READING.

Fourth Readers. World at Home. An excellent way to interest pupils in authors and literature is to mark the anniversaries of birthdays of authors by having read and recited selections from their works.

## SPELLING.

Lessons constructed from text books used. Word Book.

## LANGUAGE.

Write promisory notes, bills, receipts, etc. Business correspondence. Compositions on assigned subjects. Language Lessons.

## GEOGRAPHY.

Harper's Common School completed. Written exercises in narrating imaginary journeys, naming the route traveled, describing the country, its features and productions. Write letters from various parts of the country.

## ARITHMETIC.

Practical Arithmetic from page 160 to 241. Continue to teach surface and solid measurements objectively.

## PHYSIOLOGY.

Lessons on the Human Body. Morals and manners. Recitations illustrated from chart.

## OBSERVATION LESSONS.

Continue the study of plants and trees. Uses of different woods. Make a collection of cross sections.

## DRAWING.

Spiral curves. Continue study of leaf and flower forms. Conventionalize and construct simple decorative designs. Study front, upper and side faces of a cube from objects. Drawing book No. 5.

## WRITING.

Copy book No. 5.

## EIGHTH YEAR.

## READING.

Fourth Readers. World at Home. Selections.

## SPELLING.

Written and oral. Words selected from text books. Word Book.

## LANGUAGE.

Teach business forms ; telegraphic dispatches, notices, invitations. Compositions regularly on assigned subjects. Talks and reports on home readings. Language Lessons.

## GEOGRAPHY.

Keep in mind geography by miscellaneous exercises. Geography matches. Production maps. Relative sizes of states by map sketches.

## ARITHMETIC.

Finish Practical Arithmetic, review thoroughly the principles in preceding work. Teach origin and use of metric system. Explain bank notes, and other kinds of money issued by the Government. Origin and basis of National Banking System.

## SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE.

With this book study natural objects as far as possible. Make practical experiments in the department of Physics.

## UNITED STATES HISTORY.

## DRAWING.

Continue study of the cube, taking up cone and cylinder in the same way. In conventionalizing study to make well balanced forms. Drawing book No. 6.

## WRITING.

Copy book No. 6.

## NINTH YEAR.

## READING.

Fifth Reader. United States History.

## SPELLING.

Written and oral, same as previous year.

## LANGUAGE.

Drill on use of words often incorrectly used. Require clearness of statement with correct grammatical construction in the reproduction of History, Geography, and Physiology lessons. Talks and reports of home readings. Swinton's Grammar.

## GEOGRAPHY.

Physical Geography. Occasional general exercises from this book may be made interesting to the entire school.

## MATHEMATICS.

Algebra or Bookkeeping.

## PHYSIOLOGY.

Study of the chart with written exercises.

Civil Government. Current events.

## DRAWING.

Practical application of principles of perspective.

## WRITING.

Copy books Nos. 7 and 8.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Value of books and supplies on hand March, 1891, . . . . .	\$333.65
Paid for books and supplies during year, . . . . .	\$211.15
Purchase, care and delivering books and sup- plies, . . . . .	30.00
Postage, express. freight, etc., . . . . .	9.59
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Total cost of books and supplies, 1891-92. . . . .	\$250.74
Value of books and supplies on hand March, 1892, . . . . .	\$336.40
Books in use in schools (estimated), . . . . .	500.00
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Total value of books and supplies on hand, . . . . .	\$836.40

The revenues for the current year have been as follows:—

Appropriations for school purposes, . . . . .	\$2,500.00
Appropriation for transportation of pupils. . . . .	100.00
From state school fund, . . . . .	284.56
Interest on town loan, . . . . .	78.50
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Total, . . . . .	\$2,963.06

## EXPENDITURES.

Teachers, . . . . .	\$2,393.00
Fuel, incidentals and care of school houses, . . . . .	328.62
Books and supplies, . . . . .	250.74
Transportation of pupils, . . . . .	40.00
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Total, . . . . .	\$3,012.36

We would recommend an appropriation of \$2,500 for school purposes the coming year, \$200 for repairs and \$50 for transportation of pupils.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. S. F. WHITE,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
JASON BUTLER,		
HENRY M. BLISS,		









# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

## SELECTMEN,

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, TREASURER,  
ASSESSORS, SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND  
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY,

OF THE

## TOWN OF WILBRAHAM,

FOR THE

Year Ending March 18, 1896.



PALMER, MASS.:  
PRESS OF C. B. FISKE & COMPANY.  
1896.



## List of Jurors.

AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN, MARCH 20, 1896.

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Ethelbert Bliss,  
Clarence Pease,  
Edgar H. Keith,  
James Stephens,  
Wm. H. Day,  
Charles C. Beebe,  
Benjamin B. Green,  
Monroe Pease,  
James H. Farr,

Fred W. Green,  
H. Herbert Burbank,  
Jason Butler,  
Jerome Pease.  
Frank A. Fuller,  
Charles E. Stacy,  
Edmund W. Jones,  
William A. Mowry,  
Marshall P. Wright.

# Report of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1895.

## SCHOOLS.

Salaries of teachers,	\$2,888.10	
Repairs,	90.79	
Books and supplies,	639.71	
Care of schoolhouses,	145.70	
Insurance on schoolhouses,	80.00	
Tuition at Wesleyan Academy,	570.00	
Superintendent of schools,	353.10	
Horse hire, E. S. Pond,	1.50	
Horse hire, N. J. Clifford,	1.50	
	<hr/>	\$4,770.40

## TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.

A. J. Cleland,	<hr/>	\$20.00
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## MEMORIAL DAY.

C. E. Peck, Treasurer of Veteran Soldiers' Association,		\$75.00
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## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Alvin Chilson, labor,	\$138.36	
E. A. Buck, dynamite and powder,	2.94	

W. F. Morgan, labor,	\$182.45
B. B. Green, labor,	168.74
F. A. Gurney, fuse,	.65
American Road Machine Co., edge for scraper,	8.00
F. D. Thompson, repairing and sharpening tools,	3.90
C. E. Peck, repairing road machine,	16.00
E. C. Clark, labor,	146.66
C. E. Pease, labor,	75.19
J. H. Farr, labor,	140.81
J. H. Farr, repairing machine,	1.80
J. H. Farr, gravel,	.25
W. H. McGuire, labor,	118.19
John Speight, labor,	103.84
A. A. Phelps, labor,	88.06
C. E. Pease, material,	6.36
W. F. Morgan, material,	1.25
C. E. Stacy, nails,	.68
E. C. Clark, one dump scraper,	8.00
W. F. Morgan, labor on new road, "Maiden Lane,"	32.00
Whitcomb, Kirkham & Hazen, 80 feet 8-inch pipe,	12.60
Geo. Patrick, labor,	3.00
P. Moran, labor,	.75
W. H. McGuire, material,	.40
Alden Bros., material,	24.60
F. D. Benton, labor,	.35
Alvin Chilson, material,	4.76
Town of Ludlow, lighting one half of bridge,	15.25
Town of Ludlow, repairing and shingling one half of red bridge,	49.29
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	\$1,355.13

Special Appropriation of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for Hardening Boston Road from North Wilbraham to Springfield Line.

W. F. Morgan,	labor,	\$20.25
George Patrick,	"	13.50

James H. Farr,	labor,	\$36.00	
A. D. Seaver,	“	41.25	
Andrew Anderson,	“	13.50	
B. B. Green,	“	36.00	
Thomas A. Marshall,	“	13.50	
W. M. Green,	“	36.00	
J. A. Bennett & Son,	“	24.00	
J. W. Baldwin,	“	12.00	
H. LaBroad,	“	7.50	
W. L. Collins,	“	24.00	
LeRoy Lard,	“	9.00	
M. A. Lane,	“	49.50	
M. A. Lane, gravel, (480 loads @ 8c.)		38.40	
		<hr/>	\$374.40

Special Appropriation of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for Hardening the Road from N. Wilbraham to Springfield Line via Wilbraham Center.

W. F. Morgan,	labor,	\$ 3.50
Geo. Patrick,	“	3.00
E. C. Clark,	“	84.92
J. H. Farr,	“	8.00
A. D. Seaver,	“	8.00
Andrew Anderson,	“	3.00
B. B. Green,	“	8.00
Thos. A. Marshall,	“	3.00
W. M. Green,	“	8.00
J. A. Bennett & Son,	“	3.00
H. LaBroad,	“	3.00
Oliver Green,	“	3.00
A. A. Gladding,	“	4.00
W. L. Collins,	“	8.00
LeRoy Lard,	“	1.50
M. A. Lane,	“	11.00
W. H. McGuire,	“	124.95
N. J. Merrill, gravel, (39 loads @ 10c.)		3.90

L. J. Potter, gravel, (429 loads @ 7c,)	\$ 30.03	
E. W. Jones, gravel, (116 loads @ 8c,)	9.28	
James Richards, sand, (30 loads @ 10c,)	3.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$334.08

Special Appropriation of Fifty Dollars (50.00) to Lower or Repair Hill near Geo. Tupper's.

W. F. Morgan, labor,	46.40	
F. A. Gurney, fuse,	.40	
	<u>          </u>	\$46.80

#### STATE ROAD.

P. H. Potter, lumber and labor,		\$10.64
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Special Appropriation of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for Sidewalks between North Wilbraham and Wilbraham Center.

W. H. McGuire,		\$189.52
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#### NEW ROAD SCRAPER.

Special Appropriation of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

Geo. E. Allen, one road machine,	\$200.00	
B. & A. R. R. Co., freight,	8.12	
	<u>          </u>	\$208.12

#### LIGHTING STREETS.

Care of lamps,	\$120.00	
Supplies and repairs,	114.06	
	<u>          </u>	\$234.06

## TOWN OFFICERS.

## REGISTRARS.

C. E. Stacy,	\$12.00	
Henry Clark,	12.00	
J. L. Rice,	12.00	
E. M. Scott,	12.00	
	<hr/>	\$48.00

## SELECTMEN.

Henry Clark,	\$91.25	
J. L. Rice,	77.55	
E. M. Scott,	53.75	
	<hr/>	\$222.55

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Jason Butler,	\$42.75	
H. M. Bliss,	54.00	
H. G. Webber,	45.00	
	<hr/>	\$141.75

## ASSESSORS.

Alvin Chilson, (1894),	\$18.12	
W. F. Morgan,	50.25	
F. A. Gurney,	23.75	
B. F. Greene,	25.90	
	<hr/>	\$118.02

## TREASURER.

C. E. Stacy,	\$35.00	
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## AUDITOR.

Frank A. Gurney,		\$5.00
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## CATTLE INSPECTORS.

H. G. Webber,	\$ 4.00	
Lyman Fiske,	50.00	
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## POLICE.

Earl M. Scott,		\$3.00
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## ROAD COMMISSIONER.

Henry Clark,		\$24.50
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## TRUANT OFFICERS.

J. H. Farr,	\$1.50	
Hiram Danks,	1.40	
	<hr/>	\$2.90

## CARE OF CEMETERIES.

C. C. Day, Glendale,	\$ 7.00	
John Speight, Old Cemetery,	10.00	
B. B. Green, Butlerville,	9.00	
	<hr/>	\$26.00

## TAX COLLECTOR.

Hiram Danks,		\$90.00
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## CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

T. H. Linnehan, services at polls,	\$3.00
H. J. Morgan, services at polls,	2.00
C. G. Robbins, services at polls,	4.00
E. M. Scott, services at polls,	3.00
J. S. Morgan, services at polls,	6.00
M. H. Cooley, services at polls,	3.00
C. E. Stacy, services as election officer,	9.00
C. G. Robbins, posting warrants,	6.00
M. H. Cooley, posting warrants,	6.00
C. G. Robbins, notifying town officers,	4.20
E. M. Allis & Son, rent of room for registrars,	8.00
H. W. Cutler, treasurer of Grace Chapel parish, for use of chapel for town meeting,	40.00
C. E. Stacy, preparing ballots and correcting proof,	3.00
C. E. Stacy, preparing tally sheets,	10.00
C. E. Stacy, making out warrants, copying records, etc,	3.75
C. E. Stacy, meeting town clerks at Monson,	4.00
C. E. Stacy, express,	4.55
C. B. Fiske & Co., annual town reports for 1894-95,	22.88

C. B. Fiske & Co., ballots,	\$ 6.50
C. B. Fiske & Co., tally sheets,	2.00
A. H. Bartlett, tax bills and valuation lists,	43.00
James D. Gill, assessors' field book and tax collector's book,	3.60
W. L. Collins, undertaker,	82.50
The Republican, advertising,	1.20
The Union, " "	2.88
J. W. Baldwin, P. M., 500 stamped envelopes,	10.90
M. H. Cooley, services as fire warden,	1.00
J. L. Rice, services in Cleaveland case,	5.67
M. H. Cooley, milking H. LaBroad's cows,	2.25
C. E. Stacy, recording births, marriages and deaths,	35.90
F. A. Fuller, allowance on putting in sewer on Maple street,	20.00
J. L. Rice, expenses to New Bedford to purchase the new hearse,	7.50
James Stephens, damages received on highway in March, 1895,	10.00
W. H. Day, services at election,	3.00
H. C. Burr, use of water tank,	5.00
Geo. A. Russell, care and winding town clock,	25.00
C. L. Long, legal services,	34.00
H. G. Webber, returning births,	2.00
J. M. Perry, town loan committee, interest on town loan bill, April 1, 1896,	78.50
Geo. A. Russell, use of music hall for caucuses, 1895,	5.00
W. L. Collins, rent of room for town offices,	36.00
F. A. Gurney, services at polls,	3.00
F. A. Gurney, telephone message,	.15
C. E. Stacy, burial certificate,	3.00
C. E. Stacy, mucilage and telephone,	.45
Henry Clark, recording deeds,	.50
Henry Clark, wicks for oil stove,	.40
Earl M. Scott, posting town warrant,	3.00

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 \$576.18

## PAUPERS.

C. G. Robbins, 262 tramps at 20 cents, (March, 1895,)	\$ 52.40
C. G. Robbins, 220 tramps at 20 cents,	44 00
C. G. Robbins, 2 tramps over Sunday,	.60
C. G. Robbins, lease of land for tramp house,	1.00
C. G. Robbins, stove for tramp house,	9.50
F. A. Gurney, coal for tramp house,	5.13
C. G. Robbins, coal for tramp house,	5.94
J. W. Baldwin, coal for tramp house,	7.11
J. B. Moulton and wife,	96.00
A. S. Tufts and wife,	109.97
Betsey Webster,	124.96
Frank Amo, Sr., medical attendance,	3.00
Frank Amo, Sr., coffin and box,	12.00
Paid Henry Clark for time and expenses in Frank Amo case,	9.50
Abbie Phelps,	20.00
H. G. Mather, care,	25.00
Bryan Fallon, care of child,	14.00
Wm. Wryan, medical attendance,	1.00
Fred Whitcomb, supplies,	11.13
Fred Whitcomb, medical attendance,	28.00
Fred Whitcomb, washing,	1.00
Alfred Bliss,	4.00
James Moulton, supplies,	9.64
James and Catherine Moulton, transportation from Worcester,	1.24
Mrs. Foley, supplies,	4.72
Earl M. Scott, care of tramps,	10.00
E. G. Washburn, coffin for child of F. Frebolt,	5.00
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	\$615.84

## TOWN LIBRARY.

Mabel F. Gates, librarian,	\$11.00
Jason Butler, express and freight,	1.05
Eunice Bell, librarian,	12.00
Charles H. Woodman, books,	1.56
King, Richardson & Co., books,	117.13
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	\$142.74

## NEW HEARSE.

Special Appropriation, Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$650.00).

George L. Brownell, one new hearse, \$750.00

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By one second-hand hearse,	\$250.00	
By freight on new hearse,	15.60	
Balance,		\$484.40
Fred L. Stebbins, freight on new hearse,	15.60	
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		\$500.00

## STATE AID, CHAP. 301, ACTS OF 1894.

Paid Frances M. Davis,	\$48.00	
William Butler,	48.00	
Cordelia Sheldon,	48.00	
James C. Moody,	36.00	
		<u>          </u>
		\$180.00

## SUMMARY.

Expenses for schools,	\$4,790.40
Memorial Day,	75.00
Highways and bridges,	1,355.13
Hardening Boston road,	374.40
Hardening Wilbraham road,	334.08
Repairing road near Geo. Tupper's,	46.80
State road,	10.64
New road scraper,	208.12
Lighting streets,	234.06
Town officers,	744.72
Care of cemeteries,	26.00
Contingent account,	576.28
Paupers,	615.84
Library,	142.74
New Hearse,	500.00
Sidewalks,	189.52
State Aid,	180.00
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	\$10,403.73

## RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Due from State of Mass., State Aid,	\$180.00	
Due from Town of Monson, (tuition,)	61.50	
Due from uncollected taxes,	682.83	
Cash in treasury,	937.75	
	<hr/>	\$1,862.08

## LIABILITIES.

Butler Crossing,	\$393.12
Outstanding bills estimated,	100.00

The Selectmen recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year.

For Schools,	2,800.00
Repairs,	200.00
Transportation of pupils,	20.00
Tuition,	500.00
Paupers,	900.00
Highways and bridges,	1,500.00
Contingent expenses and town officers,	1,500.00
Care of street lamps,	250.00
Care of cemeteries,	25.00
Library,	25.00
Butler Crossing,	393.12
New road ordered by County Commissioners,	2,400.00
Addition to old cemetery and fencing,	275.00

HENRY CLARK,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JESSE L. RICE,	
EARL M. SCOTT,	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>Wilbraham.</i>

# Report of the Board of Assessors.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 16, 1896.

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## APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1895.

Schools,	\$2,800.00	
Highways and bridges,	1,500.00	
Repairing school houses,	200.00	
Transportation of pupils,	25.00	
Tuition Wesleyan Academy,	500.00	
Procuring hammers &c., for tramp house,	50.00	
Public library,	25.00	
Hardening road from depot to Springfield line,	500.00	
Hardening road from depot through Wilbraham street,	300.00	
Sidewalk between villages,	200.00	
Street lights,	200.00	
Care of cemeteries,	25.00	
Care of town clock,	25.00	
Purchasing new hearse,	650.00	
Prosecuting illegal liquor selling,	200.00	
Memorial Day,	70.00	
Road machine,	250.00	
	<hr/>	\$7,520.00

## TAXES FOR 1895.

State tax,	\$510.00	
County tax,	958.01	
Town tax,	5,300.00	
Butler crossing,	393.12	
Overlayings,	171.23	
	<hr/>	\$7,332.36

## TABLE OF AGGREGATES, 1895.

Total number polls at \$2.00 each, 380. Tax,	\$760.00
Number polls at \$0.50 each, 1. Tax,	.50
Value of personal estate,	\$142,355.00
Value of real estate,	613,031.00
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Valuation, May 1st, 1895,	\$755,386.00
Rate per cent of total tax, \$8.70 per \$1000.	
Number of dwelling houses,	293
Horses,	297
Cows,	541
Fowls,	1,210
Acres of land,	12,871

W. F. MORGAN,	} <i>Assessors</i>	
B F. GREENE,		<i>of</i>
FRANK A. GURNEY.		<i>Wilbraham.</i>

# Treasurer's Report of the Town of Wilbraham.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 15TH, 1896.

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## RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury March 15th, 1895,	\$2,860.35
Cash from Hiram Danks, taxes of 1894,	1,011.80
Hiram Danks, taxes for 1895,	6,649.53
Hiram Danks, taxes for 1893,	38.74
Town of Monson, tuition refunded,	71.27
State Treasurer, on account of state pauper,	44.00
Hiram Danks, on account of sewer tax,	44.56
Town of Otis, aid to Mather refunded,	25.00
B. & A. R. R., on account of But- ler crossing,	88.40
Estate of Jane Hall, for burial lot,	10.00
Geo. H. Glover, for burial lot,	10.00
Amos Hines, for burial lot,	10.00
Jason Butler, on account of Super- intendent of Schools,	303.63
Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Co., temporary loan,	1,000.00
State Treasurer, corporation tax,	881.78
State Treasurer, National Bank tax,	205.59



Cash from State Treasurer, state aid refunded,	\$147.00	
State Treasurer, on account of state highway loan fund,	12.64	
State Treasurer, income Massachusetts school fund,	425.60	
M. Wells Bridge, county treasurer, dog fund,	150.32	
Town of Palmer, tuition refunded,	27.33	
Town of Monson, aid to Helen Moore refunded,	110.76	
H. M. Bliss, auctioneer license,	2.00	
Albert Phelps, grass on Webster place,	7.00	
Fees of the public library,	3.44	
J. M. Perry, town loan committee, interest on town loan,	78.50	
Alden Bros., overcharge on order No. 194,	1.00	
J. L. Rice, for lead pipe,	4.00	
		————— \$14,224.24
Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Co., interest on deposits,		21.14
		—————
		\$14,245.38

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### EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid Selectmen's orders,	\$10,223.73
County treasurer, county tax,	958.01
State treasurer, state tax,	510.00
State treasurer, state aid,	180.00
State treasurer on account of grade crossing,	364.00
State treasurer, interest grade crossing,	29.12
Assessors' abatements,	12.88
Springfield Safe Deposit & Trust Co., interest on loan,	8.75

Cash paid Springfield Safe Deposit & Trust Co., temporary loan,	\$1,000.00	
	-----	\$13,286.49
Cash in treasury, March 16, 1896,		958.89
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		\$14,245.38

CHARLES E. STACY, *Treasurer.* .

Wilbraham, Mass., March 16th, 1896.

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### CERTIFICATE OF AUDITOR.

I have carefully examined the accounts of the Selectmen of the Town of Wilbraham for the past year, and find orders drawn on the Treasurer (including \$180.00 for state aid) amounting to \$10,403.73 with proper vouchers for all expenditures. Their books have been neatly kept, are legible, and the items and footings are correct, as given in their report.

I have also carefully examined the accounts of the Treasurer, and find the books neatly kept, correctly cast, and as reported, there being a balance of cash in the treasury of \$958.89.

F. E. CLARK, *Auditor.*

Wilbraham, March 23, 1896.

## Report of the School Committee.

The School Committee respectfully submit their annual report ; also the report of the Superintendent of Schools, to which reference is made for a more detailed statement of the work in the schools. The revenues of the current year have been as follows :

Appropriation for school purposes,	\$2,800.00	
Appropriation for repairs,	200.00	
Appropriation for transportation,	50.00	
Appropriation for tuition high school studies,	500.00	
From state school fund,	425.60	
From state on account Superintendent of Schools,	303.63	
Interest on town loan,	78.50	
Town of Palmer, tuition, 1895-6,	27.33	
Town of Monson, tuition, 1895-6,	61.50	
Amount due from state for Superintendent of Schools to April 1,	218.03	
	—————	\$4,661.59

### EXPENDITURES.

Teachers,	\$2,888.10	
Books and supplies,	358.44	
Repairs, fuel, care and incidentals,	512.24	
Transportation of pupils,	20.00	
Tuition high school pupils,	570.00	
Salary Superintendent of Schools and expenses,	359.77	
	—————	\$4,708.55
Value of books and supplies on hand March, 1895,	478.24	
Paid for books and supplies,	358.44	
	—————	\$836.68

Value of books and supplies on hand March, 1896,	\$540.71
Value of books and supplies in schools, esti- mated,	750.00
	————— \$1,290.71

We recommend the coming year an appropriation of \$2800, for school purposes, \$200 for repairs, \$20 for transportation of pupils, and \$500 for tuition.

Respectfully submitted,

JASON BUTLER,	} <i>Committee.</i>
HENRY M. BLISS,	
H. G. WEBBER, M. D.,	

#### HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUCTION.

The town having voted to pay the tuition at the Wesleyan Academy for high school instruction of such children as are duly qualified, the following regulations have been adopted :

\* 1. Examinations shall be given by the Wesleyan Academy to those candidates only who are recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

2. No candidate shall be recommended by the Superintendent for examination unless he has satisfactorily completed in course or by examination the studies of the "Course of Study" for the public schools of Wilbraham.

3. Examinations shall be given by the Wesleyan Academy in arithmetic, English grammar, geography, United States history and spelling.

4. All who pass these examinations shall receive from the Superintendent of Schools a certificate which shall entitle the person named therein to tuition at the expense of the town of Wilbraham in the Wesleyan Academy in the academic, classical, industrial science, or Latin scientific courses.

5. All students educated at the expense of the town of Wilbraham in the Wesleyan Academy shall be under the rules and regulations of that institution.

JASON BUTLER,	} <i>School</i>	
H. G. WEBBER,		} <i>Committee.</i>
H. M. BLISS,		

Wilbraham, Mass., Dec. 23, 1895.

## TABLE NO. 1.

No. of School.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.			Total paid Teachers.	Repairs, Fuel, Incidentals.	Total.
	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.			
1	Lula Spiller.....	Lula Spiller.....	Lula Spiller.....	\$ 270.00	\$ 40.83	\$ 310.83
2P	Emily S. Pond.....	Emily S. Pond.....	Emily S. Pond.....	288.00	39.70	327.70
2A	Nellie J. Clifford.....	Nellie J. Clifford.....	Nellie J. Clifford.....	288.00	38.52	326.52
3	Maddie A. Gregg.....	Maddie A. Gregg.....	Maddie A. Gregg.....	284.80	51.20	336.00
4	Dora M. Merrick.....	Dora M. Merrick.....	W. H. Robbins.....	321.30	33.40	354.70
5	E. Eva Cunningham....	E. Eva Cunningham....	Bessie Irene Kelley....	252.00	19.00	271.00
6	Maud A. Goodwill.....	Maud A. Goodwill.....	E. Eva Cunningham....	252.00	48.25	300.25
7	Evanore O. Beebe.....	Evanore O. Beebe.....	Evanore O. Beebe.....	266.00	39.20	305.20
8P	Maria E. Bliss.....	Maria E. Bliss.....	Maria E. Bliss.....	306.00	202.14	508.14
8A	Jennie Harris.....	Jennie Harris.....	Jennie Harris.....	360.00	*35.44	718.44
				\$2,888.10	\$870.68	\$3,758.78

\*\$358.44 Books and Supplies for all the Schools.

\*\$35.44

TABLE NO. 2.

No. of School.	WHOLE NUMBER OF PUPILS.				AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP.				AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.				Length of School in Weeks.	Monthly Salary.
	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Year.	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Year.	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Year.		
1	15	10	10	16	12 33	10	10	10 78	12	9 57	9 70	10 42	36	\$30 00
2P	42	51	46	73	40 66	39	37	33 39	36 33	33 66	30 66	33 55	36	32 00
2A	25	21	21	25	21 66	17	16	18 49	19 66	16 33	13 66	16 55	36	32 00
3	21	19	18	24	19 05	17	16	17 57	16 75	16 66	15 36	15 92	36	32 00
4	27	31	32	34	25 68	28	28	27 66	24 98	25 82	25 30	25 13	36	34 00
5	13	14	13	14	12 6	12	12	12 36	12 22	11 18	11 13	11 51	36	28 00
6	14	18	19	22	11 66	15	15	14 34	10 83	14 95	13 07	12 95	36	28 00
7	17	14	15	23	12 83	14	12	13 05	12	12 95	12 05	12 33	36	28 00
8P	47	38	28	47	42 06	28	21	30 45	37 36	26 02	17 69	27 02	36	34 00
8A	33	33	34	34	29 08	28	26	28 88	27 35	25 08	23 58	25 33	36	40 00

## Roll of Honor.

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### NOT ABSENT OR TARDY FOR ONE TERM.

Charles Farr,	George Clunie,
Nellie Fuller,	Arthur Phelps,
Fred Barron,	Eunice Bates,
Grace Green,	Ada Blodgett,
Emma Coote,	Dennis Lowney,
Fred McRobert,	Sanford Fuller,
Eddie Carney,	Dennis Wallace,
Alice Munsell,	Fred Fuller,
Charles Gagner,	Gertrude Bennett,
Hattie Calkins,	Etta Darrah,
Olive Bryant.	Waldo Deady,
Frances Deady,	Addie Scott,
Mary Logan,	Walter Richardson,
Albena Marquis,	Fred Rindge,
Frank Bronson,	Stanley Heath,
Chester Bryant.	George Hudson,

Fred Fuller.

### NOT ABSENT OR TARDY FOR TWO TERMS.

Francis Green,	James Day,
Charles Richardson,	Walter Green,
Lester Heath,	Cora Day.

### NOT ABSENT OR TARDY FOR ONE YEAR.

Maud Alden,	Minnie Alden,
Albert Farr,	Charles Harron,

Julius Martin.

### NOT ABSENT OR TARDY FOR FIVE YEARS.

Bertha Farr.

## Report of Truant Officers.

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I have been called upon six times to attend to truants and have sent nineteen into the schools.

HIRAM DANKS, *Truant Officer.*

I have been called upon once to attend to truants and have taken one into the school.

JAMES FARR, *Truant Officer.*



## Report of School Superintendent.

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*To the Committee of Wilbraham:*

GENTLEMEN.—During the past year our schools have suffered few changes of teachers.

Miss Lula Spiller, a Salem Normal graduate, began the spring term in District No. 1, and has continued there throughout the year.

Miss Harris of Brooklyn, took charge of the Advanced school in North Wilbraham at the same time, but left us in January, for a graded school in Essex County.

Under her efficient management the classes were so well arranged in clearly defined grades that her work was easily taken up by Miss Albee, a worthy successor. We feel that the school has never been in a better condition than it is at present.

Shortly before the Thanksgiving recess Miss Merrick succumbed to the disease, which for a long time she had so bravely resisted. Mr. Robbins kindly consented to fill the vacancy for a few weeks hoping this absence would be only temporary. When it became evident that this was not the case, we secured the services of Miss Kelly, a successful teacher from Washington.

The respect and sympathy of the entire community are extended to Miss Merrick, with the hope that we may ere long again welcome her to her accustomed place.

During the winter the schools in Numbers 3, 4, and 8 have received instruction in music, under the direction of Miss Lillian Russell, who has kindly given her services for two hours each week. By her pleasing manner and her familiarity with her subject, she at once excited the interest of the pupils and secured the confidence of the teachers. The results of her work have been highly satisfactory.

Important changes in text books have been made this year.

Frye's geographies have been introduced and Miss Hyde's language lessons and Whitney's grammar have taken the place of Southworth and Goddard's, formerly in use here.

During the spring term Mr. James Hall, recently appointed Assistant State Supervisor of Drawing, met the teachers of Wilbraham, Hampden, and Ludlow, and gave an interesting talk on "Drawing in Ungraded Schools." The Outline furnished by the State is now followed in all our schools and a generous supply of material has been furnished.

In January our teachers were addressed by Mr. Edson, whose visits here always incite enthusiasm and encourage renewed effort.

Other teachers' meetings conducted by your Superintendent have been held at intervals throughout the year.

By vote of the town, pupils are now admitted to the Academy when fitted for the first instead of the second year, as formerly. It often happens that a pupil whose interests would be better served in the Academy than in the district school, is not sufficiently advanced in his studies to warrant your Superintendent in certifying to his ability to enter upon high school work, and, though knowing that personally he would be benefitted by the instruction of special teachers and by the companionship of older students, she would not be justified in calling upon the town for tuition of such person. The rules by which she is governed in such, and in all cases, appear in the records kept by the Secretary of the School Board and are published with this report.

Recommendations for the coming year :

I. I believe that vertical penmanship should be taught next spring in the primary school in District No. 2, which is so isolated that the children are not likely to become members of any other classes in town. Here the experiment can be thoroughly tested. Many still prefer the slanting system, but no one can claim that it is easy or natural for any person to learn to hold his pen in the prescribed manner or to incline his letters to the proper slope, and it seems unwise to oblige pupils, who are with difficulty kept in school during the period required by law, to spend so much time in acquiring what they so soon forget.

The vertical hand commends itself, as being on account of its naturalness much more readily learned, far more legible, and, as physicians claim, more hygienic. President Eliot of Harvard

University says it is an enormous economy, more legible and convenient, and in many offices vertical penmen are now given the preference.

If asked why it should not be tried in all our schools, my answer would be that it seems inexpedient to force it upon older pupils who have for years laboriously striven with the old style, and who, presumably, have acquired some proficiency in it. If, after one term's trial it works well in one primary room, it may, I think, be introduced in the other, and later, to all classes composed entirely of little children.

II. As now arranged the advanced school at North Wilbraham consists of five grades, each requiring at least four lessons in a day. By combining classes and defrauding each child in every possible way we reduce the number of recitation periods to something under twenty, but we have even then more than double the number allowed in well graded schools. Is it possible to do so much well? Is it not doubtful economy to continue in this way?

One of two courses is in my opinion to be chosen :

1st. To forbid all transfers from the primary to the advanced room for at least one year, or until such time as the number of grades in the lower shall exceed the number in the higher school, thus materially injuring the interests of the little children, or, secondly, to separate the advanced school into grammar and intermediate divisions and employ three teachers where there are now but two.

There are objections to this plan and its adoption would give rise to perplexing questions of accommodation, but I believe the results would be satisfactory and that in a school of so many grades and pupils such a division is necessary.

It is true that in former days a larger number of pupils used to be well instructed by one teacher. but the state did not then require what it now does and compliance with these demands is obligatory not optional.

This report is abbreviated to give room to the detailed course of study, which by your request, is now presented for publication. A few additions have this winter been made to the number work of the first four grades. All other parts have been tested in your schools and in the other towns of this district of supervision.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. POLAND.

February 18, 1896.

# Report of the Trustees of the Free Public Library.

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Number of books in the library by last report,	634	
Number of books added to library,	142	
	776	776

The resources of the Free Public Library for the year have been as follows :

Appropriation by the town,	\$ 25.00	
Dog fund,	122.30	
Fines and cards,	3.44	
	\$150.74	\$150.74

## EXPENDITURES.

Books,	\$118.69	
Express and freight on books,	1.05	
Mabel Gates, librarian, April to Sept. 24th, 1895,	11.00	
Eunice E. Bell, librarian, Sept. 24th to April 1, 1896,	12.00	
	\$142.74	\$142.74
Balance in treasury,		\$8.00

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. CUTLER, JASON BUTLER, MRS. W. L. COLLINS,	}	<i>Trustees Free Public Library.</i>
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## Articles in Town Warrant.

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

ART. 2. To fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.

ART. 3 To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, three Selectmen who shall be Overseers of the Poor, three Assessors, five Constables, four Fence Viewers, Auditor, one School Committee for three years, Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year, one Library Trustee for three years; all on one ballot. Also to choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Assessors, School Committee, Library Trustees, and other town officers.

ART. 5. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To decide by ballot, which shall be "Yes" or "No," the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town."

ART. 7. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for defraying the expenses of the town for the ensuing year, and appropriate the same, and vote how the same shall be raised.

ART. 8. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 9. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as may be sanctioned by the Selectmen, the same to be paid from the taxes.

ART. 10. To see if the town will provide for the adequate lighting of the streets in town.

ART. 11. To see if the town will instruct its Selectmen to prosecute any person or persons selling or transposing intoxicating liquors within this town contrary to the laws of the Commonwealth, or take any action in regard to the same.

ART. 12. To see what disposition the town will make of the dog fund of 1896.

ART. 13. To see if the town will grant money for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

ART. 14. To see if the town will appropriate money for the care and winding of the town clock.

ART. 15. To see if the town will pay for the advanced tuition of its pupils in Wesleyan Academy on conditions such as shall be satisfactory to the School Committee and to the board of instruction of said Academy, also to raise funds for the same.

ART. 16. To see what action the town will take in regard to having vocal music taught in public schools.

ART. 17. To see if the town will instruct its Selectmen where to purchase or acquire land to enlarge the Cemetery near the house of the late Dea. David Adams.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to purchase a part or all of the Real Estate of the late Lydia Nelson in this town.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen or Road Commissioner, two hundred and fifty dollars to be used for hardening and otherwise permanently improving the highways to the south and east of Glendale church, and fifty dollars to be used for grading Stebbins Hill, so called.

ART. 20. To see if the town will instruct its Selectmen to confer with the County Commissioners and State Highway Commission in regard to building the road ordered by the County Commissioners, with a view to saving as much expense to the town as possible.

The polls will be open at ten o'clock, a. m., and may be closed at two o'clock p. m.







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## List of Jurors.

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AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN.

James K. Butler,  
Ethelbert Bliss,  
Clarence P. Bolles,  
Albert A. Phelps,  
James F. Phelps,  
William Kaulman,  
Calvin G. Robbins,  
Henry M. Bliss,  
Clarence E. Pease,  
William H. Day,

James H. Farr,  
Jerome Pease,  
Fred W. Green,  
Edward W. Jones,  
James Stephens,  
H. H. Burbank,  
W. M. Green,  
Frank R. Rindge,  
Charles C. Beebe,  
Charles W. Vinton,

DeWitt Mowry.

# Report of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 23, 1899.

## STREET LIGHTS.

John F. Baldwin, care,	\$22.00	
James Stephens, care, supplies and repairs,	96.32	
City of Springfield, one street lamp,	1.00	
T. W. Hamilton, three street lamps,	9.00	
F. A. Fuller, supplies,	27.64	
C. F. Fuller, care and repairs,	25.60	
	<hr/>	\$181.56

## MEMORIAL DAY.

James S. Morgan,	\$25.00	
C. E. Peck,	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$75.00

## CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

C. B. Fiske & Co., 575 ballots,	\$ 6.50	
C. B. Fiske & Co., 450 town reports,	29.45	
John W. Baldwin, 500 stamped envelopes,	10.86	
John W. Baldwin, 100 2c stamps,	2.00	
Town of Ludlow, lighting bridge,	15.25	
F. A. Fuller, supplies and express,	9.73	
Collins Mfg. Co., legal cap paper,	1.44	
Charles L. Long, attorney,	39.00	
C. G. Robbins, posting town warrant,	6.00	
“ “ services at polls,	2.00	

C. G. Robbins, notifying town officers,	\$ 11.70
Studley and Miller, sheriff fees,	15.90
J. F. Burpee, record book,	2.70
Frank R. Rindge, services at polls,	2.00
E. S. Keyes, repairing Hook & Ladder house,	1.95
Wm. Lincoln, school house insurance,	86.40
C. G. Robbins, services as constable,	2.40
J. W. Baldwin, services at polls,	3.00
Dora M. Merrick, copying records,	24.00
J. K. Barker, surveying highway,	12.00
A. H. Bartlett, printing tax bills,	3.53
“ “ “ valuation list,	41.00
H. B. Davis, photographing highway,	3.00
F. A. Fuller, express, stamps, etc.,	5.46
J. W. Baldwin, stamped envelopes,	10.90
C. G. Robbins, posting town warrants,	12.00
A. H. Bartlett, seal press,	2.25
C. E. Peck, services at polls,	2.00
Frank R. Rindge, services at polls,	2.00
John W. Baldwin, “ “	3.00
James Egan, “ “	6.00
F. A. Gurney, collector's book,	1.50
“ “ field book,	1.75
“ “ spikes, stationery and postage,	1.17
“ “ express,	.71
W. H. Bliss, M. D., returning births,	.25
A. E. Martell, duplicate letter book,	7.00
H. C. Burr, water tank,	5.00
F. A. Fuller, election officer,	5.00
“ “ meeting town clerks,	2.00
“ “ care weights and measures,	5.00
“ “ recording marriages,	2.10
“ “ “ births,	17.50
“ “ “ deaths,	5.60
“ “ preparing tally sheets,	6.00
C. C. Beebe, services at polls,	3.00
W. L. Collins, services as undertaker,	106.50
“ “ office rent,	36.00
H. G. Webber, returning births,	1.00

Wm. Lincoln & Co., insurance on library,	\$ 7.50	
F. A. Fuller, express,	1.05	
“ “ postage,	.15	
“ “ blank receipts,	.20	
Jason Butler, abatement paid C. W. Stone,	2.00	
J. M. Perry, interest on town loan,	78.50	
Jason Butler, administrator Betsey Webster estate,	100.00	
Wesleyan Academy, use of Music Hall,	40.00	
Geo. A. Russell, trustee, winding and care tower clock,	25.00	
Dr. A. L. Damon, returning births,	3.25	
	<hr/>	\$840.15

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PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Betsey Webster,	\$169.71	
A. S. Tufts and wife,	108.42	
John B. Moulton and wife,	88.00	
Frank A. Lincoln and family,	74.54	
Alfred Bliss,	7.50	
Frank Amo,	47.00	
C. W. Stone, state pauper,	53.92	
R. P. Mills, medical attendance,	10.00	
Louisa Webster, medical attendance,	29.00	
Mabel J. Downs,	23.21	
C. G. Robbins, six tramps,	3.00	
“ “ lease of land,	1.00	
	<hr/>	\$615.30

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CARE OF CEMETERIES.

D. W. Oliver, labor,	\$ 1.20	
C. C. Day, care Glendale,	7.00	
Charles A. Hammer, care Old Yard,	10.00	
C. W. Vinton, care of Sodom,	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$28.20



## SCHOOLS.

Salaries of teachers,	\$3,564.48
Superintendent of schools,	300.29
Supplies,	635.40
Repairs,	296.65
Care of school houses,	155.07
Tuition at Wesleyan Academy,	485.00
Books and Stationery at Wesleyan Academy,	3.44
	<hr/> \$5,440.033

## STATE ROAD.

Repairs,	\$65.70
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## RED BRIDGE.

Collins & Norton, Agents,	\$1,100.00
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## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

M. A. Lane, labor,	\$304.85
E. C. Clark, “	18.20
Homer Foot & Co., fence wire,	5.93
A. A. Phelps, labor,	123.93
J. H. Farr, labor,	128.15
B. B. Green, labor,	204.59
H. H. Burbank, labor,	407.16
Andrew Anderson, labor,	.75
W. H. McGuire, labor,	187.80
Alden Brothers, plank for bridges,	54.19
C. P. Bolles, labor,	156.42
F. W. Green, labor,	2.50
Henry Clark, labor,	132.29
Alvin Chilson, labor,	142.71
M. A. Maynard, sewer pipe,	9.00
C. E. Peck, repairing scraper,	2.00
“ “ sharpening drills.	.60
“ “ two warning boards, Red Bridge,	4.00
Jason Butler, labor,	14.35

C. E. Peck, gravel,	\$21.60	
Wesleyan Academy, gravel,	6.40	
W. F. Morgan, labor,	5.85	
H. C. Burr, lighting road near Red Bridge,	10.50	
“ “ lanterns and oil,	2.24	
A. J. Bennett, labor,	4.95	
A. M. Seaver, “	2.10	
Alvin Chilson, grading to Red Bridge,	65.54	
	<u>          </u>	\$2,018.60

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### LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

C. B. Fiske & Co., catalogues,	\$ 4.00	
E. E. Bell, librarian,	2.00	
Minnie M. Morgan, librarian,	18.00	
F. W. Green, exchanging books,	7.40	
Henry R. Johnson, books,	167.10	
	<u>          </u>	\$198.50

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### TOWN OFFICERS.

#### TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER.

F. A. Fuller,	\$60.00
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#### TAX COLLECTOR.

W. M. Green,	\$90.00
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#### AUDITOR.

F. E. Clark,	\$ 5.00
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#### MODERATOR.

F. E. Clark,	\$ 5.00
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#### SELECTMEN.

Jason Butler,	\$92.19	
Henry Clark,	67.00	
F. W. Green,	58.05	
	<u>          </u>	\$217.24

## ASSESSORS.

F. A. Gurney,	\$37.50	
C. P. Bolles,	31.75	
G. L. Rindge,	42.50	
	<u>          </u>	\$111.75

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Jason Butler,	\$43.75	
Ethelbert Bliss,	36.50	
R. Watson Cooper,	32.50	
	<u>          </u>	\$112.75

## REGISTRARS.

F. A. Fuller,	\$12.00	
James Egan,	12.00	
J. S. Morgan,	12.00	
W. H. Day,	12.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$48.00

## TRUANT OFFICER.

Hiram Danks,		\$ 3.25
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## STATE AID, CHAPTER 301, ACTS OF 1894.

William Butler,	\$44.00	
Francis M. Davis,	44.00	
Honora Foley,	44.00	
James C. Moody,	33.00	
Cordelia Sheidon,	44.00	
Charles D. Jones,	25.00	
Wm. S. Tiffany,	44.00	
Almira M. Crockett,	32.00	
Sybil H. Hayes,	28.00	
Albert F. Blodgett,	4.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$342.00

## SUMMARY.

Street lights,	\$ 181.56
Memorial Day,	75.00
Contingent account,	840.15
Paupers,	615.30
Care cemeteries,	28.20
Expenses for schools,	5,440.33
State road repairs,	65.70
Red Bridge,	1,100.00
Highways and bridges,	2,018.60
Library account,	198.50
Town officers,	652.99
State aid,	342.00
	<hr/> \$11,558.33

## RESOURCES.

Due from State of Massachusetts, state aid,	\$ 367.00
Due from State of Massachusetts, pauper,	53.92
Uncollected taxes,	1,006.77
Cash in treasury,	1,647.93
	<hr/> \$3,075.62

## LIABILITIES.

Outstanding bills, estimated,	\$150.00
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The Selectmen recommend the following appropriations :

Schools,	\$3,400.00
Repairs,	200.00
Transportation of pupils,	25.00
Highways and bridges,	2,000.00
Paupers,	800.00
Contingent expenses and town officers,	1,500.00
Street lights,	200.00
Care of cemeteries,	25.00
Library.	25.00
Tuition,	500.00

JASON BUTLER, } *Selectmen*  
 HENRY CLARK, } *of*  
 F. W. GREEN, } *Wilbraham.*

# Report of the Board of Assessors

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1899.

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## APPROPRIATIONS MADE APRIL 4, 1898, FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

For support of schools,	\$3,100.00	
Repair of school houses,	200.00	
Transportation of pupils,	10.00	
Support of paupers,	1,000.00	
Contingent expenses,	1,500.00	
Tuition Wesleyan Academy,	500.00	
Care public library,	25.00	
Care cemeteries,	25.00	
Care street lights,	225.00	
Memorial Day,	75.00	
Care and winding town clock,	25.00	
Music in schools,	150.00	
Drawing in schools,	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$6,985.00

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For highways and bridges, appropriated from money in treasury,  
the sum of \$2,000.

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Town tax,	\$6,985.00	
State tax,	450.00	
County tax,	904.40	
Overlayings,	140.82	
	<hr/>	\$8,480.22

## TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Number of polls at \$2 each, 376.		
Total tax on polls,		\$752
Value of personal estate,	\$157,297.00	
Value of real estate,	615,525.00	
Total valuation, May 1, 1898,	<hr/>	\$772,822.00
Rate per cent of total tax, \$10 per \$1,000.		

FRANK A. GURNEY, } *Assessors*  
 C. P. BOLLES, } *of*  
 G. L. RINDGE, } *Wilbraham.*

# Treasurer's Report of the Town of Wilbraham.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 24, 1899.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury March 19, 1898,	\$2,114.98
Cash from W. M. Green, collector, 1897,	1,154.92
Town of Monson, tuition refunded,	80.40
Town of Sturbridge, account of Amasa Blanchard,	57.52
State Treasurer, highway loan fund,	64.95
State Treasurer, income Mass. School Fund,	425.12
State Treasurer, balance corpora- tion and bank tax,	1,059.85
(State tax \$450 taken out by State Treasurer.)	.
State Treasurer, inspection of animals,	24.30
State Treasurer, temporary sup- port of paupers,	7.45
State Treasurer, school fund,	459.24
Dog fund, 1897,	165.14
Dog fund, 1898,	167.21
Charles Merrick, town history,	2.00
W. F. Adams, " "	2.00
Mrs. Geo. W. Moore, town history,	2.00
Mrs. Jacob Knows, " "	2.00
Leroy Bishop estate, $\frac{1}{2}$ burial lot,	4.50
Emma W. Vinton, $\frac{1}{2}$ burial lot, No. 64, East Wilbraham cemetery,	4.50

Cash from Erastus Davis, $\frac{1}{2}$ burial lot, No. 64, East Wilbraham cemetery,	\$ 4.50
E. P. Chapin, burial lot for Mrs. A. C. Williams,	10.00
A. D. Tufts, burial lot,	10.00
Charles A. Hammer, grass in cemetery,	15.00
State, on account Supt. of schools,	285.91
Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Co., two-months' loan,	1,000.00
Interest, Chloe Bliss Stebbins fund,	18.33
Public Library, fines, etc.,	10.73
J. M. Perry, town loan committee, interest on town loan,	78.50
Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Co., interest on deposits,	29.53
H. M. Bliss, auctioneer's license,	2.00
Jason Butler, administrator account Betsey Webster estate,	350.00
Jason Butler, administrator Betsey Webster estate,	100.00
A. A. Phelps, grass on Webster place,	15.00
Jason Butler, plank,	1.90
W. M. Green, collector 1898,	7,435.95
	<hr/> \$15,165.43

## EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid, Selectmen's orders,	\$11,216.33
State aid,	342.00
Assessors' abatements, 1897,	48.11
County tax, M. Wells Bridge, treasurer,	904.40
Discount Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Co., two-months' note,	6.66
Note paid Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Co.,	1,000.00
Cash in treasury February 24, 1899,	1,647.93
	<hr/> \$15,165.43

F. A. FULLER, *Treasurer.*



The amount of Chloe Bliss Stebbins fund is \$300, deposited in Springfield Institution for Savings, book No. 136,333.

F. A. FULLER, *Treasurer.*

Wilbraham, Mass , February 24, 1899.

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#### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen of the Town of Wilbraham for the year ending Feb. 23, 1899, and am satisfied that they are correct as reported, and I find the proper vouchers for every item of their expenditures.

I have also carefully examined and cast the accounts of the Town Treasurer and find the books correctly cast, all the receipts and payments as reported, with a balance of cash deposited in the Springfield Deposit and Trust Co. to the credit of the town of \$1,647.93.

F. E. CLARK, *Auditor.*

Wilbraham, Mass., Feb. 27, 1899.

# Report of the Trustees of the Free Public Library.

Number of volumes in library, last report,	1,067	
Number of volumes added,	179	
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Number of volumes in library Feb. 21, 1899,		1,246

## RESOURCES FOR PAST YEAR.

Appropriation by town,	\$ 25.00	
Dog fund,	167.21	
Income Chloe Bliss Stebbins fund,	6.11	
Fines and cards,	10.73	
Balance on hand, March 16, 1898,	.97	
	_____	\$210.02

## EXPENDITURES.

Henry R. Johnson, books,	\$167.10	
Miss Minnie M. Morgan, librarian to Jan. 1,	18.00	
Miss Eunice E. Bell, librarian,	6.00	
F. W. Green, transportation of books,	7.40	
Balance in treasury February 21, 1899,	11.52	
	_____	\$210.02

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK A. GURNEY,	}	<i>Trustees</i>
MRS. W. L. COLLINS,		<i>Free Public</i>
H. W. CUTLER,		<i>Library.</i>

## Truant Officer's Report.

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I have been called to look after ten truants; also have notified three families.

HIRAM DANKS, *Truant Officer.*

Wilbraham, Mass., Feb. 20, 1899.

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## Chloe Bliss Stebbins Fund.

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ESTABLISHED 1897.

This is a contribution of three hundred dollars, made by Solomon Bliss Stebbins, of Boston, from money given to him by Chloe Bliss Stebbins of Wilbraham, said sum to be held by the town as a memorial of her regard for its association with her long life dwelt therein, and in which she died Feb. 20, 1897. The income of the fund is to be paid annually, one-third to the overseers of the poor for the relief of the poor of the town; one-third to the managers of the town library to aid in its support, and one-third to secure perpetual good care of the graves in the town burial ground of Eber and Elizabeth Bliss Stebbins, and their children, buried in the same range.

## Report of School Committee.

The School Committee respectfully submit their annual report.

The revenues of the current year have been as follows :

Appropriation for school purposes,	\$3,100.00	
Appropriation for repairs,	200.00	
Appropriation for transportation,	10.00	
Appropriation for tuition, high school,	500.00	
From State school fund,	459.24	
From State on account superintendent of schools,	285.91	
Interest on town loan,	78.50	
Town of Monson, tuition 1898-'9,	51.27	
Town of Palmer, tuition 1898-'9,	34.18	
Amount due from State for superintendent of schools to April 1,	218.16	
Amount due from State for state children, to February 24,	356.50	
From State for state children,	425.12	
	\$5,718.88	

### EXPENDITURES.

Teachers,	\$3,265.48	
Teacher, special music,	150.00	
Teacher, special drawing,	150.00	
Books and supplies,	363.59	
Repairs, fuel, care and incidentals,	730.93	
Tuition, high school pupils,	488.44	
Salary superintendent of schools and expenses to January 1,	3.00.29	
	\$ 5,448.73	
Value of books and supplies on hand March, 1898,	\$450.00	
Paid for books and supplies,	363.59	
	\$813.59	

Value of books and supplies on hand February, 1899,	\$455.00
Value of books and supplies in schools, esti- mated,	625.00
	————— \$1,080.00

### HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUCTION.

The town having voted to pay the tuition at the Wesleyan Academy for high school instruction of such children as are duly qualified, the following regulations have been adopted :

1. Examinations shall be given by the Wesleyan Academy to those candidates only who are recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

2. No candidate shall be recommended by the superintendent for examination unless he has satisfactorily completed in course or by examination the studies of the " Course of Study " for the public schools of Wilbraham.

3. Examinations shall be given by the Wesleyan Academy in Arithmetic, English, Grammar, Geography, United States History, and Spelling.

4. All who shall pass these examinations shall receive from the Superintendent of Schools a certificate which shall entitle the person named therein to tuition at the expense of the Town of Wilbraham, in the Wesleyan Academy in the Academic, Classical, Industrial Science, or Latin Scientific Courses.

5. All students educated at the expense of the Town of Wilbraham in the Wesleyan Academy shall be under the rules and regulations of that institution.

JASON BUTLER, ETHELBERT BLISS, R. WATSON COOPER,	}	<i>School Committee.</i>
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# TABLE NO. 1.

		NAMES OF TEACHERS.				Total paid Teachers.	Repairs, Fuel, Care and Incidentals.	Total.
No. of School.	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.					
1	Lula Spiller.....	Alice Ferguson.....	Alice Ferguson.....		\$276.00	\$ 76.58	\$352.58	
2P	A. Lou Johnson.....	A. Lou Johnson.....	A. Lou Johnson.....		330.50			
2A	Nellie J. Clifford.....	Nellie J. Clifford.....	Nellie J. Clifford.....		330.85	} 85.00	746.35	
3	Alice G. White.....	Ina C. Pratt.....	Ina C. Pratt.....		283.00			
4P	Winifred B. Miller....	Winifred B. Miller....	Winifred B. Miller....		282.38	} 211.15	319.30	
4A	Dora M. Merrick.....	Dora M. Merrick.....	Dora M. Merrick.....		286.40			
5	E. Eva Cunningham....	Stella M. Greene.....	Stella M. Greene.....		252.35	} 37.75	290.10	
6	Edith B. Boyd.....	Edith B. Boyd.....	Edith B. Boyd.....		271.00			
7	Evanore O. Beebe....	Evanore O. Beebe....	Evanore O. Beebe....		260.00	} 42.45	302.45	
8P	Maria E. Bliss.....	Maria E. Bliss.....	Maria E. Bliss.....		306.00			
8A	Mary F. Pomeroy....	Mary F. Pomeroy....	Mary F. Pomeroy....		387.00	} 168.07	861.07	
	Books and Supplies for all the Schools.....				.....			
					.....	} 363.59	363.59	
					\$3,265.48			
					\$1,094.52		\$4,360.00	

# TABLE NO. 2.

No. of School.	WHOLE NUMBER OF PUPILS.				AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP.				AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.				Length of School in Weeks.
	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Year.	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Year.	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Year.	
1	12	11	12	13.	11.14	10.52	9.23	10.30	10.80	10.11	8.32	9.74	36
2P	42	28	28	47.	38.83	24.41	25.00	29.41	35.08	22.68	22.08	26.61	36
2A	13	25	20	30.	10.83	16.80	18.83	15.49	9.33	15.27	16.60	13.73	36
3	28	30	31	34.	25.32	27.18	30.01	27.50	23.13	25.17	24.58	24.29	36
4P	21	19	20	29.	20.06	17.47	19.70	19.08	17.60	16.93	18.09	17.54	36
4A	10	16	19	21.	9.35	14.72	17.16	13.74	9.03	14.11	15.87	13.00	36
5	15	13	13	18.	9.97	11.23	11.1.	10.77	9.33	10.4	9.93	9.88	36
6	22	22	20	23.	19.1	18.3	18.6	18.66	17.26	15.5	15.77	16.84	36
7	19	17	14	20.	16.	13.66	13.66	14.44	14.77	13.11	12.30	13.39	36
8P	42	39	38	46.	29.6	37.33	29.43	32.12	25.9	34.9	25.5	28.8	36
8A	31	30	34	34.	28.3	27.59	29.22	28.37	24.01	23.95	22.66	23.54	36

# Roll of Honor.

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## PUPILS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY ONE TERM.

Ada Blodgett,	Paul M. Blodgett,
John Monehan,	Olive Bryant,
Ray Gurney,	Hector Lussier,
Lois Newhall,	Constance Stephens,
Rea Webber,	Effie Wynn,
Minnie Wynn,	Warren Weisheimer,
Helen Wade,	Marjorie Green,
Sanford Foller,	Emma L. Coote,
Ruth P. Green,	Walter R. Green.
Julius Martin,	Harold M. Wade,
Frank J. Wynn,	Ida Vinton,
Flora Vinton,	Hazel Vinton,
Waldo Deady,	Clarence Edson,
Bertha Farr,	Louis Ginsberg,
Charlie Scofield,	Cleon Valdro,
Nancy Carney,	Eddie Carney,
Lizzie Clune,	Addie Scott,
Ina Scott,	Chester Bell,
Thomas Murphy,	Dennis Wallace,

George Clune.

## PUPILS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY TWO TERMS.

Donald Kallman,	Samuel Caroll,
Horace G. Tripp,	Minnie A. Coote,
Charles O'Hara,	Nina J. Newhall,
Hector Lussier,	Albert Farr,

John Sullivan.

## PUPILS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY ONE YEAR.

Olive E. Bryant,	Ray F. Gurney,
Chester Bryant,	Fales Newhall,
Freddie Fuller,	George Stephens,
Ethel M. Edson,	Goldie P. Edson.



We recommend the coming year an appropriation of \$3,400 for school purposes, \$200 for repairs, \$25 for transportation of pupils, \$500 for tuition high school pupils.

Respectfully submitted,

JASON BUTLER,  
ETHELBERT BLISS, } *Committee.*  
R. WATSON COOPER, }

## Articles in Town Warrant.

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

ART. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, School Committee and other town officers.

ART. 3. To fix the compensation of the Collector of taxes for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To choose a Town Clerk and Treasurer, three Selectmen, who shall be Overseers of the Poor, one to be chosen for three years, one for two years, and one for one year, three Assessors, one to be chosen for three years, one for two years, and one for one year, five Constables, four Fence Viewers, one Auditor, one School Committee for three years, Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year, one Library Trustee for three years, all on one ballot; also to choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To decide by ballot, which shall be "Yes" or "No," the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 7. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for defraying the expenses of the town for the ensuing year and appropriate the same, and vote how the same shall be raised.

ART. 8. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 9. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as may be sanctioned by the Selectmen, the same to be paid from taxes.

ART. 10. To see if the town will provide for the adequate lighting of the streets in town.

ART. 11. To see if the town will instruct their Selectmen to prosecute any person or persons selling or transporting intoxicating liquors within this town, contrary to the laws of this commonwealth, or take any action in regard to the same.

ART. 12. To see what disposition the town will make of the dog fund of 1898.

ART. 13. To see if the town will grant money for the proper observance of Memorial day.

ART. 14. To see if the town will appropriate money for the care and winding of the town clock.

ART. 15. To see if the town will provide for special instruction in music, and raise money for the same.

ART. 16. To see if the town will provide for special instruction in drawing, and raise money for the same.

ART. 17. To see if the town will pay for the advanced tuition of its pupils in Wesleyan Academy, on conditions such as shall be satisfactory to the School Committee and to the Board of Instruction of said Academy, also to raise funds for the same.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to discontinue as a public highway, the road which runs from the Burley road to Hampden line.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to discontinue as a public highway, that portion of the mountain road between the lane leading to Andrew Anderson's house and the Monson road.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to discontinue as a public highway what is known as Federal Lane.

ART. 21. To see what action the town will take in regard to repairing or disposing of the Betsey Webster place.

ART. 22. To see what action the town will take in regard to exempting the Wilbraham Woolen Co., or their successors, from taxation, on the improvements of their privilege, provided they shall proceed to build upon or improve said privilege.

ART. 23. To transact any other business that may legally come before the town.













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# List of Jurors.

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AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN.

James K. Butler,  
Ethelbert Bliss,  
Charles S. Merrick,  
Albert A. Phelps,  
James F. Phelps,  
William Kaulman,  
L. J. Potter,  
C. E. Peck,  
Clarence E. Pease,  
William H. Day,

James H. Farr,  
Jerome Pease,  
Fred W. Green,  
Edward W. Jones,  
James Stephens,  
Charles W. Vinton,  
W. M. Green,  
John W. Baldwin,  
Frank R. Rindge,  
Charles C. Beebe,

D. W. Mowry.

JASON BUTLER, } *Selectmen*  
HENRY CLARK, } *of*  
F. W. GREEN, } *Wilbraham.*

# Report of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 24, 1900.

## CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

C. G. Robbins, posting town warrants,	\$ 6.00
C. G. Robbins, services at polls,	2.00
Charles L. Long, attorney,	22.75
C. B. Fiske & Co., 450 town reports,	23.75
C. B. Fiske & Co., 765 ballots,	6.50
C. G. Robbins, notifying town officers,	6.90
Collins Mfg. Co., lumber,	1.16
T. S. Buck, rubber stamp,	1.91
M. P. Wright, carpenter work, Selectmen's room,	1.00
John W. Baldwin, 500 stamped envelopes,	10.60
W. F. Morgan, services at polls,	2.00
A. W. Brownell, assessors' supplies,	4.36
Town of Ludlow, snowing and lighting bridge,	15.40
Grace Chapel parish, church for town meeting,	20.00
A. H. Bartlett, printing bicycle notices,	2.50
J. S. Morgan, repairing Betsey Webster house,	97.12
J. S. Morgan, services at polls,	3.00
C. W. Vinton, " "	3.00
F. R. Rindge, " "	2.00
Gertrude J. Weatherbee, copying records,	6.30
C. P. Bolles, tax book,	1.50
" " field book,	2.25
F. A. Fuller, express, postage and supplies,	.96
Jason Butler, 13 hitching posts,	3.45

Jason Butler, rubber bands,	\$ .40
Collins and Norton, balance on Red Bridge,	87.50
A. H. Bartlett, printing blanks,	3.00
Erwin Cooley, constable service,	3.80
D. H. Eaton, " "	5.95
Dora M. Merrick, copying records,	1.80
C. B. Fiske & Co., printing list of poll taxpayers,	2.75
" " printing 500 assessors' lists,	35.00
H. G. Webber, M. D., vaccination,	2.50
W. J. Eldred, binding town reports,	1.50
F. A. Fuller, express and telephone,	1.25
J. W. Baldwin, 1000 stamped envelopes,	21.20
C. G. Robbins, posting warrants,	12.00
" " services at polls,	2.00
D. H. Eaton, constable services,	2.00
" " services at polls,	3.00
J. W. Baldwin, " "	6.00
H. C. Butler, labor on Betsey Webster house,	1.50
A. H. Bartlett, printing voters' lists,	10.40
" " printing notice to taxpayers,	1.00
Grace Chapel parish, church for election,	20.00
C. W. Vinton, services at polls,	3.00
Jas. Egan, " "	6.00
F. A. Gurney, express,	.85
" " telephone,	.30
" " stationery and postage,	.61
Dr. A. L. Damon, returning births,	3.25
C. G. Robbins, lease of land for tramp house,	1.00
D. H. Eaton, constable services,	5.36
A. F. Friend, services at polls,	2.00
W. L. Collins, undertaker,	41.50
" " rent of office,	36.00
Geo. A. Russell, care and winding town clock,	25.00
F. A. Fuller, meeting town clerks,	2.00
" " election officer,	5.00
" " care weights and measures,	5.00
" " preparing tally sheets,	6.00
" " recording deaths,	4.50
" " " births,	13.50

F. A. Fuller, recording marriages,	\$ 3.45	
H. C. Burr, maintaining water tank,	5.00	
F. A. Fuller, express,	1.05	
C. C. Beebe, services at polls,	3.00	
William Lincoln & Co., insurance on Library,	12.00	
J. M. Perry, interest on town loan,	78.50	
W. H. Day, services at polls, 1897 and 1898,	9.00	
F. W. Green, repairing tramp house,	.50	
	<hr/>	\$744.33

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SCHOOLS.

Repairs,	\$237.10	
Care of schoolhouses,	190.86	
Tuition at Wesleyan Academy,	430.00	
Superintendent of schools,	387.58	
Supplies,	733.32	
Salaries of teachers,	3,821.14	
	<hr/>	\$5,800.00

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CARE OF SOLOMON BLISS STEBBINS LOT IN OLD  
CEMETERY.

Henry Clark, care,	\$ 2.65
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CARE OF CEMETERIES.

Robert Darrah, old cemetery,	\$10.00	
C. C. Day, Glendale,	7.00	
C. W. Vinton, Sodom,	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$27.00

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CEMETERY WORK.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION, \$75.00.

F. A. Fuller, lead, oil and supplies,	\$28.56	
C. W. Vinton, labor,	23.28	
C. M. Calkins, “	6.90	
Henry Clark, “	2.80	
	<hr/>	\$61.54



## TOWN OFFICERS.

## TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER.

F. A. Fuller,		\$60.00
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## TAX COLLECTOR.

W. M. Green,		\$90.00
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## AUDITOR.

F. E. Clark,		\$5.00
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## MODERATOR.

F. E. Clark,		\$5.00
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## SELECTMEN.

Jason Butler,	\$59.58	
Henry Clark,	39.00	
F. W. Green,	73.94	
	<hr/>	\$172.52

## ASSESSORS.

F. A. Gurney,	\$33.13	
C. P. Bolles,	25.00	
G. L. Rindge,	20.00	
	<hr/>	\$78.13

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Jason Butler,	\$45.00	
R. Watson Cooper,	12.50	
H. G. Webber,	10.00	
Ethelbert Bliss,	37.50	
	<hr/>	\$105.00

## REGISTRARS.

J. W. Baldwin,	\$ 3.00	
J. S. Morgan,	12.00	
F. A. Fuller,	12.00	
James Egan,	9.00	
W. H. Day,	12.00	
	<hr/>	\$48.00

## CATTLE INSPECTOR.

L. A. Fiske,	\$ 8.10	
J. L. Rice,	42.00	
	<hr/>	\$45.10

## TRUANT OFFICERS.

C. G. Robbins,	\$3.75	
Hiram Danks,	2.00	
		<u>\$5.75</u>

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Selvey Wyckoff Co., rail for Red Bridge,	\$ 5.55	
H. H. Burbank, labor,	375.65	
Henry M. Green, "	398.93	
James Long, "	7.80	
M. A. Lane, "	201.30	
C. P. Bolles, "	73.03	
A. A. Phelps,	108.85	
J. H. Farr,	106.92	
G. L. Rindge,	76.68	
W. H. McGuire,	154.24	
The Metallic Guide Board Co., 2 guide boards,	1.00	
Albert Blodgett, plank,	60.61	
C. E. Peck, 4 warning boards,	2.00	
M. A. Maynard, tile pipe,	39.00	
Alden Bros., plank,	25.12	
Alvin Chilson, labor,	225.86	
B. & A. R. R., freight on tile pipe,	.88	
F. A. Fuller, spikes,	2.13	
Henry Clark, labor,	258.79	
L. J. Potter, gravel,	30.20	
Homer Foote & Co., nails,	.68	
Collins & Norton, steel bridge,	83.00	
B. & A. R. R., freight on bridge,	2.00	
E. W. Jones, gravel,	7.84	
Thomas Powers, labor,	10.00	
P. H. Potter, lumber,	1.70	
Jason Butler, labor,	1.65	
A. M. Seaver, sand,	2.00	
		<u>\$2,263.41</u>

## PAUPER ACCOUNT.

John B. Moulton and wife,	\$ 8.00	
Maybell Downes,	32.50	
C. G. Robbins, 13 tramps,	6.50	
Alfred Garceau, state pauper,	38.70	
Francis M. Angell,	19.50	
C. W. Stone, state pauper,	3.25	
Mrs. Joseph Stone,	21.00	
F. A. Lincoln,	7.61	
Josephine Smith,	1.00	
John R. Devine,	31.65	
James M. Moulton and wife,	35.29	
Pricillo Amo,	18.00	
Marshall M. Moulton,	71.63	
Mary B. Clarke,	252.10	
Louisa Webster,	71.03	
Mary and Catherine Murphy, refunded,	168.32	
Michael Martin, state pauper,	39.12	
Catherine Lynch,	7.93	
Herbert C. Jones,	1.50	
Hattie Amo,	35.00	
Herbert Morrison, state pauper,	7.33	
	<hr/>	\$876.96

## LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

A. H. Bartlett, printing 1000 labels,	\$ 1.00	
Minnie M. Morgan, librarian,	28.00	
C. B. Fiske & Co., printing catalogues,	4.25	
Henry R. Johnson, books,	23.17	
F. W. Green, exchanging books,	10.30	
	<hr/>	\$66.72

## STREET LIGHTS.

C. F. Fuller, care,	\$60.00	
C. F. Fuller, repairs,	.15	
F. A. Fuller, supplies,	29.69	
James Stephens, care, supplies and repairs,	101.08	\$190.92

## STATE ROAD (Refunded).

Jason Butler, labor,	\$23.10	
Thomas Marshall, labor,	4.05	
Leroy Lord, labor,	4.05	
Albert H. Butler, labor,	4.05	
B. C. Butler, labor,	8.70	
H. C. Butler, “	14.85	
H. M. Green, “	8.00	
	<hr/>	\$66.80

## MEMORIAL DAY.

James S. Morgan,	\$25.00	
C. E. Peck,	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$75.00

## STATE AID, CHAPTER 374, ACTS OF 1899.

Wm. Butler,	\$48.00	
Francis M. Davis,	48.00	
Honora Foley,	36.00	
J. C. Moody,	52.00	
Cordelia Sheldon,	48.00	
William S. Tiffany,	48.00	
Almira M. Crockett,	48.00	
Sybel H. Hayes,	24.00	
	<hr/>	\$352.00

## SUMMARY.

Contingent,	\$744.33
Expenses for schools,	5,800.00
Care Solomon Bliss Stebbins lot,	2.65
Care cemeteries,	27.00
Cemetery work, (special appropriation,)	61.54
Town officers,	614.50
Highways and bridges,	2,263.41
Library account,	66.72

Street lights,	\$190.92	
State road repairs,	66.80	
Memorial Day,	75.00	
State aid,	352.00	
Paupers,	876.96	
	<u>          </u>	\$11,141.83

RESOURCES.

Due from State of Massachusetts, state aid,	\$364.00	
Due from State of Massachusetts, paupers,	88.40	
Cash in treasury,	333.07	
Uncollected taxes,	898.83	
	<u>          </u>	\$1,684.30

LIABILITIES.

Henry R. Johnson, library books,	\$126.10
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The Selectmen recommend the following appropriations :

Highways and bridges,	\$2,000.00
Schools,	3,400.00
Repairs,	200.00
Paupers,	800.00
Contingent expenses and town officers,	1,500.00
Street lights,	200.00
Care and repairs cemeteries,	100.00
Library,	25.00
Tuition,	600.00

# Report of the Board of Assessors

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1900.

## APPROPRIATIONS MADE AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, 1899.

For Schools,	\$3,400.00	
Repairs on schoolhouses,	200.00	
Contingent account and town officers,	1,500.00	
Care of street lights,	200.00	
Care of cemeteries,	100.00	
Town library,	25.00	
Memorial Day,	75.00	
Care town clock,	25.00	
Instruction in music,	150.00	
Instruction in drawing,	150.00	
Tuition at Wesleyan Academy,	475.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$6,300.00
State tax for 1899,	\$450.00	
County tax for 1899,	868.70	
Overlayings,	42.36	
	<u>          </u>	1,361.06
Total tax,		<u>          </u> \$7,661.06

Besides the above amount there was appropriated from the money in Treasury, at the beginning of the fiscal year :

For Transportation of pupils,	\$ 25.00	
Highways and bridges,	2,000.00	
Support of paupers,	800.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$2,825.00

Raised by taxation, 1899,	\$7,661.06
Appropriated from treasury, 1899,	2,825.00
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Total raised and appropriated by town, 1899,	\$10,486.06

TABLE OF AGGREGATES, 1899.

Number of polls at \$2 each, 364.		
Tax on polls,		\$ 728.00
Value assessed personal estate,	\$156,570.00	
Tax on assessed personal estate,		1,409.13
Value assessed real estate,	613,770.00	
Tax on assessed real estate,		5,523.93
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Total tax, town, county and state,		\$7,661.06
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Total property assessed,	\$770,340.00	
Rate per cent. total tax, \$9 per \$1,000.		
Number of Dwelling houses,		292
Horses,		306
Cows,		658
Acres land,		12,865
Sheep,		6
Neat cattle other than cows,		259
Swine,		21

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK A. GURNEY.	}	<i>Assessors</i>
C. P. BOLLES,		<i>of</i>
G. L. RINDGE,		<i>Wilbraham.</i>

Wilbraham, Mass., February 24, 1900.

# Treasurer's Report of the Town of Wilbraham.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 24, 1900.  
RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury February 24, 1899,	\$1,647.93
Cash from W. M. Green, collector, 1898,	1,044.30
Town of Monson, tuition, refunded,	51.27
Town of Palmer,       "       "	17.09
Town of Ludlow, lumber from Red Bridge,	21.05
State Treasurer, temporary support state paupers,	37.62
State Treasurer, education of child- ren, lunacy and charity,	344.00
State Treasurer, account inspection of animals,	1.55
State Treasurer, account superin- tendent of schools,	282.67
State Treasurer, state highway loan fund,	5.70
State Treasurer, state highway loan fund,	16.20
State Treasurer, balance corpora- tion and bank tax and state aid,	1,169.28
State tax, taken out by State Treas- urer,	450.00
State Treasurer, account Massachu- setts school fund,	459.18



Safe Deposit Trust Co., two months note,	\$1,000.00
Clerk of police court, fines,	5.16
City of Boston, account state pauper,	168.32
Public Library, fines, etc.,	7.30
Interest Chloe Bliss Stebbins fund,	12.12
Safe Deposit and Trust Co., 3 months note,	500.00
M. Wells Bridge, dog fund,	167.44
H. M. Green, money refunded,	2.40
Jason Butler, repairs on state road,	44.90
P. O. Swanson, grass in old cemetery,	10.00
H. M. Bliss, auctioneer's license,	2.00
Mendel Ecker, town license,	6.00
Mrs. Angel, account Mr. Angel's bill at Northampton,	5.00
J. M. Perry, interest on town loan,	78.50
A. A. Phelps, grass on Webster place,	20.00
Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Co., interest on deposits,	19.10
W. M. Green, collector, 1899,	6,762.23
	<hr/> \$13,908.31

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EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid, Selectmen's orders,	\$10,789.83
State aid,	352.00
Assessors' abatements, 1898,	36.35
"          "          1899,	6.14
County tax, M. Welis Bridge, treasurer,	868.70
Discount Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Co., 2 months note,	7.50
Discount Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Co., renewal 2 months note,	8.47

Discount Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Co., 3 months note,	6.25	
Note paid Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Co.,	1,000.00	
Note paid Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Co.,	500.00	
Cash in treasury, Feb. 24, 1900,	333.07	
		————— \$13,908.31

The amount of Chloe Bliss Stebbins fund is \$300, deposited in Springfield Institution for Savings, book No. 136,333.

F. A. FULLER, *Treasurer.*

Wilbraham, Mass., February 24, 1900.

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#### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have carefully examined the accounts of the Selectmen of the Town of Wilbraham for the year ending Feb. 24, 1900, and find them correct as reported, with orders drawn on the Town Treasurer (including \$352.00 for state aid) amounting to \$11,141.83, with the proper vouchers for every item of their expenditures.

I have also carefully examined and cast the accounts of the Town Treasurer and find his books neatly kept and correctly cast, all the receipts and payments as reported, and with a balance of cash deposited in the Springfield Safe Deposit & Trust Co. to the credit of the town of \$333.07.

F. E. CLARK, *Auditor.*

Wilbraham, Mass.. March 2, 1900.

# Report of the Trustees of the Free Public Library.

Number of volumes in library, last report,	1,246	
Number of volumes added,	217	
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Number of volumes in library Feb. 27th, 1900,		1,463
Number of books loaned from library during past year,		5,380

## RESOURCES.

Appropriation by town,	\$ 25.00	
Dog fund,	167.44	
Income Chloe Bliss Stebbins fund,	4.04	
Fines and cards,	7.30	
Balance on hand Feb. 21, 1899.	11.52	
	_____	\$215.30

## EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Bartlett, printing labels,	\$ 1.00	
C. B. Fiske & Co., printing catalogue supplements,	4.25	
Miss Morgan, librarian,	28.00	
F. W. Green, transportation of books,	10.30	
H. R. Johnson, paid for books,	23.17	
H. R. Johnson, due for books,	126.10	
Balance on hand Feb. 27th, 1900,	22.48	
	_____	\$215.30

Under the will of the late Henry Cutler the library has received a legacy of \$925, "the income to be spent annually for purchase of books."

Above legacy has been deposited as follows :

\$425 in Springfield Five Cents Savings Bank, book No. 55,481.  
\$500 in Springfield Institution for Savings, book No. 145,815.

FRANK A. GURNEY,	}	<i>Trustees</i>
MRS. W. L. COLLINS,		<i>Free Public</i>
H. W. CUTLER,		<i>Library.</i>

## Truant Officer's Report.

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I have been called to look after eight truants.

HIRAM DANKS, *Truant Officer.*

Wilbraham, Mass., Feb. 20, 1900.

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## Chloe Bliss Stebbins Fund.

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ESTABLISHED 1897.

This is a contribution of three hundred dollars, made by Solomon Bliss Stebbins, of Boston, from money given to him by Chloe Bliss Stebbins of Wilbraham, said sum to be held by the town as a memorial of her regard for its association with her long life dwelt therein, and in which she died Feb. 20, 1897. The income of the fund is to be paid annually, one-third to the overseers of the poor for the relief of the poor of the town; one-third to the managers of the town library to aid in its support, and one-third to secure perpetual good care of the graves in the town burial ground of Eber and Elizabeth Bliss Stebbins, and their children, buried in the same range.

## Report of School Committee.

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The School Committee respectfully submit their annual report.

The revenues of the current year have been as follows :

Appropriation for school purposes,	\$3,400.00	
Appropriation for repairs,	200.00	
Appropriation for transportation,	25.00	
Appropriation for tuition, high school,	475.00	
From State school fund,	459.18	
From State on account of superintendent of schools,	282.67	
Interest on town loan,	78.50	
Appropriation for drawing,	150.00	
Appropriation for music,	150.00	
Tuition from town of Monson,	51.27	
Tuition from town of Palmer,	17.09	
Tuition due from town of Monson,	70.00	
From State for state children,	344.00	
Due from State, account superintendent of schools,	219.36	
	\$5,922.07	

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### EXPENDITURES.

Teachers,	\$3,571.14	
Teacher, special drawing,	150.00	
Teacher, special music,	100.00	
Books and supplies,	468.25	
Repairs, fuel, care and incidentals,	693.03	
Tuition, high school pupils,	430.00	
Salary superintendent of schools to Jan. 1,	387.58	
	\$5,800.00	

Value of books and supplies on hand, February, 1900,	\$514.83	
Value of books and supplies in schools, estimated,	500.00	\$1,014.83
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We recommend the coming year an appropriation of \$3,400 for school purposes, \$200 for repairs, \$600 for tuition high school.

Respectfully submitted,

ETHELBERT BLISS,	}	<i>School Committee.</i>
H. G. WEBBER,		
JASON BUTLER,		

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### HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUCTION.

The town having voted to pay the tuition at the Wesleyan Academy for high school instruction of such children as are duly qualified, the following regulations have been adopted :

1. Examinations shall be given by the Wesleyan Academy to those candidates only who are recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.
2. No candidate shall be recommended by the superintendent for examination unless he has satisfactorily completed in course or by examination the studies of the "Course of Study" for the public schools of Wilbraham.
3. Examinations shall be given by the Wesleyan Academy in Arithmetic, English, Grammar, Geography, United States History, and Spelling.
4. All who shall pass these examinations shall receive from the Superintendent of Schools a certificate which shall entitle the person named therein to tuition at the expense of the Town of Wilbraham, in the Wesleyan Academy in the Academic, Classical, Industrial Science, or Latin Scientific Courses.
5. All students educated at the expense of the Town of Wilbraham in the Wesleyan Academy shall be under the rules and regulations of that institution.

ETHELBERT BLISS.	}	<i>School Committee.</i>
H. G. WEBBER.		
JASON BUTLER,		

# TABLE NO. 1.

No. of School.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.			Paid Teachers.	Repairs, Fuel, Care and Incidentals.	Total.
	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.			
1	Alice Ferguson . . . . .	Alice Ferguson . . . . .	Alice Ferguson . . . . .	\$270.00	\$ 35.00	\$305.00
2A	Nellie J. Clifford . . . . .	Nellie J. Clifford . . . . .	{ Nellie J. Clifford . . . . . { Ida M. Blair . . . . .	331.50	.....	331.50
2P	A. Lou Johnson . . . . .	Alice M. Howard . . . . .	Alice M. Howard . . . . .	312.00	85.70	397.70
3	Ina C. Pratt . . . . .	Minnie S. Otis . . . . .	Minnie S. Otis . . . . .	357.30	119.79	477.09
4A	Dora M. Merrick . . . . .	Dora M. Merrick . . . . .	Dora M. Merrick . . . . .	268.80	127.02	395.82
4P	Winifred B. Miller . . . . .	Winifred B. Miller . . . . .	Winifred B. Miller . . . . .	270.40	.....	270.40
5	Stella M. Greene . . . . .	Stella M. Greene . . . . .	Stella M. Greene . . . . .	252 00	19.30	271.30
6	Edith B. Boyd . . . . .	Lizzie M. Calkins . . . . .	Lizzie M. Calkins . . . . .	270.50	42.08	312.58
7	Effie A. Brackett . . . . .	Effie A. Brackett . . . . .	Leonora F. Howe . . . . .	302.00	45.80	347.80
8A	Mary F. Pomeroy . . . . .	Mary F. Pomeroy . . . . .	Mary F. Pomeroy . . . . .	400.64	.....	400.64
8I	.....	Lula E. Tiffany . . . . .	Lula E. Tiffany . . . . .	230.00	.....	230.00
8P	Maria E. Bliss . . . . .	Maria E. Bliss . . . . .	Maria E. Bliss . . . . .	306.00	218.34	524.34
	Special teacher in drawing, \$150 ; special teacher in music, \$100 . . . . .			250.00	.....	250.00
	Paid for books and supplies . . . . .			.....	.....	468.25
				\$3,821.14	\$693.03	\$4,982.42

# TABLE NO. 2.

No. of School.	WHOLE NUMBER OF PUPILS.				AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP.				AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.			
	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Year.	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Year.	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Year.
	1	15	15	15	17.	11.84	13.48	14.	13.11	10.96	13.02	13.13
2A	18	24	21	27.	15.90	21.49	20.40	19.26	14.95	19.54	17.59	17.36
2P	36	36	32	37.	29.08	31.70	30.01	30.26	26.68	29.32	23.32	26.44
3	30	29	23	30.	25.66	27.61	22.18	25.15	23.02	26.15	19.91	23.03
4A	19	20	22	23.	16.78	19.08	20.66	18.84	16.02	18.53	18.88	17.81
4P	22	19	17	26.	20.65	16.41	16.85	17.97	19.77	15.96	15.92	17.21
5	16	11	11	16.	14.05	11.00	10.58	11.87	13.30	10.07	10.16	11.18
6	18	16	17	18.	17.90	14.83	16.5	16.41	16.96	13.81	13.06	14.61
7	16	18	18	21.	14.94	16.57	15.04	15.51	14.13	14.89	13.93	14.32
8A	39	19	17	20.	33.20	15.93	15.37	21.50	28.90	15.15	14.	19.35
8I	.....	23	22	23.	.....	21.8	21.25	21.52	.....	20.37	18.96	19.67
8P	36	30	27	32.	26.83	26.03	24.15	25.67	25.20	24.4	22.05	23.88



# Report of Superintendent of Schools.

*To the School Committee of Wilbraham :*

GENTLEMEN: The current year has been marked by more than the usual changes. Prominent among them are

1. The resignation of Professor Cooper from the school board. Clear-sighted, fearless, and vigorous, he rendered valuable service to the schools and to the citizens, and his removal from town was a loss felt by the entire community.

2. The fortunate and welcome return of Dr. Webber, who in his former position fills out the unexpired term just mentioned.

3. The large number of changes in the teaching force.

## RESIGNATIONS DURING THE YEAR.

Name of School	Teacher	Date of Resignation	Date of Election
No. 2 Ad.	Miss Nellie Clifford.	December, 1899.	September, 1892.
No. 2 P.	Miss Lou Johnson.	August, 1899.	December, 1897.
No. 3.	Miss Ina Pratt.	June, 1899.	September, 1898.
No. 6.	Miss Edith Boyd.	May, 1899.	January, 1897.
No. 7.	Miss Evanore Beebe	April, 1899.	April, 1881.
No. 7.	Miss Effie Brockett.	December, 1899.	April, 1899.

While each of these teachers labored assiduously for the interests of her pupils, two deserve especial notice :

Forced by conditions which made her presence in her home imperative, Miss Evanore Beebe of Glendale resigned her position in that school previous to the opening of the spring term.

It is seldom the good fortune of any town to secure the services of a teacher who knows so well how to adapt herself to the needs of the community in which she is placed. Far less frequently is it able to retain one who holds the affections of her pupils and gains in the esteem of young and old during so long a term of years. The value of her work can be measured only by the lives and characters of those to whom she was tirelessly devoted. The loyalty of the children to her successors is an eloquent tribute to her unselfish influence and to the good sense of the community.

At Christmas Miss Nellie Clifford of the higher school at "The Pines" tendered her resignation, to take effect as soon as the vacancy could be filled. In her also we lost a teacher who had been thoroughly tested and proved. The location of this school, so far from the villages of Wilbraham and so near to another town to which it owes no allegiance, makes it difficult, but her hold upon it was so secure and quiet that the matter of discipline never forced itself upon the observer, while the attainments of her classes demonstrated her ability to instruct and the value of her normal methods.

## PRESENT CORPS OF TEACHERS.

School.	Name of Teacher.	Where educated.	Date of Election.
No. 1, Stony Hill....	Miss Alice Ferguson.....	Wesleyan Academy.....	Sept., 1898.
No. 2, The Pines.....	Miss Ida M. Blair.....	Quincy Training School...	Jan., 1900.
No. 2, The Pines.....	Miss Alice Howard.....	Amherst High } Salem Normal }	Sept., 1899.
No. 3, Mile Tree.....	Mrs. Minnie Otis.....	Middlefield.....	Sept., 1899.
No. 4, Street.....	Miss Dora Merrick.....	Wesleyan Academy.....	Sept., 1893.
No. 4, Street.....	Miss Winifred Miller.....	Wesleyan Academy.....	April, 1897.
No. 5.....	Miss Stella Greene.....	Wesleyan Academy.....	May, 1898.
No. 6, E. Wilbraham.	Mrs. A. F. Calkins.....	Woodstock (Ct.) Academy	May, 1899.
No. 7, Glendale.....	Miss Leonore Howe.....	Hopkinton High..... } Emerson Coll. Oratory }	Jan. 1900.
No. 8, N. Wilbraham.	Miss Mary Pomeroy.....	Amherst High Spgfld. Training School }	July, 1897.
No. 8, N. Wilbraham.	Miss Lulu Tiffany.....	Wesleyan Academy.....	April, 1899.
No. 8, N. Wilbraham.	Miss Maria Bliss.....	Westfield Normal.....	Sept., 1883.
All schools.....	*Miss Gertrude Wetherbee	Wesleyan Academy.....	April, 1896.
All schools.....	†Miss Mary Howard.....	Wesleyan Academy..... } N. E. Conservat'y Music }	Sept., 1896.
Observer and unpaid assistant. }	Miss Grace Nichols.. ....	Wesleyan Academy.....	

\*Teacher of drawing.

†Teacher of music.

The last and most radical change was the formation of another school to which pupils from all parts of the town are admitted.

Last April the so-called Advanced school at North Wilbraham was separated into two divisions. One, at present composed of the fourth, fifth and sixth classes, was assigned to Miss Tiffany, who had served an unpaid apprenticeship of six months under some of our best teachers, while Miss Pomeroy retained the higher grades.

For twelve weeks both schools were kept in one room which was divided into two small ones during the summer vacation.

An invitation to place themselves under the care of the principal was issued to all pupils in the town who had been admitted to grades seven or eight, and the fall term opened with the following enrollment:

One from No. 2 ; 2 from No. 3 ; 3 from No. 5 ; 2 from No. 6 ; 9 from No. 8. Total, 17.

The results of this arrangement are obvious.

1. Some who entered as eighth grade pupils and who under the former conditions would have taken two years to complete the grammar school course have been already admitted to the ninth grade and will be ready for Academy examinations next June, while others who entered the seventh will do the work of three years in two, thus saving one year to each of at least a half dozen pupils. (This number is placed at its minimum ; we intend to double it.)

2. The moral effect has been as noticeable as the mental improvement.

Removed from the little ones to whom they were always unconsciously letting themselves down and placed among their equals in age and attainments, the boys soon stood straighter, thought more clearly and took manlier views of life, while the physical effort required to make the daily trips developed determination and persistence which bore fruit in their bearing and character.

3. The waste of time in the home school is eliminated. Formerly the larger pupils had a great deal of leisure time, which some occupied in the proverbial manner. Their idle hands and minds were furnished with mischief.

It is impossible for the ordinary teacher to provide sufficient employment for so advanced pupils without neglecting the little ones. In the attempt to serve both classes each is deprived of its just dues.

Relieved of the higher grades, the younger children receive their their rightful amount of time and the older are given the work which stronger minds demand.

4. Money appropriated for tuition at the Academy may be more wisely expended.

Formerly several teachers were using a number of hours each week in fitting candidates for this institution. By the new plan this can all be done by one, and time needed for assimilation will be spent in the grammar school.

Moreover, because of the demands upon our public schools the standard of admission was kindly lowered some years since, and although nearly all secondary schools have been gradually raising theirs, ours has remained unaltered, and our ninth grade pupils do less work than is required by any one of the three high schools for which students in this district of supervision are fitting. This extra work should not be thrown into the Academy. It should be finished in the elementary schools, and if present purposes are fulfilled it can be accomplished in the same amount of time that is now spent upon the minimum.

Two years ago an attempt to teach the children the value of small savings was made in the schools at "The Pines." The Union Relief Association of Springfield supplied the teachers with stamps of various denominations which they sold to the children. Each buyer was given a book, in which he pasted his stamps, and when the sum thus invested amounted to a dollar, it was deposited in the savings bank in his name. Several children have bank books and are learning that it is better to save a penny than to spend it for the short-lived pleasure which candy, gum, or tobacco may afford them. Although the savings have been necessarily slow and small and have sometimes been withdrawn for clothes, the accounts show that nearly one hundred dollars have been invested, and that most of that amount still stands to the credit of the young depositors on the books of the savings banks. Doubtless some of these pennies represent sharp struggles between selfish gratification and providence and for principles which are not always illustrated in the home.

With grateful acknowledgment of support and co-operation this report is respectfully submitted.

MARY L. POLAND.

Jan. 27, 1900.

## Report of Supervisor of Music.

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In an annual report of this kind there must be a certain monotony, and yet I do not like to let the year pass without a few words in regard to the present condition and future prospects of music in the public schools of the town.

Every year music seems to gain a firmer foothold, and the advance has been more marked this year than ever before. More work and of better quality has been accomplished, and an increase of interest is shown by both teachers and pupils. A written examination in music was given the ninth grade scholars at the time of the regular annual examinations and all passed successfully. The system of grading has been recently changed, and there are now twice as many grades as at first, although no single room contains more than two grades. The division of the school at North Wilbraham has been a material advance as regards music, showing better results with less work, and giving the higher grade pupils, under the competent teacher in charge, a chance to do advanced work in music also. The teachers have this term been provided with Congdon pitchpipes, which they find a great improvement on the pitchpipes in use heretofore. These and a number of new music readers have been the only expense to the town for material during the year.

The benefits of music learned in the public schools are not confined to the schoolroom. More and more this helpful influence is seen in public entertainments in which children's voices take a prominent part, and as the years pass, while Wilbraham may furnish no gifted singers to the world, the town will be blessed with many voices which might otherwise have been silent.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. HOWARD.

Wilbraham, February 5th, 1900.

# Report of Supervisor of Drawing.

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*Miss Mary L. Poland:—*

The work in drawing during the year just completed is, briefly stated, as follows:

Water colors were introduced in the fall term, so that the children might become familiar with the use of brush and color before the nature study of the spring term should begin.

Pen and ink drawing has been tried in the recently formed higher grade at North Wilbraham.

The pictures studied this year have been: "September," by Zuber; "The Balloon," by Dupré; "End of Labor," "The Frightened Bather," by Breton; "Holy Night," by Correggio; "Feeding her Birds," by Millet; "Shepherdess," by Lerolle; "Baby Stuart," by Van Dyke.

Higher grade, North Wilbraham: "Holy Night," by Correggio; "The Old Temeraire," by Turner; "Christ Disputing with the Doctors," by Hofmann.

Water colors, pencil and picture study in all grades, clay modeling and paper cutting in first grade, pen and ink in the advanced grade under Miss Pomeroy's instruction is a summary of the mediums used for the advancement of Art education in the public schools.

The improvement in the new advanced grade formed is very pleasing, the uniform age and intelligence of the children make this possible, as it would be possible in no other school in town; fewer difficulties arise, and the feeling of good fellowship makes study in all lines a pleasure, truly proving that many minds thinking the same thoughts, make the school hours pass delightfully as well as profitably.

I wish to express my appreciation to those who have afforded so much happiness to the children by placing in the rooms the water color paints and the clay; also to the teachers who have, with their many other duties, so faithfully worked with the children for their advancement in this branch of education.

The work of the children is kept in the school rooms and will be cheerfully shown by teachers to all those interested in drawing and the work of the children.

Respectfully submitted,

GERTRUDE J. WETHERBEE.

Springfield, February 1st, 1900.

## AVERAGE AGE IN EACH GRADE, SEPTEMBER, 1899.

SCHOOLS.	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX
1	5	8		10		11			
2	7.3	9.8	12.6	12.3	13.3	12.5		15.11	
3	6.9	7.11	8.5	10.1	11	11.8		12.8	
4	5.5	6.9	8.7	9.10	11.9	12.3		15.1	
5	6.8	7.11	9.9		11.7				
6	5.8	7.6		10.2				13	
7	5.11	9.4	10.8		11	13		13	
8	6.8	7.9	9.5		11	11	13.5	14.2	14.7

SCHOOLS.	Enroll- ment.	Maximum Attendance.	TEACHER.
No. 1.....	17	16	Miss Alice Ferguson.
No. 2 Ad.....	27	21	Miss Ida M. Blair.
No. 2P .....	36	33	Miss Alice Howard.
No. 3.....	30	29	Mrs. Minnie Otis.
No. 4 Ad.....	23	21	Miss Dora Merrick.
No. 4P .....	19	17	Miss Winifred Miller.
No. 5.....	11	11	Miss Stella Greene.
No. 6.....	17	16	Mrs. A. F. Calkins.
No. 7 .....	19	18	Miss Leonore Howe.
No. 8—Grades 7, 8, 9...	18	17	Miss Mary Pomeroy.
No. 8—Grades 3, 5, 6...	23	22	Miss Lulu Tiffany.
No. 8—Grades 1, 2, 3...	32	30	Miss Maria Bliss.
Total.	272	251	92 per cent.

## VALUATION.

Town,	\$770,340.00
Schoolhouses and lots,	9,600.00
Other school property,	1,000.00

## APPROPRIATION.

Rate of taxation, \$9 per \$1,000.
Amount for school purposes, \$410.
Ratio of ordinary expenses of schools to whole tax, 50 per cent.
Average cost per pupil, based on average number belonging, \$17.30 (in 1898-'99.)

## TOWN CENSUS.—SCHOOL POPULATION.

Children between 5 and 15,	277
Children between 7 and 14, compulsory age,	194

## SALARIES.

Grammar schools,	\$1,261.00	
Primary,	904.00	
Districts,	1,454.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,619.00
Actual cost of superintendent,	<hr/>	\$70.21

## PUPILS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY FROM BEGINNING OF SPRING TERM, 1899, TO FEB. 20, 1900.

School No. 1: Gladys Kallman.

School No. 4, Advanced: Raymond Gurney, Julius Martin.

## NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY FOR TWO TERMS.

George Baron,	Hector Lussier,
Esther Bell,	Nina Newhall,
Vera Bell,	Ina Scott,
Ruth Bell,	Ida Vinton,
Ethel Edson,	Flora Vinton,
Goldie Edson,	Frank Wright.

## NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY FOR ONE TERM.

William Abair,	John Leahy,
Ruth Bates,	Martin Loftus,
Chester Bell,	Walter Meader,
Hazel Bolles,	Ethel Mowry,
Marjorie Bolles,	Harold Mowry,
Chester Bryant,	Lois Newhall,
Fred Bryant,	Fales Newhall,
Edith Calkins,	Harriet Newhall,
Mary Calkins,	Ray Pease,
Edward Carney,	Fred Phaneuf,
Nancy Carney,	May Powers,
Robert Darrah,	Walter Richardson,
Ernest Downer,	Roland Richardson,
Clarence Edson,	Hazel Shearer,
Bertha Farr,	George Stephens,
Albert Farr,	Constance Stephens,
Herbert Farr,	Elsie Stephens,
Sanford Fuller,	Alice Thompson,
Fred Fuller,	William Thompson,
Marjorie Green,	Effie Wynne,
Lester Kingsley,	Winifred Wynne,
George La Broad,	Hazel Vinton.



## Town Warrant.

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

ART. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, School Committee and other town officers.

ART. 3. To fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To choose a Town Clerk and Treasurer, one Selectman for three years, who shall also be one of the Overseers of the Poor, one Assessor for three years and one for two years to fill vacancy, five Constables, four Fence Viewers, one Auditor, one School Committee for three years and one for one year to fill vacancy, Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year, one Library Trustee for three years, all on one ballot. Also to choose a Tree Warden for the ensuing year, and all other town officers.

ART. 6. To decide by ballot, which shall be "Yes" or "No," the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 7. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for defraying the expenses of the town for the ensuing year and appropriate the same, and vote how the same shall be raised.

ART. 8. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 9. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as may be sanctioned by the Selectmen, the same to be paid from taxes.

ART. 10. To see if the town will provide for the adequate lighting of the streets in town.

ART. 11. To see if the town will instruct their selectmen to prosecute any person or persons selling or transporting intoxicating liquors within this town, contrary to the laws of this commonwealth, or take any action in regard to the same.

ART. 12. To see what disposition the town will make of the dog fund of 1899.

ART. 13. To see if the town will grant money for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

ART. 14. To see if the town will appropriate money for the care and winding of the town clock.

ART. 15. To see if the town will provide for special instruction in music, and raise money for the same.

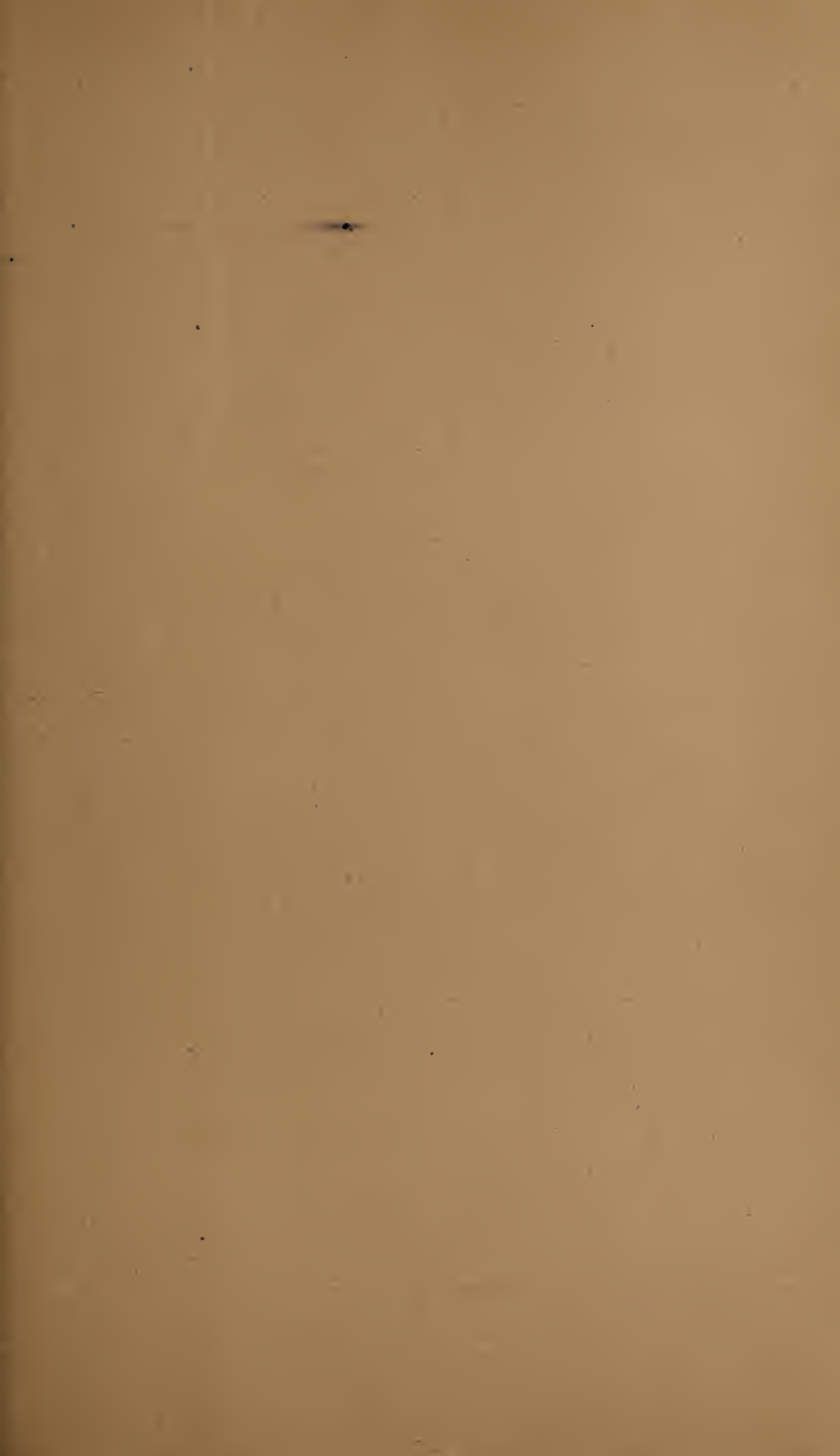
ART. 16. To see if the town will provide for special instruction in drawing, and raise money for the same.

ART. 17. To see if the town will pay for the transportation of its pupils attending Wesleyan Academy, and raise funds for the same.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to elect the Tree Warden on the official ballot.

ART. 19. To see if the town of Wilbraham will dispense with services of Mary L. Poland as Superintendent of Schools.

ART. 20. To transact any other business that may legally come before the town.





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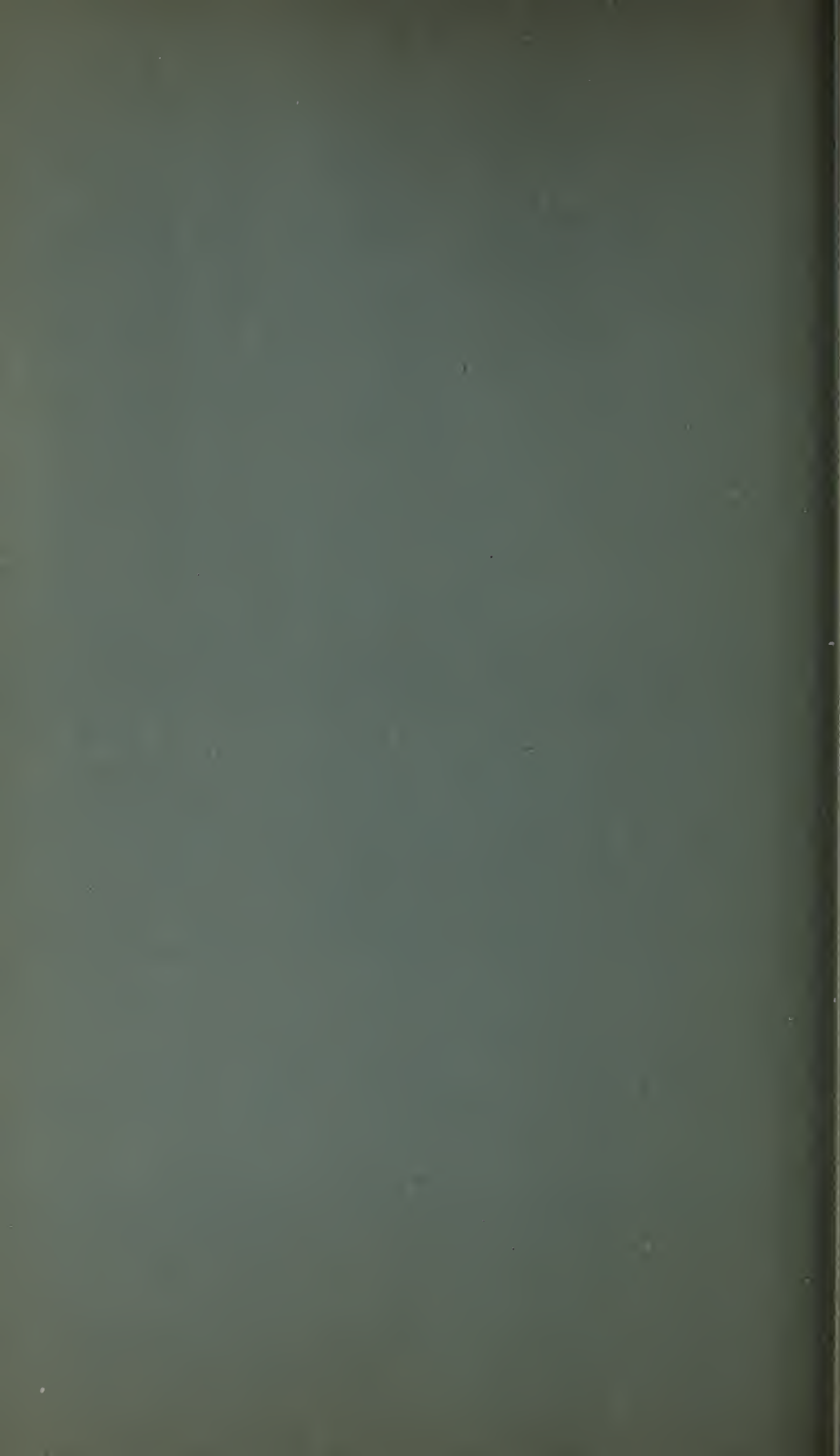
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## List of Jurors.

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AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN.

James K. Butler,  
Ethelbert Bliss,  
Charles S. Merrick,  
Albert A. Phelps,  
James F. Phelps,  
L. J. Potter,  
Marshall C. Wade,  
Clarence E. Pease,  
William H. Day,  
Jesse L. Rice,

James H. Farr,  
Jerome Pease,  
James Stephens,  
Charles W. Vinton,  
W. M. Green,  
John W. Baldwin,  
Frank R. Rindge,  
D. W. Mowry,  
Walter M. Bliss,  
Edgar H. Keith,

William H. Kellogg.

# Report of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

## CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

C. G. Robbins, posting town warrants,	\$ 6.00
C. G. Robbins, services at polls,	2.00
A. H. Bartlett, stationery,	2.75
Town of Ludlow, snowing and lighting bridge,	20.60
H. G. Webber, returning births,	.75
J. S. Morgan, services at polls,	3.00
C. W. Vinton, " " "	3.00
C. B. Fiske & Co., 450 town reports,	32.00
C. B. Fiske & Co., 500 ballots,	6.50
C. G. Robbins, notifying town officers,	6.90
D. H. Eaton, services at polls,	2.00
H. M. Delbeare, assessors' book,	2.40
C. B. Fiske & Co., 1000 blank orders on treasurer,	4.00
T. W. R. Emery, preserving town record,	15.00
P. B. Murphy, printing dog blanks,	2.75
W. J. Eldred, binding town record,	3.25
F. W. Green, repairing oil stove,	.45
"    "    express,	.85
"    "    telephone,	.15
Henry R. Johnson, field book,	2.75
"    "    tax book,	1.50
A. H. Bartlett, printing 100 postal cards,	2.20
F. W. Green, express on assessors' book,	.40
"    "    telephone,	.25
Cecil T. Bagnall, 200 tax schedules,	3.75

G. E. Knowlton, shingling hearse and ladder houses,	\$ 7.13
F. F. Marcy, shingles and saddle boards,	20.23
J. W. Baldwin, 100 stamps,	2.00
J. W. Baldwin, 100 stamped envelopes (1c),	1.12
Charles L. Long, attorney,	5.00
The Springfield Union, advertising legal notice,	5.02
A. H. Bartlett, 1000 tax bills,	2.00
W. M. Green, refund account overpaid tax, 1899,	1.34
C. G. Robbins, posting town warrants,	6.00
C. G. Robbins, services at polls,	2.00
J. W. Baldwin, " "	6.00
C. W. Vinton, " "	3.00
Jas. Egan, " "	3.00
George W. Taylor, opening town safe,	5.75
D. H. Eaton, services at polls,	2.00
John W. Baldwin, 500 stamped envelopes,	10.60
F. D. Benton, repairing Selectmen's room,	1.10
F. A. Fuller, express and supplies,	2.42
Albert Briggs, work in Selectmen's room,	1.75
B. & A. R.R., freight on safe,	24.25
The Mosler Safe Co., new safe,	225.75
Henry M. Green, moving safe,	8.95
William Lincoln & Co., insurance on Library,	12.00
Wesleyan Academy, rent music hall,	40.00
G. A. Russell, care and winding town clock,	25.00
F. A. Fuller, preparing tally sheets,	6.00
" " care weights and measures,	5.00
" " meeting town clerks, Springfield,	2.00
" " recording deaths,	5.60
" " " " births,	13.50
" " " " marriages,	1.95
W. L. Collins Estate, services as undertaker,	66.00
" " " " office rent,	36.00
F. A. Fuller, supplies and express,	3.85
A. L. Damon, returning births,	3.75
H. C. Burr, water tank,	5.00
C. G. Robbins, rent of land for tramp house,	1.00

W. L. Collins, extra for digging grave for Sarah		
E. Pease,	\$ 2.00	
J. M. Perry, interest on town loan,	78.50	
H. G. Webber, vaccinating,	1.00	
"      "      returning births,	.75	
F. W. Green, express, telephone and telegraph,	1.95	
	<u>          </u>	\$782.46

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### TOWN OFFICERS.

#### TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER.

F. A. Fuller,		\$60.00
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#### TAX COLLECTOR.

W. M. Green,		\$90.00
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#### AUDITOR.

F. E. Clark,		\$5.00
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#### MODERATOR.

F. E. Clark,		\$5.00
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#### SELECTMEN.

Jason Butler,	\$59.50	
Henry Clark,	50.25	
F. W. Green,	68.25	
	<u>          </u>	\$178.00

#### ASSESSORS.

J. L. Rice,	\$73.80	
G. L. Rindge,	32.00	
C. P. Bolles,	26.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$131.80

#### SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

H. G. Webber,	\$67.00	
Ethelbert Bliss,	30.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$97.00

#### CATTLE INSPECTOR.

J. L. Rice,		\$51.00
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## TRUANT OFFICERS.

Hiram Danks,	\$1.50	
C. G. Robbins,	6.00	
	<u>        </u>	\$7.50

## ELECTION OFFICER.

F. A. Fuller,		\$5.00
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## REGISTRARS.

James Egan,	\$12.00	
F. A. Fuller,	12.00	
J. S. Morgan,	12.00	
W. H. Day,	12.00	
	<u>        </u>	\$48.00

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 PAUPER ACCOUNT.

## LOUISA WEBSTER.

Abigail Upham, care,	\$98.46	
Mrs. C. Conner, “	10.00	
J. M. Foster, medical attendance,	7.00	
Mrs. Robert Darrah, care,	20.00	
Mrs. E. M. Putnam, “	11.00	
John F. Chamberlain, “	80.00	
	<u>        </u>	\$226.46

## MARY B. CLARK.

Northampton Insane Hospital, care,	\$61.75	
Orcutt & O'Donnell, undertakers,	20.00	
	<u>        </u>	\$81.75

## J. ROBERT COOTE.

Northampton Insane Hospital, care,		\$135.56
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## THOMAS ALLEN, STATE PAUPER.

F. W. Green, car fare,		\$2.00
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## JOHN R. DEVINE.

City of Springfield, aid,		\$3.77
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## MRS. CATHERINE BEARDSLEY.

Aid,	\$56.00	
M. A. Maynard, coal,	6.75	
City of Springfield, aid,	22.32	
M. A. Maynard, coal and wood,	8.75	
	<hr/>	\$93.82

## SARAH AMO.

Roodstrand & Lewis, casket and services for child,		\$10.00
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## JOSEPH STONE.

John H. Clune, coffin for child,	\$6.00	
E. J. Gendreau, supplies,	6.50	
John Collins, hack for funeral,	6.00	
F. L. Burr & Co., wood,	1.00	
	<hr/>	\$19.50

## CHARLES HALLINGSWORTH.

Mercy Hospital, treatment,		\$28.00
Refunded by his mother, \$9.00.		

## TRAMPS.

C. G. Robbins, lodging 4 tramps,		\$2.00
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## MARY LINNEHAN.

Bryan Fallon, care,		\$9.65
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## JOSEPH BOSHORE CHILDREN.

Dr. O. C. Gelineau, medical attendance,	\$12.50	
F. A. Fuller, supplies,	1.55	
	<hr/>	\$14.05

## JOSEPH ROCK.

O. J. Brunelle, supplies,		\$5.50
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## THOMAS WHITE.

The Springfield Hospital, care,	\$7.00	
Jason Butler, time and expense,	2.49	
	<hr/>	\$9.49

## JERRY CONNERS.

Michael Wallace, care,	\$ 9.00	
D. W. Mowry, care and supplies,	11.10	
W. L. Collins estate, care and supplies,	8.50	
Thos. Marshall, Jr., shaving,	3.00	
A. L. Damon, medical attendance,	12.00	
	<hr/>	\$43.60

## SCHOOLS.

Repairs,	\$ 35.48	
Tuition at Wesleyan Academy,	839.00	
Teachers' wages,	3,673.40	
Care school houses,	173.95	
Supplies,	812.78	
Superintendent of Schools,	372.15	\$5,906.76

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

H. H. Burbank, labor,	\$ 21.74	
Henry M. Green, labor,	207.10	
M. A. Lane, labor,	111.25	
E. M. Butterfield, labor,	144.97	
A. A. Phelps, labor,	132.00	
W. H. McGuire, labor,	102.47	
J. H. Farr, labor,	168.93	
E. C. Clark, labor,	22.10	
G. E. Calkins, material for scraper,	1.25	
Henry Clark, gravel,	6.54	
“ “ labor,	164.06	
M. A. Maynard, tile pipe,	38.89	
G. L. Rindge, labor,	2.80	
W. F. Morgan, labor,	114.31	
J. F. Phelps, labor,	143.51	
C. E. Peck, repairing scraper,	12.00	
Frank R. Rindge, drawing stone to Red Bridge,	86.75	
W. F. Fillmore, “ “ “ “	58.90	

W. N. Flynt, repairing wall at Red Bridge,	\$498.23	
Jason Butler, labor and material,	10.30	
C. C. Day, gravel,	1.32	
“ “ lighting bridge,	1.00	
Alden Brothers, plank,	11.78	
R. S. Wilcox, “	6.66	
Thomas Powers, work on bridges,	34.65	
Alvin Chilson, labor,	80.36	
Boston & Albany R. R., freight on tile pipe,	1.60	
Thomas A. Marshall, labor,	16.80	
Leroy Lord, labor,	1.50	
E. H. Waide, lighting bridge,	4.20	
F. A. Fuller, supplies,	4.86	
H. C. Burr, lighting road,	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,214.83

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LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

Henry R. Johnson, books,	\$203.04	
Henry S. Howe, Mass. Settlement Laws,	2.00	
F. W. Green, express on books,	1.25	
A. H. Bartlett, catalogues,	20.75	
H. W. Cutler, books,	5.85	
John Wanamaker, books,	57.00	
Minnie Morgan, librarian,	24.00	
F. W. Green, exchanging books,	10.50	
	<hr/>	\$324.39

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STREET LIGHTS.

C. F. Fuller, care,	\$ 60.00	
James Stephens, care, repairs and supplies,	120.28	
T. W. Hamilton, repairs,	3.65	
Globe Gas Light Co., one street light,	4.25	
F. W. Green, express on street light,	.40	
F. A. Fuller, supplies,	29.19	
	<hr/>	\$217.77



## CEMETERY ACCOUNT.

C. C. Day, Glendale,	\$ 7.00	
C. W. Vinton, painting fence,	13.20	
C. A. Hammer, old yard,	10.00	
C. W. Vinton, East Wilbraham,	10.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$40.20

## MEMORIAL DAY.

J. S. Morgan,	\$25.00	
C. E. Peck,	50.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$75.00

## STATE AID, CHAPTER, 374, ACTS OF 1899.

William Butler,	\$48.00	
Francis M. Davis,	48.00	
James C. Moody,	60.00	
Cordelia Sheldon,	48.00	
Wm. S. Tiffany,	48.00	
Almira M. Crockett,	48.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$300.00

## SUMMARY.

Contingent,	\$ 782.46	
Town officers,	678.30	
Paupers,	685.15	
Schools,	5,906.76	
Highways and bridges,	2,214.83	
Library account,	324.39	
Street lights,	217.77	
Care cemeteries,	40.20	
Memorial Day,	75.00	
State aid,	300.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$11,224.86

## RESOURCES.

Due from state of Massachusetts, state aid,	\$ 300.00	
“ “ “ “ paupers,	41.05	
“ “ town of Amherst, paupers,	9.49	
Uncollected taxes,	1,033.43	
	<u>          </u>	\$1,083.97

## LIABILITIES.

Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Co., note,	\$500.00	
Outstanding bills, estimated,	25.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$525.00

The Selectmen recommend the following appropriations :

Highways and bridges,	\$2,000.00
Schools,	3,400.00
Repairs,	200.00
Paupers,	800.00
Contingent expenses and town officers,	1,500.00
Street lights,	200.00
Care and repairs cemeteries,	150.00
Library,	25.00
Tuition,	600.00
Tree warden,	50.00

# Chloe Bliss Stebbins Fund.

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ESTABLISHED 1897.

This a contribution of three hundred dollars, made by Solomon Bliss Stebbins, of Boston, from money given to him by Chloe Bliss Stebbins of Wilbraham, said sum to be held by the town as a memorial of her regard for its association with her long life dwelt therein, and in which she died Feb. 20, 1897. The income of the fund is to be paid annually, one-third to the overseers of the poor for the relief of the poor of the town; one-third to the managers of the town library to aid in its support, and one-third to secure perpetual good care of the graves in the town burial ground of Eber and Elizabeth Bliss Stebbins, and their children, buried in the same range.

JASON BUTLER,	}	<i>Selectmen of Wilbraham.</i>
HENRY CLARK,		
F. W. GREEN,		

# Treasurer's Report of the Town of Wilbraham.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 25, 1901.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury Feb. 24, 1900,	\$ 333.07
from W. M. Green, collector, 1899,	900.17
Town of Monson, tuition refunded,	70.00
State Treasurer, account education of children, lunacy and charity,	337.50
State Treasurer, superintendent of schools,	274.01
State Treasurer, corporation and bank tax, state aid, contagious disease and inspection of animals, less \$450.00 state tax taken out by State Treasurer,	1,097.45
State Treasurer, Massachusetts school fund,	504.78
Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Co., 4 months note,	1,000.00
Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Co., 4 months note,	1,000.00
Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Co., 4 months note,	1,000.00
Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Co., 6 months note,	500.00
C. A. Hammer, grass in cemetery,	10.00
A. A. Phelps, grass in Webster place,	20.00
Mrs. Hollingsworth, account Chas. Hollingsworth, hospital bill,	9.00
B. F. Green, old plank,	.50

Cash from C. W. Vinton, $\frac{1}{2}$ burial lot No. 60	
for Freitag,	4.50
H. M. Bliss, auctioneer's license,	2.00
M. Wells Bridge, dog fund,	170.04
Mrs. Frances Bliss, burial lot No.	
55, E. Wilbraham,	9.00
Interest Chloe Bliss Stebbins Fund,	10.59
Town Library, fines, etc.,	8.00
Dora M. Merrick, book,	1.25
Interest on deposits, Safe Deposit	
and Trust Co.,	15.93
J. M. Perry, interest town loan,	78.50
W. M. Green, collector, 1900,	8,281.94
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	\$15,638.23

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EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid, Selectmen's orders,	\$10,924.86
State aid,	300.00
Assessors' abatements, 1899,	48.96
County tax, M. Wells Bridge,	
treasurer,	860.26
Note, Safe Deposit and Trust Co.,	1,000.00
" " " " " "	1,000.00
" " " " " "	1,000.00
Discount Safe Deposit and Trust	
Co., note,	12.67
Discount Safe Deposit and Trust	
Co., note,	15.50
Discount Safe Deposit and Trust	
Co., note,	18.94
Renewal Safe Deposit and Trust	
Co., note,	15.50
Renewal Safe Deposit and Trust	
Co., note,	11.63
Renewal Safe Deposit and Trust	
Co., note,	7.88

Cash paid Renewal Safe Deposit and Trust Co., note,	11.25	
Cash in treasury Feb. 25th, 1901,	410.78	
	—————	\$15,638.23

The amount of Chloe Bliss Stebbins fund is \$300, deposited in Springfield Institution for Savings, book No. 136,333.

F. A. FULLER, *Treasurer.*

Wilbraham, Mass., February 25, 1901.

### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the order books and accounts of the Selectmen of the Town of Wilbraham for the year ending Feb. 25, 1901, and find them correct and properly balanced. The money transactions for the year aggregate \$15,638.23. Against this sum the following items are charged, viz.:

Payment of loans to Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Co.,	\$3,000.00	
Interest on loans,	93.37	
County tax,	860.26	
Abatements,	48.96	
Cash on hand,	410.78	
	—————	\$4,413.37
Leaving, as current expenses,		\$11,224.86

A sufficient voucher was found for every payment.

I have also examined the accounts and check books of the Town Treasurer and find them correctly cast, with every payment authorized by orders from the Selectmen or by approved bills. The record of receipts and disbursements agrees with that of the Selectmen, and shows a balance to the credit of the town of:

Deposits in Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Co.,	\$282.03	
Checks in Hand,	128.75	
	—————	\$410.78

GEO. A. RUSSELL, *Auditor.*

Wilbraham, Mass., Feb. 25, 1901.

# Report of the Board of Assessors.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1901.

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## APPROPRIATIONS MADE AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, 1900.

For Schools,	\$3,400.00	
Repairs on schoolhouses,	200.00	
Highways and bridges,	2,000.00	
Support of paupers,	800.00	
Street lights,	200.00	
Care of cemeteries,	100.00	
Town library,	25.00	
Tuition at Wesleyan Academy,	600.00	
Care and winding town clock,	25.00	
Memorial Day,	75.00	
Permanent improvement of highway,	500.00	
	<hr/>	\$7,925.00
State tax for 1900,	\$450.00	
County tax for 1900,	860.26	
Overlayings,	80.11	
	<hr/>	1,390.37
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Total tax,		\$9,315.37

Besides the above amount there was appropriated from the money in the Treasury, at the beginning of the fiscal year :

For Contingent expenses and town officers,	\$1,500.00	
Raised by taxation 1900,	9,315.37	
Appropriated from treasury 1900,	1,500.00	
Total raised and appropriated by town, 1900,	<hr/>	\$10,815.37

## TABLE OF AGGREGATES, 1900.

Number of polls at \$2 each, 374.		
Tax on polls,		\$ 748.00
Value of assessed personal estate,	\$167,637.00	
Tax on assessed personal estate,		1,844.00
Value of assessed real estate,	611,215.00	
Tax on assessed real estate,		6,723.37
Total tax, town, county and state,		<u>\$9,315.37</u>
Total property assessed,	<u>\$778,852.00</u>	
Rate per cent total tax, \$11 per \$1,000.		
Number of Dwelling houses,		276
Horses,		308
Cows,		585
Acres land,		12,935
Sheep,		8
Neat cattle other than cows,		254
Swine,		30
Fowls,		2,125
Dogs, male,		81
" female,		6

In taking list, real estate to the amount of \$1550 was omitted. Tax on same was \$17.05, which has since been added, making total tax, town, county and state, \$9,332.42.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. RICE,	}	<i>Assessors of Wilbraham.</i>
C. P. BOLLES,		
G. L. RINDGE,		

Wilbraham, Mass., February 27, 1901.



# Report of the Trustees of the Free Public Library.

Number of volumes in library, last report,	1,463	
Number of volumes added,	118	
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Number of volumes in library Feb. 27, 1901,		1,581
Number of books loaned from library during past year,		2,754

Last year's report, showing 5,380 books loaned, was in error, as it covered two years instead of one year.

## RESOURCES.

Appropriation by town,	\$ 25.00	
Dog fund,	165.14	
Income Chloe Bliss Stebbins Fund,	3.53	
Fines and cards,	8.00	
Balance on hand Feb. 27, 1900,	22.48	
	<hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/>	\$224.14

## EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Bartlett, printing catalogues,	\$20.75	
Express on books,	1.25	
Miss Morgan, librarian,	24.00	
F. W. Green, transportation of books,	10.50	
H. R. Johnson, paid for books,	76.94	
Henry Shaw, paid for books,	2.00	
H. W. Cutler, paid for books,	5.85	
John Wanamaker, paid for books,	57.00	
Balance on hand Feb. 27, 1901,	25.86	
	<hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/>	\$224.15

The legacy from the estate of Henry Cutler is deposited as follows :  
 \$425 in Springfield Five Cents Savings Bank, book No. 55,481.  
 \$500 in Springfield Institution for Savings, book No. 145,815.

MRS. W. L. COLLINS,	}	<i>Trustees</i>
H. W. CUTLER,		<i>Free Public</i>
FRANK A. GURNEY,		<i>Library.</i>

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## Truant Officer's Report.

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As truant officer I have been called upon eight times in the past year. They have all been made in District No. 18. There seems to be a lack of interest with the parents in this district.

C. G. ROBBINS, *Truant Officer.*

## Report of School Committee.

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The School Committee respectfully submit their annual report.

The revenues of the current year have been as follows:

Appropriation for school purposes,	\$3,400.00	
Appropriation for repairs,	200.00	
Appropriation for tuition, high school,	600.00	
From State school fund,	504.78	
From State on account of Superintendent of schools,	274.01	
From State for state children,	337.50	
Interest on town loan,	78.50	
Tuition from town of Monson,	70.00	
Tuition due from town of Monson to March 1,	73.32	
Due from State, account Superintendent of schools,	270.00	
		<hr/> \$5,808.11

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### EXPENDITURES.

#### TEACHERS' WAGES.

M. E. Howard, teaching music,	\$ 50.00
Alice Ferguson,	90.00
Florence Underhill,	180.00
Ida Blair,	306.00
Alice Howard,	102.00
Grace Nichols,	192.00
Winifred Miller,	112.00
E. Gertrude Ward,	152.00
Elsie Martin,	40.00
Dora M. Merrick,	304.00

Minnie Otis,	\$120.00	
Bertha Twitchell,	240.00	
Stella Greene,	252.00	
Lizzie Calkins,	89.50	
Georgie Woodward,	180.00	
Leonora Howe,	190.40	
Martha Bowdish,	97.50	
Mary F. Pomeroy,	400.00	
Lula Tiffany,	270.00	
Maria E. Bliss,	306.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,673.40
Salary Superintendent of Schools,	\$372.15	
Tuition Wesleyan Academy,	839.00	
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SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS.

H. G. Webber,	\$ 2.50	
C. A. Brown & Co.,	2.25	
C. E. Peck,	3.25	
Albert Briggs,	1.75	
F. D. Benton,	.50	
C. W. Vinton,	1.05	
Hiram Danks,	6.18	
Elias S. Keyes,	16.00	
M. A. Seaver,	2.00	
	<hr/>	35.48

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CARE OF SCHOOLS.

Hector Lussier,	\$24.25
H. G. Webber,	2.00
C. W. Vinton,	13.95
Bertha Farr,	7.84
Mrs. James H. Farr,	4.00
Alice M. Howard,	5.40
Alice Ferguson,	2.00

Ida Blair,	\$17.26	
Henry Goodnow,	11.50	
Stella M. Greene,	12.90	
C. F. Fuller,	2.25	
Jeremiah Long,	36.00	
Grace Nichols,	11.50	
Florence Underhill,	9.10	
Ethelbert Bliss,	14.00	
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SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Frank Rindge,	\$ 50.00	
G. L. Rindge,	20.00	
Wesleyan Academy,	263.46	
F. F. Murdock,	7.15	
Thomas R. Shewell & Co.,	36.00	
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	62.40	
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	22.92	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	17.71	
Ginn & Co.,	40.21	
Jason Butler,	59.21	
M. E. Bliss,	.80	
W. A. Mowrey,	30.00	
National Publishing Co.,	10.00	
Ross Brothers,	8.81	
H. Rude,	5.35	
A. H. Bartlett,	32.44	
H. G. Webber,	.50	
Public School Publishing Co.,	4.50	
American Book Co.,	3.60	
Walter Bliss,	7.00	
H. M. Bliss,	58.00	
H. F. Greene,	1.00	
Warren Fuller,	2.25	
F. A. Fuller,	4.22	
Ethelbert Bliss,	65.25	
	<hr/>	812.78
Total expenditures,		<hr/> \$5,906.76

Value of books and supplies on hand, March, 1901,	\$400.00	
Value of books and supplies in schools, estimated,	500.00	
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We recommend the coming year an appropriation of \$3,400 for school purposes, \$200 for repairs, \$600 for tuition high school.

Respectfully submitted,

JASON BUTLER, ETHELBERT BLISS, H. G. WEBBER,	}	<i>School Committee.</i>
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### HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUCTION.

The town having voted to pay the tuition at the Wesleyan Academy for high school instruction of such children as are duly qualified, the following regulations have been adopted :

1. Examinations shall be given by the Wesleyan Academy to those candidates only who are recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

2. No candidate shall be recommended by the superintendent for examination unless he has satisfactorily completed in course or by examination the studies of the "Course of Study" for the public schools of Wilbraham.

3. Examinations shall be given by the Wesleyan Academy in Arithmetic, English, Grammar, Geography, United States History, and Spelling.

4. All who shall pass these examinations shall receive from the Superintendent of Schools a certificate which shall entitle the person named therein to tuition at the expense of the Town of Wilbraham, in the Wesleyan Academy in the Academic, Classical, Industrial Science, or Latin Scientific Courses.

5. All students educated at the expense of the Town of Wilbraham in the Wesleyan Academy shall be under the rules and regulations of that institution.

ETHELBERT BLISS, H. G. WEBBER, JASON BUTLER,	}	<i>School Committee.</i>
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TABLE OF MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE.

No. of School.	WHOLE NUMBER OF PUPILS.				AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP.				AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.			
	Fall.	Winter.	Spring.	Year.	Fall.	Winter.	Spring.	Year.	Fall.	Winter.	Spring.	Year.
	1	15	15	13	18	13.47	12.91	11.99	12.79	12.49	12.24	10.83
2A	24	21	16	27	21.49	20.21	14.32	18.67	19.54	17.11	11.79	16.14
2P	36	32	28	40	31.70	28.67	25.59	28.32	29.32	22.73	23.74	25.29
3	30	25	23	30	27.60	22.25	21.21	23.68	26.13	19.40	17.51	21.01
4A	20	22	18	22	19.06	20.64	17.49	19.06	18.39	18.77	16.58	17.91
4P	18	17	17	21	16.74	16.90	15.54	16.39	15.99	15.67	15.	15.55
5	11	11	14	14	11.	10.35	12.26	11.20	10.70	10.04	10.63	10.45
6	16	18	18	20	15.	16.83	16.33	16.08	13.43	14.70	15.80	14.64
7	17	17	16	21	16.57	14.61	15.30	15.49	14.89	13.20	12.74	13.61
8A	17	16	15	17	15.86	15.24	13.80	14.74	15.15	13.55	12.24	13.64
8I	23	22	21	23	21.80	21.10	19.60	20.83	20.37	18.54	16.43	18.48
8P	29	26	25	32	26.03	24.76	21.70	24.16	24.40	22.73	19.63	22.25

Names of students attending Wesleyan Academy at the expense of the town of Wilbraham.

Everett Baird,  
J. F. Baldwin,  
Alfred Bosworth,  
T. W. Coote,  
Walter Green,  
E. K. Lynch,  
Myra Baird,  
Emma Coote,  
Minnie Demond,  
Florence Green,  
L. Hart,  
M. Hart,  
Ethel Lombard,

Grace Mowry,  
Ethel Mowry,  
Alice Munsell,  
Mary Ogilvie,  
Margorie Perry,  
Alice Perry,  
Florence Redington,  
James McCaw,  
T. Nuting,  
A. E. Phelps,  
E. Powers,  
L. F. Rindge,  
Leo T. Rock.



# Report of Superintendent of Schools.

*To the School Committee of Wilbraham:*

GENTLEMEN: The eighth annual report of the Superintendent of schools is herewith presented.

The town employs twelve teachers. Two are from a neighboring state, three are normal school graduates, three are from city training schools, four are graduates from Wesleyan Academy.

Three of the last named class received training and served as unpaid assistants in our own schools prior to their engagement as regular teachers. Half the entire corps was new at the beginning of the fall term though only one was entirely inexperienced.

We have had one apprentice in our schools each year since the plan of home training was adopted.

This year Miss Effie Morgan, a graduate of Wesleyan Academy in 1899, is now serving such apprenticeship.

Candidates for this position must have full high school education, must give six months to actual observation of the work and assistance to the regular teachers in such schools as the superintendent may indicate, and must be ready to act as unpaid substitutes whenever their services are needed. If called to substitute in some other town of this district, as has been the case this winter, they receive remuneration from that town.

## THE FOLLOWING TEACHERS HAVE LEFT US DURING THE YEAR.

School	Teacher	Elected	Left
No. 1.	Miss Alice Ferguson.	June, 1888.	June, 1900.
No. 2.	* Miss Alice Howard.	September, 1899.	June, 1900.
No. 3.	† Mrs. Minnie Otis,	September, 1899.	June, 1900.
No. 4.	Miss Winifred Miller.	April, 1897.	June, 1900.
No. 4.	† Miss Gertrude Ward.	July, 1900.	January, 1901.
No. 6.	Mrs. A. F. Calkins.	May, 1899.	June, 1900.
No. 7.	§ Miss Leonora Howe.	January, 1900.	November, 1900.

\* Teaching in Ludlow. † At Sixteen Acres, Springfield. ‡ In Quincy. § In Berlin.

## PRESENT CORPS OF TEACHERS.

Schools.	Teachers.	Elected.	Educated.
1.....	Florence Underhill.	Aug., 1900.....	Lowell Normal.
2.....	Ida Blair.....	Jan., 1900.....	Quincy Training.
3.....	Grace Nichols.....	July, 1900.....	Wilbraham Academy.
4.....	Bertha Twitchell...	Aug., 1900.....	Paris Hill Academy, Paris Hill, Me.
5.....	Dora Merrick.....	Sept., 1893.....	Wilbraham Academy.
6.....	Elsie Martin.....	Jan., 1901.....	Quincy High and Training Schools.
7.....	Stella Greene.....	May, 1898.....	Wilbraham Academy.
8.....	Georgia Woodward	Aug., 1900.....	Lowell Normal.
9.....	Martha Bowdish....	Nov., 1900.....	Vermont Academy.

The school year throughout the state now opens in September and closes in June. Our schools are in session thirty-six weeks.

The law requiring attendance of children between the ages of seven and fourteen for the entire time the schools are kept open has been more thoroughly enforced this year. In some instances where absence has been caused by lack of suitable clothing, it has taken some time to bring the matter before the proper officials. In others, ignorance of the law or of the power and disposition to enforce it, has brought down the attendance.

A class of applicants was examined and admitted to Wesleyan Academy last June. Eighteen town students, which is only 10 per cent of the total public school membership, are now registered there. Nearly all who reach the ninth grade enter the academy.

The falling off is below the upper classes of the grammar grades, which shows that a large proportion leave before they have obtained a common school education, a loss they will sadly regret in future years. Can the children of this town afford to ignore the privileges which nearly one-third the children of the state are enjoying?

The failure to provide for special teachers of music and drawing has resulted in serious loss. In some schools the pupils have retained what they gained last year; in some they have forgotten a large part of what they had previously practiced.

The sum saved by the children at The Pines now amounts to \$123.75; \$61.97 has been invested in savings banks.

Through the kindness of the Springfield librarian, I have secured sixty discarded but carefully selected volumes for the benefit of children living at a distance from our Public Library. A box with cover—or door—shelves, lock and key, labeled "Traveling Library, No. 1," has been filled and placed in one of our schools. The

teacher has a book in which she records the dates of delivery and return, and any observation in regard to the interest manifested or suggestions as to the course of procedure.

The plan and purpose are indicated by the word traveling. When read the collection will be taken to any other school or community which may ask for it and replaced by a fresh supply. No fines or penalties for failure to return books at a specified time have or will be imposed. They are intended to instruct and give pleasure and the borrowers are merely requested to read, enjoy, and return in as good a condition as possible that others may have similar pleasure.

Six of these libraries are in circulation in another town of this district but the experiment is recent here.

Since my last report was written I have made one hundred forty-four visits, an average of twelve to each school, held conferences with teachers, and spent several days in looking up the previous work and record of the seven new teachers engaged this year. I think that another year the conditions will demand fewer visits, more office work, and an increased number of general teachers' meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. POLAND.

### NAMES OF PUPILS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

#### THREE TERMS.

Bolles, Hazel

Martin, Julius

Thompson, William

#### FOR TWO TERMS.

Bell, Esther

La Broad, Anna

Bell, Vera

Leahy, John

Carney, Nancy

Newhall, Fales

Darraah, Robert

Pease, Roy

Farr, Elsie

Richardson, Roland

Farr, Albert

Shearer, Hazel

Gurney, Raymond

Stephens, Constance

Heath, Hazel

Thompson, Alice

Thompson, Charles

## FOR ONE TERM.

Allen, Harry	Leahy, Georgina
"    Edward	Libby, Ralph
Backus, Robert	Lombard, Edna
Batchelder, Mason	Luby, Frank
Baron, George	Manson, John
Bell, Charles	Meader, Walter
Bolles, Hazel	Monehan, John
Carney, Edward	Newhall, Harriet
Connors, Patrick	"    Parker
Edson, Ethel	O'Brien, John
"    Clarence	O'Connor, Dennis
Fuller, Raymond	Pease, Grace
Gebo, Eva	Powers, May
"    Era	Richardson, Walter
"    Ella	Stephens, Elsie
"    Wilbur	"    George
La Broad, Dora	Wright, Frank

# By-Laws

## FOR THE TOWN OF WILBRAHAM.

SECTION 1. No person shall drive, wheel, draw or push any cart, wheelbarrow, bicycle, tricycle or other vehicle of burden or of pleasure upon or along any sidewalk or foot-path in the Town, except for the purpose of crossing such side-walk or foot-path to go to or out of some adjoining enclosure; provided this section shall not apply to children's hand carriages or hand sleds carrying children only and drawn by hand.

SEC. 2. Three or more persons shall not stand together or near each other in any street or on any bridge, foot-walk or sidewalk in the Town so as to obstruct the free passage for foot passengers; and any person or persons so standing shall move on immediately after a request so to do, made by any member of the board of Selectmen, Chief of Police, or any Police Officer or Constable of the Town.

SEC. 3. No person shall be or remain upon the steps of any church, hall, hotel or public building, or in any hall, space or way leading thereto, so as to incommode or obstruct the passage to and from such church, hall, hotel, or building. Every person so being and remaining when ordered by any member of the board of Selectmen, Chief of Police, Police Officer, Constable, owner, agent, or other person having charge of said church, hotel, hall, or public building shall immediately depart therefrom.

SEC. 4. No person shall behave in a rude or disorderly manner, or use indecent, profane or insulting language in or upon any street, lane, alley, bridge, or other public place in the Town.

SEC. 5. No person shall, within the limits of any highway in the Town, play at any game of ball, or engage in any other game, amusement or exercise interfering with the free, safe and convenient use of such highway by any person traveling or passing along the same.

SEC. 6. No person shall coast, course or slide upon any board, sled or other thing upon any highway within the Town.

SEC. 7. Whoever shall violate any of the provisions of the preceding sections, shall for each and every offense forfeit and pay a penalty of not less than two dollars nor more than twenty dollars; provided that no person shall be prosecuted for any offense mentioned in the preceding sections unless complaint for the same shall be instituted and commenced within six months from the time of the commission of such offense.

## Town Warrant.

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

ART. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, School Committee and other town officers.

ART. 3. To fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To choose a Town Clerk and Treasurer, one Selectman for three years, who shall also be one of the Overseers of the Poor, one Assessor for three years and one for one year to fill vacancy, five Constables, four Fence Viewers, one Auditor, one School Committee for three years, Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year, one Library Trustee for three years, all on one ballot; a Tree Warden for the ensuing year and all other town officers.

ART. 6. To decide by ballot, which shall be "Yes" or "No," the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 7. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for defraying the expenses of the town for the ensuing year and appropriate the same, and vote how the same shall be raised.

ART. 8. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 9. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as may be sanctioned by the Selectmen, the same to be paid from taxes.

ART. 10. To see if the town will provide for the adequate lighting of the streets in town.

ART. 11. To see if the town will instruct their selectmen to prosecute any person or persons selling or transporting intoxicating liquors within this town, contrary to the laws of this commonwealth, or take any action in regard to the same.

ART. 12. To see what disposition the town will make of the dog fund of 1900.

ART. 13. To see if the town will grant money for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

ART. 14. To see if the town will appropriate money for the care and winding of the town clock.

ART. 15. To see if the town will provide for special instruction in music, and raise money for the same.

ART. 16. To see if the town will lay a sewer from a point on the Boston Road, where a private way running north and southeast of house occupied by J. W. Baldwin connects with said Boston Road, to a point on said Boston Road near Post Office connecting with the sewer which crosses land of W. L. Collins estate and owned by the town.

ART. 17. To see if the town will take any action in regard to repairing or building a new bridge over the canal at North Wilbraham.

ART. 18. To see if the town will adopt a set of by-laws.

ART. 19. To see if the town will establish a salary for the sealers of weights and measures, in accordance with chapter 65, section 23, of the Public Statutes.

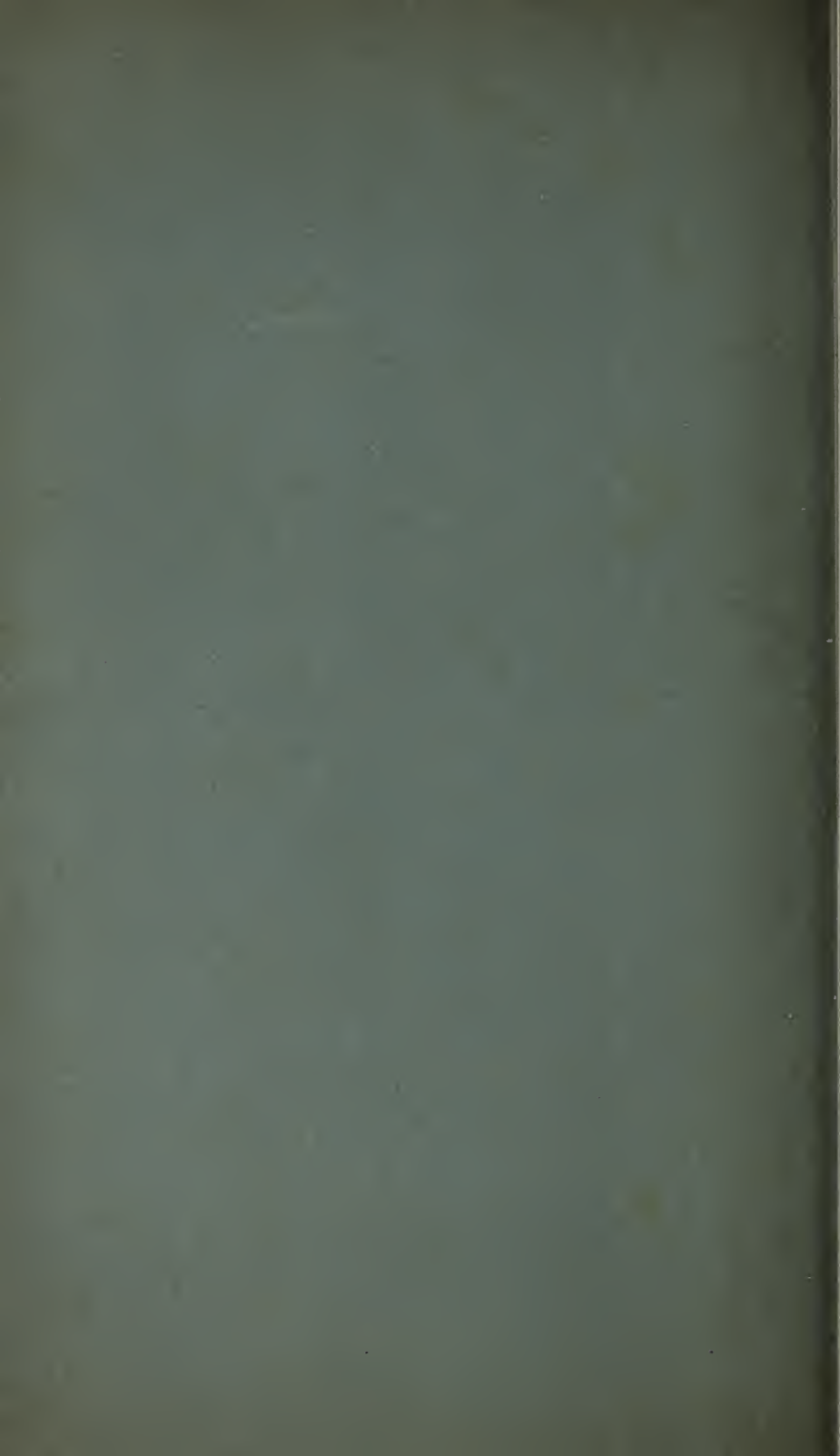
ART. 20. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to sign a release to secure a section of state road.













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