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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1881.



PROVINCETOWN, MASS. :
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of Provincetown herewith present to the town the following statement of the expenditures for the financial year ending December 31st, 1881. In administering the affairs of the town we have, in all cases endeavored to confine the disbursements to the lowest possible amount consistent with the requirements of the welfare of the town's people. We ask your careful consideration of all the matters presented, feeling sure that they will meet with the approval of the liberal minded citizens of Provincetown.

TOWN LANDINGS.

On February 19th, 1881, Messrs. B. F. Hutchinson, Atkins Nickerson and Henry Cook were appointed a committee to regulate the boundary lines according to the records of the town, they have not yet finished the work assigned to them, and ask for further time.

EAST HARBOR CAUSEWAY.

Agreeable to a vote of the town passed at the last annual meeting we made a demand against the town of Truro. Upon their refusal to pay the claim, we commenced a suit against it, which was tried at the last term of the Court. The Judge has not yet rendered a decision in the case, the witness fees were all paid at the time; the attorney's fees have not been settled, as we have awaited the final accounting.

WATCH AND POLICE.

By a vote of the Town passed February 15th, 1881, the Selectmen were instructed to appoint a Temperance Committee for the year ending February, 1882. On the day following the annual meeting such a committee were appoint-

ed and in trying to carry out the wishes of the town as we believe them to be in the cause of temperance; we have acted under the advice and counsel of this committee; we have tried to do our duty conscientiously and have met many obstacles from some citizens, who respect neither the votes of the town or its laws. We will make no further comments but leave it with the people to judge for themselves. By an act passed March 3d, 1881, you will be called upon at the annual meeting to vote yes or no, to license the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town, and we trust the matter will receive your earnest attention.

We recommend for Watch and Police an appropriation of \$300.

DISCOUNT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES.

We would recommend for your consideration in this department that instead of selling the collection of taxes at auction, the town determine by a vote the compensation it will allow for the same, and that the Collector be elected the same as other town officers.

We would recommend for this department an appropriation of \$950.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Under the acts of 1869, Chapter 218, Section 3, the town is obliged to elect, annually, a committee of three to set out pines, bushes or grass, whenever it is deemed necessary for the preservation of the highways. This law, as now enforced, remains obsolete. We recommend that the compensation of the Beach Grass Committee be fixed in like manner to conform with the law governing Fence Viewers. The \$48.10 expended for the Garfield Memorial was for cloth used on this occasion, a part of which was given to poor persons, and the remainder carried to the Alms-House.

We recommend for this department an appropriation of \$2200.

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

There has been paid out in this department the past year for support of the Poor, \$4,508.66. Cash received from Towns and Persons, \$843.29; making the net amount paid out for support of the Poor, \$3,665.37.

We refer you to the report of the Overseers of the Poor for further details of this department.

REPAIRS, PAINTING ALMS-HOUSE, AND NEW STOVE.

The deficiency in this department of \$117.81 was caused by additional repairs needed and unknown when we submitted to you our annual report of last year.

TOWN HILL AND FENCE.

Quite extensive repairs were made on the fence of the Hill during the past year, and the inmates of the Alms-house cleared off the brush and whitewashed the fence, making the general appearance better and more in harmony with the town property in other parts of the town. The iron fence on the front is broken in many places and needs repairs. We think that this Hill should, with its fences, be kept in good repair, and a large appropriation made to make it pleasant and agreeable, both to strangers visiting our town and to our own towns people.

We recommend an appropriation of \$100.

INTEREST ON DEMAND LOANS.

Our interest account is growing perceptibly less each year, and we find ourselves in the healthiest financial condition possible. With all the great benefits derived from being in possession of the improvements of modern times, we feel that nothing is wanting but the revival of the fishing business to place our town in the front rank of the State.

We recommend for this department an appropriation of \$450; for State and County Taxes, \$3000; for Abatement of Taxes, \$300; for the Army and Navy Association, for Memorial Services, \$50.

CEMETERY REPAIRS.

The fences around the Cemeteries have received much needed repairs, and some parts have been painted. The old

Hearse House has been moved, giving a better appearance to the grounds.

We recommend for this department an appropriation of \$50.

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE LOAN.

The amount of outstanding liabilities of the New School House Loan is \$8,500; the interest on the same to January 1st, 1883, will be \$425.

We recommend there be appropriated for interest, \$425; for reduction of the debt, \$1,000: making a total appropriation of \$1,425.

INSURANCE ON NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

The insurance on the new High and Grammar School House expires Feb. 17th 1882. If you should conclude to re-insure it will need an appropriation of \$70.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

This department is in good condition. Good officers and good men. A full report is made by the Engineers.

RAILROAD LOAN AND INTEREST.

A full report is given elsewhere by the Commissioners.

ROADS AND WALKS.

There has been expended in this department (less sale of old planks), \$1,790.49, showing a deficiency of \$290.49. The amount due immediately after the annual meeting for cleaning snow from the walks, (\$102), has not been paid, and in making the appropriation for the year, this amount should be taken into consideration. The streets of the town are many of them named without consideration or authority. We would recommend that a committee be appointed to name the streets, with authority to put up signs for the same. For details of this department we refer you to the report of the Road Surveyor.

The report of the Trustees of the Public Library; also the committee on the new High and Grammar School building and the Board of Health will be found elsewhere.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The money appropriated for the Public Schools, School Incidentals, Boys Winter School and School House Repairs

is expended under the direction of the School Committee and we therefore make no comments under this head, but leave all explanations and recommendations for the coming year to their report. We would however recommend that the Financial Year of the Schools end December 31st of each year, the same as other departments and an appropriation be made accordingly.

DEMAND LOANS.

The amount of demand loans against the town January 1st, 1882, is \$5,648, of the taxes of 1880 and 1881, there only remains due the town the sum of \$1,694. With a good balance in the treasury there will be needed a small loan for the schools and Fire Department in anticipation of taxes.

STATE LOANS.

It is gratifying to note that the whole amount paid out by our town for aid during the year 1880 has been paid to the Treasurer, and our disbursements for the same in 1881 approved at the State House.

CLAIMS.

A claim has been presented to the town by Mr. Joseph A. West, dated February 27th, 1877, for the hire on 90 chairs used by the School in the Othodox vestry amounting to \$65, the same being kept in repair 45 months, and 83 out of 90 returned. As no one at present seems to be responsible for this claim, we lay it before you believing there is something due Mr. West and that he should not suffer a loss at the expense of the town. We have no doubt his account will be favorably considered by you.

THE SUNDAY LAW.

We desire again to call your attention to this question, and ask that some action be taken so that the officers of the town may know your wishes. If you wish for Sunday excursions to land here and perambulate your town; if you wish for stores to be open for the sale of goods; if you wish for men to light up their places of business on Sabbath evenings for men to congregate there in direct opposition to the laws of the Commonwealth. We hope you will instruct the Selectmen of your town so that they may know how to act in enforcing the laws of the Commonwealth.

CONCLUSION.

In closing the report of 1881 we will briefly refer to the events of the year. On the 2d of July James A. Garfield, the President of these United States, was shot with a pistol ball, fired by an assassin named Guiteau. When the news went forth, "The President is shot!" a tremor of strange emotion was felt all over the land. Day by day during the long and weary summer of his sickness, men everywhere learned patience and courage and heroism of him; were taught the simplicity and grandeur of a truly great life; shared his agony; prayed for his recovery; and, as they rose each day, to gather new hope and assurance, said one to another:

Surely this great man
Hath borne his faculties so meek, hath been
So clear in his great office, that his virtues
Will plead like angels, trumpet-tongued, against
The deep damnation of his taking off.

On the 19th of September the President died. Cities and towns alike were plunged in mourning, even foreign countries, through their representatives, paying homage to the dead Chieftain of our country. It is true that James A. Garfield no longer lives, the great man we loved so well has passed from earth; his life is ended; his record is made up, may we do what we can to emulate his example of devotion to every duty and thus show we have not forgotten his teaching.

In our town many of our elderly people (the landmarks of the town) have passed away, many will recollect that some of these have served the town as officers during the early days of its existence.

The year that has just closed has been one of prosperity to our town, and the financial condition of the same, warrants us in saying that the future of Provincetown is encouraging. While we are all striving both for our own and the town's interest financially, does not this interest demand that we should give some attention to our young men that are growing up to take the places of those that have gone?

C. H. DYER,
MARSHALL L. ADAMS,
B. O. GROSS,

Selectmen of Provincetown.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, Dec. 31, 1881.

VALUATION MAY 1st, 1881.

Real Estate,	\$897,718 00
Personal estate,	776,555 00
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	\$1,674,273 00
Total number of polls,	1218
Tax on each poli,	\$2 00
Registered voters Nov. 7th, 1881,	882
Total tax for County, State and Town purposes,	\$28,889 51
Rate per cent. on \$1000,	15 80
Secured by mortgages,	9,350 00
Stocks and securities,	116,600 00
Stocks in corporations without the State,	43,800 00
Total number of horses,	76
" " of cows,	34
" " of dwellings,	908
" " acres of land,	923

APPROPRIATIONS.

February 15, 1881.	
Watch and police,	\$300 00
Incidental expenses,	2,200 00
Discount and collection of taxes,	800 00
Support of the poor,	3,600 00
Salaries of overseers,	450 00
Painting and repairs to Alms-House and new stove,	350 00
Town hill and fence,	25 00
Interest on demand loans,	450 00
State and County taxes,	3,000 00
Abatement of taxes,	300 00
Decoration Day,	50 00
Cemetery repairs	75 00
New school house loan and interest.	1,526 19
Insurance on new school house,	75 00
Fire department,	2,300 00
Roads and walks,	1,500 00
Railroad loan and interest,	3,000 00
Public library,	300 00
Painting new school house fence and erecting front fence.	100 00
Public schools,	7,050 00
School incidentals,	300 00
School house repairs,	300 00
Boys winter school,	275 00
Overlaying on taxes,	563 32
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Non resident bank tax,	\$28,889 51
	1,847 97
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Total amount of collectors warrant for 1881,	\$30,737 48

DR.	WATCH AND POLICE.	CR.
Feb. 15th, 1881, To appropriation,	\$300 00	1881. Jan. 31st, By payments, \$ 3 25 Feb. 26th, " " 22 88 March 29, " " 10 88 April 30, " " 43 00 Aug. 27, " " 3 25 Nov. 26, " " 26 60 Dec. 31, " " 91 88 By balance in the Treasury, 98 26
	<hr/> \$300 00	<hr/> \$800 00

Expended for Watch and Police, \$201 74

DR.	DISCOUNT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES.	CR.
Feb. 15th, 1881, To appropriation,	\$800 00	Dec. 31st, 1881, By discount on taxes, \$528 06 By collection of taxes, 268 95 By balance in the treasury, 22 22
March 8th, Interest taxes, 1877,	10 05	
Dec. 31st, interest taxes, 1880,	9 18	
	<hr/> \$819 23	<hr/> \$819 23

Amount expended for discount and collection of taxes, \$797 01

DR.	INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.	CR.
Feb. 15, To appropriation,	\$2,200 00	Paid James Gifford insurance, \$ 5 00
" 10, Cash for books,	4 31	M. L. Adams expenses to Boston, 10 75
May 1, Licenses,	21 00	1 note book, 1 00
June 25, " "	7 00	J. L. Fairbanks account book, 3 50
Sept. 10, " "	2 00	Use of jail (1880), 15 00
Dec. " " "	2 00	Warren Fielding, 1 broom, 30
Dec. 31, J. P. Johnson permits,	4 00	H. H. Sylvester printing reports, 100 00
		J. P. Johnson services as moderator, 6 00
		H. H. Sylvester, printing, 25 50
		Use of Masonic Hall, 18 00
		J. D. Hilliard, fuel for office, 10 49
		Seth Smith, collecting and recording Births (1880) 7 50
		M. L. Adams, expenses to Boston, 9 40
		Ward & Gay, account books and stationery 33 00
		C. D. Cook, cleaning carpet, 50
		Widow Sarah Caton, cleaning Office, 4 00
		Walter Chipman, Records, 1 00

M. L. Adams, expenses to Boston,	\$12 25
Asa E. Lovell, Records,	15 00
R. A. Daly, retainer,	5 00
J. P. Johnson, rent of office,	100 00
E. C. Young, box rent,	1 00
Expressage and Postage,	1 50
R. W. Swift, two oaths,	50
Chas. Thacher, 2d, Records,	4 00
Abram French & Co., lamps,	11 88
James Gifford, Records,	3 50
M. L. Adams, expenses to Boston,	12 00
Assessors of Taxes,	625 98
Samuel Knowles, team to causeway,	7 00
M. L. Adams, expenses to Boston,	12 00
Old Colony R. R., freight,	25
Garfield Memorial,	48 10
H. P. Harriman, services in liquor cases,	36 00
Witness fees, suits at Barnstable,	39 70
Doane & Greenough, registration book	2 90
Hiram J. Snow, teaming,	2 00
M. L. Adams, expenses to Boston,	10 80
Russell Atkins, Jr., care of Jail,	15 00
Russell Atkins, Jr., glass and setting,	60
Services of Beach Grass committee, (1881)	15 00
J. P. Johnson, services as State Agent,	30 00
Dyer & Smith, painting,	2 86
B. F. Hutchinson, legal advice	50 00
" expenses to Boston	14 00
A. L. Putnam & Co., stationery,	8 92
J. A. West, fixtures,	3 50
N. T. Freeman, printing,	10 30
James Engles, fixtures,	3 30
Wright & Potter, 1 check book,	6 50
J. Whitcomb, returns of deaths,	19 75
Edward Marston, crying,	1 00
Jonah G. Small, fixtures,	1 00
Seth Smith, services, treas.,	250 08
" postage & expressage,	13 61

Seth Smith, Sealer of weights and measures,	\$20 00
“ Attend’ng meet’ng at Truro,	2 00
“ Collecting and record’g 110 births, (1881),	55 00
“ Recording 35 marriages,	5 25
“ Recording 20 deaths,	4 00
“ Recording 60 deaths,	6 00
“ Attending annual meet’g & record’g doings of same, swearing officers,	12 00
“ Attend’g election, recording, &c ,	15 00
Selectmen’s services,	400 00
Jonah G. Small, janitor’s fees	12 00
Balance in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1881,	61 42
\$2,240 31	\$2,240 31

Amount expended for Incidental Expenses, \$2,178 89.

DR.	SUPPORT OF THE POOR.	CR.
1881.	1881.	
Jan. 8, To cash for insane persons,	\$ 135 26	Jan. 31, By payments, \$563 88
Jan. 8, To cash town of Dennis,	4 39	Feb. 26, “ 205 39
Feb. 15, To appropriation,	3,600 00	Mar. 31, “ 335 25
“ “ “ for salaries,	450 00	Apr. 30, “ 478 91
Feb. 26, To fines for cutting wood,	60 00	May 28, “ 321 32
Mar. 26, To cash for rent,	11 25	June 25, “ 298 61
April 5, “ “ insane person,	54 45	July 30, “ 479 33
April 5, “ town of Dennis,	8 01	Aug. 27, “ 174 97
May 28, “ “ “ 3 49		Sept. 24, “ 300 25
May 30, “ Com. of Mass.,	18 46	Oct. 29, “ 560 72
June 11, “ for rent,	15 00	Nov. 26, “ 344 72
July 16, “ “ insane person,	51 90	Dec. 31, “ 445 31
“ 30, “ temporary aid,	2 00	“ Salaries of Overseers,
“ “ for rent,	11 25	450 00
“ “ town of Dennis,	5 23	
Aug. 8, “ “ “ 4 37		
Sept. 10, “ from est. of Avis J. Crowell,	219 45	
Oct. 4, “ t’n of Wellfleet,	10 75	
“ 10, “ insane persons,	108 65	

Dec. 31, By cash for rents,	65 83	
“ “ temporary aid,	14 80	
“ “ est. Mary Francis,	6 00	
“ “ city of Salem,	10 75	
“ “ Com. of Mass.,	22 00	
“ “ deficiency,	65 37	
	<u>\$4958 66</u>	<u>\$4,958 66</u>

Cost for supporting the Poor, 1881, \$3665 37
 Due from Com. of Mass., on acct., 1881, 63 06

Net cost of Poor to the town, 1881, \$3602 31

CR. REPAIRS TO ALMS HOUSE, PAINTING AND NEW STOVE. DR.

1881.	1881.	
Feb. 15, To appropriation,	\$350 00	May 28, By payments,
Dec. 31, To deficiency,	117 81	June 30, “ 70 05
		July 30, “ 170 65
		Aug. 13, “ 104 87
	<u>\$467 81</u>	<u>\$467 81</u>

Expended for repairs, \$334 56
 Painting, as per contract, 95 00
 Range, “ “ 38 25
\$467 81

DR. TOWN HILL AND FENCE. CR.

Feb. 15, To appropriation,	\$25 00	July 30, By payments,	\$21 98
Dec 31, To deficiency,	10 71	Aug. 27, “ 9 70	
		Nov. 26, “ 2 50	
		Dec. 31, “ 1 53	
	<u>\$35 71</u>	<u>\$35 71</u>	

Amount expended on Town Hill and Fence, \$35 71

DR. INTEREST ON DEMAND LOANS. CR.

1881.	1881.	
Feb. 15, To appropriation,	\$450 00	Feb. 28, By payments,
		Mar. 1, “ 3 00
		Apr. 9, “ 60 00
		May 28, “ 60 00
		July 30, “ 157 16
		Sept. 3, “ 53 98
		Oct. 11, “ 7 71
		Nov. 1, “ 36 94
		Dec. 31, “ 41 06
		“ Bal. in treasury,
		2 65
	<u>\$450 00</u>	<u>\$450 00</u>

Expended for interest on Demand Loans, \$447 35

DR.		STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.		CR.	
1881.		1881.			
Feb. 15, To appropriat'n,	\$3000 00	Dec. 15, By State tax,	\$1650 00		
Dec. 15, Corporation tax,	966 89	" Nat'l Bank tax,	1779 16		
" Nat'l Bank tax,	1419 72	" County tax,	2113 13		
Dec. 31, deficiency,	15t 68				
	<u>\$5542 29</u>		<u>\$5542 29</u>		
Net Amt. expended for State and County taxes, \$3155 68					
DR.		ABATEMENT OF TAXES.		CR.	
1881.		1881.			
Feb. 15, To appropriation,	\$300 00	Mar. 8, By payments,	\$125 62		
Dec. 31, To additional taxes,	27 62	" 31, " "	20 60		
" Deficiency,	18 58	July 30, " "	15 80		
		Aug. 27, " "	7 90		
		Oct. 29, " "	26 07		
		Nov. 12, " "	8 69		
		Dec. 31, " "	141 52		
	<u>\$346 20</u>		<u>\$346 20</u>		
Amount expended for abatement of Taxes, \$346 20					
DR.		DECORATION DAY,		CR.	
1881.		1881.			
Feb. 15, To appropriation,	\$50 00	June 4, By payment,	\$50 00		
	<u>\$50 00</u>		<u>\$50 00</u>		
Amount expended for Decoration Day, \$50 00					
DR.		CEMETERY REPAIRS.		CR.	
1881.		1881.			
Feb. 15, To appropriation,	\$75 00	May 28, By payments,	\$ 75		
		July 30, " "	74 04		
		Dec. 31, Bal. in treasury,	21		
	<u>\$75 00</u>		<u>\$75 00</u>		
Amount expended for Cemetery, \$74 79					
DR.		NEW SCHOOL HOUSE LOAN AND INTEREST.		CR.	
1881.		1881.			
Feb. 15, To appropriat'n,	\$1526 19	May 17, By Boston Safe	\$8200 00		
May 16, First Nat'l Bank,	8000 00	Deposit and Trust Co.,	1044 86		
		July 30, By payments,	273 28		
		Dec. 31, " "	8 05		
		" Bal. in treasury.			
	<u>\$9526 19</u>		<u>\$9,526 19</u>		
Amt. of net expenditure for New High School House Loan and Interest, \$1518 14					

DR.		NEW SCHOOL HOUSE LOAN.		CR.	
1881.		1881.			
Jan. 1, To amt. outstanding		Dec. 31, By payments (see			
Liabilities,	\$9500 00	New School House			
		Loan and interest)	\$1518 14		
1882.		1882.			
Jan. 1, To interest to date,	518 14	Jan. 1, By amt. of out-			
		standing Liabilities,	8500 00		
	<u>\$10,018 14</u>		<u>\$10,018 14</u>		
DR.		INSURANCE, NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.		CR.	
1881.		1881.			
Feb. 15, To appropriation,	\$75 00	Mar. 1, By payments,	\$70 00		
		Dec. 31, By bal. in treasury,	5 00		
	<u>\$75 00</u>		<u>\$75 00</u>		
Amt. expended for Insurance for New School House, \$70 00					
DR.		FIRE DEPARTMENT.		CR.	
1881.		1881.			
Jan. 1, To amt. reserved		Apr. 30, By payments,	\$1633 15		
for new reservoir,	\$150 00	Sept. 10, " "	81 15		
Feb. 15, To appropriation,	2300 00	Oct. 29, " "	20 11		
Sept. 10, Rebate on ex-		Dec. 31, " "	164 55		
tension ladder,	2 00	" Bal. in treasury,	553 04		
	<u>\$2452 00</u>		<u>\$2452 00</u>		
Amt. expended for Fire Department, \$1898 96					
DR.		RAILROAD LOAN AND INTEREST.		CR.	
1881.		1881.			
Feb. 15, To appropriat'n,	\$3000 00	Jan. 29, By payments,	\$ 500 00		
		July 30, " "	2500 00		
	<u>\$3000 00</u>		<u>\$3000 00</u>		
Amt. expended for Railroad Loan and Interest, \$3000 00					
DR.		ROADS AND WALKS.		CR.	
1881.		1881.			
Feb. 15, To appropriat'n,	\$1500 00	Feb. 26, By payments,	\$ 5 85		
Sept. 24, Sale of old plank,	39 50	Mar. 26, " "	1 60		
Dec. 31, Deficiency,	290 49	Apr. 30, " "	215 64		
		May 28, " "	306 92		
		June 30, " "	81 90		
		July 30, " "	453 59		
		Aug. 30, " "	5 60		
		Sept. 24, " "	472 28		
		Oct. 29, " "	101 79		
		Nov. 26, " "	78 89		
		Dec. 31, " "	105 93		

	\$1829 99		\$1829 99
Amt. expended for Roads and Walks,		\$1829 99	
DR.	PUBLIC LIBRARY.		CR.
1881.	1881.		
Jan. 4, To Dog tax, (1879)	\$ 81 77	Mar. 30, By payments,	\$ 11 50
Jan. 18, " " (1880)	86 85	Apr. 30, " "	76 50
Feb. 15, To appropriation,	300 00	June 25, " "	36 00
		July 30, " "	22 50
		Aug. 6, " "	168 62
		Sept. 24, " "	41 50
		Dec. 31, " "	85 35
		" Bal. in treasury,	26 65
	\$468 62		\$468 62

Amount expended for Public Library,		\$440 97	
DR.	NEW HIGH AND GRAMMAR SCHOOL BUILDING.		CR.
1881.	1881.		
Jan. 1, To bal. in treasury,	\$ 2 35	Feb. 26, By payments,	\$ 1 60
Feb. 15, " appropriation,	100 00	Mar. 26, " "	2 62
		Apr. 30, " "	41 04
		June 30, " "	37 75
		Aug. 13, " "	32
		Dec. 31, " "	19 02
	\$102 35		\$102 35

Amt. expended for New High and Grammar School Building, \$102 35

DR.	HEALTH DEPARTMENT.		CR.
1881.	1881.		
Dec. 31, To cash rec'd for		Mar. 29, By payments,	\$12 50
1 case small pox,	\$37 78	Apr. 19, " "	3 50
" To deficiency,	75 55	June 25, " "	4 45
		Aug. 27, " "	1 25
		Oct. 29, " "	1 00
		Dec. 31, " "	90 63
	\$113 33		\$113 33

Net expenses of Health Department to town, \$75 55

DR.	PUBLIC SCHOOLS.		CR.
1881.	1881.		
Jan. 1, To bal. in treas'y,	\$2206 33	Jan. 30, By payments,	\$ 80 00
Feb. 15, To appropriation,	7050 00	Feb. 26, " "	250 00
" " Mass. School		Mar. 31, " "	2263 03
fund,	238 00	Apr. 30, " "	193 23
		May. 30, " "	50 00
		June 30, " "	2040 50
		July 31, " "	29 14
		Sept. 24, " "	330 72

		2083 24
Nov. 26, " "		8 87
Dec. 31, " "		Bal. in treasury, 2022 04
	\$9494 33	\$9494 33

Amount expended for Schools,		\$7,472 29	
DR.	SCHOOL-HOUSE REPAIRS.	CR.	
1881.	1881.		
Feb. 15, To appropriation,	\$300 00	Mar. 31, By payments,	\$6 50
		July 30, " "	3 70
		Aug. 31, " "	39 26
		Oct. 29, " "	1 25
		Nov. 26, " "	17 35
		Dec. 31, " "	74 65
		" Balance in treasury,	157 29
	\$300 00		\$300 00

Amount expended for School-House Repairs,		\$142 72	
DR.	SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.	CR.	
1881.	1881.		
Feb. 15, To appropriation,	\$300 00	March 1, By payments,	\$ 9 10
Dec. 31, " Back taxes assessed by Assessors and collected,	29 58	" 31, " "	99 00
" Deficiency,	364 63	July 30, " "	25 00
		Aug. 27, " "	24 90
		Sept. 24, " "	24 50
		Oct. 29, " "	94 23
		Nov. 19, " "	24 00
		Dec. 31, " "	393 48
	\$694 21		\$694 21

Amount expended for School Incidentals,		\$694 21	
DR.	BOY'S WINTER SCHOOL.	CR.	
1881.	1881.		
Jan. 1, To bal. in treas'y,	\$293 50	Feb. 26, By payments,	\$225 00
Feb. 15, To appropriation,	275 00	Mar. 15, " "	25 00
		Dec. 31, " "	26 75
		" By bal. in treas'y,	291 75
	\$568 50		\$568 50

Amount expended for Boy's Winter School,		\$276 75	
DR.	DEMAND LOANS.	CR.	
1881.	1881.		
Jan. 1, To amount outstanding liabilities,	\$5,400 00	July 23, By payments,	\$2,600 00
Mar. 1, To loans,	500 00	" 30, " "	2,500 00
" 30,	3,000 00	Aug. 6, " "	1,000 00
		Sept. 3, " "	1,000 00
		Oct. 11, " "	1,500 00

Apr. 30, To loans,	2,500 00	Nov. 26, By payments,	1,000 00
May 28, " "	1,448 00	Dec. 31, " "	1,000 00
June 25, " "	2,700 00	" " By bal. outstand-	
Dec. 7, " "	700 00	ing liabilities,	5,648 00
	<u>\$16,248 00</u>		<u>\$16,248 00</u>

Amount of loans, (1881), \$10,600 00
Of the amount of \$10,600 00 loaned in 1881, all are paid excepting \$248.00.

DR.	STATE AID.	CR.	
1881.	1881.		
Dec. 15, To cash from Com. of Mass,	\$332 00	Jan. 1, By amt. due from Commonwealth,	\$332 00
Dec. 31, Bal. due from Com.	336 00	Jan. 29, By payments,	28 00
		Feb. 26, " "	28 00
		Mar 26, " "	28 00
		Apr. 30, " "	28 00
		May 28, " "	28 00
		June 25, " "	28 00
		July 30, " "	28 00
		Aug. 27, " "	28 00
		Sept. 24, " "	28 00
		Oct. 29, " "	28 00
		Nov. 26, " "	28 00
		Dec. 31, " "	28 00
	<u>\$668 00</u>		<u>\$668 00</u>

Amount expended for State Aid, \$336 00.

DR.	(COLLECTOR OF TAXES 1880.)	JONAH G. SMALL.	CR.
1881.		1881.	
Jan. 1, To bal. taxes due,	\$1,390 54	Jan. 27, By cash,	\$465 00
		Feb. 28, " "	335 45
		" " Abatements at annual meeting,	21 18
		Mar. 31, By cash,	245 00
		July 9, " "	177 00
		Dec. 10, " "	146 91
	<u>\$1,390 54</u>		<u>\$1,390 54</u>

DR.	(COLLECTOR OF TAXES 1881.)	JONAH G. SMALL.	CR.
1881.		1881.	
July 16, To State tax,	\$1,650 00	July 30, By cash,	\$11,342 00
" " County tax,	2,113 13	Aug. 27, " "	2,109 00
" " Town tax,	24,563 06	Sept. 24, " "	1,607 48
" " Overlaying tax	563 32	Oct. 31, " "	2,785 00
" " Non-resident bank tax,	1,847 97	Nov. 26, " "	3,139 00
Dec. 31, To Additional taxes collected,	27 62	Dec. 31, " "	7,323 84
		" " Discount of taxes,	528 06
		" " Collect'n "	268 95
		" " Bal. of taxes due,	1,694 00

Dec. 31, To Book taxes collected,	23 05		
" " Interest on taxes, 1880,	9 18		
	<u>\$30,797 33</u>		<u>\$30,797 33</u>

DR.	REPORT OF THE TREASURER.	CR.	
Cash in the treasury Jan. 1, 1881,	\$390 43	The Treasurer has paid out upon proper vouches the following sums:	
Mass. school fund,	238 00	Support of poor,	\$4,958 66
County dog fund,	86 85	Incidentals,	2,178 89
Borrowed money,	10,848 00	Public schools,	7,472 29
Fire department received from app. of 1880,	150 00	State aid,	336 00
Received on acct. of poor,	783 29	Watch and Police,	201 74
Fines for cutting wood,	60 00	Sinking fund,	3,000 00
Licenses,	32 00	Abatement of taxes,	346 20
New school house loan,	8,000 00	Roads and walks,	1,829 99
Fire department rebate on extension ladder,	2 00	Interest on demand loans,	447 35
Permits granted,	4 00	New school house loan and interest,	9,518 14
Sale of old plank,	39 50	New school house,	102 35
State aid for 1880,	332 00	Boy's winter school,	276 75
Corporation tax,	966 89	School incidentals,	694 21
National Bank tax,	1,419 72	Health department,	113 33
Interest on taxes for 1877,	10 05	Public Library,	441 97
" " 1880,	9 18	Insurance on new school house,	70 00
Book taxes,	33 89	School house repairs,	142 71
Received on account of Health department,	37 78	Fire department,	1,898 96
J. G. Small taxes 1880,	1,390 54	Cemeteries and fences,	74 79
" " 1881,	29,043 48	Alms house repairs,	467 81
Additional taxes,	27 62	Decoration Day,	50 00
		Town debt,	10,600 00
		Town hill and fence,	35 71
		State tax,	1,650 00
		County tax,	2,113 13
		National Bank tax,	1,779 16
		Discount and collection of taxes,	797 01
		Balance in the treasury Dec. 31, 1881,	2,308 07
	<u>\$53,905 22</u>		<u>\$53,905 22</u>

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Demand loans,	\$5,648 00
Public Schools,	2,022 04
Boy's Winter School,	291 75
	<u>\$7,961 79</u>

ASSETS.

Due from the State for State aid, 1880,	\$ 336 00
“ “ “ “ Poor,	63 06
Taxes of 1881 not collected,	1,694 00
Cash in the Treasury, December 31, 1881,	2,308 07
Liabilities, not including New School House and Railroad Loans, December 31, 1881,	3,560 66
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	\$7,961 79
Dec. 31, 1880, Liabilities not including New School House and Railroad Loans,	\$5,789 21
Dec. 31, 1881, Liabilities not including New School House and Railroad Loans,	3,569 66
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Decreased the past year,	\$2,228 55
Total outstanding obligations of the town to date are:	
Jan. 1, 1882, Railroad Loan,	\$18,000 00
Interest on the same Jan. 1, 1882,	375 00
New School House loan,	8,500 00
Demand loans,	5,648 00
Interest on the same Jan. 1, 1882,	125 96
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	\$32,648 96
Amount of outstanding obligations Jan. 1, 1882:	
Loans,	\$32,648 96
Due to Schools,	2,313 76
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	\$34,962 75
Less Cash Assets, (see town liabilities),	4,401 13
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Total net obligations of the town Jan. 1, 1882,	\$30,561 62

Respectfully submitted,

SETH SMITH, TOWN TREASURER.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the town has attended to his duty and would report that he has made a careful and critical examination of the accounts on the Town's books and finds them correct.

The citizen's of Provincetown may well be congratulated upon the fact that their municipal affairs have been so carefully and accurately kept during the year last past, and upon the general order and system apparent in the conduct of the

office business. A proper voucher, duly indorsed, was found for each of the orders drawn.

Bal. in Treas'y Jan. 1, 1881,	\$ 340 93	Paid on proper vouchers	\$51,597 15
Receipts of year,	53,514 79	Bal in bank as per De- posit Book,	2,308 07
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	\$53,905 22		\$53,905 22
Total number of bills audited,			1015
Amount of claims,			\$51,597 15

A. L. PUTNAM, AUDITOR.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS.

Number of births registered in 1881,	110.	Males	51;
females,	59.		
Both parents American,		40	
Both parents foreign,		57	
American father and foreign mother,		5	
American mother and foreign father,		8	
		—	110

MARRIAGES.

Number of intentions of marriages issued in 1881,	38
Number of marriages registered in 1881,	35
Both parties Americans,	13
Both parties foreign,	15
American groom and foreign bride,	2
Foreign groom and American bride,	5
	— 35

Oldest person married was 50 years old; the youngest was 16 years old. Number of persons—first marriage, 56; second marriage, 14; total, 70. Number of couples, 35.

DEATHS.

Number of deaths in 1881, 80. Less than in 1880, 8.

AGES.—Under 1 year, males 12, females 11, total 23; from 1 to 5, males 3, females 2, total 5; from 5 to 10, males 0, females 2, total 2; from 10 to 20, males 1, females 1, total 2; from 20 to 30, males 4, females 2, total 6; from 30 to 40, males 5, females 3, total 8; from 40 to 50, males 1, females 4, total 5; from 50 to 60, males 3, females 1, total 4; from 60 to 70, males 6, females 5, total 11; from 70 to 80, males 1, females 4, total, 5; from 80 to 90, males 3, females 4, total 7; over 90, males 2, females 0, total 2.

The place of their nativity, Provincetown, 47; other places in the United States, 17; Foreign, 16; total, 80.

DOG LICENSES.

Number of dogs licensed in Provincetown in 1881, 49
Paid County Treasurer, \$100 02

SETH SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

In submitting the report of aid given in this department, we would say that, although business has been somewhat better than last year, the effects of it have reached but few families that have received aid. Provisions and fuel have advanced considerably over last year's prices. Sickness and deaths we have had largely in excess of other years. Several new families have applied and received aid which have no other means of support. Under the provisions of Chapter 274, Acts of 1874, we think the poor will increase instead of diminishing.

TRAMPS.

The act relating to tramps, which took effect May 1, 1880, has had the effect to almost effectually relieve us of their visits.

THE ALMSHOUSE.

The affairs of this institution have moved on so smoothly and prosperously for the past year, that we have no startling incidents to record, and no novel suggestions to make.

"Happy the people whose annals are brief." Happy the public institution, all of whose machinery is so well adapted and applied as to secure the desired result without undue friction and noise. The overseers recognize that they are appointed to administer a very delicate trust. Their conviction that it is faithfully done prompts them to invite the most thorough scrutiny upon all their doings. The inmates of the Almshouse have been carefully and kindly treated and cared for, and made as comfortable as they well could be. They are mostly old people, and many of their rooms are so situated that no fires can be put in them; when not in the sitting-room they have to walk through cold halls and retire to cold rooms. If the house could be heated either by steam or a furnace it would add greatly to their comfort. The Almshouse continues under the care of Mr. and Mrs. Cobb, who

have managed its affairs to the satisfaction of the Overseers.

The poor not inmates of the Almshouse have had their wants supplied as, in the best judgment of the Overseers, they needed; there may be some cases where the Overseers get deceived by undeserving people, which makes it difficult to always tell just where to draw the line, but have endeavored to use care and prudence in the matter. You will see by our figures that we have expended \$65.37 for supporting the poor more than the appropriation; there is due the town from the Commonwealth \$63.06 paid out in its behalf on account of the year 1881, leaving the actual cost of supporting the poor to the town \$3,602.31. We should have shown a surplus if it were not for the operation of the law of 1874, which is working disadvantageously to seaport towns. The expense for the relief of this unfortunate class of our community, at the best, is very much greater than we desire; but we see no way to retrench to any great extent without defeating the object for which this department was created. After a careful scrutiny of the financial and statistical statements we trust you will join us in the conclusion that what has been done has been done in good faith and for the best of all concerned.

MARSHALL L. ADAMS,
B. O. GROSS,
CHARLES H. DYER,

Overseers of the Poor.

SUPPORT OF POOR IN THE ALMSHOUSE. STATISTICS.

Salary of Superintendent,	\$312 00	House furniture and fixtures	\$33 88
Groceries and provisions,	780 06	Medical attendance,	82 15
Fuel and lights,	127 85	Burial expenses,	21 62
Clothing and bedding,	55 10		
Boots and shoes,	26 37		
			\$1,439 03
Cash received from wanderers from other towns,			3 50
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Cost of the poor in the house,			\$1,435 83
Cost per person for groceries and provisions per week,			\$0 79
“ fuel and lights			13
“ clothing and bedding,			07
“ boots and shoes,			04
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Cost per week for each person for the above,			\$1 03

Whole number supported the past year,	20
Remaining in the almshouse Dec. 31, 1881,	14
Average,	19
Admitted,	4
Discharged,	3
Died,	3
Number of tramps,	4
“ persons fully supported,	22
“ families partially supported,	71
“ dependents of families,	172— 243

Persons remaining in the Almshouse December 31, 1881, and their ages:

Hill, Lucy A.	age 65 years	Nickerson, Mary S.	age 77 years
Rebecca	35	Newcomb, George W.	51
Howe, Zilla	52	Ryder, Hannah	80
Lewis, Edward	73	Smith, James P.	8
McIntosh, Hannah E.	34	Reuben A.	32
Infant,	15 mos	Wareham, Sally	67
McCurdy, Eliza	83 years	Francis	66

SUPPORT OF THE POOR OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Atkins, Henry	\$ 19 11	Joseph, Antoine, and fam.	34 03
Atwood, Catherine, Boston,	6 50	Kelley, David S., Jr., & family,	27 63
Alves, Amelia, and family,	13 67	Kelley, Geo. F. & fam. Barnstable,	80 50
Barnes, Joseph, and family,	3 45	Little, Mary, Boston,	36 00
Burk, James H., State Reform School,	7 00	Lewis, James M., & fam.,	14 99
Bush, Priscilla, widow,	48 00	Martin, Rosa, wid. “	43 11
Baker, Ann F., and family,	4 93	Mitchell Jennette, Boston,	9 75
Boardman, Antoine,	90	McCarty, Thomas, and fam.,	71 53
Collins, Mrs. John E., & fam,	82 00	McCarty, William H., State Reform School,	46 00
Carr, John	4 50	Mayo, Joseph A.,	73 50
Costa, Isabella, and family,	55 08	Mayo, Joseph, 2d, and fam.,	50
Cutting, Dora, & fam., Lynn,	4 00	Nickerson, H. B. “	20 03
Caton, Sarah, widow,	61 75	Nickerson, Pamela, wid.,	6 12
Costa, Justine, “	36 00	Newcomb, Theodore F. Barnstable	1 75
Crowell, Avis J., widow,	87 02	Newcomb, Geo. W.,	24 33
Enos, Peter, and family,	8 96	Newcomb, Ida, Harwich,	87 75
Frates, Flora, wid. and fam.	76 20	Nessie, Mary, Boston,	5 35
Fine, Ella, Mrs.	123 87	Powers, Margaret, wid.,	11 44
Freeman, F. Y., and fam.,	156 81	Powers, Julia,	30 75
Fierada, Joseph, “	39 24	Ryder, Hannah, “	25 50
Francis, Manuel, “	2 13	Sullivan, Hannah, “	61 23
Greeley, John S., “ Truro,	90 71	Silver, Mary, “	12 00
Grassia, Manuel, “	46 26	Smith, Winifred, “	15 09
Ghen, Josiah, “	127 60	Smith, Jas., and family,	11 57
Holway, Hannah G., wid.,	84 00	Smith, Elizabeth, widow,	7 59
Hooten, Mrs. Laura A., and family,	125 97	Smith, Wm. G.,	73 10
Jason, Johannah, widow and family,	37 48	Stone, John	16 55
Jason, Mary, wid. & fam.,	111 65	Smith, Hattie D., and fam.,	89 57

Sweeney, Edw., and fam.,	\$9 53	Williams, Marion and fam.,	\$31 51
Silver, Ella and family,	11 17	State Paupers,	85 53
Terry, Geo. H., & fam.		Poor of other towns reim-	
Dennis,	72 92	bursed to the town,	42 95
Vaccinating 3 children,	75	Temporary aid reimbursed	
Valentine, Mary, & fam.,	12 57	to the town,	16 80
Wareham, Sally, wid.,	21 08	Insane persons reimbursed	
Welch, Michael and family,	10 33	to the town,	350 26
Walls, Mrs. Patrick, Boston,	4 10		

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Board of Health begs leave to report that its labors during the year have been less than upon the year preceeding, most of its work being caused by complaints of the accumulating of filth in and about privies, pigsties, etc., most of which could have been readily avoided, if householders had been sufficiently watchful of their own and their families' health and comfort.

We would remind the citizens that the proper time for emptying and cleansing vaults is during the cold season, and they should be attended to often enough to prevent fault finding by neighbors or town officials, for their own sakes as well as for those living in their immediate vicinity and the community at large. It is now well known that certain diseases are due to filth, and that in order to preserve the good health of a town, measures must be taken to make it clean and keep it cleanly. This cannot be done unless citizens act as a committee of the whole, and each one sees that his own house and premises are in order. At the time of the threatened outbreak of small-pox in the spring of '81, the Board urged the vaccination of school children and the re-vaccination of adults. This was complied with in a large number of instances, yet the town is not sufficiently protected against an epidemic of this loathsome disease which in some parts of the country has recently spread with great fatality, and we now desire to impress upon the parents the great importance of attending to this matter. In this connection we desire to call attention to the situation and condition of the pest house, which render it totally unfit for the occupancy of sick or well. Should small-pox appear, other quarters will have to be provided for the patients. While the town has been remarkably fortunate in being visited by no serious epidemic and there

have been but a few isolated cases of diptheria, typhoid fever, etc., we would strongly advise the people to use every caution against the occurrence and spread of disease, not allowing our past immunity to render us careless regarding any of the laws of cleanliness and health.

DAVID S. KELLY,
B. A. LEWIS,
J. M. CROCKER.

Board of Health.

REPORT OF THE ROAD SURVEYOR.

The Road Surveyor herewith submits his annual report for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1881 :

Appropriation,	\$1500 00
Sale of Old Plank,	39 50
Deficiency, Dec. 31st,	290 49
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	\$1829 99

Paid S. F. A. Atwood, labor	\$ 2 00
J. P. Johnson, auctioneer's services,	2 50
James Cook, 2d, shells,	3 80
Oliver Bennett, labor,	2 90
H. & S. Cook & Co., shells,	34 40
Z. Higgins, labor,	1 50
Owners schr. East Wind, gravel,	30 00
J. F. Snow, 2 barrels,	2 50
Fred Cook, labor,	1 50
N. H. Small, labor,	1 10
A. C. Clark, labor,	1 50
Owners schr. Spring Bird, shells,	51 75
James Sullivan, labor,	1 30
James M. Lewis,	1 50
H. McFayden, gravel,	55 20
Owners schr. Wm. Matheson, clay,	40 00
" Mary Matheson, gravel,	10 00
George Crosby, labor,	3 45
Frank Chapman, labor,	1 10
Frank Hill, labor,	11 70
First National Bank, wharfage,	13 20
Wm. M. Law, labor,	3 95
Wm. Burkett, shells,	2 00
Stephen Bennett, labor,	11 40

Paid A. T. Williams, wharfage,	\$6 00
George W. Ellis, labor,	5 60
J. L. Young, labor,	5 87
Harvey A. Cook,	1 30
James H. Carr, labor,	60
F. T. Doggett, clay,	8 40
Henry T. Dyer, labor,	1 30
George P. Stull, labor,	2 90
Mark G. Smith, labor,	1 30
H. A. Jennings, labor,	1 60
Walter Conners, labor,	1 35
Alexander Gayland, labor,	30 00
Richard Barnett, labor,	11 10
Jared Hill, labor and sods,	19 30
Joseph Bickers, labor,	6 75
E. Turner, labor,	3 00
H. H. Watson,	1 25
E. N. Sumner, labor,	7 70
Joseph Frellick, labor,	7 40
John M. Carnes, labor and sods,	12 30
George Allen, lumber, etc.,	38 24
Joseph Whitcomb, stone,	3 63
James Fuller, labor,	10 25
Lombard Rich, labor,	5 10
Solomon Bangs, sods,	8 37
Ryder & Young, labor,	6 84
James Pratt, labor,	2 00
Michael Bradshaw, shells,	80
Owners schr. Samuel Ober, clay,	250 25
Rufus Williams, crying and sods,	20 02
Frank A. Cook, labor,	4 47
Reuben Freeman, labor,	1 80
N. C. Brooks, labor,	6 37
Peter Bennett, labor,	4 45
A. Taylor, labor,	6 32
David Conwell, labor and wharfage,	11 30
Caleb Franzen, labor,	5 65
J. E. & G. Bowley, labor and wharfage,	29 10
James Carr, labor,	10 37
J. B. Dyer, labor,	12 30
Barney Turner, labor,	7 15
Josiah G. Wharf, labor,	7 95

Paid Asa Atkins, labor,	\$12 60
Charles C. Atkins, labor,	9 50
Dennis Scannel, labor,	6 45
James Campbell, labor,	17 60
Thomas Carr, labor,	7 00
Caleb Fisher, labor,	30 00
Michael Welch, labor,	15 90
Benjamin Lancy, plank,	560 85
Michael Barnett, labor,	4 05
Heman S. Cook, nails and spikes,	21 12
Benj. Lancy, lumber,	6 45
John M. Graham, labor,	231 35
J. D. Hilliard, nails and wharfage,	3 25
Joseph S. Atwood, labor,	2 37
Owners schr. J. P. Nickerson, clay,	7 50
John Powers, labor,	16 00
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	\$1829 99

In submitting to you the report for the year I would respectfully represent for your consideration that Commercial street is in fair condition, and part of the cross streets. The others are in poor order. The coming year they will need considerable repairs, also Bradford street needs repairing the entire length. The road from the end of the sidewalk to the causeway is poor, with the exception of a small part on this end; the rest needs a thorough repair the coming year. Owing to the large expense on the walks, I have not made these needed repairs.

JOHN M. GRAHAM,

Road Surveyor.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF SINKING FUND.

The undersigned herewith respectfully submit their Annual Report.

Coupons maturing Feb. 1st, and Aug. 1st, also Town Bonds No's. 5 and 6 due Aug. 1st, were promptly paid and canceled.

Treasurer's statement for the year ending Dec. 31, 1881:

RECEIPTS.

From Town, amount appropriated at annual meeting, \$3,000 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Feb. 1, 6 mos., interest \$20,000 Loan,	\$500 00
Aug. 1, 6 mos., interest \$20,000 Loan,	500 00
" 1, Redeemed bonds Nos. 5 and 6 \$1,000, each falling due this day,	2,000 00
	\$3,000 00

Outstanding obligations of the town, balance of Railroad debt to date:

MUNICIPAL LOAN.

Five per-cent bonds, due Aug. 1, 1882,	\$2,000 00
" " " " " 1883,	2,000 00
" " " " " 1884,	2,000 00
" " " " " 1885,	2,000 00
" " " " " 1886,	2,000 00
" " " " " 1887,	2,000 00
" " " " " 1888,	2,000 00
" " " " " 1889,	2,000 00
" " " " " 1890,	2,000 00
	\$18,000 00

Your Commissioners respectfully ask the following appropriations:

For bonds coming due Aug. 1, 1882,	\$2,000 00
interest 5 per cent. Municipal loan, \$18,000,	900 00
	\$2,900 00

Respectfully submitted,

ATKINS NICKERSON,
J. D. HILLIARD,
GEO. O. KNOWLES,

Sinking Fund Commissioners.

Provincetown, Dec. 31, 1881.

REPORT
OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY,

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1881,

Balance of donations in treasury, last report,	\$534	52
Received for fines and catalogues,		22 00
" Dog fund for 1880,		86 85
" Dividend from Seamen's Savings Bank,		16 46
		\$659 83
Paid Estes & Lauriat, books,	\$137	24
Freight,		35
Old Colony book bindery,	11	35
Subscription Harper's Magazine,		4 00
" American Bookseller,		1 00
" Century Magazine,		4 00
Insurance,		20 00
A. L. Putnam & Co's. bill, stationery,		94
Postage, postal cards, &c.		88
		\$179 76
		\$480 07
Balance of donations on hand,		\$480 07
Deposited in Seamen's Saving Bank,	\$422	39
In hands of Librarian,		22 00
" " trustees,		35 68
		\$480 07

CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY.

Number of books purchased,		131
" " New books purchased,	95	
" " " " to replace old books		.
condemned,	36	
		2
Number of Magazines purchased,		0
Number of books lost,		2898
Present number of books,		14,395
The aggregate circulation of the year has been		1,656
Names in register Jan. 1, 1881,	82	
Added in 1881,		1,738
Making the present number,		1,738

The Trustees would recommend an appropriation of \$300-00 to meet the expenses of the coming year.

Appropriation for the annual expenses of the town library is		\$300 00
Which town treas'r has paid out on proper vouchers,		273 35
		26 65
Balance,		26 65

The library during the year has been under the charge of Mr. Wm. R. Mitchell, who has fulfilled the position of Librarian to the satisfaction of the trustees.

There are many unpleasant matters connected with the duties of Librarian, which only those who experience them can fully know.

Mr. Mitchell has found an able assistant and by the help of Mr. Joshua Paine, Jr., the service of the library has been promptly performed.

Your Trustees would liked to have placed a larger number of new books on our shelves but the low state of the fund would not warrant it.

We would again call the attention of our citizens to the great need of Appleton's Encyclopedia and the Encyclopedia.

Brittanica and a donation for the purchase of these works would be thankfully received.

J. D. HILLIARD,
J. H. DYER,
G. H. HOLMES,
ELBRIDGE P. McELROY,
E. N. PAINE,
R. W. SWIFT,
A. T. WILLIAMS.

Trustees.

FINAL REPORT OF
NEW SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE.

MR. MODERATOR :

There was in the Town Treasury at the last report, the sum of two dollars and thirty-five cents. At the annual meeting there was an additional appropriation of one hundred dollars, making a total of one hundred and two dollars and thirty-five cents. With this sum your committee have paid the following bills to wit :

1881.			
Feb.	26,	Paid George H. Cornell, labor on sand,	\$1 60
Mar.	25,	Chas. H. Holway, labor mending fence,	2 62
April	12,	J. S. Atwood, labor setting fence,	2 87
"	"	George H. Cornell, labor setting fence,	1 00
"	25,	D. F. Lewis, material for fence,	41 04
June	9,	George H. Cornell, labor moving sand,	1 75
June	20,	Dyer & Smith, labor and material for painting fence,	35 00
Aug.	6,	B. H. Dyer, nails for fence,	32
Dec.	9,	J. Whitcomb, stone post and setting,	4 25
"	26,	Alfred Small, changing cold air box,	10 15
"	30,	H. H. Sylvester, advertising,	1 75
			\$102 35

The committee received from the school committee for freight paid by them, the sum of fifty-six cents and paid J. A. West for nails, \$ 20 and on advertising bill, 36

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Leaving no balance in the hands of the committee and no bills unpaid.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. HUTCHINSON,
MOSES N. GIFFORD,
J. D. HILLIARD,
H. MERRILL SMITH,
J. S. ATWOOD,

Building Committee.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL
 REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1881.

Again we have the pleasure of recording another year of comparative exemption from loss by fire. But two general alarms for the year; March 18th, at 8.30 A. M., slight fire at house occupied by Isaac Fisher, on Bradford street, damage about \$25.00, mostly from water. Dec. 28th, 11.25 A. M., slight fire at house of Antone Silver, on Bennett street, damaging some bedding; extinguished by the owner before the arrival of the department, for which we compliment him, for only by his persistent labor and courage was a more serious fire averted. These two fires were caused by matches in the hands of children. In addition there has been two slight fires in the western part of the town to which Engine Co. No. 2 alone was called, but their services were not required.

The alacrity with which our firemen responded to these several alarms considering the little active service performed should receive the commendation of the public as we feel it does, it now being nearly five years since our entire department have performed active service, all at one time. Such vigilance as has been shown the past year cannot be too highly appreciated by this community.

The apparatus is in general good order, but will require to be varnished the coming season. The buildings have been painted on the sides the past year and are in good order, excepting some repairs needed on the house of Engine No. 5.

In the last annual report there was retained from the appropriation of 1880, (\$150.00) with which to place a reservoir between Nos. 19 and 22, in the vicinity of Forest Street, on Commercial Street. It was desirable, if possible to place one of sufficient capacity and with connection for two engines. During the year the Chief of this Department, in whose hands this work was placed, has not succeeded in finding ready

made, or could not procure made to order, a desirable and sure attachment at a reasonable price, and it was deemed advisable by your engineers to retain the sum of \$200—the \$150 remaining in the treasury, and \$50 from the appropriation of 1881—there being a sufficient balance on hand. A bill was made placing that amount in the hands of the Chief of the Department, for him to complete the work partly begun, and approved by the Board of Engineers, which would at least make the appropriation that much less the coming year. The bill, however, was returned by the Selectmen with a written declaration that they could not audit the bill, as the money had not been actually expended; acting upon the advice of counsel, that all monies December 31st reverted to the town treasury. We feel very much the necessity of such a reservoir in the locality named, and from agreements already made, recommend an appropriation to this department of two hundred dollars for this special purpose.

Engines Nos. 1 and 2, having the oldest leading hose were called out in December to test their line of hose; that of the No. 1 was in fair order but showed unmistakable signs of weakness. As many fires are lost by the bursting of hose when the water is most needed, we recommend the purchasing of five hundred feet new hose the coming season. While making this test it was discovered that the suction hose of engine No. 2 was leaky. By direction of the board of engineers, new suction hose is being made, the engine now being supplied with borrowed hose. Engine Co. No. 4 reports one of their pieces of suction hose as poor. As soon as that of No. 2 has been received, the piece from No. 4 will be attended to. Not wishing to have two engines in the vicinity of deep reservoirs with but three pieces of suction hose each.

There has been no annual parade and muster of this department for several years. As such gatherings are beneficial to the department, improving its discipline and renewing the interest of its members, that become inactive from want of service, we feel that the town can well afford, in this year of prosperity, to furnish the means for which to pay the necessary expenses of such a muster the coming year and recommend that the Engineers be allowed to use from their appropriation a sufficient sum for that purpose. Judging from the past that the cost for a band of music, prizes and other expenses, \$250 will be ample for that purpose.

In the Town Report of last year upon page 4, were some remarks about this department which, though honestly expressed, are hardly correct. As that Report is supposed to be in every household, in the archives of the town, on the shelf of the Public Library, and has gone abroad, we beg the indulgence of the citizens and furnish such laws as directly bear upon the government of our Fire Department.

The article in question, after passing a well deserved compliment to the firemen, further says: "Much feeling has been occasioned by the collector stopping from the firemen, taxes due him from some of the men signing the pay rolls." That was very true, particularly in the Company whose member was made to pay tax upon property that he did not own. The figures upon the bills of 1879 indicate that they were not made by the collector of taxes, which figures indicate the amount retained from each company. Further, the article says, in emblazoned type, "Who are the Firemen of Provincetown." "All firemen to be exempted from military duty must place on file with the selectmen, a certificate that they are members of the fire department, "(Gen'l. Stat. Chap. 13, Sec. 11)." "These are the firemen of the town and as such should receive the pay voted to them." "Such certificates until this year are not on file in the office." Of the above quotations we wish to say that Chap. 13 Sec. 11 was repealed in 1863; (General Laws April 27, 1863; Chap. 193), that in 1862 there was placed on file, under the then existing law, a certificate for military exemption, that in addition there was prepared and issued to each member of the department a certificate of which the following is a copy:

"Commonwealth of Massachusetts, office of the Board of Engineers, Provincetown, May 5, 1862. This is to certify that _____ is a member of the Provincetown Fire Department, and is a member of _____ Engine Co., No. —, (or Hook and Ladder Co.,) agreeable to the Fire Ordinance of this town, and in conformity to the Laws of this Commonwealth. A certificate of his membership, signed by the Selectmen, may be found on file at the office of the Assessors.

Signed, E. G. LORING, Chief Engineer.

Countersigned, JONATHAN COOK,

Sec'y of the Board of Engineers."

In 1874 a law was passed, approved June 10th, (Chap. 320, Sec. 11), exempting firemen from military duty, by forthwith filing with the Assessors a certificate that they were Engine-men, or members of the Fire Department, signed by the Mayor and Aldermen of such city or Selectmen of such town. This department was officially notified of the passage of the above law, and a list of firemen *was* furnished the Selectmen, who in turn placed the same on file with the Assessors. In each year thereafter, in the month of June, until 1880, a certified copy was placed in the hands of the Selectmen, for what? not to make firemen, but to save this town from being deprived of most of its firemen should a general call be made for camp or active duty of the enrolled militia, these certificates were filed for that reason only.

Again we read "a list of the Firemen has been given to the Engineers;" and at the end of their term of service names other than those reported as Firemen have been substituted to receive the pay." "In the By-Laws of each Company, which has been approved by the Board of Engineers, each member is required to assign his pay to the treasurer of the Company, thus making it a company fund." "He is not a member of the Fire Department until he first signs the Constitution and By-Laws of the Company, assigning to the Treasurer his pay due him from the town." The appointment of firemen is exclusively in the hands of the Board of Engineers, (see Gen'l. Stat., Chap. 24, Secs. 9 and 26, extracts of which may be found elsewhere in this report, also Secs. 5, 6 and 7 of the rules and regulations particularly governing this department, (also attached to this report.) Signing a Company's By-Laws is well enough as far as it goes, but the power is delegated to the Board of Engineers, alone, who may continue during the year to appoint and remove members as they may think the good of the department and its efficiency may require.

The Engineers require each company to furnish, annually in May, a list of such persons as they desire to have appointed members of their respective companies, and during the year in a monthly report made to the Engineers, other names are sent in, and if acceptable to the Engineers, are appointed and recorded as firemen. Either company also sends in names of members from time to time that they wish to have discharged, with the reason therefor.

The pay of the firemen was formerly \$2.00 each per year; in 1868 the pay was increased by the following vote, (see town records of annual meeting 1868) the motion being made by the late Eben S. Smith, Esq., then chief of the depart-

ment. "Voted, that the members of the Hook and Ladder and Engine companies receive from the Town Treasurer the sum of five dollars per year each for their services." A pay roll was shortly after adopted, as much for the protection of each company as well as for the town, the vote increasing the pay expressly stating *each* member, it being a universal law that no person or number of persons can vote away another man's wages, besides it was a business transaction. The following is a copy of the pay roll: "We, the undersigned, paid members of ——— Engine (or Hook and Ladder) Co., No. —, do hereby receipt for and relinquish all claim to the salary due each of us from the Town of Provincetown, for services rendered for the year ending ———, and request that the same be paid to the clerk of this company, who alone is authorized to receipt for it." When from absence from town any members who were classed as paid members—all over fifty, the limit of the law, being volunteers—some of the volunteer names have been transferred to paid members, they, the volunteers, being as active in the service as any member classed as paid.

The engineers, on page 5 of last year's report, are accused of having on the pay rolls "names of men who have never been assessed or paid a poll tax in town." We can only say to this that, so far as we are informed, the law fixes no limit to age, qualifications as voters, or employment of men paying or not paying taxes.

Last year the pay roll was discontinued, because the recommendation of the selectmen, though not accepted at the annual meeting, was not objected to.

To place the pay of the firemen in such a way as to obviate any dispute and be more satisfactory to the several companies, we recommend the reconsideration of the vote of 1868, substituting the following: The several fire companies shall receive from the Town Treasurer, annually, for their services as follows: Hook and Ladder Co., No. one, one hundred and twenty-five dollars; Engine Companies Nos. one, two, three and four, two hundred and fifty dollars each; Engine Company No. five, one hundred and twenty-five dollars; Relief Hose Company No. one, when manned by others than members of some one of the different companies, twenty-five dollars. Provided, that if at any time the membership of any company shall fall below the limit of number allowed by

law, the pay of said company shall be decreased by five dollars for each and every member below the limit of number, excepting Engine Co. No. 5, whose decrease shall be two and one half dollars for each member below the limit of number allowed by law.

We regret very much the criticism of this department in last year's report, making quotation of law long since repealed and impressing upon the community that firemen are such only when a certificate of military exemption is filed with the assessors, losing sight of the vital law governing this department in its appointment and discipline of its members.

As the sum of money retained from each company in 1879 was not a large amount and they need all of their wages, more or less of their funds are spent to keep up the interest in the business, in fact all is spent for the good of the department in keeping the ranks well filled, we recommend that from the appropriation of this year the Engineers be allowed to reimburse each company for the taxes withheld in 1879.

FINANCIAL. DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries to May 1, 1881.

Chief Engineer,	\$ 20 00
Clerk of Engineers,	15 00
5 Ass't Engineers, \$10,	50 00
4 Engine Companies, \$250,	1000 00
1 Hook & Ladder Co.,	125 00
1 Relief Hose Co.,	25 00
4 Stewards of Engines, \$50,	200 00
1 " " \$20,	20 00
1 " of Hook & Ladder,	25 00
1 " of Engine No. 5,	5 00
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	\$1,485 00

The following paid to Jan. 1, 1882.

Reservoirs—clearing out, new covers, painting, and numbering,	\$59 50
Engines—repairs,	8 11
Houses—repairs,	15 93
Painting Engine and Hook & Ladder Houses, and Ladder,	57 41

Flags and repairs,	\$23 95
Fuel, lights and stoves,	59 52
Fire cracker notices and posting,	3 50
Badges,	13 15
Concreting in front of Hook & Ladder House,	12 00
Bangor Extension Ladder,	135 00
Incidental charges,	27 14
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	\$1,900 21
Balance in town treasury,	553 04
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	\$2,453 25
Retained from appropriation 1879 for reservoir,	\$ 150 00
Appropriation 1881,	2,300 00
Supplies sold,	1 25
Received from party selling Bangor Ladder, to paint it,	2 00
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	\$2,453 25

APPROPRIATIONS.

For the payment of salaries of the Engineers, Engine and Hook & Ladder Companies, and the ordinary expenses of this department, in- cluding re-imbursing the several companies the taxes stopped from their pay in 1879, there will be required,	\$1,900 00
New suction hose already contracted for,	125 00
500 feet new leading hose,	500 00
Expenses of Annual Parade and Muster,	250 00
New Reservoir,	200 00
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	\$2,975 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. D. HILLIARD,
JONATHAN COOK,
CHARLES A. COOK,
L. N. PAINE,
GEO. O. KNOWLES,
JOHN G. WHITCOMB,
G. H. HOLMES,

Engineers of the Fire Department.

(General Laws, Chap. 24.)

ENGINEMEN.

SEC. 9.—The Mayor and Aldermen or Selectmen of places provided with fire engines, may appoint suitable persons for Enginemen; who shall continue in office during the pleasure of the authority appointing them.

SEC. 12.—Each company of Enginemen so appointed shall meet annually, in May, and choose a Foreman, or Director, and a clerk, and establish such rules and regulations not repugnant to the laws of the Commonwealth, respecting their duty as Enginemen, as shall be approved by the Mayor and Aldermen, or Selectmen; and they shall annex penalties thereto, not exceeding ten dollars, which may be recovered by the Clerk in an action of tort.

SEC. 13.—Such companies shall meet together once a month, and oftener if necessary, for the purpose of examining the engine and its appendages and seeing that they are in good repair and ready for use. They shall, by night and day, under the direction of the firewards, use their best endeavors to extinguish any fire that may happen in their city or thereof town, or the vicinity.

SEC. 17.—If an Engineman is negligent of his duties the Mayor and Aldermen, or Selectmen, shall discharge him and appoint another in his stead.

NOTE.—The above laws apply to firemen controlled by firewards. In a Fire Department the power is delegated to the Engineere as follows:—

FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

(General Laws, Chap. 24.)

SEC. 24.—The Selectmen of such town shall annually, in April, appoint for such department as many engineers, not exceeding twelve, as they may think expedient, for the term of one year from the first day of May following, and until others are appointed in their stead; and the Selectmen shall fill all vacancies.

SEC. 25.—They shall immediately after such appointment issue a notice to each of said Engineers to meet at a time and place designated in the notice, at which meeting the engineers shall choose a chief engineer, a clerk, and such other officers as they may deem necessary for their complete organization.

SEC. 26.—The Engineers, in relation to the extinguishment of fires shall exercise the powers which firewards may by law have and exercise, and in relation to the nomination and appointment of Enginemen, shall exercise the power and perform the duties of Selectmen. They may appoint such number of men to the Engines, Hose, Hook, Ladder and Sail Carriages, and to constitute fire companies for securing property endangered by fire, as they may think expedient, but the number of men appointed shall not exceed to each suction fire engine, fifty; to each common engine, thirty-five; to each hose carriage, five; to each hook & ladder and hose carriage, twenty-five; and to each fire company, twenty-five.

SEC. 27.—The engine, hose, hook & ladder, sail carriage men, and fire companies, may organize themselves into distinct companies, elect necessary officers, and establish such rules, regulations and by-laws, as may be approved by the Board of Engineers; and may annex penalties to the breach of the same, not exceeding ten dollars in any case; and the same may be recovered by the Clerk in an action of tort to the use of the Company.

SEC. 28.—The engineers and all persons appointed by them shall be subject to the same duties and liabilities, and entitled to the same privileges and exemptions as enginemen appointed by the Selectmen.

SEC. 32.—No act hereafter passed, establishing a fire department in any town shall take effect until it is accepted and approved by the inhabitants of such town at a meeting held for the purpose.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The following Rules and Regulations for the establishing and government of a Fire Department in Provincetown, in conformity to certain acts of the Legislature, were recommended by the Board of Engineers, and adopted by the citizens of Provincetown, at a legal meeting held for that purpose, May 9th, 1859:

SEC. 1.—The Fire Department shall consist of as many Engineers (not exceeding twelve,) as the Selectmen shall appoint, and of as many Engine-men, Hydrant-men, and Hook-and-Ladder men, to be divided into companies, as the number of Engines, and other fire apparatus belonging to the town, shall, from time to time, require.

SEC. 2.—The Engineers so appointed, shall meet and choose a Chief Engineer, a clerk, and such other officers as they may deem necessary

for their complete organization, a majority of whom shall form a quorum; and in the absence of the Chief Engineer, the senior Engineer present shall be the presiding officer. They shall have the superintendence and control of all the Engine and other Houses used for the purpose of the Fire Department, and of all furniture and apparatus thereto belonging, and of the Engines and all other fire apparatus belonging to the town; and over the officers and members of the several Companies attached to the Fire Department; and over all persons present at fires; and they may make such rules and regulations for the better government, discipline and good order of the Department, and for the extinguishment of fires, as they may from time to time think expedient,—the same not being repugnant to the laws of this Commonwealth, and being subject to the approbation of the Board of Selectmen.

The Assistant Engineers shall report their absence from fires and meetings of the board to the Chief Engineer, with the reasons therefor; and the Chief shall keep a record of the same, and make a report thereof, stating all the facts to the Board of Selectmen every year, prior to the election of Engineers. In the absence of the Chief Engineer, the Clerk shall make said record and report.

SEC. 3.—It shall be the duty of said Engineers, whenever a fire shall break out in the town, immediately to repair to the place of such fire and to carry with them a suitable staff or badge of their office; to take proper measures that the several Engines and other apparatus be arranged in the most advantageous situations, and duly worked for the effectual extinguishment of the fire; to require and compel assistance from all persons, as well members of the Fire Department as others, in extinguishing the fire, removing furniture, goods or other merchandise from any building on fire, or in danger thereof, and to appoint guards to secure the same; and also in pulling down and demolishing any house or building, if occasion requires and further, to suppress all tumults and disorders. It shall also be their duty to cause order to be preserved in going to, working at or returning from fires, and at all other times when Companies attached to the Department are on duty.

SEC. 4.—The Chief Engineer shall have the sole command at fires, over all the other Engineers, all members of the Fire Department, and all other persons who may be present at fires, and shall direct all proper measures for the extinguishment of fires, protection of property, preservation of order, and observance of the laws, ordinances and regulations respecting fires. In the absence of the Chief Engineer, the Engineer first present at the place of fire shall execute the duties of his office, with full powers.

SEC. 5.—The Engineers shall appoint annually, in April, such number of men to the Engines, Hose, Hook, Ladder and Sail Carriages, and to constitute Fire Companies for securing property endangered by fire, as they may think expedient; but in no case shall the number exceed that authorized by the laws of this State.

SEC. 6.—The term of service for the members of the Fire Department shall commence on the first day of May, and shall continue one year or until others are appointed in their places.

SEC. 7.—The Engine, Hose, Hook & Ladder and Sail Carriage men, and Fire Companies, may organize themselves into distinct Companies, elect their necessary officers, and establish such rules, regulations, and

by-laws, as may be approved by the Board of Engineers, and may annex penalties to the breach of the same, not exceeding ten dollars in any case; and in case of rejection by the Board of Engineers, of any of the officers, elected by said Companies, their names shall be returned to the Company, who shall select another person for approval; and these officers, when approved, shall hold their places until removed, or others are elected in their stead.

SEC. 8.—It shall be the duty of the Foreman to see that the several Engines and apparatus committed to their care, and the several buildings in which the same are deposited, and all things in or belonging to the same, are kept neat, clean, and ready for immediate use; it shall also be their duty to preserve order and discipline at all times in their respective Companies, and require and enforce a strict compliance with the rules and regulations of the Department, and the orders of the Engineers. They shall also keep, or cause to be kept by the clerks of their respective Companies, fair and exact rolls, specifying the time of admission, discharge, and age of each member, and accounts of all town property entrusted to the care of the several members, and of all absence and tardiness among the same, in a book provided for that purpose by the town, which rolls or record-books are always to be subject to the order of Selectmen and Board of Engineers.

SEC. 9.—It shall be the duty of the officers and members of the several Engine, Hydrant and Hook & Ladder Companies, whenever a fire shall break out in town, to repair forthwith to their respective Engines, Hose, Hook & Ladder Carriages, and other apparatus, and convey them in as orderly a manner as may be, according to the directions of the Board of Engineers, and exert themselves in the most orderly manner possible, in working and managing the said Engines, Hose, Hooks and Ladders and other apparatus; and in performing any duty they may be called upon to do, by any Engineer, and upon permission of the Chief Engineer, shall in an orderly and quiet manner return said engines and other apparatus to their respective places of deposit. PROVIDED, that in the absence of all the Engineers, such direction and permission may be given by the Selectmen, or their respective Foremen.

SEC. 10.—Any Officer or other member may be removed from the Fire Department by a vote of the Chief Engineer and two-thirds of the Assistant Engineers, and said vote shall be final, unless, in the case of Officers, the same shall be reversed by the Board of Selectmen within fourteen days after it shall have passed.

SEC. 11.—In all cases of removal from office by the Engineers, the name of the party removed, with a statement of the reasons therefor, shall be entered on their records; and a copy of the same shall be transmitted to the board of Selectmen, as soon as convenient.

SEC. 12.—No Officer, who may have been dismissed or removed from the Fire Department, shall be reinstated therein, unless by a vote of the Chief Engineer and two-thirds of the Assistant Engineers; and in such case, said vote shall not take effect until confirmed by the Board of Selectmen; and it shall not pass the Board of Selectmen, unless two-thirds of the whole Board vote therefor. For the purpose of discharge and removal, Suction and Leading Hosemen shall be regarded as members, and not officers.

SEC. 13.—The Engineers and Members of the several Companies regularly appointed shall wear such caps, badges, or insignia, as the board of Selectmen shall from time to time direct, to be furnished at expense of the town; and no other person or persons shall be permitted to wear the same, except under such restrictions and regulations as the Board of Selectmen may direct.

SEC. 14.—No Company shall have power to appoint or discharge any Officer or Member.

SEC. 15.—The several Companies shall be provided with rooms, unless now sufficiently accommodated, for meetings for the transaction of such business as may properly come before them in the discharge of their duties as Firemen.

SEC. 16.—Any Officer or Member of the Fire Department who shall willfully neglect or refuse to perform his duty, or shall be guilty of disorderly conduct or disobedience to his superiors in office, shall for such offence be dismissed from the department.

SEC. 17.—It shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer, or other Engineers, to report to the Selectmen the name of every person, not a member of either of said Companies, who shall, contrary to law, refuse or neglect to obey any order of any Engineer given at any fire.

SEC. 18.—It shall be the duty of such of the Constables of the town as may be selected by the Engineers for that service, to repair with such badge of office as the Selectmen shall direct, on the alarm of fire, immediately to the place where the fire may be, and there to use their best skill and power, under the direction of the Engineers, for the preservation of the public peace, and the prevention of theft and destruction of property, and the removal of all suspected persons; for which service they shall receive such compensation as shall be in each case ordered by the Board of Selectmen.

SEC. 19.—It shall be the duty of the Chief and other Engineers to inquire for and examine into all shops and other places where shavings and other combustible materials may be collected and deposited, and at all times to be vigilant in causing the removal of the same, whenever in the opinion of any two of them, the same may be dangerous to the security of the town from fires and to direct the tenant or occupant of such place to remove the same; and in case of such tenant's or occupant's neglect or refusal so to do, to cause the same to be removed at the expense of such tenant or occupant, who shall in addition, be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars for such neglect or refusal; and any person who shall obstruct the Engineers, or any of them, in carrying out the provisions of this section, shall also be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars.

SEC. 20.—All the Companies of the Fire Department shall be furnished with a copy of these Rules and Regulations, which shall be framed and placed in their respective houses; and it shall be the duty of the Officers and Members of the Department to conform to all the requisitions and perform all the duties therein required.

SEC. 21.—The Foreman or commanding-officer of each Company will remain by his Company or apparatus, of which he has charge, to preserve order and direct their operations; and all members of the several Companies, except when otherwise engaged on special duty, will remain at or about the apparatus to which they are attached.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1881.



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FINAL REPORT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1880.

The whole number of scholars belonging to the Primary Departments, three hundred and sixty; average attendance, three hundred and twenty; per cent. of attendance, eighty-nine.

Whole number belonging to Intermediate Department, one hundred and sixty-seven; average attendance, one hundred and fifty; per cent., ninety-two.

Whole number in Higher Intermediate, one hundred and forty-nine; average attendance, one hundred and thirty-nine; per cent., ninety-four.

Whole number in Grammar School, ninety-three; average attendance, eighty-eight; per cent., ninety-five.

Whole number belonging to the High School, eighty-four, average attendance, eighty-two, per cent. ninety-seven.

Whole number attending Winter School for young men, fifty; average attendance, forty-three; per cent., eighty-six.

Whole number attending school during the winter term, nine hundred and three; average attendance, eight hundred and twenty-two; per cent., of attendance, ninety-one; number over fifteen years of age, one hundred and thirty.

HENRY SHORTLE,
A. L. PUTNAM,
J. D. HILLIARD.

PRESENT CORPS OF TEACHERS.

High School.

A. M. Osgood,	<i>Principal.</i>
Hattie F. Weeks,	<i>Assistant.</i>
Nannie W. Paine,	<i>Assistant.</i>

Grammar School.

Horatio D. Newton,	<i>Principal.</i>
Addie S. Mitchell,	<i>Assistant.</i>

Higher Intermediate Schools.

Rebecca D. Sparks,	Abbie N. Hamblin,
Ella A. Small.	

Intermediate Schools.

Abbie C. Sparks,	Annie B. Frellick,
Lucinda W. Whorf.	

Primary School.

M. Jennie Keefe,	Isalinda Chapman,
Bessie G. Wiley,	Emma L. Chapman,
Nellie B. Hilliard,	Sara Cavanagh,
Mary C. Richardson.	

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In accordance with law and previous custom, we respectfully submit the following report:

We have pleasant schools and a good corps of teachers, many of whom have served the town long and faithfully, and are by no means lacking in judgment and experience. We are glad to report a gradual improvement in the methods of instruction in many of the branches taught, and to state the condition of the schools, in most respects, entirely satisfactory. We have tried to keep constantly in view the greatest good of the greatest number; realizing that a course of study arranged solely for those who can remain in school to complete it, would be unjust to many who cannot afford to give the time required to complete the regular course; so that, if a boy or girl has but one year or one term to spend in school he or she can always find a place and work suited to any capacity.

Most of the Primary Schools are in a prosperous condition. From year to year we notice a steady progress in methods and spirit of the instruction. The importance of these schools cannot be overrated. They form the basis of our educational system. The work well done here will never be lost in subsequent life; and if bad habits are established, a wrong direction given to the mind, the injurious consequences must be equally lasting. No person therefore, who has not a well disciplined mind and heart, as well as a good knowledge of human nature, should be placed in charge of little children.

There have been only two schools over crowded this year, viz; Primary No 1, at the Western School House, and the Primary School on Conant Street, numbering respectively, seventy-five and sixty-five, too many for one teacher, but the children were too small to be sent to other districts and there were no accommodations at the Western house for an assistant.

The Intermediate and Higher Intermediate Schools continue to do an excellent work under the same earnest and conscientious

tious teachers as last year. Nothing has occurred to disturb them in their work or check their onward march. The grade of the schools is such, the needs and expectations of each so understood by each and all of the teachers, that there is hardly a chance for failure, providing the teachers are competent and faithful. The impression prevails, to some extent, that most anyone will answer for the position of teacher in our lower schools. This is decidedly wrong. In order for each teacher to understand and appreciate the wants and demands of the grades for which they are preparing their pupils, they must be qualified for—excepting, perhaps, the High School—those positions themselves. It is safe, therefore, to say that those who have not literary attainments for teachers in a Grammar School, should not be employed in any grade. Much of the work done in these schools to-day was not thought of a few years ago in any grade below the Grammar School. As the grade of our schools is gradually raised from year to year, the demands upon the teachers of these schools are correspondingly increase. Many of the pupils leave the Higher Intermediate Schools now better fitted for life's duties than one-half of the Grammar School scholars were twenty-five years ago.

The Grammar School is in charge of the same faithful and competent teachers who have served in this department for two years past. As there are comparatively few of our citizens who visit the school to see for themselves what the work is and the manner of its performance, we have thought it well, in as short space as possible, to give the principal branches taught and the methods of teaching. In the study of Arithmetic all subjects are made as practical as possible, omitting obsolete and useless matter. The number of definitions and rules to be committed is reduced to a minimum, and the process of simplifying by cancellation is kept constantly before the pupils, thus saving much time and labor in their written work. The processes of Commission, Insurance, Interest, Banking, Bonds and Stocks receive particular attention, giving such examples as conform to the usual experiences of daily life. While Annual Interest, Foreign Exchange, Circulating Decimals, Arithmetical and Geometrical Progressions, and Alligation being of less practical use to the majority of our business men, receive but passing notice without special drill.

In order that the pupils may get, as quickly as possible, an idea of the structure of the sentence, and the logical relation of its parts or elements, the teaching of English Grammar is begun and based throughout the course on the analysis of sentences. After developing the several kinds of sentences and elements, classified according to rank, structure and office, the scholars are taught to analyze choice selections from standard authors. In connection with the above the pupils are constantly stimulated to the inviting task of sentence-building, arranging and adapting the several parts, contracting, expanding, punctuating and criticising them. This work is accompanied with short compositions on historical and geographical subjects, together with letter writing.

The subject of United States History is divided into distinct periods, and each period is definitely outlined that the pupil may have from the first an idea of certain prominent events. The lessons are assigned by topics and not by pages. Especial attention is given to the causes of great political movements, and only such minor details learned as bear relation to the main current of events and aid in getting a right understanding of the results. All verbatim recitations of sentences and paragraphs are discouraged and the pupils urged to state the facts in their own language. Only such dates are committed as are indispensable as landmarks in history. Maps are in constant use, as too much importance cannot be given to geography in its connection with history. In reviews no attempt is made to memorize the whole list of Chronological, Biographical and Geographical facts as they are laid down in the text books. Great effort is made, however, to have them grasp and retain a thorough knowledge of those prominent features which distinctly belong to our nation as the leading republic of the world. That division of geography which belongs to the Grammar grade is treated under the following heads: I. The form, size, position and motions of the earth. II. The study of its surface in respect to land and water and their relations. III. The study of the grand divisions, pursuing a natural order, viz: outlines, surface, climate, vegetation, minerals, animals and nations. This work is supplemented by a series of lessons on the following subjects: local town and State geography, climate and zones, weather conditions, facts about our own country, facts about the continents, and a comparison of the prominent physical features of the grand

divisions of the Old and New World. The teachers deserve much credit for the attention given to music in this school. The constant and systematic teaching of music to a hundred or more children every year, and these from every section of the town, must produce an influence for good, which will be widely felt, and should be gratefully appreciated. "Music is the language of the heart. It refines the taste and elevates the soul." And is one of the most important and influential means of moral education.

HIGH SCHOOL.

With the full classical course of four years, and the shorter English course of three years, and with the freedom allowed in the election of studies, the High School offers superior advantages to those who desire to lay the foundation of a thorough education, as well as to those who wish to prepare more immediately for active business. We regret that so few of our young men remain to finish the regular High School course. They are anxious to find mercantile or other employment, and regret, when it is too late, that they had not properly qualified themselves by mental discipline, for the positions to which they aspired. So much having been said against the requirements of the High School system, and as many may not have noticed the change spoken of one year ago, we thought it well to re-write a paragraph or two from our last year's report.

To meet, as far as possible, the wants of all, and to encourage the pupils to avail themselves of the advantages of the High School, we have adopted two distinct courses of study, an English and Classical course; the pupils who enter the school are free to choose either. The first is a three year's course and purely English, enabling those who take it to advance right on from the Grammar School, and without any break continue the study of the English language and the higher mathematics, and at the same time obtain a good understanding of the sciences and the theory of business.— Those who complete the entire course will receive diplomas, but the studies will be elective and so arranged that pupils who do not wish to complete the course can pursue those branches which they may deem most advantageous. The second, or classical course, requires the study of Latin, and the teacher must, if any pupils desire, be competent to give instruction

in the Greek, French and German languages.' It also includes all that is embraced in the first or English course."

The question is often asked, "Are the studies pursued in the High School practical?" All the studies which discipline and furnish the mind are practical. We believe there are no useless studies in the High School department. Latin, Greek, Mental Philosophy and many other studies may not aid directly in any business, but they cultivate the mind, strengthen its powers and serve as pathways to more extensive fields of knowledge. Success in business depends upon the mind's power to fix itself upon that business, as well as its ability to understand the business thoroughly. Such training and storing of the mind with necessary facts may be acquired in active business life. Such a process, however, is dearly bought with long years of severe experience. If some means of training the mind may be found which can develop powers of mental grasp, without such severe experience, there must be great gain. If the wisdom of centuries can be appropriated in a few years, by diligent application, it is better than the old way of learning only from individual experience.

A very happy and interesting method has been adopted in our High School. A conversational interchange of thoughts bearing on the lessons taught. An excellent means of arresting the attention of the pupils, although requiring perfect familiarity with the subject on the part of the teacher. This method of dispensing with text books in recitation is a most excellent plan and is becoming very popular, and needs only to be tried to be appreciated. When pupils can be made to feel that they are dealing with ideas and not with words the unpleasant part of school life will cease, and the appropriation of the thought, brought out in the lesson, will be the only aim. Such free interchange of opinion, based upon the line of thought taken by the text books used in reviewing the lessons, will tend to inspire the pupil to think for himself, and render him independent, to a certain extent, of outside helps. Such a system graduates pupils who can apply what they have learned in their homes or business life.

Through the efforts of the Principal a course of eight or ten lectures, by professional and business men of the town, have been arranged for the High School this present term. These lectures are exceedingly interesting as well as instructive. They cover a variety of subjects, are of lasting benefit to the

pupils, and a means of interesting many of the citizens in the High School work.

High School Exhibitions have been resorted to by the teachers and pupils of the school to raise money to purchase apparatus for that department. The school has never recovered from the loss it sustained by the burning of its building and apparatus in 1877.

The Young Men's School, no longer an experiment, but a part of our real work and system, has commenced its work this term in good earnest, under the management of the same efficient teacher as last winter, Capt. C. K. Sullivan, a man qualified in every particular for the work committed to his hands. There are fifty-seven young men gathered in this school, who are as earnest workers, and submit to the discipline and regulations of the school-room, as well as a like number of students in any other school in town. The future welfare and character of the town depends very much upon the education of these young men, as well as the children who are now passing through our other schools. A wise and generous policy in dealing with them will at some time produce good results. The branches taught are navigation, arithmetic, grammar, geography, writing and spelling. The United States History is used by the school for reading matter.

PROMOTIONS.

We gave quite fully our opinions in regard to promotions last year. We did yield our better judgment, however, to the wishes of parents and allowed a number of pupils to pass from one school to another who failed to obtain the required percentage in the regular examinations. In nearly every case where this was done it worked only harm. We are more thoroughly convinced, therefore, that the position taken was correct. The interests of the schools and the best good of the pupils demand that we deal with them as we find them. Many parents are ignorant of what their children are doing in school and seem to care but little whether they do well or ill, until the examinations are over and the dear ones have failed of promotion, or have been dropped to a lower class. It is sad to see how easily and thoughtlessly parents give their children over to the care of teachers, as if by so doing all their obligations were fulfilled. Much of the negligence and insubordi-

nation of pupils would be avoided and failures would be far less frequent if parents would visit the schools more, and witness the conduct and progress of their children. They would be far better prepared to correct the wrong and encourage the good, and would sympathize with the teachers; more readily rely upon their judgment and give them credit for good intentions.

BUILDINGS AND INCIDENTALS.

In repairing school buildings and fences we have done as little as possible, consistent with economy. After the slight repairs last spring and summer it was thought best to leave the painting of the buildings until next year. There is a small balance to the credit of School House Repairs.

Our Incidental Expenses, as we predicted last year, have been uncommonly large. There was nothing purchased, however, that was not necessary. By referring to our Financial Report—where every item bought, with the price paid for each, is given—it will be seen that two new stoves have been purchased for the Eastern School House and a large bill paid for new stove pipe and repairing of old stoves at the Western and Conant St. School Houses. The old stoves taken from the Eastern house were used a long time in the building before that house was re-modelled, and were completely worn out. We may say in this connection that it will be absolutely necessary to dispense with two of the old stoves now in use in the Centre School House, which will necessitate the purchase of two new ones before another winter.

CHANGES.

The High School is the only school where changes of teachers have taken place the past year. Mr. J. B. Hingeley, Principal of the school for three years, resigned last May.—The vacancy was filled by Prof. James Burrier, who also resigned, after a service of a few weeks, to take the superintendency of the schools at Biddeford, Me., at a salary of fifteen hundred dollars per annum. The resignation of Mr. Burrier came to us only a few days before the time for the opening of the Fall Term. Though the notice was short we were very fortunate in procuring the services of Mr. A. M. Osgood of Boston, a gentleman, fitted—we think—in every

particular to fill the high position to which he has been called.

We deem it proper to record the removal by death of Miss Georgie Fratus, a member of the first class in the Grammar School. She was an amiable girl, a good scholar and respected alike by teachers and pupils.

ATTENDANCE 1881.

Total number, Spring term,	807
“ “ Fall term,	838
“ “ Present term,	878
Distributed as follows :	
Spring term, Primary Departments,	364
Fall “ “ “	365
Present “ “ “	365
Spring term, Intermediate Department,	159
Fall “ “ “	145
Present “ “ “	129
Spring term, Higher Intermediate Department,	142
Fall “ “ “ “	144
Present “ “ “ “	144
Spring “ Grammar School,	84
Fall “ “ “	91
Present “ “ “	92
Spring “ High School,	54
Fall “ “ “	93
Present “ “ “	89
Young Men's School, Present term,	57

COURSE OF STUDY IN THE HIGH SCHOOL.

FIRST YEAR.

FALL TERM.—*Algebra, Physical Geography, Book-keeping.*

WINTER TERM.—*Algebra, Physical Geography, Latin Grammar or French Grammar.*

SPRING TERM.—*Algebra, Physiology, Latin Grammar or French Grammar.*

SECOND YEAR.

FALL TERM.—*Geometry Physiology, Latin Grammar and Cæsar or French,*

WINTER TERM.—*Geometry and Trigonometry, Analysis of Gov't., Cæsar or French.*

SPRING TERM.—*Trigonometry and Philosophy, English History, Cæsar and Virgil or French.*

THIRD YEAR.

FALL TERM.—*Natural Philosophy, Outlines of History, Virgil or Chemistry.*

WINTER TERM.—*Natural Philosophy, Outlines, Virgil, and Cicero or Chemistry and Botany or Navigation.*

SPRING TERM.—*Natural Philosophy, Rhetoric, Cicero or Botany or Navigation.*

FOURTH YEAR.

FALL TERM.—*Astronomy, Rhetoric and Geology, English Literature.*

WINTER TERM.—*Astronomy and Mental Philosophy, Geology, English Literature.*

SPRING TERM.—*Review of Mathematics, Mental Philosophy and Logic, English Literature.*

Compositions and Declamations every Friday afternoon during the course.

Practical Book-keeping twice a week during the 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th terms. This study is required of every scholar.

The studies for the three years' English Course are indicated by italics.

CLASS OF '81.

PROGRAMME.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 2.

MARCH.

PRAYER.

SINGING, Anniversary Ode,

SALUTATORY,

ESSAY, "Beauties of Nature,"

ESSAY, "Our Town,"

SINGING, duet—"Come where the Rosebuds Sleep,"

Misses Barnett and E. Small.

Class of '81.

Carrie Cowing.

Lillie Small

Mamie Nickerson.

CLASS HISTORY, "First Two Years,"	Nellie Hodgdon.
ESSAY, "Heroines of the Century,"	Mamie Barnett.
ESSAY, "There shall be no Alps,"	Annie Gifford.
SINGING, quartette—"Alpine Echoes,"	
Misses Barnett, Hamlin, Nickerson and E. Small.	
ESSAY, "Right makes Might,"	Celia Cavanagh.
HISTORY, "Last Two Years,"	Hattie White.
ESSAY, "Catherine of Aragon,"	Clara Smith.
SINGING, "Good Night,"	Class of '81.
POEM, "Our Class,"	Nellie Baxter.

THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 3.

SINGING, Chorus—"Welcome To-Night,"	Class of '81.
ESSAY, "The Holy Grail,"	Minnie Hamlin.
ESSAY, "The Lion Hearted,"	Delia Cobb.
PROPHECY, "Classical Division,"	Carrie B. Holmes.
SINGING, duet—"Land of the Swallows,"	
Misses Barnett and E. Small.	
ESSAY, "Can New England be left out in the Cold,"	Alice Shortle.
ESSAY, "Oliver Goldsmith,"	Edith Small.
PROPHECY, "English Division,"	Mamie Dyer.
SINGING, trio—"Parting Song,"	
Misses Hamlin, Holmes and Hodgdon.	
ESSAY, "The Singer and the Song,"	Lottie Frellick.
VALEDICTORY,	Mamie Williams.
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS.	
SINGING, "Class Ode," (by John R. Smith).	

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

H. H. Sylvester, programmes,	\$30 00
Henry Shortle, R. R. fares,	18 00
J. W. Beatty, Truant Committee,	5 00
Teachers' Institute, sextons,	9 00
James Engles, stoves, pipe and labor,	85 23
J. H. Dearborn, census of school children,	12 00
N. T. Freeman, diplomas,	67 50
J. D. Hilliard, supplies,	7 76
Andrew Kennedy, supplies,	5 11
J. & L. N. Paine, supplies,	2 64
A. T. Williams, supplies,	4 24
J. A. West, furniture and repairs,	56 80

H. O. Sparrow, stove repairs and pipe,	47 15
" " " "	10 33
Sam'l Taylor, cleaning Western school-rooms and outbuildings, and labor,	24 90
Louise P. Baxter, cleaning Conant St., school-rooms and outbuildings,	8 00
Maria Harvender, cleaning Centre school-rooms and outbuildings,	17 00
Allie E. Dearborn, cleaning High School outbuilding,	2 00
Mr. Geo. C. Hill, cleaning Johnson St., school-rooms and outbuildings,	7 00
Mrs. Henry Atkins, cleaning Eastern school-rooms and outbuildings,	17 50
A. L. Putnam & Co., school books,	96 45
" " " " supplies,	63 92
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	\$597 53
J. H. Swasey, maps, &c.,	\$19 20
Hiram Holmes, stove repairs,	7 60
Henry Harvender, labor,	1 50
Centenary Church, hire,	25 00
J. H. Swasey, blackboard, &c.,	13 80
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	\$67 10
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	\$664 63
Appropriation,	\$300 00
Deficiency,	364 63
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	\$664 63

SCHOOL-HOUSE REPAIRS.

Andrew Kennedy, labor and stock	\$ 3 50
Francis Hamilton, whitewashing,	3 70
Josiah Snow, labor and stock,	22 62
Chas. H. Holway, labor,	3 75
Benj. Lancy, lumber,	12 89
Rufus Williams, labor,	1 25
Geo. Allen, lumber,	17 35
C. H. Holway, labor,	7 10
O. C. R. R., freight,	7 54
Geo. C. Hill, labor and stock,	24 40
J. A. West, labor and stock,	25 17
J. D. Hilliard, whitewash brushes, teaming, &c.,	4 66

Caleb Fisher, labor,	75
Dyer & Smith, glazing, hinges, screws, &c.,	5 03
J. H. Dearborn, labor,	3 00
	<u>\$142 71</u>
Appropriation,	\$300 00
Balance in treasury,	<u>\$157 29</u>
	<u>\$300 00 \$300 00</u>

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

WINTER TERM, 1880 AND 1881.

	Number of Weeks.	Salary per Week.	Amount per Year of 38 Weeks.	Amount for Term.
J B Hingeley, Prin High School,	13	\$25 00	\$950 00	\$325 00
Hattie F Weeks, 1st Ass't do,	13	10 00	380 00	130 00
Nannie W Paine, 2d Ass't do,	11	7 50	285 00	82 50
H D Newton, Prin Gram School	13	20 00	760 00	260 00
Addie S. Mitchell, Ass't do.	13	9 00	342 00	117 00
Ella A Small, High Intermediate	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Abbie N Hamlen, do,	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Rebecca D Sparks, do,	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Lucinda W Whorf, Intermediate	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
Annie B Frellick, do,	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
Abbie C Sparks, do,	6	7 00	266 00	42 00
Alice D Rich do,	7	7 00	266 00	49 00
M Jennie Keefe, Primary,	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Bessie G Wiley, do,	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Isalinda Chapman, do,	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Mary Richardson, do,	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Nellie B Hilliard, do,	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Sara C Cavanagh, do,	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Emma Chapman, do,	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Total Yearly Salaries,			\$6,213 00	
Total Salaries for Winter Term,				<u>\$2,110 50</u>

SPRING TERM, 1881.

	Number of Weeks.	Salary per Week.	Amount for Year of 38 Weeks.	Amount for the Term.
J B Hingeley, Prin High School	7	\$25 00	950 00	\$175 00
James Burrier, do,	6	25 00		150 00
Hattie F Weeks, Ass't do,	13	10 00	380 00	130 00
H D Newton, Prin Gram School	13	20 00	760 00	260 00
Addie S Mitchell, Ass't do,	13	9 00	342 00	117 00
Ella A Small, High Intermed'te	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Abbie N Hamlen, do,	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Rebecca D Sparks, do,	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Annie B Frellick, Intermediate	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
Abbie C Sparks, do,	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
Lucinda W Whorf, do,	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
M Jennie Keefe, Primary,	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Sara C Cavanagh, do,	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Isalinda Chapman, do,	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Mary C Richardson, do,	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Emma Chapman, do,	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Nellie B Hilliard, do,	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Bessie G Wiley, do,	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Total Yearly Salaries,			\$5,928 00	
Total Salaries Spring Term,				<u>\$2,028 00</u>

FALL TERM, 1881.

	Number of Weeks.	Salary per Week.	Amount for Year of 38 Weeks.	Amount for the Term.
A M Osgood Prin High School,	12	\$25 00	\$950 00	\$300 00
Nannie W Paine, Ass't do,	12	10 00	380 00	120 00
H D Newton, Prin Gram School	12	20 00	760 00	240 00
Addie S. Mitchell, Ass't do.	12	9 00	342 00	108 00
Ella A Small, High Intermediate	12	8 50	323 00	102 00
Abbie N Hamlen, do,	12	8 50	323 00	102 00
Rebecca D Sparks, do,	12	8 50	323 00	102 00
Lucinda W Whorf, Intermediate	12	7 00	266 00	84 00
Annie B Frellick, do,	12	7 00	266 00	84 00
Abbie C Sparks, do,	12	7 00	266 00	84 00
Bessie G Wiley, Primary,	12	6 50	247 00	78 00
Mary Richardson, do,	12	6 50	247 00	78 50
Emma Chapman, do,	12	6 50	247 00	78 50
Nellie B Hilliard, do,	12	6 50	247 00	78 50
Isalinda Chapman, do,	12	6 50	247 00	78 50
Sara C Cavanagh, do,	12	6 50	247 00	78 50
M Jennie Keef, do,	12	6 50	247 00	78 50
Total Yearly Salaries,			\$5,928 00	
Total Salaries for Winter Term,				<u>\$1,872 00</u>

JANITOR'S SALARIES.

	Building.	No. of Wk's.	Price per week.	Amount.
WINTER TERM				
J Pinkney, fires and sweeping,	Eastern,	13	2 00	26 00
George C. Hill, do	Johnson Street,	13	1 00	13 00
Henry Harvender, do	Centre,	13	2 00	26 00
Geo. A. Beaty, do	West'n & Conant,	13	3 00	39 00
J. W. Beaty, do	High & Grammar,	1	2 50	2 50
J. H. Dearborn, do	do	12	2 50	30 00
				\$136 50
SPRING TERM.				
J H Dearborn, fires, sweeping,	Eastern,	11	2 00	22 00
Joseph Pinkney, do	Eastern,	2	2 00	5 00
George C. Hill, do	Johnson Street,	13	1 00	13 00
Henry Harvender, do	Centre,	13	2 00	26 00
J H Dearborn, do	High & Grammar,	13	2 50	32 50
George A Beaty, do	Conant Street,	13	1 00	13 00
George A Beaty, do	Western,	13	2 00	26 00
				\$137 50
FALL TERM.				
J H Dearborn, fires, sweeping,	Eastern,	12	2 00	24 00
George C Hill, do	Johnson Street,	12	1 00	12 00
Henry Harvender, do	Centre,	12	2 00	24 00
J H Dearborn, do	High & Grammar,	12	2 50	30 00
George A Beaty, do	Conant Street,	12	1 00	12 00
George A Beaty, do	Western,	12	2 00	24 00
				\$126 00

RECAPITULATION.

Balance in town treasury Jan. 1, 1880,	\$2,206 33
Appropriation 1881,	7,050 00
Massachusetts school fund,	238 00
	\$9,494 33

Deduct:	
Salaries, Winter term 1880 & 1881,	
Teachers,	\$2,110 50
Janitors,	136 50
Balance for 1881,	7,247 33
	\$9,494 33

Balance,	\$7,247 33
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Deduct:	
Salaries, Spring term 1881,	
Teachers,	\$2,028 00
Janitors,	137 50
	\$2,165 50
Salaries, Fall Term 1881,	
Teachers,	\$1,872 00
Janitors,	126 00
	\$1,998 00

FUEL.

A. T. Williams, bal. contract	
34 3-4 tons coal, \$5.35,	\$185 94
J. D. Hilliard, as per contract 52 tons coal, \$6.36,	330 72
A. T. Williams as per contract, 24 1-4 tons coal, 5.92,	143 56
J. D. Hilliard, wood kindlings,	4 87
A. T. Williams, do	20 30
Samuel Taylor, sawing wood,	3 40
	\$688 79

MISCELLANEOUS.

H. Shortle salary Superintendent,	\$350 00	
J. H. Dearborn, cleaning and labor on High School building,	20 00	
N. T. Freeman, advertising proposals for coal,	3 00	
	<u>373 00</u>	
		<u>\$5,225 29</u>
Jan. 1, 1882, balance in the hands of town Treas.	\$2022 04	
At the close of the present term of 13 weeks there will be due to be deducted from the above balance:		
Salaries of Teachers,	\$2145 00	
Salaries of Janitors,	136 50	
Fuel,	50 00	
	<u>2,331 50</u>	
School year short of requirements,		\$309 46
	<u>\$2,331 50</u>	<u>2,331 50</u>

BOY'S WINTER SCHOOL.

Salary of C. K. Sullivan, Teaching 12 weeks,	\$225 00	
J. A. Swasey, maps, &c.,	25 00	
Fuel,	26 75	
		<u>\$276 75</u>
Balance in town treasury Jan. 1, 1880,	\$293 50	
Appropriation 1881,	275 00	
Balance in town treasury,		291 75
	<u>\$568 50</u>	<u>568 50</u>

SCHOOL-BOOK REPORT.

Dr.

Jan. 10, 1881, books on hand,	\$346 76	
Balance due A. L. Putnam & Co.,		11 47
		<u>\$335 29</u>

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Jan. 10, 1882, books on hand,	\$324 08
Balance due town,	11 21
	<u>\$335 29</u>

RECOMMENDATIONS:

For salaries of Teachers Janitors, and for fuel there will be required the sum of	\$7,000 00
For Incidental expenses,	500 00
School house repairs,	300 00
Salary of teachers, fuel and other expenses for Boy's Winter School,	300 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY SHORTLE,
A. L. PUTNAM,
J. D. HILLIARD.

School Committee.