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ANNUAL REPORT
 OF THE
 TOWN OFFICERS
 OF THE
 TOWN OF ACTON
 (MASS.)

— FROM —

✦ MARCH 12, 1894, TO MARCH 12, 1895. ✦



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Town Officers = 1894.

TOWN CLERK.

Horace ~~William D.~~ Tuttle.

SELECTMEN.

E. F. Conant. Daniel J. Wetherbee. Isaiah Hutchins.

ASSESSORS.

Phineas Wetherbee. James B. Tuttle. Anson C. Piper.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

~~James B. Tuttle.~~ Edwin C. Parker. Lyman Tuttle. *M 2 12*

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Wm. F. Stevens.

TREASURER.

Jonathan K. W. Wetherbee.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Herman A. Gould. William H. Kinsley. Nahum Littlefield.

AUDITOR.

Hiram J. Hapgood.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Chas. J. Williams. Isaiah Hutchins. Horace F. Tuttle.
Frank A. Houston. Wm. H. Hartwell.

CONSTABLES AND FIELD DRIVERS.

James Kinsley. Edwin A. Phalen. William F. Stevens.
Reuben L. Reed.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

John Fletcher. Levi W. Stevens. Horace F. Tuttle.

FENCE VIEWERS.

Nahum C. Reed. Francis Conant. J. R. Houghton.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER, ETC.

Augustus Fletcher. Ed. F. Richardson. Edgar H. Hall.
Jonathan P. Fletcher. Herbert T. Clark. John F. Davis.
George H. Harris. James E. Billings.

INSPECTOR OF CATTLE.

Alvord H. Rose.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Samuel A. Guilford. Julian Tuttle. James McGreen.
Wm. D. Tuttle, Clerk.

TRUSTEES OF WILDE MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

Luther Conant. Moses Taylor. Daniel J. Wetherbee.
Adelbert Mead. Delette H. Hall. Hiram J. Hapgood.
William D. Tuttle. Chas. J. Williams. Lucius A. Hesselton.

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Wm. H. Kinsley. Daniel H. Farrar.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Wm. F. Stevens.

WEIGHERS OF HAY AND COAL.

Jona P. Fletcher. D. J. Wetherbee. Eugene Stevens.
Charles J. Williams.

UNDERTAKER.

Isaac F. Duren.

JANITOR OF TOWN HALL.

Chas. W. Pitman.

Treasurer's Report.

TOWN OF ACTON in account with J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
Treasurer.

1895.

DR.

March 12.	To cash paid, State tax,	\$1,300 00
	“ “ County tax,	1,421 70
	“ “ on Selectmen's orders,	\$28,787 65
	Balance due the town,	740 78

\$32,250 13

1894.

CR.

March 12.	By balance in the treasury,	\$2,844 94
	Received from First National Bank of Ayer, borrowed money,	3,000 00
	First National Bank of Ayer, bor- rowed money,	2,000 00
	Estate of William Davis, borrowed money,	400 00
	Nathan Johnson, for grass in Wood- lawn cemetery,	6 00
	Arthur Jones, for support of Mrs. A. M. Jones,	116 00
	James B. Tuttle, for milk sold at Town Farm,	680 60
	James B. Tuttle, for one cow sold at Town Farm,	30 00
	Cattle Commissioners, for one cow at Town Farm,	17 00
	James B. Tuttle, for apples sold at Town Farm,	227 13

Rec'd James B. Tuttle, for poultry sold at Town Farm,	\$37 78
James B. Tuttle, for eggs sold at Town Farm,	87 08
James B. Tuttle, for wood sold at Town Farm,	71 36
James B. Tuttle, for peas sold at Town Farm.	5 60
James B. Tuttle, for bbls. sold at Town Farm.	3 80
James B. Tuttle, for calves sold at Town Farm,	12 25
James B. Tuttle, for one umbrella Town Farm,	1 25
James B. Tuttle, for keeping tramp over night,	1 00
C. H. Clark, on account of super- vision of schools,	375 00
Arthur Blanchard, for license to slaughter,	1 00
Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee, license to slaughter,	1 00
Fobes & Clough, license to slaughter,	1 00
Moses A. Reed, license to slaughter,	1 00
L. W. Stevens, for lots sold in Mount Hope cemetery,	54 00
John Fletcher, for lots sold in Woodlawn cemetery,	18 00
Estate of Sylvester Haynes, hospital expenses,	51 00
Estate of Sylvester Haynes, burial expenses,	55 63
Acton Memorial Library, for fines,	12 83
District Court of Central Massachu- setts, for fines,	91 40

Rec'd State Treasurer, corporation tax,	\$557 11
State Treasurer, National bank tax,	191 45
State Treasurer, Military aid, Chap. 279, acts 1889,	158 75
State Treasurer, State aid, Chap. 301, acts 1889,	552 00
State Treasurer, support of State pauper,	2 50
State Treasurer, income of Mass. School fund,	216 06
County Treasurer, award on turn- pike,	1,000 00
County Treasurer, dog tax,	206 70
Towns of North Brookfield and Stur- bridge, for printing truant, notices,	1 82
Town of Boxboro, for tuition of Alice P. Willard and Alex Losau,	40 00
F. O'Neil, for glass broken at East school house,	45
F. W. Robbins, for shingles and scantling,	5 28
C. W. Pitman, for rent of Town hall and cellar,	90 25
Wm. F. Stevens, Collector, taxes for A. D. 1893,	856 00
Wm. F. Stevens, Collector, taxes for A. D. 1894,	18,080 57
Interest on money in bank,	87 54

\$32,250 13

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

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

1895.

March 12.

DR.

To Hepsabeth Piper fund,	\$50 00	
Frederick Rouillard fund,	100 00	
William W. Davis fund,	100 00	
Jedediah Tuttle fund,	50 00	
Nancy K. Handley fund,	500 00	
Mary Skinner fund,	200 00	
Eliza A. Whitcomb fund,	75 00	
Cash received from the Town for care of lots,	32 24	
	\$1,107 24	

CR.

By cash paid Moses A Reed, for labor on lot of Nancy R. Handley,	27 24	
By cash paid Nathan Johnson, for labor on lot of Frederick Rouillard,	5 00	
By cash in treasury,	1,075	
	\$1,107 24	

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

I have examined the report of the Treasurer and find it correct.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD,
Auditor of the Town of Acton.

Selectmen's Report.

To the Citizens of Acton :

We respectfully submit to you our annual report, together with recommendations for the current year.

For Memorial Library,	\$550 00
“ Celebration 19th of April,	500 00
“ Roads and bridges,	2,300 00
“ State Tax,	1,400 00
“ County Tax,	1,400 00
“ Overlayings,	400 00
“ Schools,	4,400 00
“ Supt. of schools,	475 00
“ Transportation of scholars,	755 00
“ School supplies,	475 00
“ Scientific apparatus,	100 00

Town charges, the following :

Discount on taxes,	\$1,000 00	
Interest of debt,	225 00	
Printing,	150 00	
Support of poor,	700 00	
Town officers,	1100 00	
Cemetery expenses,	225 00	
Street lamps.	350 00	
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,000 00	4,750 00

\$17,505 00

Should you vote according to these recommendations at your April meeting, your rate of taxation for the present year need not exceed \$11.00 and still reduce the debt about \$1,000. We

base our estimate on the ordinary expenses of the year. Should you sell the Town Farm, then your receipts would be increased sufficient to cancel the debt and place a credit to the town.

Then with the town out of debt and our rate of taxation not over \$10. we would be on a good financial standing to take up the water question.

Following is the Financial Report:

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

CENTRE SCHOOL.

Paid Susie E. Conant, teacher, 36 weeks,	\$360 00
Nathan Johnson, janitor,	45 00
“ “ cutting and getting in wood,	13 53
“ “ matches,	20
George Greenough, 6,450 lbs. coal,	18 38
H. F. Tuttle, for cleaning room,	4 65
Luther Conant, wood,	14 90
M. E. Taylor & Co., wire,	90
“ “ “ oil,	10

\$457 66

NORTH SCHOOL.

Paid Lillian Richardson, teacher, 12 weeks,	\$108 00
“ “ “ 24 “	240 00
John Maines, janitor,	19 00
Samuel Harris, “	2 00
W. B. Harriman, “	6 00
John Maines, cleaning,	10 00
E. Jones & Co., 1810 lbs. coal,	5 25
W. H. Hartwell, wood,	3 50
“ “ “ teaming coal,	2 00
“ “ “ wood,	2 00
Bickford, coal,	2 92
E. Jones & Co., 6000 lbs. coal,	18 00
“ “ 7290 “	21 87

Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 2 curtains,	\$1 00
M. E. Taylor & Co., 1 sieve,	20
“ “ 1 broom,	35

\$442 09

EAST SCHOOL.

Paid Lucy M. Booth, teacher, 12 weeks,	\$120 00
Ida A. Hapgood, “ 24 weeks,	240 00
Frank O'Neil, janitor,	12 25
Watts, “	9 00
Johnson, “	8 00
Mrs. Manion, cleaning room,	3 50
D. J. Wetherbee, 11180 lbs. coal,	27 45
James R. Cole, teaming,	2 25
W. C. Robbins, 2 cords wood,	8 00
O. Houghton, cutting “	2 00
M. E. Taylor & Co., pails,	45
“ “ 2 brushes,	55
“ “ 1 “	1 25
“ “ 1 coal hod,	45
“ “ 1 thermometer,	15
“ “ broom,	35
“ “ 1 dipper,	10

\$435 75

SOUTH SCHOOLS.

Paid Hattie L. Tuttle, teacher, Grammar, 36 weeks,	\$360 00
Bertha L. Gardner, teacher, Primary, 36 weeks,	360 00
C. L. Bradford, janitor,	90 00
“ “ cleaning rooms,	5 00
“ “ cutting and getting in wood,	2 25
Elnathan Jones, 1 cord wood,	5 00
I. F. Duren, 3-4 “ “	3 00

Paid M. Hammon, cleaning vault, (2),	\$ 2 00
F. J. Hastings & Co., 2100 lbs. coal,	6 56
Ella Miller, asst. teacher, spring term, primary,	20 00
F. J. Hastings, 10145 lbs. coal,	28 41
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 1 pail,	17
“ “ “ 1 dipper,	10
“ “ “ 2 dust pans,	20
“ “ “ brush,	35
“ “ “ 1 duster,	67
“ “ “ screws and paper,	24
“ “ “ 2 dippers,	66
“ “ “ polish,	30
“ “ “ 1 blacking,	08
“ “ “ chain,	20
“ “ “ bot. glue,	12
“ “ “ sal. ammonia, 1	00
“ “ “ 1 watering pot,	25
“ “ “ 1 paper tacks,	05

 \$886 61

WEST SCHOOLS.

Paid Albertie M. Preston, teacher, Grammar, 36 weeks,	\$360 00
Harriet H. Gardner, teacher, Primary, 36 weeks,	360 00
F. W. Green, janitor,	77 00
“ “ cleaning rooms,	4 95
E. C. Parker & Co., 2110 lbs. coal,	6 75
“ “ 17890 “	48 30
W. B. Holt, 2 dippers,	50
C. H. Mead & Co., 2 bot. mucilage,	20
“ “ 7 yds. cord,	21
“ “ 1 duster,	2 25
“ “ pr. trimmers,	45

Paid C. H. Mead & Co., 1 mug,	\$ 10
“ “ 2 brooms,	48
“ “ ivoryine,	12
“ “ soapine,	12
“ “ ball cord,	10

\$861 53

HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid W. A. Charles, principal, 36 weeks,	\$1,000 00
Flórence Fletcher, asst. teacher, 36 wks.,	450 00
C. L. Bradford, janitor,	90 00
“ “ cleaning rooms,	5 00
F. J. Hastings & Co., 2100 lbs. coal,	6 56
“ “ 10145 “	28 40
C. J. Williams, for orchestra for gradu- uating exercises,	15 00
“ “ for constable for gradu- ating exercises,	2 00
“ “ work in hall for gradu- ating exercises,	60
“ “ book for prizes.	2 15
J. L. Hammett, writing diplomas,	1 50
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 1 brush,	67
“ “ “ 3 yds. ribbon,	54
“ “ “ curtain fixture,	12
“ “ “ 1 brush,	2 00
“ “ “ 2 baskets,	2 00
“ “ “ 1 dipper,	33

\$1,606 87

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Paid J. L. Hammett,	\$195 61
Ginn & Co.,	142 31
Am. Book Co.,	163 20
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	10 41
Lee & Shepard,	15 92

Paid University Publishing Co.,	\$ 15 00	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	6 98	
Maynard, Merrill & Co.,	4 00	
Public School Printing Co.,	3 15	
Wm. Jennings, express,	5 12	
C. J. Williams, for express,	3 15	
		\$564 85

SCIENTIFIC APPARATUS.

Paid Thomas Hall & Son,	\$109 56
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TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOLARS.

Paid W. S. Jones, South East scholars,	\$180 00
Paid for scholars to High School:—	
J. W. Parsons, 1,	24 00
John Maynes, 1,	24 00
Mrs. Kate Varney, 1, one term,	7 50
D. J. Wetherbee, 1,	21 00
J. A. Bassett, 1,	21 00
F. E. Emory, 1, two terms,	14 00
S. H. Taylor, 1,	19 00
W. G. Davis, 1, two terms,	14 00
C. I. Miller, 2,	54 00
“ “ 1, one term,	6 00
Luther Conant, 1,	18 00
M. E. Taylor, 2,	36 00
G. W. Poore, 1,	12 00
F. P. Wood, 1,	18 00
E. F. Conant, 1,	18 00
Charles Edwards, 1,	18 00
Robert Wayne, 1,	18 00
L. C. Taylor, 1,	18 00
Mrs. Jennie M. Kraetzer, 1,	9 00
Mrs. Caroline Handley, 1,	9 00
W. H. Teele, 1, one term,	3 00
C. N. Holbrook, 1,	9 00

Paid Mrs. Emma Gilmore, 1. one term,	\$ 3 00
Thos. Scanlon, 1,	9 00
H. A. Littlefield, 2,	18 00
G. W. Clark, 1, two terms,	6 00
F. R. Knowlton, 1,	9 00
Geo. B. Parker, 1,	9 00
S. A. Guilford, 1,	9 00
John Davis, 1,	9 00
David C. Cutler, 1,	9 00
J. A. Goding, 1,	9 00
A. M. Knowlton. 1,	9 00
W. L. Mead, 1,	9 00
Mrs. E. I. Teele, 1,	9 00
J. E. Richardson, 1,	9 00
Amanda Bryant, 1,	9 00
Geo. A. Hayward, 1, one term,	3 00
A. F. Blanchard, 1, " "	3 00
Geo. B. Wetherbee, 1,	9 00
E. S. Rich, 1, two terms,	6 00
Franklin Leighton, 1, " "	6 00
F. H. Whitcomb, 1, " "	6 00
Eliza J. Shattuck, 1, " "	6 00
David C. Harris, 1, " "	18 00
Geo. T. Knowlton, 1, one "	3 00

 \$765 50

STREET LAMPS.

Paid Henry Barker, 2,	\$4 96
E. I. Banks,	2 48
L. V. Clough, 2,	4 96
Gardner Clark,	2 48
I. F. Duren,	2 48
O. L. Dart,	2 48
A. J. Fletcher,	2 48
J. P. Flether,	4 96

Paid H. J. Hapgood,	\$2 48
F. A. Houston,	2 48
F. J. Hastings & Co.,	2 48
L. S. Hosmer,	2 48
L. A. Hesselton,	2 48
Francis Hosmer,	2 48
D. C. Harris,	2 48
W. H. Jones,	2 48
Elmathan Jones,	2 48
A. H. Jones,	2 48
Mrs. M. E. Lothrop,	2 48
Frank Merriam,	2 48
A. Merriam, 2,	4 96
A. C. Piper,	2 48
Mrs. Ruth Piper,	2 48
E. N. Robbins,	2 48
Tuttle, Jones and Wetherbee, 3,	7 44
F. Z. Taylor,	2 48
Edwin Tarbell,	2 48
G. W. Worster,	2 48
C. S. Simonds,	2 48
Acton Centre Improvement Society, 65,	161 20
West Acton Street Lighting Asso., 41,	101 68

\$349 68

STATE AID.

Paid W. B. Ball (Chap. 279, Acts 1889) board	
52 weeks,	\$182 50
Allen G. Smith, “	60 00
Addison B. Wheeler, “	60 00
Mary Jane Brown, Chap. 301, Acts 1889,	
1 month,	2 00
Emma F. Blood, “ “	
12 months,	48 00
Richard J. Dane, “ “	
12 months,	60 00

Paid Louisa Hobart, Chap. 301, Acts of 1889,		
2 months,		\$ 8 00
Achsa Hanscom,	“ “	
12 months,		48 00
Aaron C. Handley,	“ “	
12 months,		72 00
Sarah E. Handley,	“ “	
12 months,		48 00
Eliza J. Shattuck,	“ “	
12 months,		48 00
Luke Smith,	“ “	
12 months,		48 00
Mary Smith,	“ “	
12 months,		48 00
Rebecca C. Wright,	“ “	
12 months,		48 00
Susan B. Winn,	“ “	
12 months,		48 00
Phebe F. Wood,	“ “	
12 months,		48 00

\$876 50

CEMETERY EXPENSES.

Paid L. W. Stevens, labor in Mt. Hope,	\$95
Nathan Johnson, labor in Woodlawn,	91
“ “ “ “ Rouillard Lot,	3
Moses A. Reed, “ “ Handley “	27
“ “ “ “ Woodlawn,	14
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 200 lbs. manure,	4
E. Jones & Co., lumber and plank,	1
W. B. Holt, labor and repairs on Pump,	16
Charles Wheeler, labor in Woodlawn,	1
Levi W. Stevens, for lumber,	
“ “ “ making out deeds,	2

257 94

MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

Paid D. A. Cutler, transporting books,	\$52 00
Mrs. Ida Tuttle, librarian,	104 00
C. D. Clark, janitor to July 1st,	30 77
O. D. Wood, " from July 1st,	69 72
" " for kindling wood,	1 00
Joseph F. Scott, printing 10,000 slips,	6 00
" " " 400 supplements,	6 00
Augustine Hosmer, " 300 vouchers,	1 25
F. J. Hastings & Co., 13,485 lbs coal,	38 43
Henry D. Noyes & Co., magazines,	24 00
DeWolfe Fiske & Co., books,	137 78
F. J. Barnard & Co., binding magazines,	17 03
W. D. Tuttle, magazine,	1 00
C. D. Clark; work,	1 25
M. E. Taylor & Co., wicks,	70
" " " chimneys,	67
" " " paint,	10
" " " glue,	10
" " " 158 gallons oil,	12 64

 \$504 44

SUPPORT OF POOR ON FARM.

Paid James B. Tuttle, 1 horse,	\$125 00
" " freight on same,	2 80
" " 1 harness,	28 00
" " 1 mowing machine,	36 00
J. E. Ordway, service,	350 00
M. E. Taylor & Co., store bill,	292 97
Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee, store bill,	73 12
F. J. Hastings, grain,	233 52
E. C. Parker, "	70 87
W. E. Whitcomb, meat,	7 03
Sanderson & Kimball, meat,	1 96
" " "	4 78

Paid C. H. Clark, harness repaired,	\$ 6 50
F. J. Barker, medical attendance,	13 50
O. L. Newcomb, blacksmithing,	35 12
W. E. Whitcomb, meat,	23 27
Rev. F. P. Wood, service at funeral,	3 00
I. F. Duren, burial of J. T. Hunt,	15 00
J. B. Tuttle, 1 cow,	37 00
W. B. Holt,	1 60
Francis Pratt, sawing lumber,	2 23
J. B. Tuttle, for goods and labor,	98 13
	\$1,461 40

SUPPORT OF POOR NOT ON FARM.

Paid Solon Robbins, support Mrs. Augusta Jones,	\$236 00
Solon Robbins, care of Mrs. Augusta Jones,	10 00
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, support of Emily Towne,	126 75
Worcester Insane Asylum, " " Clara Wheeler,	169 46
Danvers Lunatic Hospital, " " Richard Temple,	48 28
City of Lowell, " " Kingsley children,	103 28
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, aid for Mrs. J. Quinlan,	110 38
Massachusetts Hosp'l., care of Sylvester Haynes,	51 00
O. S. Fowler, burial expense, Sylvester Haynes,	55 63
Edwin Tarbell, aid for Mrs. James McLaughlin,	9 32
Moses Taylor, " " " " McLaughlin, wood,	4 00

I. F. Duren, burial expenses, Mrs. Augusta Jones,	16 00
F. P. Wood, services at funeral, Mrs. Augusta Jones,	3 00
Dr. F. J. Barker, medical attendance on Mrs. Augustus Jones,	2 75
Dr. F. J. Barker, medical attendance on James Flood,	1 25
J. B. Tuttle, expense to Boston,	3 72
“ “ “ to Lowell,	64
“ “ “ to Waltham,	88
Dr. J. E. Marsh, for W. B. Ball,	2 00
E. Jones & Co., coal for Mrs. Jas. McLaughlin,	3 34
Dr. I. Hutchins, expenses to Boston,	2 00

\$959 68

LOANS PAID.

Paid Wm. D. Tuttle, note,	\$550 00
Wm. D. Tuttle, Int. from June 8, '93, to March 29, '94.	22 23
John A. Bowen, Int. 1 1-2 yrs. on \$1,000 to Dec. 6, '94,	75 00
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, note,	1,500 00
“ “ “ Int. from June 20, '93, to May 10, '95,	66 67
P. V. Hapgood, 1 yrs. Int. on \$500. note to June 1, '94,	25 00
Estate of Wm. Davis, 1 yrs. Int. on \$350, note to May 12, '94,	17 50
Estate of Wm. Davis, 1 yrs. Int. on \$1,028, note to Oct. 18, '94,	51 40
F. H. Jones, 1 yrs. Int. on \$600, note to Apr. 27, '94,	30 00
F. H. Jones, 1 yrs. Int. on \$700, note to June 15, '94,	35 00

Paid Varnum Tuttle, 1 yrs. Int. on \$700, note to Apr. 17, '94,	\$35 00
Varnum Tuttle, 1 yrs. Int. on \$540, note to July 14, '94,	27 00
Mrs. W. W. Davis, 1 yrs. Int. on Ceme- tery fund,	5 00
Young People Christian Union note,	100 00
“ “ “ “ Interest from June 30, '93, to Sept. 4, '94,	5 89
Ayer National Bank, note,	3,000 00
“ “ “ 6 months' Int. at 4 1-2 per cent.,	67 50
Ayer National Bank, note,	2,000 00
“ “ “ 6 months' Int.,	30 00
Varnum Tuttle, note,	540 00
“ “ “ Int. from July 14, '94, to Mar. 5, '95,	17 32
Varnum Tuttle, note,	700 00
“ “ “ Int. from Apr. 17, '94, to Mar. 5, '95,	30 92

\$8,931 43

PRINTING.

Paid Enterprise Printing Co., reports,	110 20
“ “ “ April warrant,	3 75
“ “ “ Sept. “	2 75
“ “ “ Nov. “	3 75
“ “ “ posters,	1 00
Augustine Hosmer, 500 envelopes,	1 75
“ “ 500 letter heads,	1 75
“ “ 600 orders,	3 75
“ “ truant notices,	2 75
“ “ notices,	1 00
“ “ 200 orders,	1 00
“ “ 500 folders and print'g,	5 00

Paid Augustine Hosmer, 1000 circulars,	\$2 50
Campbell & Hanscom, cards,	1 50
“ “ 25 check lists,	7 00
Joseph F. Scott, reward notices,	1 75

\$151 20

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Wm. D. Tuttle, clerk,	\$30 00
J. K. W. Wetherbee, treasurer,	80 00
E. Faulkner Conant, selectman,	95 00
Daniel J. Wetherbee, “	50 00
Isaiah Hutchins, “	50 00
Phineas Wetherbee, assessor,	53 00
James B. Tuttle, “	30 00
Anson C. Piper, “	30 00
James B. Tuttle, overseer of poor,	60 00
Edwin C. Parker, “ “	15 00
Lyman Tuttle, “ “	20 00
Edward Dixon, Supt. of schools,	532 39
Charles J. Williams, school committee,	67 23
Horace Tuttle, “ “	15 00
Isaiah Hutchins, “ “	15 00
W. H. Hartwell, “ “	10 00
William D. Tuttle, registrar of voters, '93,	15 00
Samuel Guilford, “ “ “	12 00
Julian Tuttle, “ “ “	12 00
James McGreen, “ “ “	12 00
William D. Tuttle, “ “ '94	15 00
Samuel Guilford, “ “ “	12 00
Julian Tuttle, “ “ “	12 00
James McGreen, “ “ “	12 00
T. F. Newton, election officer,	3 00
H. J. Hapgood, “ “	3 00
James McGreen, “ “	3 00
Abram Tuttle, “ “	3 00

Paid Lyman C. Taylor, election officer,	\$3 00
Horace F. Tuttle, " "	3 00
C. J. Williams, " "	3 00
E. A. Phalen, " "	3 00
C. H. Mead, " "	3 00
C. B. Stone, " "	3 00
H. A. Littlefield, " "	3 00
W. F. Kelly, " "	3 00
E. A. Phalen, special police July 4,	2 50
W. S. Kelly, " " "	2 50
James Kingsley, special police July 4,	2 50
R. S. Reed, constable enforcing liquor law,	25 00
R. S. Reed, constable enforcing game law,	4 00
R. S. Reed, constable July 4,	2 00
" " " election returns,	2 50
James Kingsley, constable Taylor case,	1 50
C. L. Bradford, school committee,	1 25
A. W. Armstrong, school committee, 1893 and 1894,	17 50
H. J. Hapgood, auditor,	6 00
W. F. Stevens, sealer weights and meas- ures,	5 00
A. H. Rose, inspector of cattle,	125 00
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	\$1,487 87

SOLDIER'S RELIEF.

Paid City of Marlboro, aid for W. F. B. Whitney,	\$4 00
Dr. I. Hutchins, medical attendance on Mrs. R. C. Wright,	22 25
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	\$26 25

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Nahum Littlefield,		\$779 44
“ “ Centre district,		225 00
H. A. Gould,		789 81
“ “ Centre district,		225 00
W. H. Kingsley,		825 74
E. Jones & Co., plank,		6 11
S. A. Guilford, blacksmith bill,		3 10
O. L. Newcomb, “ “		6 52
D. H. Farrar, fixing plow,		75
W. H. Kingsley, plow point,		50
Calvin Harris, 225 loads gravel,		11 25
Moses Taylor, 112 “ “		5 60
F. H. Whitcomb, 208 “ “		10 40
A. M. Knowlton, 197 “ “		9 85
N. A. Davidson, 140 “ “		7 00
Jerry McCarthy, 51 “ “		2 55
Millard Handley, covering stone,		1 00
Thos. McCarthy, “ “		6 00
W. B. Holt, pipe,		43 41
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		\$2,959 03

REPAIRS ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Paid Fred Billings, repairs East schoolhouse,	\$1 50
“ “ labor, shingling North and East schoolhouse,	44 69
Spofford Robbins, repairing door, Town Hall,	1 00
C. J. Williams, repairs on East school- house,	1 60
E. Jones & Co., shingles for North and East schoolhouses,	129 56
Charles L. Davis, painting Centre school- house,	125 11

Paid W. L. Mead, repairs, Centre schoolhouse,	\$34 00
H. F. Tuttle, " " "	5 40
Spofford Robbins, repairs, Centre schoolhouse,	2 75
John Temple, repairs, East schoolhouse,	2 00
" " " North "	3 00
Frank E. Harris, work on North schoolhouse grounds,	3 50
Frank E. Harris, work " " " house well,	1 50
Keith & Barr, repairs " " " house,	23 40
J. W. Henderson, " " South " house,	25 24
C. L. Bradford, sand " " house,	1 00
I. W. W. Taylor, sand " " house,	1 25
Nathan Johnson, repairing Flagg Centre school,	1 50
M. Hannon, work on South school ground,	7 70
C. L. Bradford, " " " " ground,	2 25
A. Johnson, " " East " ground,	1 50
Henry Warden " " " " ground,	32
W. B. Holt, repairs " West " house,	5 95
Frank Harris, " " " " house,	7 47
Samuel Jones, Jr., repairs on South schoolhouse,	40 57
Francis Jones, " " " schoolhouse,	39 93

J. W. Henderson, repairs on East schoolhouse,	\$13 84
J. W. Henderson, " " South schoolhouse,	13 95
C. L. Davis, " " East schoolhouse,	3 30
Waldo Bros., pipe for well, South school ground,	18 20
W. E. Danforth, ventilators for South schoolhouse,	18 75
E. Jones & Co., lumber for farm,	5 94
" " " " hall,	26 79
F. Z. Taylor, repairs, South schoolhouse,	1 90
H. F. Clark, " West "	12 50
E. Jones & Co.,	1 22
A. J. Tuttle, 2 locks.	3 00
H. Blodgett, express,	15
Thos. Hall & Son, 2 bells, South schoolhouse,	1 70
Thos. Hall & Son, 2 knobs, " " house,	20
Thos. Hall & Son, electric bell, South schoolhouse,	10 00
Nathan Johnson, repairing gong, Centre schoolhouse,	2 00
Keith & Barr, labor on cistern, Centre schoolhouse,	30 89
C. H. Mead & Co., repairs, West schoolhouse,	10
O. D. Wood, repairs at Town Hall,	23 16
Robert Wayne, " " "	3 84
C. W. Pitman, " " "	16 07
John Temple, work in " " cellar,	28 50
E. Jones & Co., brick and lumber, Town Hall cellar,	44 89

Paid M. E. Taylor & Co., repairs, East school-house,	\$ 21
W. H. Hartwell, " North " house,	50
F. W. Green, " pump, West schoolhouse,	50
John Maines, work on North school grounds,	1 00
N. H. Tenney, new gearing for clock,	15 00
O. L. Newcomb, repairing bell frame,	1 75
Adams & Wood, door check and spring for hall,	10 00
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, bronze and paint for hall,	9 29
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	\$832 83

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid C. L. Bradford, ex. on books,	\$ 25
Dr. C. B. Sanders, returning births,	13 25
George B. Parker, for Isaac Davis Post,	100 00
James Kingsley, use of road,	8 00
L. V. Clough, burial Wm. S. Handley,	35 00
Chas. L. Weymouth, services in liquor cases,	71 00
Charles Grady, concreting library walk,	42 40
Moses Taylor, marble dust,	95
W. W. Hendley, building cistern near hall,	150 00
W. W. Hendley, building cistern Centre school,	45 00
Keith & Barr, work on cistern, Centre school,	12 00
W. H. Kingsley, work on cistern, Centre school,	16 30

Paid W. H. Kingsley, work on cistern near hall,	\$27 57
M. A. Reed, digging well for So. school,	37 00
James Devane, varnishing hearse,	20 00
Joseph Symonds, plate for road scraper,	8 50
S. F. Hayward & Co., 200 ft. 1 1-2 in. hose,	60 00
S. F. Hayward & Co., 6 clamps and bolts,	1 35
Fitchburg R. R. Co., freight on hose,	1 50
“ “ “ pipe,	1 13
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 8 fire axes,	13 00
“ “ “ rope,	1 88
“ “ “ 4 pr. butts,	1 25
“ “ “ well covers,	2 62
“ “ “ 2 books,	4 75
W. H. Kingsley, cement and brick for well,	1 25
E. A. Phalen, court fees,	12 24
“ “	3 50
J. K. W. Wetherbee, 1 copy public stat- utes,	4 25
J. K. W. Wetherbee, 1 copy supplement public statutes,	2 85
O. L. Newcomb, repairs on engine and truck at Centre,	15 85
O. L. Newcomb, repairing cistern cover,	35
C. H. Clark, strap for ladder truck,	1 25
C. J. Williams, postage,	6 28
“ “ telephone,	60
“ “ moving desk,	50
“ “ express,	3 49
Geo. Greenough, 2 tons coal, town hall,	11 40
Calvin Harris, lease of gravel pit,	25 00
Moses Taylor, “ “	100 00

Paid Moses Reed, work on schoolhouse cistern,	\$5 50
A. H. Rose, examining cattle at C. Wheeler's,	15 15
Waldo Bros., 2 plow points,	3 30
J. L. Hammett, flags,	9 80
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 6 fire lant'ns,	6 50
J. K. W. Wetherbee, getting lease recorded,	75
Phineas Wetherbee, making out poll tax list,	5 00
“ “ invoice and collector's book,	1 40
“ “ express, postage & stationery,	1 50
Edward Ferns, constable in Harrington case,	2 40
W. H. Teele, land damage, Gates road,	60 00
N. Littlefield, labor on “ “	94 98
H. A. Gould, “ “ “	27 63
W. H. Kingsley, “ “ “	136 10
W. B. Holt, pipe on “ “	60 48
F. H. Whitecomb, 168 lds. gravel “ “	8 40
Mrs. Geo. Gardner, 112 “ “ “	5 60
W. H. Teele, covering stone “ “	3 25
C. L. Bradford, attending Registrars' meeting,	75
Spofford Robbins, fixing voting stalls at Centre,	1 00
Moses Reed, cleaning out North school well,	3 50
Wm. Olin, 4 quarts ink,	1 08
W. B. Holt, pipe for cistern at Centre,	3 76
F. A. Houston, for counsel in J. J. Doyle case,	50 00
R. L. Reed, expense enforcing liquor law,	9 00
F. C. Nash, “ “ “ “	10 50

Paid J. L. Hammett, clock for East school,	\$6 50
Samuel Harris, rep. clock, No. "	75
Samuel Jones, Jr., closet, So. "	11 00
" " book cases for High school,	76 09
E. Jones & Co., 760 lbs. coal for hall,	2 35
W. O. Dockendorff, lowering well at West school,	65 00
G. A. R. Post, use of hall for election and registration meetings,	5 40
Dr. F. Tarker, returns of births,	2 75
Dr. J. E. Marsh, "	3 75
Dr. F. U. Rich, "	1 25
Dr. I. Hutchins, "	1 00
Dr. F. J. Barker, "	3 00
F. J. Barnard & Co., binding town reports,	1 70
W. H. Kingsley, teaming stone for marker at Robbins place,	24 00
C. H. Mead & Co., sections and bolts for scraper,	8 50
Geo. Greenough, wood for hall,	6 25
" " teaming sand for hall cellar,	2 25
I. F. Duren, superintendent of burials,	81 00
" " returns of deaths,	6 00
E. Hillman, 1 deflector for So. school,	2 50
L. Tuttle & Son, trip to West Acton with fire engine,	1 00
Henry Parlin, sawing wood at hall,	90
Varnum Tuttle, rent of land for truck house,	9 00
E. Jones & Co., for cistern cover,	58
C. W. Pitman, care of hall and clock,	77 60
M. E. Taylor & Co., sundries for hall,	18 69

Paid N. H. Tenney, steam heater for hall,	\$485 00
D. C. Harris, lettering marker for Rob- bins place,	43 00
Moses Taylor, 1-2 cord wood, town hall,	2 00
F. C. Nash, counsel in liquor cases,	25 00
Wm. D. Tuttle—	
Recording and indexing 36 deaths,	5 60
“ “ “ 17 marriages,	2 55
Collecting and recording 43 births,	21 50
Making survey and lease of Calvin Harris gravel pit,	3 50
Making survey and lease of Moses Taylor gravel pit,	2 00
Levelling near Nagog Pond,	5 50
Paid Geo. Lee as civil engineer,	6 00
“ for entertaining “	1 75
Copying records for School Commit- tee,	75
Ink for ballot box,	25
Laying out road near J. C. Gates’,	3 00
Meeting Selectmen about Stevens and Cutler road,	1 25
Meeting Road Commissioners about Stevens and Cutler road,	75
Surveying and making plan of road near W. F. Stevens’,	22 00
Dog license blanks,	65
Express,	3 55
Postage,	1 61
Making out deed of land near mon- ument,	1 00
E. Jones & Co., lumber for platform at town pump,	1 15
Wm. F. Stevens—	
Discount on taxes,	1,031 90
Abatement “	66 32

Notify officers to take oath,	\$ 3 25
“ dog owners,	10 00
“ “ “ in 1893,	10 00
Posting town warrants,	3 00
“ “ “ in 1893,	4 50
Horace F. Tuttle, making plan and profile of State road,	60 00
I. W. W. Taylor, breaking out roads,	5 75
J. R. Cole, “ “	8 46
“ “ “ “	7 43
Luke Tuttle & Son, “ “	6 92
N. Littlefield, “ “	48 80
A. C. Piper, “ “	19 90
C. O. Neil, “ “	10 20
Fred S. Whitcomb, “ “	19 81
W. H. Kingsley, “ “	28 22
F. Davis, “ “	2 85
W. C. Robbins, “ “	28 25
H. A. Gould, “ “	18 70
J. K. Wetherbee, postage,	4 35
E.F.Conant, postage, telephone, expenses,	10 16
J. W. Henderson, repairing C. Morris' eavestroughs,	1 20
	\$3,858 98

RECEIPTS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Balance due from treasurer, Mar. 12, 1894,	\$2,844 94
“ “ “ collector, “ “	1,197 87
Appropriation for town charges,	6,000 00
“ schools,	4,400 00
“ school supplies,	550 00
“ scientific apparatus,	100 00
“ transportation of scholars,	970 00
“ Supt. of schools,	475 00

Appropriation for street lamps,	\$350 00
“ Memorial library,	550 00
“ highways,	3,000 00
“ Memorial Day,	100 00
“ State tax,	1,300 00
“ county tax,	1,421 70
“ overlayings,	620 01
Received N. Johnson, for grass in Woodlawn	
cemetery,	6 00
“ Arthur Jones, for support of Mrs.	
A. M. Jones,	116 00
“ J. B. Tuttle, for milk sold on farm,	680 60
“ “ “ 1 cow “ “	30 00
“ Cattle Commissioners, cow sold on	
farm,	17 00
“ J. B. Tuttle, for apples sold on farm,	227 13
“ “ “ poultry “ “	37 78
“ “ “ eggs	87 08
“ “ “ wood “ “	71 36
“ “ “ peas “ “	5 60
“ “ “ bbls. “ “	3 80
“ “ “ calves “ “	12 25
“ “ “ one umbrella sold	
on farm,	1 25
“ J. B. Tuttle, for keeping tramp	
over night on farm,	1 00
“ C. H. Clark, on acct. supervision	
of schools,	375 00
“ Arthur Blanchard, for license to	
slaughter,	1 00
“ Forbes & Clough, for license to	
slaughter,	1 00
“ Moses Reed, for license to slaughter,	1 00
“ Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, for	
license to slaughter,	1 00

Received Stevens, for lots sold in Mt. Hope cemetery,	\$54 00
“ John Fletcher, for lots sold in Woodlawn cemetery,	18 00
“ Estate of Sylvester Haynes, hospital expenses,	51 00
“ Estate of Sylvester Haynes, burial expenses,	55 63
“ Acton Memorial Library, for fines,	12 83
“ District Court Central Massachusetts, for fines,	91 40
“ State Treasurer, corporation tax,	557 11
“ “ “ National bank tax,	191 45
“ “ “ state aid,	552 00
“ “ “ military aid,	158 75
“ “ “ support of state pauper,	2 50
“ State Treasurer, income of Mass. School fund,	216 06
“ County Treasurer, award on turnpike,	1,000 00
“ County Treasurer, dog tax,	206 70
“ Towns of No. Brookfield and Sturbridge, for printing truant notices,	1 82
“ Town of Boxboro, for tuition of Alice Willard and Alex Losan,	40 00
“ F. O’Neil, for glass broken,	45
“ F. W. Robbins, for shingles and scantlings,	5 28
“ C. W. Pitman, for rent of Town hall and cellar,	90 25
“ Interest on money in bank,	87 54
“ Ayer National bank, borrowed money,	5,000 00
“ Estate of Wm. Davis, borrowed money,	400 00
	\$34,348 14

EXPENDITURES.

For support of Centre school,	\$457 66
" North "	442 09
" East "	435 75
" South "	886 61
" West "	861 53
" High "	1,606 87
School supplies,	564 85
" apparatus,	109 56
Transportation of scholars,	765 50
Street lamps,	349 68
State and military aid,	876 50
Cemetery expenses,	257 94
Memorial library,	504 44
Support of poor on farm,	1,461 40
" " not on farm,	959 68
Loans and interest,	8,931 43
Printing,	151 20
Town officers,	1,487 87
Soldiers' relief,	26 25
Roads and bridges,	2,959 03
Repairs on town buildings and grounds,	832 83
Miscellaneous,	3,858 98
State tax,	1,300 00
County tax,	1,421 70
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	\$31,509 35
Balance due from Treasurer,	740 78
" " Collector,	2,098 01
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	\$34,348 14

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

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD,

Auditor of the Town of Acton.

March 12, 1895.

TOWN DEBT, March 12, 1895.

Estate of Wm. Davis, note,	\$1,028 00
Int. on same from Oct. 18, 1894, to March 12, 1895,	20 56
Estate of Wm. Davis, note,	350 00
Int. on same from May 12, 1894, to March 12, 1895,	14 58
Estate of Wm. Davis, note,	400 00
Int. on same from Sept. 20, 1894, to March 12, 1895,	9 55
John A. Bowen, note,	1,000 00
Int. on same from Dec. 6, 1894, to March 12, 1895,	13 33
Frank H. Jones, note,	600 00
Int. on same from April 27, 1894, to March 12, 1895,	26 25
Frank H. Jones, note,	700 00
Int. on same from June 15, 1894, to March 12, 1895,	25 96
Persis V. Hapgood, note,	500 00
Int. on same from June 1, 1894, to March 12, 1895,	19 50
	\$4,707 73
Less amount due from Collector and Treas- urer,	2,838 79
Balance against the Town March 12, 1895,	\$1,868 94

E. FAULKNER CONANT,
DANIEL J. WETHERBEE,
ISAIAH HUTCHINS,

Selectmen of Acton.

List of Jurors.

The following is a list of persons to serve as jurors for the ensuing year, as revised by the Selectmen of Acton, to be submitted to said town at their April meeting.

Gustavus V. Bowen,	Manufacturer.
Elisha H. Cutler,	Farmer.
Francis Conant,	Mason.
I. Warner Flagg,	Merchant.
Hiram E. Gates,	Farmer.
G. E. Holton,	Mechanic.
Eugene Hall,	"
Geo. A. Maynard,	Clerk,
Edgar H. Hall,	Manufacturer.
Samuel Jones, Jr.,	Carpenter.
Lowell A. Jones,	Farmer.
Warren H. Jones,	"
Hanson A. Littlefield,	Merchant.
Nahum Littlefield,	Farmer.
F. P. Morse,	"
C. H. Mead,	Merchant.
John D. Moulton,	Farmer.
Thomas F. Noyes,	"
Hiram W. B. Proctor,	"
Charles W. Pitman,	"
Wm. F. Richardson,	Clerk.
Moses A. Reed,	Farmer.
Wm. F. Stevens,	"
Henry M. Smith,	"
Horace F. Tuttle,	"
James B. Tuttle,	"
Fred S. Whitecomb,	"
John White,	"

E. FAULKNER CONANT,
DANIEL J. WETHERBEE,
ISAIAH HUTCHINS,

Selectmen of Acton.

Report of Overseers of Poor.

ARTICLES ON HAND MARCH 1, 1895.

10 cows,	\$450 00
2 horses,	175 00
Double harness,	25 00
Express harness,	30 00
Driving harness,	10 00
2 horse collars,	5 00
Grain,	5 00
Horse cart,	18 00
Express wagon,	75 00
Mowing machine,	30 00
Old mowing machine,	2 00
2 harrows,	8 00
4 tons hay,	60 00
Hay rake,	15 00
Hay wagon,	15 00
2 wheelbarrows,	6 00
3 apple headers,	2 00
Canvas cover,	2 50
Grind stone,	2 00
Farming tools,	22 00
3 horse blankets,	4 00
2 axes,	2 00
3 wood saws,	2 00
70 hens,	52 50
Canned fruit,	5 00
Soft soap,	2 00
Dried apples,	3 00

Cooking range,	\$30 00	
Tea and coffee,	70	
One half barrel crackers,	65	
Fruit jars,	2 50	
Coal,	75	
4 plows,	15 00	
3 cultivators,	5 00	
Hay cutter,	2 00	
72 apple barrels,	10 80	
7 ladders,	10 00	
Set of measures,	1 40	
Salt,	50	
Bone meal,	25	
2 sleds,	15 00	
12 cords of wood,	60 00	
Lumber,	5 00	
Stone drag,	4 00	
Pung,	8 00	
Steel trap,	75	
Light wagon,	20 00	
20 apple boxes,	2 00	
2 brooms,	50	
Spices,	30	
Sugar,	35	
One half barrel flour,	2 00	
Pails and tubs,	2 00	
Oil tank,	1 00	
	-----	\$1,228 45
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Expenditures,		\$1,461 40
Receipts,		1,174 85

Income less than expenses,		\$286 55
Due from treasury to balance account,	\$286 55	
Interest on Town Farm, \$3,500 at 5 per cent,	175 00	
	-----	\$461 55

Victualing and lodging 1099 tramps at 25 cents each,	\$274 75
Cost of supporting poor on farm,	\$186 80
Whole number of persons, exclusive of tramps, supported at almshouse,	2
Average number,	2
Present number,	2

JAMES B. TUTTLE,
EDWIN C. PARKER,
LYMAN TUTTLE,

Overseers of Poor.

I have examined the report of the Overseers of the Poor and find them correct.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD,

Auditor of the Town of Acton.

Town Clerk's Report for 1894.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN ACTON IN 1894.

No.	Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents.
1.	Jan. 11. 1894.	Frank McCarty.	Thomas and Anna
2.	Jan. 17.	——— Welch.	Son of Walter and Laura
3.	Feb. 6.	Mabel A. Bezamson.	David H. and Ida M.
4.	Feb. 8.	Clifton Hodge Davidson.	Norman A. and M. Alice
5.	Mar: 5.	John A. McCarty.	John and Mary A.
6.	Mar. 12.	Brooks Deyarmond Wheeler.	Elbridge L. and Florence I.
7.	Mar. 16.	Hazel Gertrude Robbins.	Herbert F. and Bessie E.
8.	Mar. 17.	Charles David Smiley.	William J. and Annie
9.	Mar. 22.	Peter Murphy.	Michael and Johanna
10.	April 8.	Daniel J. McNulty.	Edward and Ellen A.
11.	April 22.	Viola Maud Harris.	David C. and Betsey J.
12.	April 29.	David Foley.	Michael and Johanna
13.	May 11.	Jessie Hazel Randall.	Thomas E. and Rebecca
14.	May 16.	James Vernon McGreen.	James and Estella A.
15.	May 17.	John Henry Coughlin.	William C. and Annie
16.	May 25.	Frederic Howard Conant.	Geo. A. and Mabel E.
17.	May 27.	Leon Farrar Gilmore.	Almon H. and Mabel
18.	May 28.	Eva Viola Conant.	——— Mabel E.
19.	June 3.	Paul Ernest Tuttle.	Roswell L. and Anna B.
20.	June 9.	Maud Howard Knowlton.	Amasa M. and Elizabeth F.
21.	June 16.	Mary Ellen Dailey.	Daniel and Mary
22.	June 17.	Marion Nickerson.	Frank H. and Nettie

No.	Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents.
23.	June 18.	Carlton Enoch Hall.	Edgar H. and Angie
24.	June 23.	Eliza Ann Taylor.	Forester J. and Margaret F.
25.	June 28.	Joseph Leonard Barber.	Giles A. and Maggie M.
26.	June 30.	Aloysius Hill.	James and Mary Jane
27.	July 12.	George Henry Ericson.	Adolph and Selma C.
28.	July 19.	——— Rooney.	——— Mary Rooney
29.	Aug. 3.	Philip Edwin Woodward.	Edwin P. and Velmar A.
30.	Aug. 7.	Webster Sanderson Blanchard.	Arthur F. and Charlotte T.
31.	Aug. 20.	Harold T. Whitecomb.	Fred J. and Mary E.
32.	Aug. 24.	William Alfred Lawrence.	Alfred E. and Lillie Annie
33.	Aug. 25.	Ethel Frances Moore.	John Sterling and Ellen L.
34.	Sept. 2.	Howard Wesley Hall.	Eugene L. and Isabelle
35.	Sept. 30.	Guy McLoughlin.	James W. and Delilah
36.	Oct. 2.	Lillian Gertrude Keith.	Geo. G. and Nellie M.
37.	Oct. 21.	Caroline Louise Smith.	Charles W. and Fannie
38.	Oct. 22.	Walter Irving Smith.	George A. and Alma W.
39.	Oct. 31.	Gladys Marie McGregor.	John E. and Ida Marion
40.	Nov. 14.	Marguerite Hazel Willis.	Herbert E. and Evelyn B.
41.	Nov. 19.	Mary Ellen Bailey.	Samuel and Christy Bell
42.	Nov. 22.	Arvilla Blanche Gilmore.	Fred W. and Della
43.	Dec. 29.	Florence Ada Merriam.	Frank A. and Bertha M.

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MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1894.

No. of Marriage. 1894.	Date and Place	Names and Residence of Parties.
1.	Jan. 9. In Concord.	William J. Benery, of Littleton. Flora A. Currie of Acton.
2.	Jan. 10. At W. Acton.	William T. Merriam of Acton. Lizzie B. Whittemore of Acton.
3.	Jan. 28. At Acton.	Otis B. Mott of West Acton. Luella Smith of Acton.
4.	April 25. At W. Acton.	Lyman Tuttle of Acton. Ida A. Hale of Acton.
5.	May 15. At W. Acton.	George E Willis of Fitchburg. Ora J. Cobleigh of Boxborough.
6.	June 26. At W. Acton.	Alfred D. Barter of Rowe. Albina P. Rand of Boston.
7.	June 27. At W. Acton.	Edward Foster Smith of Brookline. Florence Sewell Getchell of West Acton.
8.	June 30. At Acton.	Fred Ellsworth Penniman of South Acton. Josephine Elizabeth Walp of South Acton.
9.	Sept. 17. At W. Acton.	John F. Aldrich of West Acton. Geneva E. Cole of West Acton.
10.	Sept. 18. At W. Concord.	Charles S. Clark of Acton. Lulu M. Lawrence of Concord Junction.
11.	Oct. 4. At So. Acton.	Charles W. Leach of South Acton. Carrie V. Sibley of South Acton.
12.	Oct. 11. At Acton.	George L. Robbins of East Acton. Jessie P. Wood of Acton.
13.	Oct. 17. Peterboro'NH.	George C. Warren of South Acton. Hattie K. Smith of Peterborough, N. H.
14.	Nov. 8. At No. Adams.	Frank B. Farrar of Acton. Dora Jane Welch of Acton.
15.	Nov. 14. At W. Acton.	J. Frank Robbins of Stow. Ada M. Moore of Stow.
16.	Nov. 22. Fitzwill'mNH.	John Campbell of West Acton. Jennie Butcher of Fitzwilliam, N. H.
17.	Dec. 24. At So. Acton.	George W. Stuart of Boston. Ida May Tapley of South Acton.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN ACTON IN 1894.

No.	Date of Death. 1894.	Names of Persons Deceased.	Age		
			Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
1.	Jan. 7.	Horace R. Hosmer,	63	7	
2.	Jan. 9.	Ephraim L. Hall,	50	7	11
3.	Jan. 13.	Mrs. Eliza Wheeler, (m. n., Gleason.)	80	5	13
4.	Jan. 15.	Augustus B. Libby,	48		
5.	Jan. 17.	Son of Walter and Laura Welch,			1-8
6.	Jan. 22.	Mrs. Mary E. Cutler,	65	4	11
7.	Jan. 30.	Ai Robbins,	61	5	29
8.	Feb. 20.	William S. Handley,	53	11	8
9.	Feb. 28.	Mrs. Nellie G. Wheeler,	37	6	14
10.	Mar. 1.	George W. Tuttle,	62	8	19
11.	Mar. 3.	Mrs. Frances A. Bowen,	45	5	
12.	Mar. 18.	Miss Mary Fenesev,	25		
13.	Mar. 25.	John Tuttle Hunt,	85		23
14.	Mar. 23.	Rev. Isaac Case Knowlton,	74	6	16
15.	April 12.	Mrs. Mary E. Hussey,	69	3	9
16.	April 12.	Daniel J. McNulty,			4
17.	June 13.	Mrs. Mary J. Hayward,	61	7	25
18.	June 13.	Sylvester Haynes,	65	10	
19.	June 26.	Charlotte A. Haynes,	51		
20.	July 6.	Mrs. Veronica Bixby,	33	2	7
21.	July 21.	Theresa M. Gallagher,	1	5	11
22.	July 28.	Peter Murphy,		4	7
23.	July 28.	John H. Coughlin,		2	11
24.	July 31.	Joseph E. Barker,	63	4	9
25.	Aug. 5.	John A. McCarthy,		4	29
26.	Aug. 12.	James Waldron,	75		
27.	Aug. 16.	William Hooper,	84	7	22
28.	Aug. 29.	Windsor Pratt,	62	8	12
29.	Sept. 19.	Lester G. Spinney,	1	8	21
30.	Oct. 26.	Harold T. Whitcomb,		2	6
31.	Nov. 13.	George W. Gates,	83	10	15
32.	Nov. 28.	A son of Wm. C. and Mary E. Mehegan.			

33.	Dec.	13.	Irving B. Truette,	11	5	28
34.	Nov.	21.	Walter Irving Smith,			26

LIST OF PERSONS BROUGHT INTO ACTON FOR
BURIAL IN 1894.

No.	Date of 1894.	Death.	Names and Residence.	Age		
				Y.	M.	D.
1.	Jan.	18.	Francis E. Anderson, Fall River,	48		
2.	Jan.	27.	Eliza Ann Drury, Lowell, (Handley.)	39		
3.	Mar.	2.	Mary E. Lothrop, Boston,	36		
4.	Mar.	22.	Cora M. Fiske, Haverhill,	2		8
5.	Jan.	6.	Eliza A. Lawrence, Norwood,	82	2	23
6.	July	15.	Charles C. Babcock, Worcester,	66	5	19
7.	Aug.	6.	Margaret Blanchard, Boxborough.	81		
8.	Aug.	8.	Henderson Blanchard, Excelsior Sp'ngs,	78		
9.	Sept.	1.	Sarah A. Tasker, Somerville, (Wilde.)	74	2	28
10.	Sept.	3.	Daniel W. Hubbard, Lancaster,	71		
11.	Nov.	11.	Elizabeth P. Hanscom, Concord,	93	3	17
12.	Nov.	6.	Harold O. Cloud, Brooklyn, N. Y.,		5	23
13.	Nov.	21.	James S. Wright, Boxborough,	74		8

NAMES OF PERSONS HAVING DOGS LICENSED IN 1894.

Calvin S. Simonds, 1 female.	H. A. Littlefield.
James P. Brown.	Otis B. Mott.
E. Eddie Fletcher.	Constance O'Neil.
Mildred E. Handley.	Foresters J. Taylor.
Charles J. Williams.	A. L. Tuttle.
Charles A. Hodges.	S. H. Taylor.
Jona A. Sleeper.	Geo. W. Worcester.
S. L. Richardson.	Frank Pratt.
Charles Morris.	A. Risso.
Frank W. Bulette.	Chas. F. Shirland.
Ira Manley.	Henry M. Smith.
Warren H. Jones.	M. E. Taylor.

John Davis.	A. L. Noyes.
Frank L. Stiles, 1 female.	Frank R. Stevens.
Henry L. Livermore.	Geo. A. Smith.
A. J. Fletcher.	Ralph Crooker.
John Temple.	Andrew C. Jenkins.
John F. Coughlin.	Fredson P. Brooks.
George H. Brooks.	Moses Taylor.
Mrs. Lottie C. Flagg.	E. H. Jones.
E. F. Shapley.	L. V. Clough.
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 2.	Blanche Varney.
Elnathan Jones.	H. Austin.
Henry Hanson.	Frank E. Harris.
Chas. H. Mead & Co.	B. H. Kimball & Son.
Sidney E. Gray.	Asaph Merriam.
Luke Tuttle.	William B. Manning, 2.
Fred W. Green.	Fred Penniman.
Geo. A. Hayward.	Adelbert Mead.
Irving E. Smith.	Chas. B. Stone.
Francis A. Houston.	May L. Calder.
John W. Randall.	Abel Farrar, female.
Lucius S. Hosmer.	John McGrevey.
Howard E. Faulkner.	Chas. A. Harrington.
W. F. Stevens.	C. C. Leighton.
Albert H. Perkins.	Nahum Littlefield.
John Haniford.	Fred S. Whitcomb.
W. W. Philbrick.	Hattie S. White.
Abel Cole.	F. W. Houghton.
Charles H. Wheeler.	Forbush & Hartwell.
Charles Wheeler.	Wilbur G. Davis.
Adolphus Desseault.	Maurice Lane.
Freeman W. Robbins.	Geo. N. Hoit.
Chas. S. Moulton.	David C. Harris.
Solon A. Robbins.	Daniel Mahoney.
Lyman Tuttle.	James Tuttle.
George Conant.	Mrs. I. W. W. Taylor.

George A. Conant.	Webster C. Robbins, 2.
Geo. W. Clark.	Everett L. Spinney.
Luther Conant.	Roswell L. Tuttle.
J. E. Durkee.	James H. Standish.
Wm. S. Fletcher.	Mrs. Eugene G. Kraetzer.
Luther R. Forbush.	Wm. J. Moore.
Samuel Jones, Jr.	Martin Baker.
William S. Jones.	Daniel J. Gallagher.

Octavus A. Knowlton.

111 males at \$2,	\$222 00
3 females at \$5,	15 00
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	\$237 00
Fees,	22 80
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Paid County Treasurer,	\$214 20

WILLIAM D. TUTTLE, Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

✦ TRUSTEES ✦

OF THE

ACTON

MEMORIAL * LIBRARY.

1894.

Annual Report of the Trustees

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ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

The Trustees of the Acton Memorial Library submit their fifth annual report.

During the past year the institution has pursued the even tenor of its way, making a large gain in the number of those who have taken out cards, and also in the number of books issued during the year.

On the other hand, the accession of new books has not been satisfactory; neither has the gain in volumes been such that we can reasonably expect a continued interest in the institution.

The \$150 voted by the town, to be expended in new books, brought 167 volumes, a number far short of our needs. We do not, in the present condition of affairs, feel justified in asking the town for a larger sum. The question comes, how shall the deficiency be met? In answer, we would suggest that each patron of the library who can afford it, give during the year, at least one new book of the class described as current literature—that is, something fresh, interesting and entertaining. We hope the response to this request will be general enough to make good the deficiency, and give us an addition of at least 500 volumes the coming year.

The chief addition to our picture gallery this year came from Moses Taylor, Esq., to whom, after Mr. Wilde, the town owes more than to any other man for the library and its contents. The subject of the picture is "The Departure of the Minute-Men, 19th of April, 1775."

The company is depicted as leaving the home of their captain, whose wife, standing by the door, is taking a last look at the living form of her husband and the father of her four sick children.

It has been the aim of Mr. Taylor and the artist, Mr. Arthur F. Davis, to have the representation as nearly historically correct as possible. Fortunate the town that can furnish alike the subject, the donor, and the artist of so valuable a work of art.

We give the statistical items as follows :

March 9, 1895.

Total number of volumes in library,	5393
Increase during the year,	217
" by purchase,	167
" by gift,	50
Total number of persons who have taken out cards,	990
Fines,	\$14.61
Books taken out during the year,	9006
Largest daily use, March 17, 1894,	172 volumes
Smallest daily use, September 19, 1894,	23 volumes
Visitors registered during the year,	393

Periodicals the same as last year, with the exception of the Atlantic Monthly and Cottage Hearth. This year The Forum has been added.

Periodicals donated—Child's Hour, Our Sunday Afternoon, W. A. Wilde; Our Paper, Mass. Reformatory; Congressional Record, C. J. Williams; Our Dumb Animals, Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Boston, Mass.

Among the new books are two volumes comprising the Annual Town Reports from 1860 to 1894 inclusive.

Donations—W. A. Wilde, 12; Edwin P. Seaver, Boston, 1; S. M. Lawrence, Stow, 1; State, 13; Warren Hapgood, Harvard, 1; Hon. E. R. Hoar. Concord, 1; Miss D. L. Hoyt, Malden, 1; Geo. A. Sanderson, Littleton, 1; Geo. W. Tolman, Concord, 1; Mrs. J. A. Cutter, Acton, 9; Wm. D. Tuttle, Acton, 1; Town of

Acton, 2; Town of Harvard, 1; Wm. Barrett, Concord, 1; J. F. Scott, Mass. Reformatory, 1; Luther Conant, 2; Mrs. S. A. Conant, 1. Total, 50.

The Trustees recommend the same appropriations as last year—\$400 for current expenses and \$150 for new books.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LUTHER CONANT, for the Trustees.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR

✧ 1894-'95. ✧



Report of the School Committee.

To the Citizens of Acton :—

The towns of Acton, Sturbridge and West Brookfield having voted to continue their union, the District Committee met in Worcester, April 12th, and re-elected Mr. Edward Dixon superintendent of schools with the same salary and allowances granted for the preceding year.

The Superintendent's Report is published as a part of this report, and is especially commended to your attention.

Our schools are improving from year to year. Schools cannot stand still, there must be progress or retrogression, and that our schools are progressing is very largely due to the skill and care of the superintendent. His supervision and advice have been invaluable to teachers and pupils, and to your committee.

We congratulate ourselves and the town upon the fact that all the members of our corps of teachers have remained with us during the year, notwithstanding flattering attempts to induce some among them to accept positions elsewhere.

During the past year, handsome American flags have been placed in the several schoolrooms, thus anticipating a law which will probably be enacted by this legislature, making such provision by the towns compulsory. By order of the committee, the flag is saluted by the pupils at the opening of the schools on each Monday morning.

The high school prize declamation at the Town Hall in February proved a successful experiment. The interest aroused in the school and among its friends justifies us in proposing to repeat it annually in the future.

We earnestly renew our recommendation of last year, that the town provide transportation to the Centre for the pupils of

the North and East schools. The reasons for so doing were set forth at length in our report for last year, and for that report and especially for the closing paragraphs of Mr. Eaton's report, we again ask your consideration.

The fact that the Centre school has a membership of 38, and is apparently increasing in numbers, is pertinent to this question of consolidation. Very few teachers are competent to instruct so large a number in a mixed school, and to place so heavy a burden upon any teacher, however competent, is an injustice done not alone to the teacher herself but as well to the pupils placed in her charge. Your committee may be compelled at an early day to divide this school, when, unless consolidation shall be effected, we shall have four schools doing the work which could be done far more advantageously by two.

It is the opinion of your committee that the cost of supporting the schools, including the item of transportation, after consolidation shall have been effected, will not vary materially from the present cost, while the town will find itself relieved from the necessity of maintaining the buildings at the North and East.

In our opinion the method of heating the schoolhouses at South and West Acton should be changed, and changed immediately. The stoves now in use not only do not heat the rooms, a radical defect, but they consume large quantities of oxygen, of which there is, with the existing means of ventilation, by no means enough for other and more important uses. When it is remembered that 240 cubic feet of fresh air are required for the combustion of a single pound of coal, which, when stoves are used must be drawn from the room itself, it is not difficult to realize that this method of heating does not assist, to say the least, in improving the quality of the air in our schoolrooms. At present the rooms are neither properly heated nor properly ventilated and it is only by constant and watchful care on the part of the teachers that they are heated and ventilated in any degree. We recommend the appropriation of \$750 for the purpose of placing approved heating apparatus in the South and West schoolhouses.

The enlargement of the school building at South Acton is becoming a pressing necessity if the schools there are to be conducted to the best advantage or, indeed, provided with ordinary facilities for doing the work required in them. At present every part of the building is occupied. There are no recitation rooms and the only place where the laboratory work of the high school can be carried on is in a closet, partitioned off in the basement which cannot be used in winter and which, from its situation and narrow limits, is unfit for such use at any time. One or more recitation rooms are urgently needed for the use of the high school, as is one also for the primary school. In the latter school during the spring term we were obliged, by the large number of pupils then in attendance, to employ an assistant teacher and this assistant was compelled to take her classes into a corner of the schoolroom or to the cloak room, or the hallway, as the weather permitted.

An addition to the present building, which shall contain recitation rooms for the Primary and High Schools as well as a laboratory for the latter school, should be built.

We recommend that the Selectmen be directed to give this subject their immediate consideration, and to report to the town with plans and estimates at an early date.

The special appropriation of \$100 last year enabled your committee to provide the High School with a number of the pieces of chemical and physical apparatus most needed, including a fine microscope of a power of 480 diameters.

We request that \$100 be appropriated this year for the purchase of additional apparatus and of books of reference, of which the school is greatly in need.

The report of the purchasing agent of the Board is published as a part of this report. The demand for text books for the High School, incident to the change in course and to the increased number of pupils, has been largely met. A somewhat smaller appropriation than that of last year will therefore satisfy the needs of this department during the coming year. We recommend the appropriation of \$475 for school supplies.

The appropriation for transportation of the pupils of the High School may also be cut down. It is always impossible to fix upon a sum which shall be exactly adequate to the demands made upon it for this purpose, but we believe that an appropriation of \$575 will be sufficient for this year.

In presenting to you the estimates of expenses for the year, we desire to remind you that, in the event of an appropriation being made for the transportation to the Centre of the pupils of the North and East schools, the amount of the item for the support of the common schools should be reduced.

The sum of \$375 has been received from the State on account of salary of superintendent of schools for the year 1893-94.

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures on account of Schools
for the year 1894-95.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation for common schools,	\$2,800 00
“ “ High school,	1,600 00
“ “ school supplies,	550 00
“ “ transportation S. E. pupils,	180 00
“ “ “ H. S. “	790 00
“ “ scientific apparatus,	100 00
“ “ salary of superintendent,	475 00
Received from Mass. School Fund,	216 06
“ “ dog taxes,	206 70
“ “ tuition in H. S.,	40 00
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	\$6,957 76

EXPENDITURES.

For common schools,	\$3,083 64	
High school,	1,606 87	
school supplies,	564 85	
transportation S. E. pupils,	180 00	
“ H. S. “	585 50	
scientific apparatus,	109 56	
salary of superintendent,	532 39	
	<hr/>	\$6,662 81
Unexpended balance for the year,	\$294 95.	

Summary of appropriations for support of schools recommended
for the year 1895-96.

For common schools,	\$2,800 00	
High school,	1,600 00	
school supplies,	475 00	
transportation S. E. pupils,	180 00	
“ H. S. “	575 00	
scientific apparatus, etc.,	100 00	
salary of superintendent,	475 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,205 00

For the School Committee,

CHAS. J. WILLIAMS,

Chairman.

Superintendent's Report.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF ACTON :

GENTLEMEN :—The following report for the year is respectfully submitted.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Number of children in town May 1, 1894, between 5 and 15 years of age,	264
Number of children in town May 1, 1894, between 8 and 14 years of age,	161
Whole number of pupils enrolled in the schools,	323
Number of pupils over 15 years of age,	39
Number of pupils between 8 and 14 years of age,	188
Average membership of all the schools,	276.3
Average attendance of all the schools,	259.66
Per cent. of attendance of all the schools,	93.9

ATTENDANCE.

The Centre school has the highest per cent. of attendance (96) for the year, and the North school the lowest (86). Notable changes in attendance have taken place in the South primary, the Centre and the East-schools. The South Acton primary has been overcrowded, and if there is much of an increase in membership in the spring term, provision will have to be made for an overflow school. This contingency can be met if the plan, presented on another page, involving the opening of a grammar school, is adopted. The Centre school too has gained in membership. Since the two schools have been consolidated there has been a gain of thirteen members. There has been a marked change for the better in the East school since its renovation in the spring term. The attendance is much better and the number of tardinesses and dismissals greatly lessened.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

TEACHERS.	TERMS.	SCHOOLS.	Whole number of pupls.		Average membership.		Average attendance.		Per cent. of attendance.			Wages of teachers per month.
									Pupils under 5 years of age.	Pupils over 15 years of age.	Pupils between 8 and 14 years of age.	
W. A. Charles. M. Florence Fletcher. }	Spring	High.	66	62.58	59.13	95						\$111 11 50 00
	Fall		66	63.66	60.89	95	0	36	14			
	Winter		63	66.3	56.64	93						
Hattie L. Tuttle.	Spring	South Grammar.	28	27.08	25.76	95						40 00
	Fall		36	33.08	31.9	90	0	1	25			
	Winter		33	31.23	29.39	94						
Bertha L. Gardner. } Ella L. Miller. } Bertha L. Gardner.	Spring	South Primary.	55	54.27	47.71	88						40 00 *10 00
	Fall		51	44.82	42.39	94	0	0	28			
	Winter		42	38.27	37.	96						
Albertie M. Preston.	Spring	West Grammar.	32	31.5	30.	95						40 00
	Fall		32	31.41	30.67	98	0	0	32			
	Winter		33	30.46	28.29	92						
Harriet H. Gardner.	Spring	West Primary.	33	32.17	30.49	95						40 00
	Fall		33	32.41	30.91	95	0	0	15			
	Winter		33	29.15	26.36	90						
Susie E. Conant,	Spring	Centre.	36	32.43	31.38	97						40 00
	Fall		38	33.98	32.49	95	0	0	25			
	Winter		36	34.62	33.3	97						
Lucy M. Booth. Ida A. Hapgood.	Spring	East.	31	27.77	24.99	90						40 00 40 00
	Fall		26	25.	23.9	95	0	0	24			
	Winter		26	25.5	24.55	96						
Lillian F. Richardson.	Spring	North.	21	15.85	12.03	75						40 00
	Fall		17	15.92	14.61	92	1	1	11			
	Winter		18	15.53	14.4	92						

* For 2 months.

SCHOOLS.

We have in our school system three ungraded schools, (so called), two primary schools, two grammar schools, and a high school. There are four grades in each primary school and the same in each grammar school, while the ungraded schools cover eight grades, or eight years' work.

Graded schools, with whatever faults they have, are conceded by the highest authorities to be the best known for working out modern ideas of education; and towns throughout the Commonwealth are studying ways and means to perfect such a system of schools. Regarded from a technical point of view, a graded school has not more than two grades.

As there are four grades, or more, in every one of our schools, they have not yet reached that degree of classification which properly designates graded schools, although each school is as well graded as the age and attainments of the pupils will permit it to be; hence, it will be seen that the classification is such as to render it exceedingly difficult if not impossible to secure the most satisfactory results. The many grades in every school make necessary a multiplicity of classes; and a large number of classes make the best teaching an impossibility. Our teachers are responsive to the demands of the new education, are zealous in their work, and endeavor to make their teaching more and more effective; but if our pupils are to be educated along the most approved lines, we must give each teacher fewer grades. Whether consolidation of schools, which has been the means of giving all the school children of some towns, Concord for instance, and most of the pupils in many other towns the advantage of a graded school system, will grow in favor with Acton people, remains to be seen. I sincerely trust it will. Upon an affirmative view of this question depends largely the increased efficiency of our schools.

In the fall term there were enrolled in the South Acton primary school fifty-one pupils, divided into four grades cover-

ing the first four years' work of the course. Leading educators practically agree that it is impossible for the average teacher to instruct fifty children well, even if they are all in one grade. How much more difficult must it be then to instruct fifty pupils well when the teacher has to spread her energy over four times as much ground! The Centre school with thirty-eight pupils and the East Acton school with twenty-six pupils, each with seven grades covering seven years' work, are laboring under very unfavorable conditions for securing the best results, owing to the many grades which render much necessary teaching impossible, and to the large number of classes—so large, in fact, that a teacher cannot properly prepare herself for all the work required. That great teacher, Dr. Arnold of Rugby, was once asked why he was so careful to prepare himself for every lesson he was to give. His answer was: "Because I wish my pupils to drink from a living fountain and not from a stagnant pool." Modern education demands that the pupils shall associate their knowledge with life; therefore if the pupils are to receive the best instruction of which the teacher is capable, the number of classes must not be so large that the teacher cannot get time in which to prepare herself for each recitation.

The conditions for work have been much improved in the last two years, and as a consequence the teaching has been more and more effective; but the schools are much in need of still better conditions for improved teaching, and these must be brought about principally by consolidation of schools. As a first step I would urge the consolidation of the North, East, and Centre schools at Acton Centre. The annual report for '94 treats the question of consolidation of schools so fully that nothing need be said here on that topic in general. In regard to these schools in particular, I would say that if they are consolidated the pupils will have the advantage of a much better gradation and the members of the three schools can be better taught, in two schools at the Centre by two of the teachers now employed, than they can be under the present arrangement. Whether such

a re-arrangement would be a more economical one I know not. It perhaps might be made so. Primarily, consolidation of schools is not an economic measure. It is a question of better educational advantages; and a measure that will facilitate needed improvements in school work, pays, even if it costs a few dollars when adopted. This important step in consolidation, I sincerely trust will soon be made so that the pupils of these three districts will have the advantage of as good grading as the pupils of South and West Acton have.

But as the whole question of transportation may be re-opened this year, I would recommend the consideration of one more step in consolidation of schools, one which is necessary before our school system will afford the educational advantages that should be enjoyed by the pupils. At present our teachers have too many classes and find it impossible to do the amount of work which may be done in closer graded schools. I would suggest therefore that a grammar school be established, presumably at West Acton because there are ample accommodations in the building there for such a school, to which the seventh and eighth year pupils may be sent from all parts of the town. The adoption of this recommendation would necessarily make the present grammar schools, intermediate, and would probably result in giving the primary schools the first three years' work instead of the first four, and the intermediate schools the fourth, fifth and sixth years' work instead of the fifth to eighth inclusive, and would bring about a gradation that should be satisfactory to all concerned.

Considering the disadvantages in the way of grading against which teachers have to contend, the work done by the schools generally has been very satisfactory. There have been no phenomenal leaps in their progress but a steady, healthful advance along the line since the beginning of the year.

The course of study adopted for the schools at the beginning of the year has been used by the teachers as a guide in their work during the year and meets the present needs of the schools.

On account of the large number of pupils in the South Acton primary school in the spring term, Miss Ella L. Miller, a member of the senior class of the high school was engaged to assist Miss Gardner.

There has been but one change of teachers during the year. Miss Lucy M. Booth, teacher of the East school, resigned on account of poor health, at the end of the spring term. Miss Ida A. Hapgood succeeded her.

Teachers' meetings have been held from time to time, after school hours, for the purpose of discussing ways and means for securing improved work. It was our privilege to attend, also, an all-day meeting, at South Acton, of the N. W. Middlesex Teachers' Association, in which two Acton teachers, Miss Conant and Miss Fletcher, took part, and which was addressed by State Agent Geo. A. Walton, and other prominent educators of the State.

HIGH SCHOOL.

This school has held its membership remarkably well during the year, which fact speaks well for its management. The apparatus furnished this year is thoroughly appreciated by the teachers, and has been found very helpful to the school. There is, however, need of additions not only to the physical apparatus but to the other means of teaching. The work of the school is facilitated by a good supply of apparatus as well as by ample accommodations for the work to be done; and the withholding of these necessary conditions for good work lessens the opportunity of the school to make the best progress possible.

The following table contains statistics of each school for the year :—

Schools.	Enrollment.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent.	Tardiness.	Dismissals.
High,	66	62.18	58.88	94	126	140
So. Grammar,	29	30.46	29.01	95	156	59
So. Primary,	65	45.78	42.36	92	123	33
W. Grammar,	33	31.12	29.65	95	96	120
W. Primary,	39	31.24	29.25	93	81	87
Centre,	38	33.67	32.35	96	34	42
East,	32	26.09	24.48	94	112*	48‡
North.	21	15.76	13.68	86	12	64
	323	276.3	259.66	93.9	7.42	5.93
	*89 in Spring Term.	‡36 in Spring Term.				

A pupil is enrolled for the year in one school only, beginning with the spring term. When pupils are promoted their names are not enrolled again in the school to which they are promoted. As the outgoing class is often larger than the entering class, it sometimes happens that the enrollment of school for the year is less than the average membership as in the case of the South Grammar school. The table giving statistics by terms will be found on another page.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Graduating Exercises of the Class of '94 at the Town Hall,
Thursday Evening, June 14.

GRADUATES :

ELLA LIZZIE MILLER, BERTHA MAY NEWTON,
BLANCHE GERTRUDE VARNEY, ERNEST RAY TEELE.
FRANK ELBRIDGE HAPGOOD.

PROGRAMME.

March,	Orchestra
Prayer,	Rev. H. W. Smith
Song, "Greeting,"	School
Essay, "Love of Home,"	Bertha May Newton
Poem, "The Concord Sages,"	Blanche Gertrude Varney
Song, "By the Moonlight,"	School
Essay, "Oars and Sails,"	Ella Lizzie Miller
Address,	A. W. Edson, A. M., Agent State Board of Education
Song, "Hail to the Woods,"	School
Conferring of Diplomas,	Edward Dixon, Supt. of Schools
Class Ode,	Words by Miss Bertha M. Newton
Music,	Orchestra

Since graduating, four members of the class have attended other institutions of learning.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

The schoolhouses generally are in good repair, and, with the exception of the South Acton building, have ample accommodations for the different schools. The arrangement of rooms for the high school—two rooms on the second floor, neither of which will seat all the pupils, and a laboratory in the basement—is very inconvenient. The main room should be large enough to seat all the members of the school comfortably, and the laboratory should be more accessible so that it could be reached by the classes without disturbing the other schools in the building. The success of a school depends largely upon suitable accommodations for the work demanded—the proper heating and ventilation of the building, the convenient arrangement of the rooms, comfortable seats and desks, all necessary means of teaching, etc. This school needs another room on the second floor for use as a laboratory and recitation room so that the time and the energy of the teachers may be more fully economized and the school better accommodated.

I would recommend, too, the consideration of different means of heating this building, and the one at West Acton.

There was a time, not so very long ago, when there were many large pupils in grammar grades. Then, full-sized desks were necessary perhaps. Now by the time pupils reach the age of fourteen they generally either enter the high school or leave school altogether. Thus, although at one time the seats and desks may have been suitable for the pupils who occupied them, they are now, as a rule, much too large for the present pupils. The discomfort bears heaviest on the smallest children, some of whom have to sit with their feet dangling an inch or two from the floor.

In my work with the schools during the year I have had the active assistance of all the teachers, both in the schoolroom and in discussing plans of work at teacher's meetings. I have had,

too, the cordial support of the committee in my endeavors to improve the work of the schools, and I am especially indebted to Mr. Williams, the chairman, for valuable suggestions from time to time and for his helpful assistance during the year. I take this opportunity to acknowledge my gratitude to teachers and committee for all assistance rendered in effecting the very favorable conditions under which I have pursued my work throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD DIXON,

Superintendent of Schools.

Department of School Supplies.

To the School Committee :

I herewith present the annual report of the expense account of this department :

J. L. HAMMETT.

Mar. 7.	20 rms.	No. 27	letter paper,	\$20	00
	2	"	2 practice "	1	50
	2	"	8 " "	1	20
	2	"	5 " "	1	20
	1	"	1 1-2 " "		75
	8	"	manilla letter,	6	40
	2 1-2	"	6 lb. "	1	50
	100		Cornhill pads,	5	25
	36 1-2		lbs. note "	3	65
	38 1-2		" No. 547 "	3	85
	8	doz.	manilla pads,	5	20
	19	lbs.	packet "	1	90
	19	"	" " manilla,	1	43
	2	rms.	manilla letter,	1	20
	5	"	6x9 drawing paper,	1	50
	5	"	9x12 " "	3	00
	1	"	commercial note,		65
	250		envelopes, No. 6 1-2,		40
	5000		No. 6 envelopes, manilla,	4	00
	6	gross	No. 490 pencils,	4	50
	700		Am. slate pencils,	1	05
	5	gross	Met. pencils, No. 2,	8	75
	5	"	" " " " 3,	8	75
	12	"	school pens,	4	56
	1	doz.	ink,	3	00

Mar. 7.	1-2 gross Gem blackb'd erasers,	3 75	
	1 " No. 30 rulers,	2 00	
	1 1-4 C. blank books,	2 82	
	10 doz. No.2 Acme slate bands,	7 20	
	1-2 case 7x11 ruled slates,	5 75	
	4 boxes colored cubes,	1 92	
	12 packages folding paper,	214, 1 44	
	1 doz. sandpaper disks,	16	
	1 " 3 foot pointers,	80	
		—————	\$121 03
Mar. 20.	10 sets fraction rulers,	90	
	5 " No. 10 numeral frames,	2 40	
	50 multiplication cards,	1 50	
		—————	4 80
Mar. 30.	12 Sheppard's note books,	3 99	
	5 boxes plain cubes,	2 25	
		—————	6 24
Apr. 10.	1 package sandpaper disks,	16	
	1 metre stick,	30	
		—————	46
Apr. 24.	30 sets fractional disks,	2 88	
	2 gross drawing pencils, No.2,	4 50	
	2 gross " " " 3,	4 50	
	2 bxs. prim. counting blocks,	2 00	
	3 gross slate in wood pencil,	2 25	
		—————	16 13
Apr. 25.	500 sheets botany mounting paper,	2 50	2 50
Apr. 27.	6 1-4 doz. manilla pads,	4 39	4 39
June 22.	1-2 doz. gummed paper,	1 75	1 75
Aug. 15.	2 doz. bottles muscilage,	1 50	1 50
Sept. 19.	1 box objects for word teaching,	3 50	
	1 Gem pencil sharpener,	3 00	
	1 Kirpert's map, Rome,	6 40	
	1 ebony flat ruler,		
		—————	12 90

Oct.	26.	1 doz. ink,	\$3 00		
		1 rm. practice paper, No. 11-2,	70		
		1 " " " " 3,	70		
		1 " " " " 8,	60		
		1 " " " " 5,	60		
		4 packages sandpaper disks,	64		
					6 24
Nov.	13.	Mounting 1 Con'g.map, U. S.,	2 50		2 50
Dec.	10.	23sets book-keep'g blanks,d.e.	12 42		
		5 " " " s.e.	2 25		
		1 map U. S.,	1 00	15 67	\$196 11
		Credit, 2 bottles ink broken,			50
					<u>\$195 61</u>

GINN & Co.

Mar.	20.	4 Wentworth P.&S.geometry,	\$5 00		
		15 doz. spelling blanks, No. 2,	6 30		
		14 " tracing books,	10 08		
		22 " copy "	21 12		
			<u>42 50</u>		
		Less 1-6,	7 08	35 42	
Apr.	10.	80 Montgomery Am. History,	80 00		
		80 " beginners,	48 00		
			<u>128 00</u>		
		Less 1-6,	21 33	106 67	
Sept.	5.	3 Greenough's Cicero,	3 75		
		12 Gage Elem. of Physics,	13 44		
		9 Wentworth Sch. algebra,	10 08		
			<u>27 27</u>		
		Less 1-6,	4 54	22 73	
Dec.	6.	9 Gram. Sch. arithmetic,	1 95		
		Less 1-6,	32	1 63	

Dec.	1.	1 Meyer's gen'l. history,	\$ 1 25	
		Postage,	16	
			<u> </u>	1 41
Jan.	12.	1 Meyer's gen'l. history,	1 25	
		2 sets book-keeping blanks,	1 20	2 45
			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
				170 31
		Credit by old books in exchange,		28 00
				<u> </u>
				\$142 31

AMERICAN BOOK COMPANY.

Mar.	20.	6 Jevon's Polit. Economy,	\$2 10	
		18 Barnes' Hist. of Greece,	13 50	
		18 " " " Rome,	18 00	
		1 Geom. primmer,	35	
			<u> </u>	
			33 95	
		Less 1-6,	6 79	
			<u> </u>	27 16
Mar.	29.	2 Barnes' Hist. of Greece,	1 50	
		2 Grey's How Plants Grow,	1 60	
			<u> </u>	
			3 10	
		Less 1-6,	62	
			<u> </u>	2 48
Apr.	10.	80 Barnes' Com. geography,	100 00	
		80 " Elem. "	44 00	
			<u> </u>	
			144 00	
		Less 1-5,	28 80	
			<u> </u>	115 20
Apr.	26.	100 Webster Sch. dictionary,	48 00	
		2 Barnes' Hist. Rome,	2 00	
			<u> </u>	
			50 00	
		Less 1-5,	10 00	
			<u> </u>	40 00
Sept.	7.	12 Barnes' Elem. geography,	6 60	
		Less 1-5,	1 32	
			<u> </u>	5 28

Oct. 26. 6 Webster Sch. dictionary,	2 88		
12 Swinton's word book,	2 16		
	<u>5 04</u>		
Less 1-5,	1 04		
	<u>4 04</u>		
Jan. 1. 6 Barnes' Elem. geography,	3 30		
Less 1-5,	66	2 64	
	<u>196 80</u>		
Credit by old books in exchange,		33 60	
		<u>\$163 20</u>	

HOUGHTON, MIFFLIN & Co.

Apr. 25. 35 Colburn's 1st lessons arith-			
metic,	\$10 41		\$10 41

LEE & SHEPPARD.

May 5. 1 Smith classical dictionary,	\$2 92	\$2 92	
Sept. 5. 13 Swinton's Eng. literature,	15 60		
Less 1-6,	2 60	13 00	
		<u>\$15 92</u>	

D. C. HEATH & Co.

May 14. 1 Clark's Microscopy,	\$1 28	\$1 28	
Sept. 5. 5 Guides to science teaching,	2 35		
Less 1-3,	78		
	<u>1 57</u>		
Postage,	13	1 70	
	<u>4 80</u>		
Dec. 1. 16 French literature,	4 80		
Less 1-6,	80	4 00	
		<u>\$6 98</u>	

UNIVERSITY PUBLISHING Co.

Sept. 5. 9 Green's Zoology,	\$9 00		
Less 1-6,	1 50		
	<u>7 50</u>		

Dec.	4.	9	S. F. P. astronomy,	\$9	00		
			Less 1-6,	1	50	7	50
							<u>\$15</u> 00

MAYNARD MERRILL & Co.

Sept.	5.	4	Keetel's French readers,	\$4	00		\$4	00
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PUBLIC SCHOOL PRINTING Co.

Sept.	7.	200	Baldwin Report Books,	\$3	15		\$3	15
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SUNDRY EXPENDITURES.

Paid	Wm. Jennings,	express charges,	\$5	12				
"	N. C. Reed,	"	"	2	15			
"	W. A. Charles,	"	"	1	00	8	27	
							<u>8</u> 27	
							\$564	85

The property now in the supply room is valued at \$175.00.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES J. WILLIAMS,

Purchasing Agent.

Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
 MIDDLESEX, ss. }

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

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth
 of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town
 of Acton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to
 assemble in the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the First
 Day of April, A. D. 1895, at nine o'clock, A. M., then and there
 to act upon the following articles as they may think proper, viz :

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

ART. 2. To see if the Town will accept of the Jury List as
 revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 3. To see if the Town will accept the reports of the
 Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee and other
 Town Officers, or act anything thereon.

ART. 4. To choose all necessary Town Officers and Com-
 mittees.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer,
 with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the
 Town, if necessary, in anticipation of the taxes for the current
 year.

~~ART. 6. To see if the Town will allow a discount on taxes
 paid on or before Nov. 1st.~~

~~ART. 7. To see what amount of money the Town will raise
 for the support of Memorial Library the present year.~~

ART. 8. To see if the Town will vote to sell the piece of
 land near the Monument House without any restriction, or act
 anything thereon.

ART. 9. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of schools the present year, and how it shall be divided.

ART. 10. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for school supplies the present year.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will erect and maintain street lamps the present year, or act anything thereon.

X ART. 12. To vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town the present year.

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

ART. 14. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the repairing of roads and bridges the present year.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the due observance of Memorial Day, or act anything thereon.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will vote to widen the road near the house of Chas. L. Davis, as laid out by the Road Commissioners.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue a piece of road beginning at the northwest line of the Framingham and Lowell railroad, near the house of J. H. Standish, to a point at or near the house of S. S. Sleeper, or pass any votes thereon.

X ART. 18. To hear and act upon the reports of any Committee chosen to report at this meeting, or pass any votes thereon.

ART. 19. To see what action the Town will take in reference to tramps.

X ART. 20. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the celebration of the 19th of April. 500.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will take any action in reference to the Town's interest in Magog pond as a water supply, or pass any votes thereon.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will build a road from a point near a house of Alonzo L. Tuttle to the Littleton town line, at a

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63000

point to connect with a proposed way in said town of Littleton to county road near Magog pond, or take any action thereon.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will straighten the road leading from the Gould road in a southeasterly course to the Acton road, as laid out by the Road Commissioners.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will vote to sell the wood and lumber in Mount Hope cemetery, or act anything thereon.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will authorize the school committee to provide suitable heating apparatus for the South and West schoolhouses, or do or act anything thereon.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will vote to enlarge the school-building at South Acton, or do or act anything thereon.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will vote to sell the town farm, or act anything thereon.

ART. 28. To see what amount of money the Town will raise to defray town charges the present year.

ART. 29. To see if the Town will vote to sell the Southeast schoolhouse, or act anything thereon.

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

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

Given under our hands in Acton, this Fourteenth Day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five.

E. FAULKNER CONANT,
DANIEL J. WETHERBEE,
ISAIAH HUTCHINS,

Selectmen of Acton.

by the developer for a period of one year after acceptance, said road to be known as Huron Road, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way the road, the Plan of which has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said Plan showing a road forty (40) feet in width and a twenty-four (24) foot or more travelled way extending in a southwesterly and then curving in a southeasterly direction a distance of approximately twelve hundred sixty-one (1,261) feet from Huron Road to Oneida Road, and said road to be maintained by the developer for a period of one year after acceptance, said road to be known as Algonquin Road, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way the road, the Plan of which has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said Plan showing a road forty (40) feet in width and a twenty-four (24) foot or more travelled way extending in a southerly direction a distance of approximately twelve hundred (1,200) feet from Longfellow Park to New England Telephone and Telegraph Pole Number four (4) and also extending as a curving road northerly, easterly, southerly and westerly to Thoreau Road a distance of approximately sixteen hundred fifty (1,650) feet from Longfellow Park, and said road to be maintained by the developer for a period of one year after acceptance, said road to be known as Alcott Street, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way the road, the Plan of which has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said Plan showing a road forty (40) feet in width and a twenty-four (24) foot or more travelled way extending in a southerly direction a distance of approximately seven hundred fifty-seven (757) feet from Alcott Street to Thoreau Road, and said road to be maintained by the developer for a period of one year after acceptance, said road to be known as Hawthorne Street, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way the road, the Plan of which has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said Plan showing a road forty (40) feet in width and a twenty-four (24) foot or more travelled way extending in a southerly direction a distance of approximately twelve hundred (1,200) feet from Alcott Street to

Hawthorne Street, and said road to be maintained by the developer for a period of one year after acceptance, said road to be known as Thoreau Road, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way the road, the Plan of which has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said Plan showing a road forty (40) feet in width and a twenty-four (24) foot or more travelled way extending in a southwesterly direction from Robbins Street to a temporary turnaround directly in front of Lot #27, a distance of approximately thirteen hundred fifty (1,350) feet, said road to be maintained by the developer for a period of one year after acceptance, said road to be known as Billings Street, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way the road, the Plan of which has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said Plan showing a road forty (40) feet in width and a twenty-four (24) foot or more travelled way extending in a westerly direction from the point where it now ends, to the westerly line of Lot #10 and Lot #42 to a temporary turnaround, a distance of approximately six hundred (600) feet, said road to be known as Robbins Street, and said road to be maintained by the developer for a period of one year after acceptance, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way the road, the Plan of which has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said Plan showing a road forty (40) feet in width and a twenty-four (24) foot or more travelled way extending in a northerly direction from School Street a distance of approximately eight hundred (800) feet to Hosmer Street, said road to be known as Foster Street, and said road to be maintained by the developer for a period of one year after acceptance, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way the road, the Plan of which has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said Plan showing a road forty (40) feet in width and a twenty-four (24) foot or more travelled way extending in an easterly direction from Piper Road a distance of approximately five hundred sixty-five (565) feet, said road to be known as Brucewood Road, and said road to be

maintained by the developer for a period of one year after acceptance, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way the road, the Plan of which has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said Plan showing a road forty (40) feet in width and a twenty-four (24) foot or more travelled way extending in a southerly direction from Brucewood Road a distance of approximately seven hundred fifty (750) feet, said road to be known as Pinewood Road, and said road to be maintained by the developer for a period of one year after acceptance, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way the road, the Plan of which has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said Plan showing a road forty (40) feet in width and a twenty-four (24) foot or more travelled way extending in a northwesterly direction from Pope Road, a distance of approximately eleven hundred seventy-five (1,175) feet, said road to be known as Brabrook Road, and said road to be maintained by the developer for a period of one year after acceptance, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way the road, the Plan of which has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said Plan showing a road forty (40) feet in width and a twenty-four (24) foot or more travelled way extending in a northeasterly direction from Brabrook Road a distance of approximately 878 feet, said road to be known as Flagg Road, and said road to be maintained by the developer for a period of one year after acceptance, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way the road, the Plan of which has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said Plan showing a road forty (40) feet in width and a twenty-four (24) foot or more travelled way extending in a westerly direction from Willow Street a distance of approximately eleven hundred ninety-three (1,193) feet, said road to be known as Marian Road, and said road to be maintained by the developer for a period of one year after acceptance, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way the road, the Plan of which has been filed in the

office of the Town Clerk, said Plan showing a road forty (40) feet in width and a twenty-four (24) foot or more travelled way extending in a southerly direction from Marian Road a distance of approximately eight hundred twelve (812) feet, said road to be known as Smart Road, and said road to be maintained by the developer for a period of one year after acceptance, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way the road, the Plan of which has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said Plan showing a road forty (40) feet in width and a twenty-four (24) foot or more travelled way extending in a westerly direction from Smart Road to Duggan Road, a distance of approximately six hundred ten (610) feet, said road to be known as Townsend Road, and said road to be maintained by the developer for a period of one year after acceptance, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way the road, the Plan of which has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said Plan showing a road forty (40) feet in width and a twenty-four (24) foot or more travelled way extending in a southerly direction from Marian Road a distance of approximately five hundred (500) feet, said road to be known as Duggan Road, and said road to be maintained by the developer for a period of one year after acceptance, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way the road, the Plan of which has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said Plan showing a road forty (40) feet in width and a twenty-four (24) foot or more travelled way extending in a northwesterly direction from Townsend Road to Duggan Road, a distance of approximately six hundred eighty-seven (687) feet, said road to be known as Smart Road, and said road to be maintained by the developer for a period of one year after acceptance, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way the road, the Plan of which has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, said Plan showing a road forty (40) feet in width and a twenty-four (24) foot or more travelled way extending in a northeasterly direction from Marian Road thence westerly to Pole #9 of the Boston Edison Company, a distance of approximately twelve hundred forty-three (1,243)

C. L. Hall

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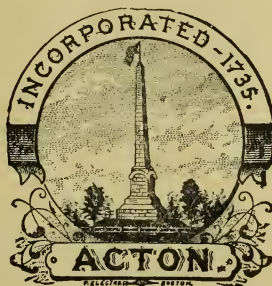


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TOWN CLERK.

Horace F. Tuttle.

TREASURER.

J. K. W. Wetherbee.

SELECTMEN.

E. Faulkner Conant. Daniel J. Wetherbee. Isaiah Hutchins.

ASSESSORS.

* Phineas Wetherbee. James B. Tuttle. Anson C. Piper.

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Lyman Tuttle. Edwin C. Parker. Moses A. Reed.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Wm. F. Stevens.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Nahum Littlefield. Herman A. Gould. Wm. Kingsley.

AUDITOR.

Hiram J. Hapgood.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Charles J. Williams. Horace F. Tuttle. Isaiah Hutchins.
Frank A. Houston. Wm. H. Hartwell.

CONSTABLES.

James Kingsley. ¹⁶³ Edwin A. Phalen. ¹⁶⁴ Wm. F. Stevens. ⁸⁹
Reuben L. Reed. ⁸⁶

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

John Fletcher. ¹⁷⁰ Levi W. Stevens. ¹⁶⁹ Horace F. Tuttle. ¹⁶⁷

FENCE VIEWERS.

Daniel H. Farrar. 1872 Reuben L. Reed. 1872

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER, ETC.

Augustus Fletcher. Edward F. Richardson.
Jonathan P. Fletcher. Herbert T. Clark. Edgar H. Hall.
Chas. W. Pitnam. Geo. H. Harris. James E. Billings.

INSPECTOR OF CATTLE.

Moses A. Reed.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Julian Tuttle. James McGreen. Frank H. Whitcomb.
Horace F. Tuttle, Clerk.

TRUSTEES OF MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

Luther Conant. Moses Taylor. Adelbert Mead.
Daniel J. Wetherbee. Delette H. Hall. Hiram J. Hapgood.
Wm. D. Tuttle. L. A. Hesselton. Chas. J. Williams.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

William F. Stevens.

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Daniel H. Farrar. Wm. Kingsley.

WEIGHERS OF COAL AND HAY.

J. P. Fletcher. D. J. Wetherbee. Eugene Stevens.
Chas. J. Williams.

UNDERTAKER.

Isaac F. Duren.

JANITOR OF TOWN HALL.

Chas. W. Pitman.

* Deceased.

Treasurer's Report.

TOWN OF ACTON in account with J. K. W. Wetherbee, Treas.

1896.	DR.	
Mar. 12.	To cash paid, State tax,	\$ 900 00
	“ “ County tax,	1,420 90
	“ “ Selectmen's orders,	26,032 76
	To balance due the town,	631 65
		\$28,985 31

1895.	CR.	
Mar. 12.	By balance in the treasury,	\$ 740 78
Received from First National Bank of Ayer,	borrowed money,	5,000 00
	-District Court of Central Mas-	
	sachusetts, for fines,	174 90
	Nathan Johnson, for grass	
	in Woodlawn Cemetery,	5 00
	Acton Water Committee, for	
	lumber,	1 48
	American Powder Mills, for	
	423 feet of plank,	12 26
	S. Jones, Jr., for water closet	
	in South East District,	5 00
	C. J. Williams, for school	
	supplies sold to pupils,	7 23
	C. J. Williams, on account of	
	prize books,	1 20
	L. W. Stevens, for lots sold	
	in Mount Hope cemetery;	24 00
	John Fletcher, for lots sold	
	in Woodlawn cemetery,	6 00
	Arthur F. Blanchard, license	
	to slaughter,	1 00

Received from Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee, license to slaughter,	\$1 00
Moses A. Reed, license to slaughter,	1 00
Town of Boxboro, for tuition,	75 33
G. H. Fales, on account of supervision of schools,	375 00
Acton Memorial Library, for fines,	30 64
C. W. Pitman, for rent of town hall and cellar,	54 13
N. Littlefield, for use of road scraper,	2 00
N. Littlefield, for road clean- ings,	3 00
State Treasurer, corporation tax,	673 89
State Treasurer, National Bank tax,	265 28
State Treasurer, military aid, chap. 279, acts 1889,	151 25
State Treasurer, state aid, chap. 301, acts 1889,	578 00
State Treasurer, soldiers' aid, chap. 62, acts 1894,	17 50
State Treasurer, income Mass. school fund,	235 35
State Treasurer, for support of state pauper,	2 00
County Treasurer, on account of dog tax,	211 47
Lyman Tuttle, for milk sold at town farm,	802 97
Lyman Tuttle, for apples sold at town farm,	269 00
Lyman Tuttle, for four cows sold at town farm,	89 75
Lyman Tuttle, for calves sold at town farm,	7 50

Received from Lyman Tuttle, for eggs sold at town farm,	\$31 91
Lyman Tuttle, for poultry sold at town farm,	12 41
Lyman Tuttle, for potatoes sold at town farm,	23 00
Lyman Tuttle, for pumpkins sold at town farm,	50
Lyman Tuttle, for wood sold at town farm,	64 69
Lyman Tuttle, use of bull at at town farm,	50
Lyman Tuttle, barrels so at town farm,	2 40
Lyman Tuttle, board of Clar- ence McCormick at town farm,	12 00
Wm. F. Stevens, collector, taxes for A. D. 1893,	341 87
Wm. F. Stevens, collector, taxes for A. D. 1894,	1,756 14
Wm. F. Stevens, collector, taxes for A. D. 1895,	16,849 52
Interest on money in bank,	65 46
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	\$28,985 31

J. K. W. WETHERBEE,

Treasurer of Acton.

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

1896.	DR.	
March 12.	To Hepsabeth Piper fund,	\$ 50 00
	Frederick Rouillard fund,	100 00
	William W. Davis “	100 00
	Jedediah Tuttle, “	50 00
	Nancy K. Handley, “	500 00
	Mary Skinner, “	200 00
	Eliza A. Whitcomb, “	75 00
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		\$1,075 00

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

I have examined the reports of the Treasurer and find them correct.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD,
Auditor of the Town of Acton.

Selectmen's Report.

We respectfully submit to you our report for the year ending March 12th, and recommendations for the present year.

For State tax,		\$1,100 00
“ County tax,		1,400 00
“ Memorial Library,		600 00
“ Schools,		4,700 00
“ School supplies,		475 00
“ Scientific apparatus,		150 00
“ Transportation of scholars,		240 00
“ Roads and bridges,		2,500 00
“ Overlayings,		400 00

Town charges, the following :

Miscellaneous expenses,	\$1,150 00	
Discount on taxes,	1,000 00	
Town officers,	1,400 00	
Support of poor,	800 00	
Repairs on town buildings,	600 00	
Street lamps,	350 00	
Cemetery expenses,	200 00	
Interest on debt,	300 00	
Printing,	150 00	
Soldiers' relief,	50 00	6,000 00
		<u>\$17,565 00</u>

According to these recommendations your rate of taxation will be about the same as last year, \$11.00.

We expected to have reduced the debt last year on a \$11.00 rate, but as there was an expenditure of money in a certain line

on which there was no estimate made, it was impossible to do so. Had it not been for this our estimate would have come within \$200.00 of the actual cost.

If you appropriate a sum of money for a certain object, that money comes from the amount raised for town charges, and if it is not figured in that amount it must come from somewhere, and it will therefore necessarily increase your debt.

Whereas if you raise a certain sum it will increase your rate and not change your debt. In looking over the warrant it seems to us that your rate will be very much higher than we have estimated, if you grant all that is asked for in it, but the matter is in your hands to decide.

According as you vote so must your rate be. At the end of our report you will find the valuation and some financial statistics of the town for the past thirty years, which may be of interest to you.

Following is the financial report:

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

CENTRE SCHOOL.

Paid Susie E. Conant, teacher, 36 weeks (Grammar),	\$360 00
Florence N. Day, teacher, 18 weeks (Primary),	180 00
Nathan Johnson, janitor,	52 50
“ cleaning rooms,	1 50
“ matches,	20
James Hill, cleaning rooms,	5 25
H. F. Tuttle, for soap and powder,	40
C. O. Neil, 4 cords wood,	16 00
G. E. Greenough, 11,520 lbs. coal,	31 10

Paid M. E. Taylor & Co., twine,	\$	25	
“ brush,		87	
“ 63 ft. wire,		48	
“ tacks,		04	
“ ivoryine,		12	
“ oil,		35	
“ 1 dipper,		10	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 1 brush,		25	
“ 25-8 rope,		32	
“ 3 keys and tags,		1 05	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, ring		10	
			\$650 88

NORTH ACTON.

Paid Lillian F. Richardson, teacher, 36 weeks,		\$360 00	
W. B. Harriman, janitor,		54 00	
“ cleaning room,		5 00	
“ wood,		5 00	
E. Jones & Do., 12,965 lbs. coal,		38 90	
Allen G. Smith, cleaning room,		5 00	
			\$467 90

EAST SCHOOL.

Paid Ida A. Hapgood, teacher, 36 weeks,		\$360 00	
Alden Johnson, janitor,		30 00	
Daniel H. Farrar, 2 cords wood,		9 00	
Wm. Coons, cutting wood,		3 00	
“ labor,		30	
Mrs. Mannon, cleaning room,		3 25	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 1 duster,		89	
“ 1 jar,		28	
			\$406 72

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Paid Hattie L. Tuttle, teacher, (Grammar) 24 weeks,		\$240 00	
Henrietta Cutler, teacher, (Grammar) 12 weeks,		120 00	

Paid Bertha L. Gardner, teacher, (Primary)		
25 weeks,		\$250 00
Lilla Keniston, teacher, (Primary)	10	
weeks,		100 00
Martha Hosmer, teacher, (Primary)	1	
week,		10 00
C. L. Bradford, janitor,		90 00
" cleaning rooms,		6 00
" 1-2 cord wood,		3 00
M. Hannon, cleaning vault,		1 00
F. J. Hastings & Co., 1083 lbs. coal,		3 03
" 10,187 lbs. coal,		27 50
" 10,610 lbs. coal,		28 56
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 2 pails,		74
" hardware,		43
" 2 dippers,		66
" oil,		08
" 1 basin,		37
" 1 jar,		40
" 1 thermom-		
eter,		25
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, polish,		10
" 2 mats,		2 80
" 1 mat,		5 63
" 1 brush,		2 00

 \$892 55

WEST SCHOOL.

Paid Albertie M. Preston (Grammar)	36	
weeks,		\$360 00
Harriet H. Gardner, (Primary)	36	
weeks,		360 00
F. W. Green, janitor (spring),		25 00
Thomas Scanlon, janitor (fall and		
winter),		52 00
Herman Gould, 2 cords wood,		8 00
F. W. Green, cutting and getting in		
wood,		5 00
E. C. Parker & Co., 15,500 lbs. coal,		39 52

Paid Thomas Scanlon, cleaning rooms,	\$6 12
May Richardson, cleaning room,	2 50
C. H. Mead & Co., 3 mats,	11 40
“ 1 pail,	42
“ 2 brooms,	70
“ 2 brooms,	50
“ bottle mucilage,	10

 \$871 26

HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid W. A. Charles, principal,	\$1,000 00
M. Florence Fletcher, assistant teacher,	450 00
C. L. Bradford, Janitor,	90 00
“ “ cleaning rooms,	7 00
Augustine Hosmer, 400 programmes,	3 50
J. L. Hammett, writing diplomas,	3 75
F. J. Hastings & Co., 1,082 lbs. coal,	3 03
“ “ “ 10,188 “	27 51
“ “ “ 10,610 “	28 56
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 15 yds. ribbon,	2 40
“ “ “ “ moth marbles,	08
“ “ “ “ 1 duster,	35
“ “ “ “ 1 thermometer,	25
Arthur Tuttle, orchestra, graduating exercises,	15 00

 \$1,631 43

SCHOOL SUPPLIES,

Paid Ginn & Co.,	\$ 91 27
D. C. Heath & Co.,	9 34
J. L. Hammett,	151 95
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	3 13
Lee & Shepard,	20 81
Perry, Mason & Co.,	14 00
American Book Co.,	11 08
Houghton & Mifflin,	34 77
Educational Publishing Co.,	50 20
University “ “	7 20
Gately & O'Gorman,	15 00
Prang Educational Co.,	66 13

Paid Public School Printing Co.,	\$3 70
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	10 50
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co.,	6 00
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee,	1 95
C. H. Mead & Co.,	65
C. J. Williams, express,	6 05
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\$503 73

SCIENTIFIC APPARATUS.

Paid Ziegler Electric Co.,	\$65 74
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	1 25
D. Appleton & Co.,	3 34
American Book Co.,	9 2
J. L. Hammett,	15 00
Balch Bros.,	12 50
Ginn & Co.,	1 67
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\$108 75

TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOLARS.

Paid C. I. Miller,	\$36 00
D. C. Harris,	27 00
J. W. Parsons,	25 50
John Maynes,	24 00
M. E. Taylor,	24 00
E. F. Conant,	6 00
Luther Conant,	6 00
Chas. Edwards,	6 00
Robert Wayne,	18 00
F. P. Wood,	6 00
L. C. Taylor,	6 00
G. W. Poore,	6 00
D. J. Wetherbee,	7 00
J. R. Bassett,	7 00
F. E. Emery,	21 00
W. G. Davis,	7 00
S. H. Taylor,	21 00
John Davis,	9 00
Amanda Bryant,	3 00
A. M. Knowlton,	9 00

Paid Eliza J. Shattuck,	\$9 00
E. S. Rich,	3 00
F. R. Knowlton,	15 00
J. A. Goding,	9 00
Caroline M. Handley,	3 00
D. C. Cutler,	15 00
C. A. Holbrook,	9 00
F. H. Whitcomb,	9 00
Geo. B. Parker,	9 00
Thomas Scanlon,	9 00
Mrs. E. I. Teele,	9 00
S. A. Guilford,	9 00
W. L. Mead,	9 00
Thomas Knowlton,	9 00
H. A. Littlefield,	18 00
Geo. S. Reed,	3 00
W. L. Tenney,	6 00
C. S. Hewins,	12 00
O. A. Knowlton,	6 00
Mrs. E. S. Burroughs,	6 00
Mrs. E. G. Webster,	3 00
W. S. Jones, south east,	180 00

\$634 50

MAINTAINING STREET LAMPS.

Paid West Acton Street Lighting Association, 41,	\$ 99 63
Acton Centre Improvement Society, 65,	157 95
Henry Barker, 2,	4 86
E. J. Banks,	2 43
L. V. Clough, 2,	4 86
Gardner Clark,	2 43
Rev. W. F. Dussault,	2 43
I. F. Duren,	2 43
A. J. Fletcher,	2 43
J. P. Fletcher, 2,	4 86
Mrs. Geo. W. Gates,	2 43

Paid H. J. Hapgood,	\$2 43
Charles Hodges,	2 43
F. J. Hastings & Co.,	2 43
L. A. Hesselton,	2 43
D. C. Harris,	2 43
Francis Hosmer,	2 43
L. S. Hosmer,	2 43
A. H. Jones,	2 43
Elnathan Jones,	2 43
W. H. Jones,	2 43
Mrs. M. E. Lothroppe,	2 43
A. Merriam, 2,	4 86
Frank Merriam,	2 43
Albert Moulton,	2 43
John D. Moulton,	2 43
Anson C. Piper,	2 43
Mrs. Ruth Piper,	2 43
E. N. Robbins,	2 43
C. S. Simonds,	2 43
F. Z. Taylor,	2 43
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 3,	7 29
Edwin Tarbell,	2 43
Mrs. Lottie Folman,	2 43
Geo. W. Worster,	2 43

 \$352 35

 STATE AND MILITARY AID.

Paid W. B. Ball, chap. 279, acts 1889, board,	\$183 00
Allen G. Smith, " " "	15 00
Addison B. Wheeler, " "	15 00
A. C. Handley, chap. 301, acts 1889, 1 yr.,	62 00
Sarah E. Handley, " " "	48 00
Phebe F. Wood, " " "	48 00
Eliza J. Shattck, " " "	48 00
Luke Smith, " " "	48 00
Mary Smith, " " "	48 00
Rebecca C. Wright, " " "	48 00
Achsa Hanscom, " " "	48 00

Paid Emma F. Blood, chap. 301, acts '89, 1 yr.,	\$48 00
Susan B. Winn, " " "	48 00
Richard G. Dane, " " 3 mos.,	15 00
Addison B. Wheeler, " " 4 "	16 00
George Handley, " " 2 "	8 00
Allen G. Smith, " " 1 "	4 00
Bridget Mawn, " " 10 "	40 00

\$790 00

CEMETERY EXPENSES.

Paid Levi W. Stevens, labor in Mt. Hope,	\$ 97 81
Nathan Johnson, " Woodlawn,	106 00
George E. Greenough, " "	2 60
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, phosphate,	8 20

\$214 61

MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

Paid DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., for books,	\$120 11
Henry D. Noyes, magazines,	28 85
Wm. D. Tuttle, " "	1 00
Eustis & Lauriat, " "	1 67
Luther Conant, express,	50
O. D. Wood, janitor,	103 50
Ida A. H. Tuttle, librarian,	103 00
D. Adelbert Cutler, transporting books,	51 00
John McCarthy, 1 cord wood,	3 00
F. J. Barnard & Co., binding magazines,	21 50
J. F. Scott, 2,000 slips,	9 50
M. E. Taylor & Co., incidentals,	16 86
Wm. D. Tuttle, " "	2 63
F. J. Hastings & Co., 11,095 lbs. coal,	30 45

\$493 57

SUPPORT OF POOR ON FARM.

Paid L. W. Livingston, soap in 1894,	\$ 7 91
" " " 1895,	7 50
W. F. Hale, blacksmith bill,	3 65
Brown & Lawrence, "	16 77
O. L. Newcomb, "	19 66
J. A. McPherson, "	10 71
Moses Thompson,	350 00
" " for goods and labor,	43 67
M. E. Taylor, store bill,	318 71
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, store bill,	168 23
F. J. Hastings & Co., 1 plow,	12 00
" " " grain bill,	52 55
E. C. Parker & Co.,	309 82
W. E. Whitcomb & Co., meat bill,	59 11
Otis H. Forbush, 3 cows,	147 50
J. B. Tuttle, 2 cows,	111 00
Luke Tuttle, 65 barrels,	11 70
E. Jones & Co.,	8 29
W. B. Holt,	15 23
J. E. Ordway, to April 8, 1895,	44 41
F. McQuade, labor,	8 25
Charles Colder, "	18 00
C. McCormick, "	14 31
John Linck, "	31 00
Isaac B. Spinney, "	8 25
O. D. Wood, "	2 00
M. A. Reed, "	10 38
" " potatoes,	2 15
F. J. Barker, M. D.,	1 00
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SUPPORT OF OUTSIDE POOR.

Paid City of Boston, for Hannah Stanton,	\$ 2 83
" " " Wm. G. Whitney,	7 00
Worcester Insane Asylum, support of Clara Wheeler,	169 46

Paid State Treasurer, support of Emily Towne to April 1, 1895,	\$84 50
State Treasurer, support of E. P. Hunt,	47 36
Ayer Home, support of May Kingsley,	81 00
Edwin Tarbell, Aid for Mrs. Jas. McLaughlin,	15 72
E. Jones & Co., aid for Mrs Jas. Mc. Laughlin,	1 98
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, aid for Mrs. Jas. McLaughlin,	35
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, aid for Mrs. J. Quinlan,	52 00
Dr. I. Hutchins, medical attendance on Frank Ashler,	10 00
Town of Maynard, aid, Mrs. Trainor,	17 31
Mrs. C. A. Vose, " "	36 00
J. E. Richardson, care of Frank Ashler,	15 00

\$540 51

LOANS PAID.

Paid Ayer National Bank, note,	\$2,000 00
" " " " 3 mos. interest,	26 67
" " " " note,	3,000 00
" " " " 3 mos. interest,	60 00
John A. Bowen 1 year's interest on \$1,000 note,	50 00
Mrs. P. V. Hapgood, note,	500 00
" " " " interest on note from June 1, 1894, to Jan. 15, 1896,	40 55
F. H. Jones, 1 year's interest on \$700 note,	735 00
F. H. Jones, 1 year's interest on \$600 note,	30 00
Estate of Wm. Davis, 1 year's interest on \$350 note,	17 50
Estate of Wm. Davis, 1 year's interest on \$400 note,	20 00
Estate of Wm. Davis, 1 year's interest on \$1,028 note,	51 40
Mrs. W. W. Davis, 1 year's interest on \$100 note,	5 00

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PRINTING.

Paid Enterprise Printing Co., reports,	\$84 03
“ “ “ notices,	2 00
“ “ “ warrants,	3 75
“ “ “ “	3 75
“ “ “ water report,	18 60
“ “ “ voting lists,	12 50
Augustine Hosmer, tickets,	2 00
“ “ treasurer orders,	1 75
“ “ envelopes,	1 75
“ “ tramp permit,	1 00
“ “ 200 tags,	50
“ “ letter heads,	1 75
“ “ votes,	1 50
“ “ orders,	1 00
“ “ note heads,	1 25
“ “ letter heads,	1 65
“ “ envelopes,	1 65
“ “ programmes,	3 50
J. F. Scott, flyers,	2 00
Corbett Printing Co., 1,000 schedules for assessors,	15 00
Campbell & Hanscom, poll tax lists,	7 00
H. F. Tuttle, for voting list,	1 15

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TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Horace F. Tuttle, clerk,	\$ 30 00
J. K. W. Wetherbee, treasurer,	80 00
E. Faulkner Conant, selectman,	95 00
Daniel J. Wetherbee, “	50 00
Isaiah Hutchins, “	50 00
* Phineas Wetherbee, assessor,	53 00
James B. Tuttle, “	30 00
Anson C. Piper, “	30 00
Lyman Tuttle, overseer of poor,	50 00

Paid Edwin C. Parker, overseer o poor,	\$15 00
Moses A. Reed, " "	20 00
Edward Dixon, supt. of schools,	465 00
Charles J. Williams, school committee,	73 30
Horace F. Tuttle, " "	15 00
Isaiah Hutchins, " "	15 00
F. A. Houston, " "	12 50
" " " 1894,	11 25
W. H. Hartwell, " "	6 00
Wm. F. Stevens, in 1894, collector,	100 00
" " in 1893, " "	100 00
Horace F. Tuttle, registrar of voters,	15 00
Julian Tuttle, " "	12 00
James McGreen, " "	12 00
F. H. Whitcomb, " "	12 00
H. J. Hapgood, auditor,	6 00
A. H. Rose, inspector of cattle,	50 00
M. A. Reed, " "	46 50
W. F. Stevens, sealer weights and meas- ures,	5 00
H. F. Tuttle, election officer,	3 00
Lyman Taylor, " "	3 00
C. J. Williams, " "	3 00
E. A. Phalen, " "	3 00
C. H. Mead, " "	3 00
H. A. Littlefield, " "	3 00
C. B. Stone, " "	3 00
Wm. F. Kelley, " "	3 00
T. F. Newton, " "	3 00
H. J. Hapgood, " "	3 00
Abram Tuttle, " "	3 00
James McGreen, " "	3 00
Fred S. Whitcomb, " "	1 00
G. E. Holton, " "	1 00
Wm. Kelley, special police,	2 50
I. S. Ford, " "	2 50
R. L. Tuttle, " "	2 50
M. A. Reed, " "	1 50
S. H. Taylor, " "	1 50

Paid E. P. Smith, special police,	\$2 00	
Wm. Kingsley, “	2 00	
R. L. Reed, constable,	10 25	
E. A. Phalen, “	2 50	
James Kingsley, “	5 50	
E. A. Phalen, truant officer,	1 00	
* Deceased.		\$1,531 30

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Paid City of Marlboro, aid for W. F. B. Whitney,	\$12 00	
Dr. Isaiah Hutchins, medical attendance on Geo. Handley,	5 50	
Dr. Isaiah Hutchins, medical attendance on A. B. Wheeler,	10 75	
Dr. Isaiah Hutchins, medical attendance on Rebecca C. Wright,	4 00	
		\$32 25

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid H. A. Gould,	\$894 70	
Nahum Littlefield,	733 19	
Wm. Kingsley,	661 86	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, pipe,	59 00	
W. B. Holt, pipe.	49 04	
E. Jones & Co., lumber,	7 30	
J. A. McPherson, blacksmith,	4 40	
S. A. Guilford, “	7 10	
N. A. Davidson, 70 loads gravel,	3 50	
F. H. Whitcomb, 148 “	7 40	
A. Bulette, 45 “	2 25	
Jerry McCarthy, 266 “	13 30	
John Fletcher, 64 “	3 20	
H. F. Clark, plank,	1 50	
J. F. Coughlin, covering stones,	1 50	
Isaiah Hutchins, “	1 00	
		\$2,450 24

REPAIRS ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Paid E. Jones & Co., repairs on farm,	\$38 33
" repairs on hall and stand,	15 55
E. Jones & Co., repairs on West school house,	5 52
E. Jones & Co., repairs on East school house,	1 65
E. Jones & Co., repairs on South school house,	13 95
E. Jones & Co., 1 window,	1 35
O. D. Wood, repairs on farm,	11 00
" " hall,	11 47
" " Centre school house,	1 25
F. E. Harris, repairs on West school house,	54 60
Samuel Jones, jr., repairs on South school house,	46 32
George G. Keith, repairs on Library,	32 31
" " East school house,	8 58
George G. Keith, repairs on Centre school house,	7 15
George G. Keith, repairs on South school house,	40
George G. Keith, repairs on West school house,	20
D. H. Farrar, repairs on East school house,	61
M. H. Warden, repairs on East school house,	8 50
W. B. Harriman, repairs on North school house,	3 00
Warren Houghton, repairs on West school house,	56 95
Ziegler Electric Co., repairs on school bell,	13 87
W. F. Hale, repairs on South school house,	60

Paid, John J. Tapley, on South school grounds,	\$7 97
C. L. Bradford, " "	7 50
M. Hannon, " "	2 50
A. C. Piper, " "	11 93
C. G. Davis, painting North and East school houses,	127 20
Moses A. Reed, repairs, West school house,	1 75
Moses A. Reed, repairs, South school house,	1 75
James Kingsley, repairs, West school house,	3 50
W. B. Holt, repairs, West school house,	21 17
Spofford Robbins, repairs, Centre school house,	11 00
H. F. Tuttle, repairs, Centre school house,	5 45
Francis Jones, repairs, Centre school house,	3 00
Francis Jones, repairs, North and East school houses,	2 50
Francis Jones, repairs, West school house,	75
Francis Jones, repairs, South school house,	13 82
Robert Wayne, repairs, farm,	6 50
C. W. Pitman, repairs, farm,	15 09
J. W. Henderson, repairs, Centre school house,	25
J. W. Henderson, repairs, South school house,	1 75
W. W. Hendley, repairs, Centre school house,	13 65
Nathan Johnson, repairs, Centre school house,	76
Wm. Coons, repairs, East school house,	1 40
C. L. Davis, " "	2 35
M. E. Taylor & Co., repairs, Centre school house,	1 05
C. H. Mead & Co., repairs, West school house,	4 06

Paid H. T. Clark, repairs, West school house,	\$ 95
N. A. Davidson, on South school grounds,	60
M. A. Reed, on well, South school grounds,	2 00
E. Jones & Co., water committee,	1 48

\$606 84

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid H. L. Hayward, painting letters on monument and marker,	\$ 5 67
Jean M. Missud, band for April 19,	115 00
A. J. Park, decorations “	53 00
Geo. H. Worster, transportation Apr. 19,	2 75
Horace Tuttle, “ “	20 00
John Fletcher, badges and invitations, April 19,	13 40
Albert H. Perkins, transportation April 19,	6 00
Norman Davidson, transportation April 19,	6 00
Charles Edwards, transportation April 19,	6 00
John McCarthy, “	1 65
F. H. Whitcomb, “	10 00
R. M. Yale & Co., tent April 19,	51 40
A. L. Noyes, caterer, April 19,	169 65
“ “	6 50
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, powder April 19,	5 50
C. H. Persons, rent of piano,	6 00
George Greenough, labor,	11 50
Clarence McCormick, labor,	1 75
Union Desk Co., for 2 desks, High school,	46 62
Joseph Symonds, scraper plate,	8 50
Horace Partridge Co., flags for graves,	14 24
James Kingsley, use of road,	8 00
W. F. Hale, repairing fire engine,	1 88
Wm. Kingsley, resetting marker,	7 00

Paid Edw. Dixon, postage and express,	\$12 40
" for binding com. reports,	75
M. D. Jones, markers for graves,	90 00
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, table for High school,	6 50
J. L. Greenleaf, liquor cases,	146 32
Horace F. Tuttle, plan and surveying,	16 00
D. James Wetherbee, insurance on Li- brary,	37 50
Chandler Chair and Desk Co., desks for schools,	149 10
J. T. & R. E. Joslin,	34 75
N. H. Tenney,	1 25
O. L. Newcomb, work on fire engine,	2 85
D. H. Farrar, pole, skides and irons for truck,	24 50
W. F. Hale, repairing road scraper,	1 70
Isaac Davis Post, for Decoration Day,	50 00
J. Otis McFadden, shades for West school house,	19 40
O. D. Wood, labor,	3 25
Louis J. Wyman, repairing library clock,	5 00
N. M. Allen, repairing clock at Centre school,	1 00
Bobrick School Furniture Co., book cases,	18 00
Wm. Kingsley, C. L. Davis road,	108 75
Phineas Wetherbee, copying poll tax list,	5 00
Phineas Wetherbee, copying valuation list,	12 50
Phineas Wetherbee, Collector's book,	85
Phineas Wetherbee, stationery, postage and express,	1 50
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 6 keys,	1 00
W. F. Stevens, killing dog,	1 25
" notifying officers,	1 75
" collecting dog tax,	10 00
" discount on taxes,	989 29
" abatment of taxes,	99 70

Paid Geo. G. Keith, 3 heaters for West and South schools,	\$825 00
Luke Tuttle, use of team at fire,	2 00
Geo. E. Greenough, use of team at fire,	3 00
Livermore, use of team at fire,	3 00
W. H. Jones, use of team at fire,	2 00
“ fire warden for men at fire,	48 00
E. B. Forbush, teaming ladders,	2 00
J. L. Hammett, desk and clock,	16 50
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, oil heater, Selectmen's room,	8 50
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 2 lamps, lower hall,	6 50
D. C. Harris, guide board and lettering,	4 00
D. Adelbert Cutler, boxes for books,	7 07
S. A. Guilford, blacksmith bill,	3 91
W. H. Kingsley, moving fence,	10 38
J. F. Fuller & Co., El-a-tol powder,	1 40
R. L. Reed, enforcing liquor law,	25 00
Dr. J. E. Marsh, reporting births,	1 75
Dr. F. E. Tasker, “	2 25
Dr. F. U. Rich, “	1 25
Dr. F. J. Barker, “	2 00
H. T. Clark, fixing up voting stalls,	1 25
“ use of G. A. R. Hall,	4 50
O. H. Forbush, land damage,	18 17
M. H. Warden, “	7 40
S. B. Harris, breaking out roads,	1 80
Luke Tuttle, “	70
N. Littlefield, “	4 30
“ work on Davis road,	2 75
State Treasurer, error on corporation tax,	13
S. R. Burroughs, labor,	2 00
H. F. Tuttle, collecting and recording 39 births,	16 50
H. F. Tuttle, recording 36 marriages,	5 40
“ recording 39 births,	5 90
“ postage,	1 11
“ express,	2 20
“ writing for Road Commiss.	1 00

Paid H. F. Tuttle, writing deed,	\$2 00
" dog license blanks,	62
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, for fire de- partment, 2 rubber coats,	4 50
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, for fire de- partment, 6 doz. pails,	19 50
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, for fire de- partment, 3 blankets,	9 00
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, for fire de- partment, 2 hats,	1 34
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, for fire de- partment, 1 globe,	15
M. E. Taylor & Co., for fire department, incidentals,	2 66
DeWolf, Fiske & Co., books for prizes,	3 20
J. A. McPherson, work on fire engine,	3 50
M. E. Taylor & Co., incidentals for hall,	17 55
C. Edwards, teaming wood for hall,	2 00
I. F. Duren, Supt. of burials,	126 00
" return of deaths,	8 00
F. C. Nash, liquor cases,	15 00
C. W. Pitman, care of clock and flag,	20 00
" repairing flag,	1 50
" care of hall,	62 95
Lyman Tuttle, expense to Boston,	4 00
" " Hudson,	2 00
" " Barre,	3 63
E. F. Conant, express, postage, tele- phone and freight,	11 05
J. K. W. Wetherbee, postage, stationery and check book,	4 65
C. J. Williams, postage,	5 14
" express,	3 35
" telephone,	1 30
" freight,	2 58
Fitchburg R. R. Co., freight,	2 47
E. A. Phalen, constable, graduating ex- ercises,	1 00
James Grimes, pump platform,	50

Paid D. H. Farrar, labor on fire engine,	\$2 50
E. Jones & Co., repairs on fire engine,	25
C. L. Bradford, attending registrar meet- ings,	1 50
C. L. Bradford, freight,	68
James Kingsley, 2 posts,	1 25
Samuel Harris, repairing clock in hall,	1 00
N. Johnson, key ring,	10
S. Robbins, fixing voting stalls,	50
F. L. Fuller, engineer for Water Com- mittee,	400 00
Daniel Russell, labor,	461 07
Fred W. Green, labor,	132 50
Geo. B. Wetherbee, labor,	67 37
Geo. T. Knowlton, board of men,	85 50
A. L. Noyes, " "	2 75
S. A. Guilford, blacksmith's bill,	2 00
H. A. Littlefield, paid for labor and freight,	25 86
H. A. Littlefield, entertaining board of health and postage on reports,	7 78
W. H. Teele, land damage,	5 00
N. H. Tenney, pipe and labor,	12 59
E. Jones & Co., lumber,	1 48
Hall Bros., lumber,	1 10

\$5,034 41

RECEIPTS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Balance due from Treasurer, Mar. 12, 1895,	\$740 78
" " Collector, " "	2,098 01
Appropriation for Town charges,	6,000 00
High school,	1,600 00
Common schools,	2,800 00
School supplies,	475 00
Scientific apparatus,	100 00
Transportation of scholars,	755 00
Supt. of schools,	475 00

Appropriation for Street lamps,	\$350 00
Memorial library,	550 00
Highways,	2,300 00
State tax,	900 00
County tax,	1,420 90
Overlayings,	405 91
Received from First National Bank of Ayer, borrowed money,	5,000 00
District Court of Central Massachusetts, for fines,	174 90
Nathan Johnson, for grass in Woodlawn cemetery,	5 00
Acton Water Committee, lum- ber,	1 48
American Powder Mills, 423 feet plank,	12 26
S. Jones, Jr., for water closet, south east district,	5 00
C. J. Williams, school sup- plies sold to pupils,	7 23
C. J. Williams, on account of prize books,	1 20
L. W. Stevens, lots sold in Mt. Hope cemetery,	24 00
John Fletcher, lots sold in Woodlawn cemetery,	6 00
A. F. Blanchard, license to slaughter,	1 00
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, license to slaughter,	1 00
Moses A. Reed, license to slaughter,	1 00
Town of Boxboro, for tuition,	75 33
S. H. Fales, on account of supervision of schools.	375 00
Acton Memorial Library, for fines,	30 64
C. W. Pitman, rent of town hall and cellar,	54 13

Received from N. Littlefield, use of road scraper,	\$2 00
N. Littlefield, road cleanings,	3 00
State Treasurer, corporation tax,	673 89
State Troasurer, National Bank tax,	265 28
State Treasurer, military aid, chap. 279, acts 1889,	151 25
State Treasurer, state aid, chap. 301, acts 1889,	578 00
State Treasurer, soldiers' aid, chap. 62, acts 1894,	17 50
State Treasurer, income Mass. school fund,	235 35
Statt Treasurer, support of state pauper,	2 00
County Treasurer, on acct. dog tax,	211 47
Lyman Tuttle, for milk sold at town farm,	802 97
Lyman Tuttle, apples sold at town farm,	269 00
Lyman Tuttle, 4 cows sold at town farm,	89 75
Lyman Tuttle, calves sold at town farm,	7 50
Lyman Tuttle, eggs sold at town farm,	31 91
Lyman Tuttle, poultry sold at town farm,	12 41
Lyman Tuttle, potatoes sold at town farm,	23 00
Lyman Tuttle, pumpkins sold at town farm,	59
Lyman Tuttle, wood sold at town farm,	64 69
Lyman Tuttle, use of bull at town farm,	50

Received from Lyman Tuttle, barrels sold		
at town farm,	\$2	40
" Lyman Tuttle, board of C.M.		
McCormick.	12	00
Interest on money,	65	46
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		\$30,267 60

EXPENDITURES.

For support of Centre school,	\$	650	88
North school,		467	90
East school,		406	72
South school,		892	55
West school,		871	26
High school,		1,631	43
School supplies,		503	73
Scientific apparatus,		108	75
Transportation of scholars,		634	50
Street Lamps,		352	35
State and military aid,		790	00
Cemetery expenses,		214	61
Memorial library,		493	57
Support of poor on farm,		1,813	76
outside poor,		540	51
Loans and interest,		5,836	12
Printing,		169	08
Town officers,		1,531	30
Soldiers' relief,		32	25
Roads and bridges,		2,450	24
Repairs on town buildings and grounds.		606	84
Miscellaneous expenses,		5,034	41
State tax,		900	00
County tax,		1,420	90
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		\$28,353	66
Balance due from Treasurer,		631	65
" " " Collector in 1895,		1,282	29
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			\$30,267 60

TOWN DEBT, MARCH 12, 1896.

Estate of Wm. Davis, note,	\$1,028 00
Interest on same from Oct. 18, 1895, to March 12, 1896,	20 56
Estate Wm. Davis, note,	350 00
Interest on same from May 12, 1895, to March 12, 1896,	14 58
Estate Wm. Davis, note,	400 00
Interest on same from Sept. 20, 1895, to March 12, 1896,	9 55
John A. Bowen, note,	1,000 00
Interest on same from Dec. 6, 1895, to Mar. 12, 1896,	13 33
Frank H. Jones, note,	600 00
Interest on same from April 27, 1895, to March 12, 1896,	26 25
Frank H. Jones, note,	700 00
Interest on same from June 15, 1865, to March 12, 1896,	25 96
	<u>\$4,188 23</u>
Less amount due from treasurer and col- lector,	<u>1,913 94</u>
Balance against the town, March 12, 1896,	\$2,274 29

E. FAULKNER CONANT,
DANIEL J. WETHERBEE,
ISAIAH HUTCHINS,

Selectmen of Acton.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen for the past year, and find them correct.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD,

Auditor of the Town of Acton.

March 16th, 1896.

Statistical Table.

VALUATION.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

	Personal.	Real Estate.	Total.	Rate of Taxation.	Town Debt as represented by notes.	State Tax.	County Tax.	Balance in favor of Town.
1865	\$175,290.00	\$694,345.00	\$869,635.00	\$15.41	\$12,977.80	\$4,324.00	\$ 667.13	\$
1866	176,144.00	705,110.00	881,254.00	9.58	6,125.70	2,700.00	731.51	
1867	238,227.00	727,010.00	965,237.00	8.91	11,145.44	4,600.00	819.29	
1868	226,473.00	738,030.00	964,503.00	12.00	10,838.04	1,840.00	848.55	
1869	233,222.00	745,335.00	978,557.00	11.30	12,064.00	2,300.00	936.33	
1870				[2-3	12,067.72	2,300.00	933.36	
1871	193,567.00	774,750.00	968,317.00	14.66	11,652.87	2,300.00	933.36	
1872	276,106.00	892,417.00	1,168,523.00	12.00	13,471.49	1,580.00	916.19	
1873	278,040.00	919,867.00	1,197,907.00	12.00	22,767.87	1,777.50	1,012.64	
1874	290,864.00	963,429.00	1,254,284.00	12.20	25,104.58		1,081.19	
1875	290,771.00	974,385.00	1,265,156.00	12.50	23,359.23	1,580.00	1,013.62	
1876	244,005.00	995,709.00	1,239,795.00	11.00	20,083.90	1,296.00	452.27	
1877	219,877.00	1,008,238.00	1,228,115.00	10.50	20,087.20	1,080.00	633.17	
1878	211,892.00	942,074.00	1,153,876.00	11.00	17,897.06	720.00	520.10	
1879	211,486.00	252,704.00	1,164,190.00	9.50	14,344.38	300.00	520.10	
1880	230,206.00	964,889.00	1,195,185.00	10.00	11,227.52	1,080.00	542.70	
1881	230,091.00	976,833.00	1,206,834.00	10.29	6,317.07	1,080.00	542.70	
1882	218,054.00	978,129.00	1,196,183.00	13.80	2,050.78	1,440.00	542.70	
1883	223,411.00	985,357.00	1,208,768.00	8.00	None.	1,110.00	678.38	2,430.64
1884	244,579.00	1,019,637.00	1,264,216.00	7.50	None.	1,480.00	680.80	1,520.13
1885	251,531.00	1,021,502.00	1,273,033.00	7.50	None.	1,110.00	860.22	1,288.06
1886	244,382.00	1,041,707.00	1,286,089.00	8.40	1,024.65	1,110.00	667.85	
1887	259,952.00	1,052,640.00	1,312,592.00	10.29	None.	1,065.00	778.56	52.20
1888	244,877.00	1,066,169.00	1,310,947.00	9.00	None.	1,665.00	934.27	1,806.23
1889	232,670.00	1,079,105.00	1,311,775.00	9.29	None.	1,340.00	1,038.89	2,597.60
1890	228,315.00	1,221,100.00	1,449,315.00	8.50	None.	1,172.50	1,078.85	1,399.34
1891	218,905.00	1,232,705.00	1,451,610.00	10.29	467.30	1,005.00	1,078.85	
1892	207,225.00	1,234,150.00	1,440,375.00	11.00	3,103.38	1,137.50	1,270.05	
1893	222,760.00	1,246,150.00	1,468,910.00	12.50	2,352.91	1,625.00	1,326.91	
1894	214,975.00	1,268,450.00	1,483,425.00	12.50	3,798.82	1,300.00	1,421.70	
1895	242,340.00	1,285,825.00	1,528,165.00	11.90	1,868.94	900.00	1,490.20	

List of Jurors.

The following is a list of persons to serve as jurors for the ensuing year, as revised by the Selectmen of Acton, to be submitted to said town at their April meeting.

Gustávus V. Bowen,	Manufacturer.
Elisha H. Cutler,	Farmer.
I. Warren Flagg,	Merchant.
Hiram E. Gates,	Farmer.
G. E. Holton,	Mechanic.
Eugene Hall,	"
Geo. A. Hayward,	Clerk.
Edgar H. Hall,	Manufacturer.
Lowell A. Jones,	Farmer.
Samuel Jones, Jr.,	Carpenter.
Warren H. Jones,	Farmer.
John C. Keyes,	"
Hanson A. Littlefield,	Merchant.
Nahum Littlefield,	Farmer.
Jerry McCarthy,	"
F. P. Morse,	"
C. H. Mead,	Merchant.
John D. Moulton,	Farmer.
Willis L. Mead,	Painter.
Thomas F. Noyes,	Farmer.
Charles W. Pitman,	"
Moses A. Reed,	"
Wm. F. Stevens,	"
Henry M. Smith,	"
Horace F. Tuttle,	"
James B. Tuttle,	"
Fred S. Whitcomb,	"

E. FAULKNER CONANT,
DANIEL J. WETHERBEE,
ISAIAH HUTCHINS,

Selectmen of Acton.

Report of Overseers of Poor.

Articles on Hand March 1, 1896.

11 cows,	\$500 25
2 horses,	150 00
Double harnesses,	25 00
Express harness,	30 00
Light harness,	7 00
2 horse collars,	4 00
Horse cart,	18 00
Express wagon,	75 00
Mowing machine,	30 00
Old mowing machine,	2 00
Hay wagon,	30 00
Hay rake,	15 00
2 wheelbarrows,	6 00
2 harrows,	8 00
9 tons of hay,	162 00
Grain,	3 75
3 apple headers,	2 00
Canvass covers,	2 50
Grind stone,	2 00
Farming tools,	22 00
Wrench,	75
3 blankets,	4 00
2 axes,	2 00
3 wood saws,	2 00
18 hens,	9 00
5 ploughs,	25 00
3 cultivators,	5 00
Hay cutter,	2 00
75 apple barrels,	11 25
7 ladders,	10 00
Set of measures,	1 40
Salt,	25

2 sleds,	\$15 00	
12 cords of wood,	60 00	
Lumber,	5 00	
Stone drag,	4 00	
Pung,	8 00	
Light wagon,	20 00	
25 apple boxes,	2 50	
Spray pump,	10 00	
20 bushels of potatoes,	9 00	
Apples,	3 00	
Steel trap,	75	
32 gallons soft soap,	7 00	
Dried apple,	3 00	
Cooking range,	30 00	
Tea, coffee,	75	
Crackers,	1 75	
Fruit jars,	2 50	
Coal,	5 00	
Brooms,	50	
Spices,	75	
Sugar,	75	
Flour,	1 00	
Pails and tubs,	2 00	
Oil tanks,	1 25	
	<u>\$1,360 65</u>	
Articles on hand March 12, 1895,	1,228 45	
		\$ 132 20
Receipts from farm,		1,316 63
Victualing and lodging 493 tramps,		123 75
Wood for town hall,		7 00
		<u>\$1,579 58</u>
Expenditures,	\$1,813 76	
Interest on farm, \$3,500 at 5 per cent.,	175 00	
		\$1,988 76
Less receipts and dif. in articles on hand,		1,579 58
Cost of supporting poor on farm,		<u>\$409 18</u>

LYMAN TUTTLE,
EDWIN C. PARKER,
MOSES A. REED,
Overseers of Poor.

Town Clerk's Report for 1895.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN ACTON IN 1895.

No.	Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents.
1.	Jan. 1.	Emily Louise Stroevevecz.	Frank and Agnes.
2.	Feb. 25.	Effie Mabel Thompson.	Charles G. and Mabel G.
3.	Mar. 8.	Grace Alice Welch.	Walter and Laura M.
4.	Mar. 9.	Electa Pansy Penniman.	George O. and Edith.
5.	Mar. 19.	Margie Elizabeth Kimball.	Charles M. and Carrie E.
6.	Mar. 20.	Hazel May Manly.	Ira J. and Jennie M.
7.	Mar. 26.	Dorothy Bruce Mead.	Charles H. and Jennie F.
8.	April 17.	Delmar Gilmore Durkee.	Charles A. and Car- rie M.
9.	May 18.	James Madison Fairbanks.	Charles H. and Nellie L.
10.	May 27.	Louis Francis Leveroanie.	Louis and Ellen C.
11.	June 1.	Ralph Franklin Hartley.	Theodore W. and Annetta M.
12.	June 2.	Ralph Frederick Jenkins.	Andrew C. and Rachel A.
13.	June 14.	Irma Esther Brown.	Martin L. and Laura E.
14.	June 27.	Margaret Eleanor Coughlin.	John F. and Mary T.
15.	June 30.	Harry Irving Merriam.	William T. and Lizzie B.
16.	July 30.	Etta Luella Brooks.	George and Ida L.
17.	July 31.	Patrick Francis McCarthy.	John and Mary A.
18.	Aug. 6.	Ruth Esther Willard.	Leonard G. and Eme- line M.
19.	Aug. 8.	Gertrude Mary Hill.	James and Mary J.
20.	Aug. 9.	Helena May Boyce.	Charles E. and Annie J.
21.	Aug. 12.	Everett Rhee Spinney.	Everett L. and Lilla M.
22.	Aug. 24.	Dexter Merriam Keezer.	Frank M. and Martha M.
23.	Aug. 31.	Edith Florence Bowen.	Lewis B. and Effie F.

No.	Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents.
24.	Sept. 2.	Mary Agnes Gough.	John E. and Margaret A.
25.	Oct. 4.	David Joseph Foley.	Patrick and Johanna.
26.	Oct. 6.	Albert Willard Evans.	Joseph W. and Mary A.
27.	Oct. 10.	Howard James Billings.	Fred W. and Mary A.
28.	Oct. 31.	Earl Henry Glazier.	Thomas and Emma.
29.	Nov. 7.	Ruby May Greer.	John and Jessie.
30.	Nov. 20.	John Patrick Cahill.	John and Mary.
31.	Dec. 13.	William Joseph Moore.	William J. and Mary A.
32.	Dec. 21.	Michael Thomas Foley.	Michael and Johanna.
33.	Dec. 26.	Wilford Priest Hooper.	George B. and Ida E.

MARRIAGES.

No.	Date.	Names.	Residences.
1.	Jan. 6.	George Higgins, Helena F. Jones,	Boston So. Acton
2.	Jan. 8.	Fred M. Barrows, Mabel E. Parsons,	South Paris, Me. N. Acton
3.	Jan. 9.	Clifton Davis, Sarah H. Whittemore,	Boston Boston
4.	Jan. 9.	Patrick Foley, Johanna Conway,	S. Acton S. Acton
5.	Jan. 12.	Alden B. Johnson, M. Ida Ramsdell,	E. Acton Natick
6.	Jan. 15.	John Greer, Jessie Vaughn,	S. Acton W. Acton
7.	Jan. 29.	Charlie A. Durkee, Carrie M. Gilmore,	W. Acton W. Acton
8.	Jan. 31.	Leonard G. Willard, Emeline M. Merriam,	S. Acton S. Acton
9.	Feb. 4.	John Cahill, Mary Tolman,	S. Acton S. Acton
10.	Feb. 10.	Frederick A. Whitney, Adelia S. Beach,	Harvard Harvard
11.	Feb. 19.	Edward Goggin, Ellen Mahoney,	S. Acton S. Acton
12.	Feb. 24.	Gustavus V. Bowen, Julia A. Kneeland,	S. Acton Jamaica Plain

No.	Date.	Names.	Residence.
13.	Mar. 24.	Harry W. Sawyer, Alice Mead,	S. Acton Maynard
14.	Apr. 18.	Nelson J. Cole, Grace M. Jones,	S. Acton S. Acton
15.	Apr. 29.	Earl C. Anson, Meltha Bassett,	Wadham's Mills, N. Y. S. Acton
16.	May 16.	Alfred E. Chambers, Carrie S. Willard,	S. Acton S. Acton
17.	May 30.	John W. Leahy, Mamie E. Conant,	W. Acton W. Acton
18.	June 1.	Harry A. Fletcher, Alice J. Hoar,	Hartford, Conn. W. Acton
19.	June 11.	Ernest Hosmer, Martha C. Pratt,	Aye S. Acton
20.	June 12.	George B. Arnold, Fontienella E. Turner,	Acton Concord
21.	June 12.	Charlie S. Robbins, Medora C. Barker,	Littleton Acton
22.	June 15.	Alfred J. Williams, Ida A. Ingram,	Boston S. Acton
23.	June 19.	Charles A. Hunter, Grace M. Dow,	S. Acton W. Acton
24.	Aug. 1.	Charles W. Rice, Isabel S. Jones,	Boston Boston
25.	Sept. 3.	James A. Morse, Georgiana Beach,	W. Acton W. Acton
26.	Sept. 11.	James W. Maguire, Agnes Corbett,	Malden Malden
27.	Oct. 9.	Fred W. Wood, Florence H. Flagg,	Concord Acton
28.	Oct. 10.	William B. Holt, Addie L. Guilford,	W. Acton W. Acton
29.	Oct. 16.	Alfred M. Hanks, Anna Fales,	S. Acton Athol
30.	Oct. 16.	Harry J. Rodway, Lucy E. Perkins,	W. Acton Boxboro
31.	Oct. 21.	Charles H. Norris, Emma F. Clemence,	Salem S. Acton

No.	Date.	Names.	Residence.
32.	Nov. 17.	Charles Kennedy, Katie Neyland,	W. Acton W. Acton
33.	Nov. 27.	Henry Booker, Estelle M. Cavanaugh,	Acton Orrington, Me.
34.	Dec. 10.	Walter C. Gardner, Nettie E. Lord,	W. Acton Maynard
35.	Dec. 11.	Alfred M. Chapman, Emma C. Anderson,	S. Acton Roxbury
36.	Dec. 31.	Henry H. Russell, Mabel V. Mead,	Maynard W. Acton

DEATHS.

No.	Date.	Name.	Age.		
			Yrs.	Mos.	Ds.
1.	Jan. 7.	Guy McLaughlin,	0	3	7
2.	Jan. 20.	Mary Ann J. Hayes,	34	7	0
3.	Jan. 28.	Nellie F. Whitcomb,	35	3	6
4.	Jan. 29.	George Gardner,	60	2	13
5.	Feb. 13.	Augusta C. Jones,	61	9	0
6.	Feb. 27.	Joseph Redfearn,	82	0	0
7.	Mar. 6.	Leon F. Gilmore,	0	9	8
8.	Mar. 17.	Esther Johnson,	0	3	0
9.	Mar. 17.	Ann Augusta Crooker,	62	4	21
10.	Mar. 22.	Hannah Murphy,	85	0	0
11.	Mar. 29.	Anna Moan,	8	8	24
12.	Apr. 18.	Phebe Putney,	87	1	18
13.	Apr. 22.	James W. Moan,	7	3	21
14.	Apr. 24.	Mary E. Moan,	11	4	11
15.	Apr. 25.	Sarah P. Forbush,	70	1	19
16.	Apr. 26.	Ploomy P. Wood,	77	2	7
17.	May 3.	Nelson Morton,	59	10	20
18.	May 4.	Johanna Kane,	47	—	—
19.	June 27.	Alfred Lee Randles,	26	—	—
20.	June 28.	Moses B. Garfield,	76	6	11
21.	July 10.	Adelaide Wilkins,		9	12
22.	July 21.	Amos P. Wood,	76	7	—
23.	Aug. 4.	Henry Cahill,	20		
24.	Aug. 7.	Mary W. Chaffin,	88	5	19

AGE—Ys. Ms. Ds.

25.	Aug. 21.	Arthur William Taylor,	32	9	8
26.	Aug. 22.	Ann McCarty,	60	—	—
27.	Aug. 23.	Henry Haynes,	83	4	19
28.	Aug. 31.	Lydia A. Stevens,	78	—	—
29.	Sept. 4.	Maud Howard Knowlton,	1	2	26
30.	Sept. 19.	Patrick Francis McCarthy,	0	1	19
31.	Sept. 26.	George E. Priest,	33	6	17
32.	Oct. 5.	Rebecca M. Morrison,	49	8	29
33.	Oct. 25.	John Jones,	52	11	22
34.	Dec. 1.	Phineas Wetherbee,	71	8	7
35.	Dec. 1.	Abigail Lord,	90	0	16
36.	Dec. 7.	John Grimes,	81	9	0
37.	Dec. 16.	Mary Elizabeth Taylor,	70	1	11
38.	Dec. 16.	Child of Fred J. and Mary E. Whitecomb,	—	—	—
39.	Dec. 31.	Susannah Graham,	78	8	13

PERSONS BROUGHT TO ACTON FOR BURIAL.

No.	Date of Death.	Name and Residence.	Age.		
			Yrs.	Mos.	Ds.
1.	Feb. 18.	Susan Robbins of Natick,	89		
2.	Mar. 5.	Isaac Barker of Malden,	89	7	3
3.	Mar. 5.	Ernest L. Hall of Charlestown,	1	5	9
4.	Mar. 8.	Lucy G. Barker of Boston,	87	3	27
5.	Mar. 25.	Silas Davis of Boston,	52	9	0
6.	Apr. 14.	Endora J. Willis of Shirley,	44	7	11
7.	Apr. 15.	Grace A. Forbush of Lowell,	17	3	16
8.	May 5.	Persis Hapgood of Hudson; Mich.,	83		
9.	May 6.	Emma F. Burns of Chelmsford,	25	9	18
10.	May 15.	Nancy T. Moore of Chelsea,	75	—	—
11.	May 31.	Elizabeth H. Dole of Marlboro,	85	2	13
12.	June 25.	Maria Yapp of Boston,	85	6	—
13.	July 4.	Ray F. Fessenden of Everett,		5	—
14.	July 3.	George M. Pike of Hudson,	61	4	11
15.	July 13.	Hugh Cash of Littleton,	86		
16.	July 17, 1889.	Myra F. Hall of Charlestown,	1	10	—
17.	July 20.	C ara E. Cutler of Wakefield,	52	10	23
18.	Sept. 16.	Newbert W. Hall of Charlestown,	6	2	26

			AGE—	YS.	MS.	DS.
19.	Oct. 15.	Charles H. Moore of Chelsea,	79	—	—	
20.	Oct. 17.	Robert P. Burroughs of Alstead, N.H.,	43	11	12	
21.	Oct. 24.	Mary A. Rand of West Boylston,	68	3	3	
22.	Oct. 23.	Hannah P. Weston of Fitchburg,	71	7	17	
23.	Oct. 26.	Annie L. Blanchard of Lawrence,	23	11	3	
24.	Oct. 26.	Kate I. Kinsley of Lowell,	37	7	24	
25.	Nov. 21.	Ellen J. Farrer of Lynn,	44	—	—	
26.	Dec. 2.	Irma Christine Richardson of Fram- ingham,	3	5	4	

PERSONS HAVING DOGS LICENSED IN 1895.

Ralph Crooker	Luke Tuttle
Calvin S. Symonds, 1 female	Charles S. Moulton
Charles W. Allen	A. L. Lawrence
Charles Morris	Solon A. Robbins
E. Eddie Fletcher	Adolphus Desseault
James P. Brown	L. V. Clough
Albert H. Perkins	C. J. Williams
Francis A. Houston	John Temple
Fredson P. Brooks	Wm. F. Stevens
Frank L. Stiles, 1 female	Constance O'Neil
C. A. Hodges	Charles A. Taylor
A. L. Tuttle	W. F. Kelly
A. J. Fletcher,	Lyman Tuttle
Daniel H. Farrer	F. R. Knowlton
Frank W. Bulette	George T. Knowlton, 1 fem.
Charles H. Mead & Co.	Mrs. J. M. Kraetzer
John H. Haniford	Hanson A. Littlefield
Howard E. Faulkner	Daniel Mahoney
Fred W. Green	Charles F. Shirland,
George Hayward	Moses Taylor
Henry L. Livermore	Charles B. Stone
John W. Randall	Fred S. Whitecomb
Willis L. Mead	M. E. Taylor
Lucius S. Hosmer	H. M. Smith
Mrs. Lottie C. Flagg	Luther Conant
Henry S. Appleby	D. C. Harris

W. W. Philbrick	O. A. Knowlton	
Wm. Barnes, 1 female	Freeman W. Robbins	
W. S. Fletcher	James H. Standish	
Smith Finney	John F. Coughlin	
Henry Hanson	Frank R. Stevens	
Charles A. Harrington	E. C. Smith	
Warren H. Jones	N. T. Leganger, 1 female	
Elnathan Jones	F. J. Taylor	
Charles M. Kimball	C. C. Leighton	
Ira Manley	E. S. Fobes, 2	
A. Merriam	Mrs. Varney	
Frank Pratt	A. L. Noyes	
Wm. S. Jones	George H. Brooks	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee	S. Hammond Taylor	
Hattie White	Otis B. Mott	
George W. Worster	Roswell L. Tuttle	
George W. Clark	Walter A. Gilmore	
George A. Conant	F. M. Keezer, 2	
George Conant	S. B. Ineson	
Hiram E. Gates	Abel Farrar, 1 female	
Sidney Gray	Nahum Littlefield	
F. E. Harris	Webster C. Robbins, 2	
Wm. B. Manning, 2	A. Risso	
J. E. Durkee	Wm. J. Moore	
Forbush & Hartwell	John McCarthy	
A. C. Jenkins	Wm. J. Hayes, 1 female	
Solomon L. Dutton	May L. Calder	
Charles H. Wheeler	Maurice Lane	
105 males at \$2.00,		\$210 00
7 females at \$5.00,		35 00
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Total, 112,		\$245 00

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

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

HORACE F. TUTTLE,

Acton, Jan. 1, 1896.

Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

ACTON

MEMORIAL LIBRARY

1895=96.

Acton Memorial Library.

The Trustees of the Acton Memorial Library submit to the town their sixth annual report, showing the condition, gains, and, in some degree, the work of the institution for the past year.

The library was opened to the public June 14, 1890, at which time the total number of books was 3,973;—present total number, 5,590, a gain, during the nearly six years since opened, of a little more than 33 per cent. Of course, not all of the books thus added are adapted to general circulation; some are for reference, some statistical, and others not of general interest. It has seemed to the Board of Trustees that the limited amount of money at their disposal for the purchase of fresh, new books, might prove insufficient to retain the general interest of the large number of readers who take the books from the library. A portion of the time the amount has been enlarged by gifts, from Mr. Wilde, of a sum of money equal to the sums voted by the town for this purpose. While we have endeavored to make the wisest and best possible use of the money entrusted to us for the purchase of books for the library, we have had to restrict our purchases within quite narrow limits, not being able to purchase many desirable books, however valuable, on account of their cost.

And if anything was needed to insure the permanent success of our library, Mr. Wilde makes the following very generous proposal, which we now have the opportunity to submit to the town:

Boston, March 6, 1896.

LUTHER CONANT, Pres. Board Trustees, Acton Memorial Library:

DEAR SIR: I have for a long time felt that more books were wanted in your library, books covering a larger range of subjects, yet I have felt that the town was appropriating about as much as could be expected of them for books, magazines and papers. After giving much thought to the subject, I have arrived at the

following conclusions, i. e., if my proposition meets the approval of the Board of Trustees. The enclosed document will explain fully my ideas.

Yours truly,

W. A. WILDE.

BOSTON, March 2, 1896.

To the Trustees of the Acton Memorial Library :

GENTLEMEN : I hereby offer to give to the Acton Memorial Library the sum of five thousand dollars, this sum to be kept invested by the trustees of the library, and their successors, as a permanent fund, and the income expended yearly by the trustees in the purchase of books, magazines and papers for the library, to be for the free use of all the inhabitants of the Town of Acton, under such by-laws and regulations as the trustees may make, from time to time, as provided in Chapter 52 of the Acts of 1890, entitled an act to incorporate the Acton Memorial Library, upon the following condition :

That the Town of Acton, in addition to such appropriation as the town may make for the other uses of the library, shall annually appropriate and pay to the trustees, to be by them expended in the purchase of books, magazines and papers for the library, the sum of two hundred dollars, and should the town in any year refuse or neglect to make this appropriation and pay the same to the trustees, this gift shall thereby be forfeited, and shall revert to me, if living, and in case of my prior death, shall thereby be forfeited and revert to my heirs-at-law.

W. A. WILDE.

The acceptance by the town of this noble endowment of our library by Mr. Wilde will give us about 400 volumes a year of the freshest and most desirable of current publications, and with what we may reasonably expect from donations from other sources, in ten years our present number of volumes will be nearly doubled.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN, MARCH 6, 1896.

Total number of volumes in library,	5,590
Added by purchase,	153
" " gift,	44
Total added,	197
Total number of persons who have taken out cards,	1,086
Fines,	\$16.03
Books taken out during the year,	8,766
Largest daily use, March 16, 1895.	
Smallest daily use, May 29, 1895.	
Visitors registered during the year,	557

Gifts to the Library :

A watch, belonging to Jedediah Tuttle, a resident of Acton, born 1792, died 1861; presented by his granddaughter. Mrs. Carrie Jones Leathe, of Woburn.

Medal—Rev. Edward G. Porter, Lexington.

Cap owned and first worn by Silas Conant, one of the Davis Blues, of Acton, the first Wednesday in May, 1823, on Acton common. Presented by Joseph F. Scott, Concord, Supt. Mass. Reformatory.

Picture—presented by R. Wetherbee, M. D., Cambridge, Mass.

Statue, "Industry"—by Hon. Wm. A. Wilde.

This very beautiful and costly work of art makes, in some degree, a companion piece to "Contemplation," presented by Mr. Wilde some years ago.

Oil painting, "Departure of Minute Men from Acton, early morning of April 19, 1861,"—presented by Luther Conant.

Donations of books :—J. W. Harlow, Lexington, Mass., 1; F. A. Wyman, Esq., Boston, Mass., 1; Adelbert Mead, West Acton, 1; Mary W. Fletcher, Acton, Mass., 3; John Fletcher, Acton, Mass., 1; W. A. Wilde, Malden, Mass., 3; Rev. Edward G. Porter, Lexington, Mass., 2; D. J. Wetherbee, E. Acton, Mass., 2; Luther Conant, Acton, Mass., 1; Mrs. Luther Conant, Acton, Mass., 1; Wm. D. Tuttle, Acton, Mass., 1; Rev. Bernard Copping, Acton, Mass., 4; Rev. George Clark, West Acton, Mass., 1; Mrs. N. E. Reed, E. Acton, Mass., 2; Geo. T. Angell, Boston, Mass., 1;

children of E. R. Hoar, Concord, Mass., 1; unknown, 1; H. O. Moore, 1; State, 16; total, 44.

Periodicals donated for the Reading Room.—Child's Hour, Our Sunday afternoon, Harper's Round Table, Wm. A. Wilde; Our Paper, Mass. Reformatory; Congressional Record, Hon. J. F. Fitzgerald; Our Dumb Animals, Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; Youth's Companion, Mrs. Frank Barker.

Magazines same as last year with addition of Munsey's, McClure's, and Harper's Weekly.

The financial statement will be found in the Selectmen's Report. The Trustees recommend the same appropriation as last year, \$400 for current expenses, and \$200 for new books.

LUTHER CONANT, for the Trustees.

ANNUAL REPORT

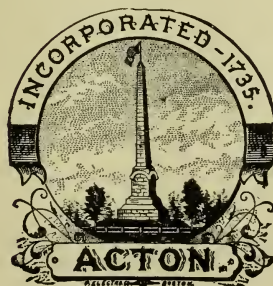
OF THE

School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF ACTON, MASS.,

1895=96.



ACTON, MASS.:
THE ENTERPRISE PRINTING COMPANY,
1896.

Report of the School Committee.

To the Citizens of Acton :

In presenting our annual report we are glad to be able to congratulate you upon the condition of the schools as a whole, and upon the progress made in them during the year. The report of the Superintendent of Schools, incorporated in and made a part of this report, affords detailed information upon this subject.

The efficient work of the Superintendent is gratefully recognized by this board, as we believe that it is by all of the citizens of the town. That the relations existing between the Committee and the Superintendent have, from the beginning, been those of perfect harmony and confidence is matter for congratulation.

There is urgent need of more room for the accommodation of the High School. Your attention was invited to this matter in our last annual report and at the town meeting in April, '95, reference of it was made to the board of selectmen. The necessary room may be obtained by the erection of a building for the use of the High School, by the enlargement of the school building at South Acton, or temporarily and unsatisfactorily, by alterations in the rooms now occupied by the school. If its work is to be effectively done the school must have a second assistant teacher. With that increase in the teaching force the necessity for more room than can be obtained in the existing house will become imperative.

Under a recent statute towns not maintaining a High School and having a valuation of less than \$500,000 are entitled to repayment by the Commonwealth of all sums expended by them for the tuition of their children in the High Schools of other towns ; provided that such High Schools are approved by the State Board of Education.

The Acton High School has been so approved *temporarily*. There is grave doubt whether this approval will be made per-

manent unless the teaching force is increased. The present income on account of out of town pupils is about \$100.00 a year, with every prospect of a larger revenue from this source in the future.

There have been expended by the town for the transportation of pupils of the High School \$261.00 in '94, \$585.50 in '95, and \$454.50 in '96, an aggregate in the three years of \$1301.00, and a yearly average of \$433.66, the income, roughly speaking, of \$8,700.00 at 5 per cent. In the opinion of your committee this expenditure is altogether disproportioned to the benefits resulting from it. Parents sufficiently ambitious for the future of their children to send them to the High School ought, it would seem, under any ordinary circumstances, to be willing to provide for their transportation, especially in view of the fact that these children are of an age to care for themselves in a very considerable degree, and that from the time a child enters school until he leaves it the parent is subjected to no direct expense on account of his education.

After careful consideration of this subject your committee is of the opinion that no further payments should be made by the town on account of transportation of High School pupils, except, perhaps in the instance of pupils living in North Acton. Because of the extremely isolated situation of these pupils we suggest the allowance to them of a small sum on account of transportation, and recommend the appropriation of \$60.00 for this purpose.

The money which has been devoted to payments on account of transportation of High School pupils in each of the last two years would, under a proper appropriation, provide for the salary of an additional assistance in the High School, or would enable us to employ a special instructor in music and drawing for all the schools. Applied to either of these purposes, preferably the former, a tangible, lasting and general benefit would result.

In our last annual report it was pointed out that through pressure of members in the Center School the committee might find itself obliged, in the near future, to establish another school in that village. Such action became necessary early in the fall term. Accordingly the ungraded school was closed on October 11th, and on the 14th of that month a Primary and a Grammar school were so established in its place. Permission to attend the

Center Grammar School was given to such pupils in the 8th Grade in the East School as desired to avail themselves of the advantages it offered them. Both of these new schools are doing excellent work.

Your attention is again requested to the propriety of granting an appropriation for the transportation to the Center Schools of the pupils now attending the ungraded schools in the East and North villages. In our reports for 1894 and 1895 we have presented to you at length the reasons for such action.

We desire to confirm the statements then made and to again express our convictions, strengthened with the passage of time, that the welfare of the pupils in the ungraded schools urgently demands the consolidation of these schools with those at the Center.

The study of drawing in the common schools being required by statute, and a knowledge of the art having recently been made one of the requirements for admission to the Normal Schools, the study was introduced into all the grades of all the schools at the beginning of the fall term. The results thus far attained are gratifying.

The introduction of improved methods of heating into the school buildings at South and West Acton has contributed greatly to the physical comfort of teachers and pupils, and has consequently improved the conditions of effective work.

During the year the High School has received from friends of the school the gifts of a piano and of Mr. Arthur F. Davis' etching, "The Minute Men of Acton." The South Grammar School has received from its teacher and pupils a small, well selected library and several valuable photographs and engravings. These gifts have been accepted by the committee on behalf of the town for the use of the respective schools.

The report of the purchasing agent of the board is published herewith. We recommend the appropriation of \$475.00, the amount appropriated last year, for the purchase of text-books and supplies.

The appropriation of \$100.00 for the purchase of apparatus and books of reference for the use of the High School has been expended as follows: Apparatus \$58.45, books \$28.01, chemicals

\$22.29 ; total \$108.75. The sum of \$150.00 is needed for this purpose this year and we recommend that it be so appropriated.

The sum of \$375.00 has been received from the state on account of salary of the Superintendent for the years 1894-95.

Mr. Eben H. Davis, Superintendent of Schools of Chelsea, has in response to our request, very kindly permitted us to publish herewith the interesting address delivered by him in June, 1895, before the graduating class of the Acton High School.

In submitting to you our estimates of expenses for the coming year we wish to say that, pending action by the town in the matter of increased accommodations for the High School, and upon the question of consolidation of schools, we do not feel at liberty to present other estimates than those necessary for the continuance of the existing establishment.

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures on Account of Schools for the Year 1895-96.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation for common schools,	\$2,800 00
“ “ High School,	1,600 00
“ “ school supplies,	475 00
“ “ transportation S. E. pupils,	180 00
“ “ transporting H. S. pupils,	575 00
“ “ apparatus and books of reference,	100 00
“ “ salary of superinten- dent,	475 00
Receipts from Mass. school fund,	235 35
“ “ dog taxes,	211 47
“ “ fees for tuition in High School,	75 33

\$6,727 15

EXPENDITURES.

For common schools,	\$3,289 31	
“ High School,	1,631 43	
“ school supplies,	496 50	
“ transportation S. E. pupils,	180 00	
“ “ H. S. pupils,	454 50	
“ apparatus and books of re- ference,	108 75	
“ salary of superintendent,	465 00	
		\$6,625 49
Unexpended balance,		\$101 66

Appropriations for support of schools recommended for the year 1896-97.

For common schools,	\$3,100 00	
“ High School,	1,600 00	
“ school supplies,	475 00	
“ transportation S. E. pupils,	180 00	
“ “ H. S. pupils,	60 00	
“ apparatus, etc., for High School,	150 00	
“ salary of superintendent,	475 00	
		\$6,040 00

For the school committee,

CHAS. J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

Superintendent's Report.

School Committee of Acton :

GENTLEMEN :—The following report for the year is respectfully submitted.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Number of children in town, May 1, 1895, between 5 and 15 years of age,	260
Number of children in town, May 1, 1895, between 8 and 14 years of age,	161
Whole number of pupils enrolled in all the schools,	315
Number of pupils under 5 years of age,	0
Number of pupils over 15 years of age,	46
Number of pupils between 8 and 14 years of age,	175
Average membership of all the schools,	272.17
Average attendance of all the schools,	260.02
Per cent. of attendance of all the schools,	95.5

Compared with last year, the number of children between five and fifteen years of age is four less, the number between eight and fourteen years of age, the same, the total enrollment eight less, the average membership four less. The average attendance and per cent. of attendance are a little higher. The per cent. is exceptionally good.

In the month of June, Mr. Start, a special agent of the State Board of Education visited our schools and made a careful examination of the school records for the purpose of ascertaining whether there had been any violations of the law for compulsory school attendance. I am glad to state that not one clear violation of the law was discovered; also that the School Committee's records and teachers' registers were found to be so accurately kept that Mr. Start's investigation was greatly facilitated thereby.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

Schools.	Enrollment.	Average Memb'ship	Average Attendance	Number of pupils neither absent nor tardy.			Tardy Marks.	Dismissals.
				Spring Term.	Fall Term.	Winter Term.		
High,	57	54.96	52.63	3	17	9	251	188
So. Grammar,	33	30.14	27.4	4	7	6	156	87
So. Primary,	50	40.1	38.1	11	14	5	127	29
W. Grammar,	31	30.63	29.5	4	10	3	108	78
W. Primary,	43	29.72	28.2	8	7	4	34	57
C. Grammar,	46	23.33	22.81	8	8	2	22	22
C. Primary,		13.53	13.07		10	3	28	11
East,	33	27.26	26.34	17		3	77	47
North,	22	22.5	21.97	13	18	11	3	68
	315	272.17	260.02	68	91	46	806	587

It will be seen that the number of tardy marks and dismissals is quite large. I invite the attention of teachers and parents to these two annoyances which do so much to affect unfavorably the progress of the schools and the moral training of pupils, and urge them to make every effort to reduce the number to a minimum. Tardiness is a bad habit, whether it is formed by pupils, or practiced in the business relations of life. It is for the best interests of individual pupils, of parents and of schools, that a habit of promptness be formed by our pupils, and the time to cultivate such a habit is during school life.

Again, a request to a teacher to excuse a child before the regular time for dismissal may seem of little consequence to the parents, but it may mean a great deal to the child, because one or more important links in his chain of knowledge may by that very means be lost, causing his future knowledge to rest on a less secure foundation. And when it transpires that a pupil lacks knowledge he ought to have, it often happens that the teacher is blamed for his deficiency, even if the child has lost many recitations through irregular attendance. It is a manifest injustice to a teacher to hold her responsible for the progress of a pupil who

is not prompt and regular in his attendance. The interests of the schools demand that the number of tardy marks and dismissals be considerably diminished. I sincerely trust the parents will unite with the teachers to bring about a reduction.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

TEACHERS.	Terms.	SCHOOLS.	Wages of teachers per month		Average membership.	Average attendance.	Per cent. of attendance.	Pupils under 5 years of age.	Pupils over 15 years of age.	Pupils between 8 and 14 years	
			\$	cts							
W. A. Charles, M. Florence Fletcher, I	Spring	} High.	111	11	57	53.83	50.96	96	0	44	5
	Fall		55		54.33	52.56	97				
	Winter		50	00	59	56.73	54.38	96			
Hattie L. Tuttle, Hattie L. Tuttle, Henrietta E. Cutler,	Spring	} South Grammar	40	00	31	29.02	27.4	94	0	0	30
	Fall		31		30.25	26.02	86				
	Winter		32		31.16	28.75	92				
Bertha L. Gardner, Bertha L. Gardner, Lilla Keniston,	Spring	} South Primary	40	00	41	39.84	38.05	95	0	0	21
	Fall		43		41.67	40.65	97				
	Winter		43		38.8	35.7	92				
Albertie M. Preston,	Spring	} West Grammar	40	00	30	27.78	26.74	96	0	0	29
	Fall		33		32.2	31.66	96				
	Winter		32		31.9	30.71	96				
Harriet H. Gardner,	Spring	} Centre	40	00	38	32.63	31.34	96	0	0	21
	Fall		29		28.33	26.88	91				
	Winter		29		28.21	26.49	94				
Susie E. Conant, Susie E. Conant.	Spring	} Centre Grammar	40	00	36	28.16	27.44	97	0	2	24
	Fall		*44		25.6	25.3	99				
	Winter		18		16.25	15.68	96				
Florence N. Day,	Fall	} Centre Primary	40	00	21	21.	20.5	98	0	0	12
	Winter		21		19.6	18.7	95				
Ida A. Hapgood,	Spring	} East	40	00	29	28.4	27.52	97	0	0	21
	Fall		29		26.7	25.81	97				
	Winter		33		26.69	25.69	96				
Lillian F. Richardson,	Spring	} North	40	00	22	20.33	20.15	99	0	0	
	Fall		24		23.5	23.3	99				
	Winter		24		23.66	22.46	95				

* Whole enrollment for both schools.

SCHOOLS.

On the whole, I have to report a very satisfactory year's work. There are weak places, many of them, but by the appreciate attitude of the town, and the helpful assistance of the people, they can gradually be diminished.

Changes are constantly taking place in the educational field, and demands for better educational facilities are being made on all sides to meet changed conditions. Upon the response which towns make to the requests for facilities to meet these demands, depends in a large measure the progressive and successful work of the schools.

At the end of the sixth week of the fall term, the Committee judged it advisable, owing to an augmented membership, to divide the Centre school and to open a grammar and a primary department there. When this division was made there were almost twice as many pupils at the Centre as there were in the fall of '93, when the schools were consolidated. So much more is now required of a teacher than formerly, that it is exceedingly difficult to find those who have the physical strength and executive ability to manage successfully schools with as many classes as ours are obliged to have.

Reading is the most important study in the curriculum, for by that art most of our information is acquired; and one of the most encouraging signs of progress in the domain of education is the demand that the pupils of our public schools shall have the best kind of literature to read, for one of the true *ends* of reading is the cultivation of a love for good literature. In accordance with this view, masterpieces of English literature have been put into our schools to displace the school reader with its compilation of scrappy selections. Reading in three other lines, viz., history, geography and science, has also been introduced.

READING LIST.

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| Grade I. | Thompson's "Fables and Rhymes." |
| Grade II. | "Æsop's Fables." |
| Grade III. | "Riverside Reader." |
| Grade IV. | Scudder's "Fable and Folk Stories." |

- Grade V. Kingsley's "Water Babies."
 "American History Stories," Vol. I., Pratt.
 "American History Stories," Vol. II., Pratt.
 "Boston Tea Party."
- Grade VI. "Little Daffydowndilly."
 "Book of Stories."
 "True Stories from New England History."
 "Beginner's History," Montgomery.
 Scribner's "Geographical Reader."
- Grade VII. Franklin's Autobiography.
 Geographical Reader. Second Book. King.
 "Glimpses of Europe."
 "Sketches of the Orient."
- Grade VIII. "Two Great Retreats."
 Geographical Reader. Third Book. King.
 "American Tropics."
 "Old Ocean."

To read well implies the ability to gather thought quickly from the written or printed page. The child who is trained to think when he reads, has an immense advantage over him who has not formed this habit in his reading course. Our teachers aim from the beginning to train their pupils to *grasp the thoughts* expressed in their reading and not simply to pronounce words. Reading the selections of an ordinary school reader, however, over and over again, may give children facility in word calling, but it does not conduce to thought getting. Nor does such reading tend to foster a love for good literature. The efforts of the teachers to train their pupils to read well should be supplemented by a generous list of interesting and profitable reading matter for their use in teaching well this key to all studies. I trust this list will be added to next year.

Drawing, a study required by law, and a knowledge of which is now required for admission to Normal Schools, has been introduced as a regular study. Although not much more than a beginning has been made, the prospect of good results later is quite encouraging. The services of a special teacher, however, one day a week, at least, is needed to secure the best results. The State course of study prepared by State Agents Henry T.

Bailey and L. Walter Sargent, has been placed in each school. The teachers find it very helpful.

Teachers' meetings have been held from time to time. In the winter term the teachers were addressed by Miss Balch, on Drawing; by Mr. J. T. Prince, Agent State Board of Education, on Language and Discipline; and by Agent A. W. Edson, on English and Habit Training. In the fall term the teachers were granted a day to attend the N. W. Middlesex Teachers' Association, which met at Ayer. Miss Preston read a paper on Language at this meeting. The Association was addressed by some of the leading educators of the State. Such meetings are a great benefit to teachers.

I am sorry to say that ill-health caused the resignation of Miss Gardner at the beginning of the winter term, and the temporary absence of Miss Tuttle. Mrs. Hosmer substituted for Miss Gardner one week, after which Miss Keniston was placed in charge of the school. Miss Tuttle was granted leave of absence for one term, and Miss Cutler was engaged as a substitute.

The South Acton grammar school is now possessed of a small, but well selected school library, and some beautiful photographs and engravings. Our thanks are due Miss Tuttle and the school for these very acceptable gifts.

I would recommend the consideration of vocal music as a study. Singing, well conducted, has a refining influence on pupils which repays many-fold the time taken for the necessary instruction. "Of all the fine arts," says Bain, "the most available and influential is music. This is, perhaps, the most unexceptionable as well as the cheapest of human pleasures."

I would also ask that the advisability of adopting vertical penmanship for the first two grades be considered. I believe the vertical is better than the slant, for the following reasons: 1. It is more natural. 2. It is better hygienically. 3. It is more legible. 4. It is more simple.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The progress of the classes in the high school has been exceptionally good during the year. Industry and good spirit are prominent features of the school, and a great deal of work with

very little friction is the result. Through the efforts of teachers and pupils a piano has been obtained for the school, and a plan to raise money to purchase an art collection is being carried out. Training in elocution has been continued, and drawing has been added to the list of studies. The school, however, does not yet have the advantages it should have. There should be a more complete course of study and better facilities for work in science. But the present course embraces more studies now than two teachers can advantageously teach. They are obliged, even now, to spread their energy and thought over too much ground; and better facilities for science work demand an additional room for a laboratory, the room in the basement being altogether too small for the present senior class; and as the next senior class will have almost twice as many pupils, the basement laboratory will be impracticable for class purposes.

The question of high school education is a vital one. The State has recently decreed that all children who desire to take a high school course, and who are qualified therefor, shall be furnished proper instruction, either in the town in which they live, or in an approved high school elsewhere, at the expense of the town to which they belong.

Acton, according to latest census, contains over five hundred families. It is therefore obliged by law to maintain a high school and furnish its pupils proper instruction. What this proper instruction is, the State Board of Education decides, and as this Board has decided to approve our high school only *temporarily*, we may infer that in the final disposition of the matter its approval will be withheld, and for the following reasons. 1. A course of study too narrow in its scope. 2. An inadequate teaching force. 3. Lack of proper laboratory facilities. 4. Insufficient apparatus.

I have no doubt that the permanent approval of the State Board can be obtained if the town will engage an additional teacher, and furnish a well equipped laboratory. Just what the course of the State Board will be, in regard to our school, if it does not meet their requirements, I do not know.

The graduation exercises of the high school, class of '95 took place at the Town Hall, Thursday evening, June 13, 1895. An

eloquent address on this occasion was delivered by Mr. Eben H. Davis, Superintendent of Schools, Chelsea, Mass. Excellent singing under the direction of Mr. Charles was furnished by the school.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Graduating Exercises of the Class of '95, at the Town Hall,
Thursday Evening, June 14.

GRADUATES :

CLASSICAL COURSE.

EVA CLARISSA BASSETT,	JOHN EDWARD HANNON,
INA STELLA BRYANT,	ALICE EMMA MILLER,
MARY EDWARDS,	MABEL FRANCES WETHERBEE,
SARAH ALICE WOOD.	

ENGLISH COURSE.

AUGUSTINE BRADFORD CONANT,	LORETTA CENTENNA SHATTUCK,
ETHEL VIOLA HANDLEY,	CARRIE ELIZABETH TAYLOR,
CARL PICKENS,	GRACE EVELYN TAYLOR,
JAMES QUINLAN,	LULA FLORENCE WHITCOMB.

PROGRAM.

March,	Orchestra
Prayer,	Rev. F. P. Wood
Song, "New Hail Columbia,"	School
Address,	Supt. E. H. Davis, of Chelsea
Song, "In Countless Songs Abounding,"	School
Conferring of Diplomas,	Supt. Edward Dixon
Song, "In Violet Time,"	School
Music,	Orchestra

CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOLS.

Consolidation is today a much discussed problem in many towns of the state. I take it for granted, that those who favor consolidation and those who oppose such a plan are actuated by the best of motives—the good of the schools. Consolidation is a departure from established custom, so its ready adoption is not to be expected unless its advantages are shown to be greater than its disadvantages, consequently it rests with those who favor such a movement to give their reasons why such a change is desirable.

It may safely be assumed that modern teaching is expected in our schools. However much we may value the scheme of education embraced in the three R's, the public statutes demand a broader curriculum. Then, too, public sentiment now demands that teachers shall *teach* classes, and not simply *hear* recitations. *To teach* is to direct the work of the pupils, to show them how to study, to arouse their interest, to train them to habits of clear, concise, and connected expression, to examine their written work, to cultivate in them a love of study and lead them to investigate for themselves, to impart information, and to lead pupils to apply the things learned.

In our mode of grading there is an interval of a year between the grades. There are at present seven grades in the East and North schools. One of the best arranged daily programs of work I have seen for a school of seven grades called for thirty-three class exercises per day. Allowing thirty minutes for two recesses, there are left three hundred, thirty minutes for thirty three class exercises, or ten minutes to a class, and this includes the time for all individual work. This number of class exercises is altogether too many for satisfactory instruction and drill, but the East and the North schools have even more than that number. It is an impossibility for a teacher to *teach* a class properly in ten minutes, and follow it up all day. She must fall back in a large measure on the old way of simply *hearing* classes; and the weaker the teacher, the more apt she will be to adopt such a course.

If the pupils of the Centre, the East, and the North schools were accommodated in one building, the following advantages would ensue:

1. A more complete course of study.
2. An improved classification.
3. Broader and more effective instruction.
4. The stimulating influence of large classes.
5. More individual work.
6. More rapid progress.

In addition to these advantages, consolidation will better ensure the retention of good teachers, and a better opportunity for enrichment of the course in the lines of vocal music, drawing, and nature study.

The fifty-eighth annual report of the State Board of Education says: "The consolidation in Concord, Bedford, and Lexington, is as creditable a part of our school history as their stand in colonial days is of the history of the nation." Why not make the same thing true of Acton?

I desire in closing to express my gratitude to the teachers for their efforts to make the year's work a profitable one, to the people for many courtesies received, and to the committee for their hearty coöperation, to the chairman especially for his very helpful assistance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD DIXON,

Superintendent of Schools.

Report of Superintendent.==Supplement.

COURSE IN GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY.

Elementary geography naturally divides itself into four parts ; viz., geographical objects, the earth as a whole, continents and nations.

Geographical objects are : hill, valley, spring, brook, river, lake, cape, peninsula, cloud, dew, snow, ice winds, climate, soil, plants, animals, people, etc.

The purpose of the lesson on geographical objects is to train pupils to observe well, to express their knowledge correctly by talking, writing and drawing, and especially to acquire and to express their knowledge of the facts which they must observe in order to read the globes, maps and books used in the study of the earth as a whole and of its continents and countries.

GRADE IV.

FORMS OF WATER.

Observation of the forms, such as clouds, fog, mist, rain, dew, frost, snow and ice, as they occur and where they occur, to recognize each and to find the more obvious qualities and uses of each ; to find the times of greatest abundance, and the uses of the common forms ; to find the *Regions of cloud and fog* ; rain and dew ; frost, snow, ice ; glaciers, ice bergs, ice floes.

Imagine the regions by aid of pictures and text. Find uses of the forms in abundance.

Writing, reading, memory gems, imaginative writing, as for previous topics.

Weather.—Observation of weather conditions, temperature and moisture. Association of temperature, wind and form of water.

Seasons.—The months included. Association of temperature, wind and moisture prevailing in each season.

The weather record should be continued.

Temperature.—Observation, by feeling, of changes in temperature.

Reading the thermometer, placed outdoors, and noticing the gradual changes during each day and each month.

Velocity.—Observation of velocity as indicated by effects on leaves, twigs, dust, etc. Calm, light breeze, moderate breeze, strong or fresh breeze, gale, storm, hurricane.

Enter the observation in the daily weather record.

Direction.—Observation of the directions of winds bringing heat, cold, rain, snow, etc.

Effects, uses.—Favorable, disastrous; land and sea; to plants, animals, people, buildings, vessels. If possible, give lessons on the life-saving service.

Suggestions.—Keep a weather record on the blackboard. Record children's observations of temperature, direction and velocity of the wind, the form of water prevailing, unusual conditions, etc.

Stories or descriptions should be read and told of the temperature and peculiar winds of distant regions and of the upper air, of their uses and effects; of the bravery of the life-saving crew, of the seamen in times of wrecks, of the kindness of others to the shipwrecked; of the beauties of the forms of water; of the wonderful work that water does.

LAND AND WATER.

Bodies of land: Hill, plain, valley, hill range.

Bodies of water: Spring, brook, river, pond, lake.

Projections of land: Cape, peninsula, isthmus, island.

Projections of water: Bay, sea, strait.

The geographical objects which can be seen should be taught by outdoor lessons. For distant objects use pictures and text.

In the case of each group of bodies lead the pupils (1) to recognize and name each body when seen; (2) to find what distinguishes it from other bodies; (3) to find the relations of bodies to one another, as of hills to valleys, springs to brooks, hills and valleys to brooks, rivers and lakes, peninsulas to bays; (4) to compare the bodies; (5) to find the uses of the various objects; (6) in addition to oral and written expression to represent all

parts which can be so represented, by neat symbols; (7) to practice map reading; (8) to mould in sand known objects.

Most important facts:—

The surface,—level or elevated; the hills,—direction of slopes; the slopes,—steep or gradual.

The streams,—source, bank, branches, mouth, direction and rate of flow, work of streams, wearing, carrying.

The soil,—fertile or sterile; where fertile and where sterile.

Ponds, lakes, bays or oceans,—the shore projections and indentations; islands.

The weather,—what winds bring heat, cold, rain, snow, moisture, dryness.

Plants and animals of the town,—those good for food, shelter or clothing; occupations and industries of the town.

Roads, railroads,—use of.

Different villages in the town and reasons for their location.

NOTE.—As the pupils learn these facts, teach them to construct maps representing,—

1. A plan of the schoolroom on paper or the blackboard, with the location of principal objects.

2. A plan of the schoolyard with the schoolhouse.

3. A map of the neighborhood, with roads and principal buildings.

4. A map of the town, representing the position and direction of natural features. Teach the pupils to draw such maps in time of recitation and to recite as they draw.

Suggestions.—The names of things studied should be taught, but definitions at this stage of the work should not be required. Make collections of products.

2. *Study United States as a whole.*

a. Locate in continent.

b. Boundaries.

c. Natural features of the continent found in United States, surface, drainage, soil, climate, productive districts.

d. Principal cities.

e. Means of communication, railroads, canals, water-routes.

f. Government.

g. Divisions, states, territories.

3. Oral lessons to show the uses of rivers, the effect of soil and climate on productions, the connection between productions.

Special study of Massachusetts, using following topics:—

- a. Location in United States and New England.
- b. Boundaries.
- c. Comparative size and population.
- d. Natural features, surface, rivers, soil.
- e. Natural advantages for agriculture, commerce, manufacturing, fishing.
- f. Chief industries, where located and why; exports.
- g. Counties and cities, location and industry.
- h. Railroads.

Suggestions.—Besides a globe and the maps of the continents, there should be in every schoolroom a map of the United States and one of Massachusetts.

POEMS (*Nature*).

Address to the Ocean (Proctor); The Ocean (Byron); The World (Levee); The Tides, The Sound of the Sea, Sunrise on the Hills, Sundown, Mississippi River, The Wave, The Brook and the Wave, Twilight, Autumn (Longfellow); Snow Storm (Emerson); The Tempest (Fields); The Rainbow (Keble); Song of the Stars (Bryant); Autumn (Shelley); November (Hood); Lengthening Days (Gould); The Brook (Tennyson); The Hills (Lucy Larcom); A Brook Song (Eugene Field); The Wind (Landon); Icebergs (McGee); The Northern Seas (Howitt); Early Spring (Brackett); Summer (Bryant); Spring and Summer (Levee); The Sea (Cornwall); September (H. H.); The River (Southey).

FIFTH YEAR.

THE EARTH AS A WHOLE.

Teach from globes, pictures, maps.

Have recitations as follows: Oral descriptions with and without the aid of pictures, globes or maps; association of places, pictures, etc., with their symbols on globes and maps; filling in progressive world outline maps; writing from series of topics, with and without the aid of pictures, globes or maps.

Teach the following themes with their subdivisions:

- The Earth*,—its position in space, size, rotation, axis, poles, equator, time of rotation, day, night, observations from the earth of the sun and the moon.
- Land and water divisions*,—land and water hemispheres, eastern and western hemispheres.
- Continents and Oceans*,—their names, forms, relative sizes, relative positions.
- Islands*,—continental, oceanic.
- Coast line*,—projections of land and water, position, direction, adjoining waters, commercial importance.
- Relief*,—world ridge, appearance of the top, form, slope, basins formed.
- Highlands*,—low parts of the world ridge (Panama, Bering's Strait, Suez), greater and lesser highlands and their positions.
- Lowlands*,—position in each world basin, position between the two highlands of each continent.
- Drainage*,—world water-parting, world basins (Atlantic and Pacific oceans) with their slopes, forms and relative extent, world river systems (Atlantic and Pacific systems as represented by commercially important rivers.)
- Climate*,—zones, movements (due to the motion of the earth.)
- Winds*,—their cause, general direction, land and sea breezes, winds of the north temperate and north frigid zones, winds from continents to oceans in the winter and from oceans to continents in the summer, winds of the torrid zone, the trade winds.
- Rainfall*,—the distribution of vapor, the formation of clouds and rain, the amount of rainfall, places of much, little or no rain.
- Ocean Currents*,—the Gulf stream, the Japan current, polar streams.
- Soil*,—regions of great fertility, deserts.
- Productions*:—
- Agricultural regions,—wheat, corn, rice, cotton.
 - Grazing regions,—meat, hides, horn, wool.
 - Lumbering regions,—wood of deciduous trees and of ever-green trees.

Mining regions,—coal, iron, copper, gold, silver.

People,—the different races and their distribution.

After the study of the great features of the whole earth, group the facts belonging to each continent under the following topics :

Coast line,—advantages, disadvantages.

Relief,—highlands, lowlands.

Drainage,—Atlantic system, Pacific system, rivers and lake routes.

Climate,—characteristics, advantages, disadvantages.

Soil,—amount of fertile soil, comparative fertility.

Productions,—exports, imports, exchanging continents.

Race,—characteristics, advancement.

Study North America. Review form, size, bordering waters, islands, peninsulas and capes.

Study carefully,—

- a. Great surface features, highlands and lowlands, mountain systems, ranges and slopes, plateaus and plains.
- b. Great drainage systems, and relation to highlands and lowlands.
- c. Varieties of soil and their location.
- d. Varieties of climate and their location.
- e. Great product districts, animal, vegetable and mineral.
- f. Races of men and their location.
- g. Countries and their capitals.

Study United States by sections, using the following topics for each :—

- a. Location of section in United States.
- b. States comprised in the section.
- c. General character of surface, soil and climate.
- d. Chief industries.
- e. Leading products ; exports.
- f. Capitals and principal cities.

Study British America and Mexico. Use same topics as in study of United States.

2. Study latitude and longitude, tropics and polar circles, zones, change of seasons.

3. Study South America; topics as in North America.
4. Study Europe; topics as in North America.
5. Study ten principal countries of Europe; topics as in United States.

SUGGESTIONS. — In studying foreign countries comparison should constantly be made with our own, in size, latitude, climate, people and productions,

Vary exercises by written descriptions of imaginary voyages and travels.

Much use may be made of the newspapers by having the places mentioned in the news and shipping columns located by the pupils, and by having the articles named in the lists of imports and in the market reports referred to the country where they were produced.

In teaching longitude the effect of difference in longitude upon time should be shown, and the meaning of the term, "standard time" as used in our own country explained.

HISTORY.

Use the language exercises and those in home geography to awaken an interest in historical subjects and to prepare the way for more formal study.

Describe historical events and relate striking incidents in the lives of famous persons. Select especially examples of heroism, and self-sacrifice for one's country or for one's fellow-men.

Use public anniversaries and birthdays to give historical information.

Require all stories to be retold, either orally or in writing. Have it understood that the work is not for entertainment, but for instruction.

In connection with the study of home geography, consider the early history of the town, the first settlers, who they were, why they came, in what part of the town they lived, how they lived, their houses, schools and industries, their neighbors the Indians, interesting historical events and local traditions.

As far as possible illustrate these facts by pictures and such relics of the past as the neighborhood may afford.

I. Explorers and Discoverers.

Columbus; Americus Vesputius; Balboa; De Soto; The Ca-

bots; Raleigh; Gosnold; Champlain; Marquette; LaSalle; Henry Hudson.

II. Colonization.

John Smith; Pocahontas; The Mayflower and the Pilgrims; Myles Standish; Roger Williams; King Philip's War; Indians; Importation of Slaves.

III. The Last French War and the Revolution.

Washington; The Arcadians; Braddock's Defeat; Wolfe and Montcalm; Patrick Henry; Samuel Adams and the "Boston Tea Party"; Paul Revere; Concord and Lexington; Joseph Warren; Bunker Hill; La Fayette; Valley Forge; Franklin and the Lightning Rod; Arnold the Traitor and Andre the Spy.

IV. The Republic from 1789 to 1820.

Eli Whitney and the Cotton-gin; Daniel Boone and the Indians; Thomas Jefferson; Fulton and the Steamboat.

V. The Republic from 1820 to 1865.

The Railroad; Morse and the Telegraph; The Story of Slavery; John Brown; Abraham Lincoln; Anecdotes of the Civil War.

Books.

Dodge's Stories of American History; Pratt's American History Stories; Johonnot's Stories of Our Country; Blaisdell's Stories of the Civil War; Eggleston's First Book in American History; Montgomery's Leading Facts in American History; Higginson's Young Folks' History of U. S.; Fiske's War of Independence; Our Fatherland; The Great West; Stories of Massachusetts.

POEMS.

America; The Star Spangled Banner; Our Country (Peabody); Song of the Union; The Red, White and Blue; Hail Columbia; The American Flag; The Rising in 1776; The Battle of Lexington; Paul Revere's Ride; Bunker Hill; Song of Marion's Men (Bryant); Independence; Independence Bell; My Country; The Ship of State; Union and Liberty; God Bless Our Fatherland; Seventy-Six; The Flower of Liberty; Liberty, Our Queen; The Concord Hymn; Our Country's Call; Barbara Frietchie; Sheridan's Ride; John Burns of Gettysburg; Our Colors at Fort Sumter; The Cumberland; The Landing of the Pilgrims; The Pilgrim Fathers—Where are They?; The Pilgrim's Vision.

Department of School Supplies.

To the School Committee :

I herewith present the annual report of the expense account of this department:

J. L. HAMMETT.

Mar. 23.	20 rms. No. 27 letter paper,	\$19 60
	6 rms. No. 3 practice paper,	4 20
	6 rms. No. 8 " "	3 60
	6 rms. No. 5 " "	3 60
	6 rms. No. 1 1-2 " "	3 90
	20 packages 8 1-2x9 1-2 manilla,	2 80
	5 rms. manilla letter,	3 25
	100 Cornhill pads,	5 00
	66 1-2 lbs. best pads,	5 99
	2 doz. plain manilla pads,	1 20
	5 doz. note manilla,	1 50
	5 rms. 6x9 manilla dr. paper,	1 25
	2 rms. 9x12 " "	1 00
	6 gross No. 490 pencils,	4 50
	5c Penn. slate pencils,	50
	2 gross school pencils No. 2,	3 00
	8 " " No. 3,	12 00
	15 gross school pens,	5 40
	1 doz. Bonneys ink,	3 00
	4 doz. No. 30 rules,	60
	1c No. 50 blank books,	2 25
	1 case white crayons,	4 50
	5 packages blotters,	2 50
	2 lbs. sponges,	2 00
	6 boxes "Little Artist,"	1 20
	12 boxes "Penn Busy Work,"	2 70

Mar. 23.	5c sheets Bot. Wtg. paper,	\$1 25	
	15 botany blanks,	1 50	
	2 Knoebel's Guides,	1 00	
	1c sheets drying paper,	1 50	
			\$106 29
Apr. 5.	5 doz. manilla note rules,	\$1 50	
	30 lbs. sheet wrapping paper,	1 35	
	1 box reading objects,	3 50	
			6 35
May 2.	1 Gem pencil sharpener,	\$3 00	
	1 doz. packages S. P. disks,	1 92	
			4 92
June 15.	1 Knoebel's Guide,	\$ 50	50
Sept. 6.	12 manilla note books,	\$1 08	1 08
Sept. 13.	100 note books,	3 50	3 50
Aug. 8.	10 1-2 doz. White's drawing books No. 1,	8 20	
	20 pkgs. 6x9 drawing paper,	80	
	6 clay bricks,	1 20	
	6 boxes teachers' models No.2,	5 38	
	5 pr. B. B. compasses,	2 00	
	1 M Middleton fasteners,	2 50	
	1 Knoebel's beetles,	50	
	1 Burritt's Atlas of Heavens,	94	
	1 Burritt's Geog. of Heavens,	94	
			22 46
Oct. 26.	5 lbs. rubber erasers,	3 95	
	1 lb. school sponges,	1 00	
	1-2 gross No. 30 rules,	75	
	25 Cornhill pads,	1 25	
			6 85
			\$151 95
GINN & Co.			
Mar. 26.	4 Wentworth P. & S. Geom.,	\$5 00	
	Less 1-6,	83	
			\$4 17

Apr. 6.	50 Cyr's Primers,	\$12 00	
	50 Thompson's Fables,	12 00	
	40 Kingsley's Water Babies,	14 00	
		<u>\$38 00</u>	
	Less 1-6,	6 33	
			31 67
Apr. 20.	7 Ovid,	\$10 50	
	Less 1-6,	1 75	
		<u>8 75</u>	8 75
May 2.	17 Prince's Arithmetics,	\$3 40	
	Less 1-6,	57	
		<u>2 83</u>	2 83
May 18.	23 Prince Arithmetics,	\$4 60	
	Less 1-6,	77	
		<u>3 83</u>	3 83
May 24.	51 Prince Arithmetics,	\$10 20	
	5 Prince Manuals,	4 00	
		<u>\$14 20</u>	
	Less 1-6,	2 37	
			11 83
Sept. 10.	2 Prince Arithmetics,	\$ 39	39
Sept. 7.	3 Greenough's Virgil,	\$4 80	
	5 Eng. History,	5 60	
		<u>\$10 40</u>	
	Less 1-6,	1 73	
			8 67
Oct. 15.	2 Prince's Arithmetics, post- age,	\$ 40	40
Oct. 21.	16 Prince's Arithmetics,	\$3 20	
	Less 1-6,	53	
		<u>2 67</u>	2 67
Oct. 24.	21 Prince's Arithmetics,	\$4 20	
	2 Wentworth Ele. Algebra,	2 24	
		<u>6 44</u>	
	Less 1-6,	1 07	
			5 37

Dec. 10.	1 doz. spelling blanks No. 2,	\$ 35	35
Jan. 11.	3 Prince's Arithmetics, post- age,	\$ 60	60
Jan. 20.	9 Wentworth Sch. Algebra,	\$10 08	
	4 Wentworth Ele. Algebra,	4 48	
	4 doz. spelling blanks,	1 68	
		<u>16 24</u>	
	Less 1-6,	2 71	
			13 53
Jan. 21.	1 Wentworth Manual,	\$1 75	
	Less 1-6,	29	
		<u>1 46</u>	
			<u>\$96 52</u>

AMERICAN BOOK Co.

Mar. 21.	11 Jevon's Polit. Economy,	\$3 85	
	3 readers, teachers' edition,	1 50	
		<u>\$5 35</u>	
	Less 20 per cent.,	1 07	
			4 25
Oct. 3.	3 Martin Civil Gov't,	\$2 16	
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**EBEN H. DAVIS, Superintendent of Schools
of Chelsea,**

AT THE

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION AT ACTON, MASS., 1895.

It gives me a peculiar pleasure to stand before an Acton audience. The man must be of strange mould who does not entertain in his heart a good deal of respect for his native town.

Although my lot has been cast in other places since the early age of thirteen years, I have found time to visit the homestead a few weeks of each summer season, have kept in touch with the spirit and progress you have manifested, and have rejoiced with you in your occasions of festivity and honor.

As my life-work has had to do with matters of public school education, it is natural that I should note with greatest interest the progress you have made in the improvement of your school system. Having received my earliest instruction in these schools I am the better qualified to contrast the advantages afforded to-day with those which existed in my time. In this respect I think you have reason to feel a just pride in what you have achieved.

When I was a boy, the only high school in the town was a private enterprise, held but a few weeks in the fall, in the centre of the town, and kept by some college student to eke out his college expenses. There was no orderly course of studies, but each student selected such branches as his fancy dictated or friends advised, for which he paid his own tuition. In this way it was possible to obtain a smattering of Latin or Greek, an introduction to the elements of science, and some knowledge of mathematics. But, in order to fit for college, I had to attend an academy, one hundred and fifty miles from home.

To-day, you have a high school that is a credit to the town, with a full four years' course, where, as I understand, the boys and girls may fit for college, or any similar institution in the land. It is further to your credit that the expense of this school is assumed voluntarily, the town being exempt from the provisions of the statute on account of the smallness of the population.

While thus giving full credit to the present condition of affairs, I would by no means speak lightly of the schools of my boyhood days. They were good for the times, and generally had excellent teachers. The foundation I then received enabled me to enter college at seventeen years of age, and to graduate at twenty-one,—quite as young as is for one's best good.

Nor were those brief terms of high school studies without influence. They opened up to us new lines of thought, and the personality of the teachers, fresh from college and imbued with zeal for a higher education, made a strong impress. It was through contact with such influences that I was inspired with an ambition to go to college. You remember that President Garfield attributed all his nobler ambitions and successes to the influence of his instructor, Mark Hopkins. Thus, you see, the schoolmaster, as much as any other influence, shapes the destinies of men.

Nor would we forget our school days if we could. There are doubtless some in this hall to-night who remember the old meeting-house which stood upon the ground now occupied by this hall, with its long settees in the vestry below, on which we sat as students. But more often we sat on the old-fashioned benches of the school house farther down the street.

I must not forget to mention the names of Lyman Cutler, Albert S. Ingalls, Mark Davis, (and others whose names I might mention), who were among the schoolmasters of our youth.

It is pleasant to recall the memory of school days. Indeed, the lot of the average boy and girl must have been a hard one whose school days do not afford pleasant reminiscences in after life.

However pleasant the recollection of early days, we must not forget that the world is constantly moving forward, not backward, bearing with it progress in all things. We should be of peculiar disposition if we were unwilling to admit that the schools had kept pace in the onward march of events.

There is a science which regulates the instruction of to-day which was not so well understood twenty-five years ago or more. Great changes in the processes of teaching have taken place within a few years, and greater still are fore-shadowed in the near future. It will not be long before all teachers will be required to have a professional training before they can be licensed to teach. Massachusetts, having already more normal schools than any other state in the union, voted through the legislature of 1894 to add several more, which will soon be in active operation and filled with a high grade of apprentices.

The science of psychology has assumed a prominence which can no longer be ignored. Dr. E. Stanley Hall, of Clark University, is giving this subject a dignity and meaning which command the respect of all thinking minds. The child is made the objective study, and this science enables us to look through the outer surface into its very soul, and to comprehend what is best for its complete development, morally, intellectually, and physically.

When I began my professional work of directing school instruction twenty-five years ago, there were but eight or ten school superintendents in the state. Now, there is scarcely a town which does not come under their influence, and I am pleased to find that you have one as skilled as the best, and one to whose judgment you may in all confidence defer.

The occasion which you celebrate this evening is one of exceeding interest. The exercises of a public school graduation have always taken strong hold upon the people. The halls in which they are held are rarely too large. In my own city we have never been able to secure one large enough to hold one-half of all who would like to attend, not even in our spacious Academy of Music:

Why are the people so interested? Is it because they like to be entertained?

Yes, in a measure, but this is not the only reason.

Is it because of their natural interest in young people, whose days are seemingly so free from cares and so full of bright hopes?

To some extent this may be true, but there are other reasons still.

When our forefathers planted their homes in the wilderness

they at once began to look about for means to establish the school, then the college. From that time to this the public school has taken higher and yet higher position in the hearts of men, until it outranks all other interests. It has cost more money, received more favorable legislation, and is surrounded with stronger safeguards. A thrust aimed at the public school will call forth more righteous indignation than any other occasion. No school architecture seems too magnificent, and no equipment too extravagant. The people suffer themselves to be taxed for it as they would for no other cause. Many states have set apart public lands which yield enormous revenues for school purposes, and our own state has a fair income which is disbursed in the country towns.

Our fathers knew, and our legislators understand, that the hope, the strength, the very existence and perpetuity of our republican form of government depend upon the education of the citizens.

We have already felt the dangers which beset it from the hordes of ignorant foreign immigration, which is trying to sieze the reins of government, and wrest from our grasp the control of those customs and ideals which have ever been dear to us.

To the graduates of the class of '95 I have a special message.

This is your day and occasion. This audience is here to do you honor, and to offer you congratulations. I am pleased to offer you mine also, and to wish you complete joy, for it brings to my mind similar events in my own experience. This occasion is all the pleasanter to me because, somehow, I feel as if I were a part of it.

You have completed the first epoch of your life's history. However insignificant the affairs of this night may appear in comparison with what may follow in after years, you will never forget this occasion, even though your future career be filled with brilliant and abounding success, or your years be lengthened out far beyond the time allotted for man to live.

I would have you enjoy these honors to the fullest extent, because they can never be repeated in such fulness and sincerity of youth.

But I would not have you magnify them beyond their real

significance. They mean that, thus far, you have done well, but beyond the present, they offer no guarantee for the future. Thus far you have had the uplifting hand of father and mother, and perhaps brothers and sisters, but, as you go onward you are likely to be thrown more and more upon your own resources and strength.

You must not feel that you have got very far toward a complete education. This is the work of a lifetime. Even a college course but puts you firmer on your feet and makes the race easier. The library and experience with men and with the world are the schools which are to expand your lives for greatest usefulness and happiness. Your course thus far has been but a preparation for this broader career.

The question now confronting you is, "What are you to do next?" and it is a momentous question, for, on the decision you make may depend your future success and happiness.

Probably some of you will continue your studies in some higher institution of learning, (I would that you all might do so), in which case the decision might be deferred, knowing that, whatever it be, you are pursuing just the course to realize any reasonable expectations.

But you cannot begin too soon to think over what is to be your life-work, and to choose that which accords most with your natural tastes and desires. When you have chosen, exercise great determination and push, and events will shape themselves so as to aid you. Fortune helps those who help themselves.

I trust you have ambition to excel in something. It matters little what your avocation may be, provided you make the most of yourselves in it. The danger lies in having no fixed ideas of your own, and, like Micawber, "waiting for something to turn up."

There is as good chance for distinction in the occupation of farming as in any other, provided you bring to bear in your management of its affairs the same intellectual force you would have to exercise for successful competition in business.

The honors and distinctions in the professions, which once were the exclusive privilege of men, are now, happily, open to women also.

You are born in an age of great events and of great activity. Men live at a rapid rate, burning the candle at both ends. They

push and crowd to the front in mad career to be rich. But this is not the greatest nor the best ambition you can have, nor does it lead to the greatest happiness. It is far better to choose some congenial occupation early in life, stick to it through thick and thin, give it your best thought and strength, for competency is sure to follow without making it the chief aim. The secret of wealth lies not in rapid gains, but in saving. Fifty cents saved every day of your lives and wisely invested, will place you above want in old age.

The greatest essential to success in life is honesty,—the establishment of a good name which the world will be bound to respect. At first thought this seems an easy thing to accomplish, but, in all my experience with men, I have found it a difficult task. To be thoroughly honest is not only to do what is right, but to defend the right in all places and under all circumstances. To be able to say *no*, at the risk of displeasing a friend or when it runs counter to public opinion, even though you know it is the proper thing to do,—this requires a moral courage which many do not possess.

Socrates was such a man. Although poor and in rags, and living in a great city on fifty dollars a year, he stood for principle, for truth and righteousness, in a brilliant though corrupt age, when it cost something to be honest. He was a great scholar, able to meet in debate the most learned men of ancient Greece in her proudest days of glory. He saw through their sophistries and false logic, and turned their reasoning into absurdities, for which he was condemned to die. Scarcely had he drunk the fatal hemlock, when the citizens of Athens, realizing what they had done and what they had lost, began to feel the twinges of conscience. They hastened to erect a costly monument over his grave, thus showing that honesty will not suffer long without its reward.

The name of Socrates has stood out boldly in history for nearly twenty-five hundred years as an example of one of the greatest and best men that ever lived.

As we read the history of the world from earliest date to the present time, we find that the men who command our greatest admiration and respect, whom we would like most to pattern in our

own lives, were men of principle rather than men occupying high stations.

Finally, let me entreat you always to think well and speak well of your alma mater and your native town. Both enjoy a good name, and if you can do nothing to increase their lustre, see to it that you do nothing to tarnish it.

To parents I have a word to add.

There was once a lady of distinction living in Rome, who was very rich. While calling on another illustrious matron named Cornelia, she took occasion to display the diamonds and jewels she possessed. She then requested Cornelia to permit her to see *her* jewels. This eminent woman contrived to turn the conversation to another subject till her sons returned from one of the public schools. Then she introduced them, saying, "These are my jewels."

In a like manner I might say, "These graduates are your jewels."

There is implanted in the human breast a strong love for our children. This has been true in all ages.

I cannot refrain from the reference to another Roman matron which affords a most beautiful illustration of this love.

This mother lived in Pompeii, and at the time of the eruption of Vesuvius, near the commencement of the Christian era. It was a beautiful city, lying at the foot of Mt. Vesuvius, the fashionable resort of the wealthy Romans, and noted for its costly comforts and indulgences, its gardens, and public amusements. You know that it was a wicked city, for history so informs us.

In that awful moment when, without warning, the mountain was shooting up flames of fire, with smoke and ashes, the ground trembling, a woman in her fright started to run to the open country with her child, for safety. As she ran along the street the mountain was pouring forth boiling mud which, running down the mountain side, quickly overtook her, when she was overcome and thrown to the ground. But her brave heart, her high courage rose to the occasion. As she sank into the scalding mud she grasped her babe's dress with her left hand and held it aloft so that the babe should be above the scalding mass. Another mo-

ment, and out of that lurid sky fell millions of tons of ashes, and the mother, and babe, and city were firmly embedded many feet beneath the new surface. There for eighteen hundred years they remained.

A few years ago they were unburied. Hollow in the ashes still stood erect that arm above the mud—a hollow, that was all. The flesh and bones were gone. Only ashes, solid as a rock, surrounded it.

In those ashes were shaped the hollow where the arm had been, and above the arm still stood the mould of the baby's body. There it was found. Some lime was poured into it, a cast was made, and the cast is now preserved in the British Museum, a memorial to this Roman mother's love.

This incident is but an exemplification of what every mother would do for her child, under similar circumstances.

We all know from experience how natural it is for us to plan so that our children shall have a little better chance in the world than we had. This is especially true as regards their education.

In my college days, full three-fourths of my classmates came from the farms of New England—from homes where it meant sacrifice and privation to meet the necessary expenses. I have in my library at home a large volume, of which I think a great deal. It contains some three or four hundred photographs, eight by ten, of statesmen who have reached distinction during the past thirty or forty years. It presents the faces and names of men familiar to us by their renown, whose deeds have often been recorded in the newspapers. On the page opposite each photograph is a brief biographical sketch of the man, and as I have read them I have been surprised at the number who sprang from humble country homes, and whose education was acquired under circumstances of considerable privation.

I believe you are fond of quoting the saying that "Acton furnished the men while Concord furnished the ground," in the fight of April 19, 1775. In a much larger sense may we say that the country towns furnish the men of brains, while the cities furnish the opportunities for them to expand and reach their full stature.

If the country schools were as well equipped with appliances as are the city schools, they would outrank them in many re-

spects. I have never regretted that I was born in the country, although I must confess that I have at times experienced the lack of logical training in youth, so essential to a complete education. I have always had a great deal of sympathy for the school children of our cities, whose playground is the narrow and often crowded street, and whose opportunities for contact with nature, and for expansion in every direction are reduced to a minimum. As a rule the children who enter the city schools direct from the country towns, although deficient in some of the essentials of training, generally show a scope of mind which enables them to make rapid strides, as soon as they get a fair start.

You have built good school-houses, and, I doubt not you employ the best teachers. Do you look into the schoolroom often enough to assure yourselves on this point? Nothing encourages the teachers more, or makes them more faithful, than for you to see and appreciate what they are doing.

It is sometimes the case that parents will stand aloof and criticise the management of the schools, when a closer acquaintance and intimacy would assure them that everything was as it should be. The school committee, who are supposed to be always in sympathetic touch with the needs of the schools, are not unfrequently blamed for attending to their duties too conscientiously.

Again, the child comes home from school and begins to show forth his newly acquired knowledge. The parents listen, and are not quite satisfied. Somehow things are different from what they used to be when they went to school, and therefore they begin to find fault, forgetting that the world is moving onward, and that the schools *must* change their methods of teaching if they are to keep pace with the swiftly advancing tide of improvements.

Parents have occasionally said to me, "You do not do the problems in arithmetic in the same way they used to do them when I went to school, for whenever I try to assist my boy at home he says, 'that isn't right, the teacher doesn't allow us to do them that way.'"

I sometimes hear the complaint, (not in recent years, however), "My child has been to school several weeks and has not

been allowed to use a book once." Also, "My child has been taught to read before learning the alphabet."

In reply I would say, "I think you will find everything all right. We do not teach school in just the way in which you have been the most familiar. Wait awhile and see how things come out."

It is better, I think, to assume that the teacher is in the right until we are fully assured that she is in the wrong, and then speak with her.

So, too, in matters of discipline, before entering complaint, look into the schoolroom, talk with the teacher, and be sure you have a just cause. I venture the assertion that not one person in one hundred could exercise the patience and the discretion which the trained teacher is called upon to use every day she teaches school.

Allow me to state also that it is my candid belief, from long experience, that the children in our best schools of to-day acquire more real and practical knowledge in the first three years of their school lives than they obtained in five years, thirty years ago.

You have a good high school, (and I am told, a good principal, too), which you support freely and generously, even at some sacrifice. Do you look in upon it occasionally to see that you are getting what you are paying for? Do you give it a chance to do its best? How about the appliances and books of reference. In what condition is the laboratory, physical and chemical? Is there opportunity for individual experiments, or must each pupil depend upon the text-books and the experiments of the teacher? If so, your children are losing three-fourths of the value of their science instruction, and, in this respect, are no better off than the students of thirty years ago.

Science is now ranked as among the most useful and practical of all the studies. I said a moment ago to the graduates that they were born in an age of great events. I heard a great deal in my youth of the seven great wonders of the world. We do not hear so much about them now-a-days, for they are not to be compared with the wonders of this day and generation.

As I have stood on the Brooklyn bridge, stretched in mid-air across the East River, and viewed its myriads of cables, large and small, its mass of humanity, its teams of traffic, and the swiftly

moving cable cars, the Colossus of Rhodes, or the pyramids and the sphynx of Egypt sank into insignificance in comparison. Scarcely less wonderful are the intricacies of the modern printing press as represented in the rooms of a large daily newspaper, where, as by magic, the type is set, an electrotype taken, the papers printed, cut, folded and counted, and the type distributed again, by automatic process, and all with a rapidity and precision that is indeed marvelous.

The electric railway and other appliances of electricity are wonders too great for comprehension. The mysterious power which moves the wheels is likewise an instrument of instant death unless harnessed aright. We stand amazed before that knowledge which is able to harness it with even greater safety than we harness the horse, and make it subservient to man in so many ways. Nor does wonder cease when we contemplate that, whereas one to two thousand volts are sufficient to kill a man instantly, a shock of fifty thousand volts may be received with absolute immunity from danger.

The study of science makes it possible for the boy or girl to have a part in shaping these great events, but in order that it may become of the greatest practical importance, there must be apparatus sufficient for each pupil to operate for himself, and an adequate teaching force. One teacher can hardly fill the chairs of science, literature, and the classics.

Our modern teaching expects the individual to do things himself as soon as he comes to school, for it is the only way to make him think, self reliant and original. To this end we surround him with such influences and appliances as will lead him to observe, compare, and draw conclusions. He begins his lessons in science soon after his first lessons in reading, and holds to them throughout his entire course.

This principle we attempt to apply to every branch of learning, so far as we can. The science of grammar with its rules for parsing now gives place, very largely, to practice in writing and speaking good English, and to an acquaintance with the literature of our best authors.

The study of geography is the last to be severed from the traditions of the past, and I found it one of the most difficult

tasks I ever undertook. The same old form of recitation, of memorizing text, locating cities, and map drawing prevail in nine-tenths of the schools of the country. But there is a movement on foot to put even this subject on the laboratory plan. The correct principle in all teaching is to see that the child has clear ideas of things themselves, that he makes the symbols for himself, and that he uses these symbols in acquiring new knowledge.

The children of my city now take their first lesson in geography out-doors. There they learn from direct observation what hill is, the slope of a hill, water-parting, valley, river, basin, plain, ocean, etc., etc. They study the whole topography of Chelsea, mould it with sand on tables provided for the purpose, make a map of it, putting in the proper shade lines and contours for hills, and indicate the action of water which falls in the form of rain and snow. They are taught the uses of the wind vane and thermometer, and the effect of winds, heat and cold, thus forming at the start habits of observing correctly, and stating correctly the facts observed. This is made the basis of their future knowledge of the world, which is treated as the special home of man and the environment in which his development takes place.

Such kind of teaching requires a great deal of apparatus in the way of maps, charts, globes, photographs, pictures, models, etc. The ordinary flat wall maps were found to be of little use, because they represented so little that was intelligible to children. We therefore obtained from W. E. Howell, of Washington, D.C., a model of Massachusetts which gave, in bird's-eye view, a perfect representation of the topography of the state, in raised surface, showing the hills, mountains, valleys, rivers, etc., as they exist, which well supplemented the study of Chelsea.

The next step would have been to obtain a model of the United States, but as this is very expensive, we sent abroad and obtained a set of wall maps which had the proper shading and slope lines, which the children had been taught to interpret. Take, for instance, the country of Switzerland: its topography (which you know to be very mountainous), is as surely, though not as clearly, shown as that from the model of Massachusetts. The rivers and lakes are seen at a glance, and could be located and even drawn from the shading. They see that the banks of the Rhone are high and steep, extending up the sides of moun-

tains. From facts learned about Chelsea, (they have observed the water running down the streets in heavy rain storms, and have been taught the different kinds of soil, and common minerals,) they are easily led to understand that a large amount of soil is annually washed down the slopes into the river, and deposited along the banks where the valley stretches out, and some is carried into Lake Geneva; that thus, near its mouth, a large plain was formed which made possible the beautiful city of Geneva. The lake itself is noted for its great depth and transparency.

They learn that the silt which the water washes into the river is full of bits of mica, and that it is the mica which gives the lake its peculiar transparency. Pictures and photographs of the region, showing the mountains, river, city, men and their customs, all make an impression on the mind which it is not easy to eradicate. It is the next thing to an actual journey of investigation.

How much more real and practical is such instruction than the old method of recitation, such as, "The River Rhone rises in among the Alps Mountains, flows in a southwesterly direction, and empties into the Mediterranean Sea," and there leaves the matter.

This is only one phase of a very great subject, which I have allowed myself to dwell upon at some length in order to show the great value of proper appliances to help the children compete successfully with the world as they will find it.

A little money expended judiciously for apparatus will go a great way. The superintendent whom you have chosen to give value and practicability to the instruction in your schools, is well posted as to their greatest needs, and allow me to urge you to encourage him in his work by adopting his suggestions, as far as you feel that you can afford it.

I am not unmindful of the limitations of the country towns where there is no great amount of wealth, nor of the fact that you have already made immense strides in advance of where you were a few years ago.

The state ought, by right, come to the aid of the country towns, and I believe she will before long. California has solved this phase of the problem by providing for the entire support, doing it cheerfully and generously, and Pennsylvania has ap-

proached it by appropriating \$5,500,000 yearly. She has appropriated more for education in the past six years than in the preceding fifty years.

Centralizing the schools is now considered to be the greatest advance in recent years. By this plan all the pupils are conveyed by carriage, at public expense, to the central village. There are in Massachusetts one hundred and seventy-eight towns in which the pupils are so conveyed, and at an expense of over fifty thousand dollars.

It is claimed that by this means it is possible to have a first class system of graded schools, with best appliances; that there is a saving of expense; that the attendance is greatly improved and that tardiness is entirely overcome. Whether this arrangement is best for Acton has doubtless been brought to your attention.

The town of Revere finds it for her interest, financially and educationally, to send her high school pupils to the Chelsea high school, some sixty or more, paying a tuition of sixty-five dollars each per annum, or about four thousand dollars in all.

You have all heard more or less about "The Little Red School house." It has been sung in song, made the battle-cry for inspiring patriotism, and is even used for advertising schemes. Except as it is used as the symbol for the public school—the country towns perhaps being considered as presenting the best type of true Americanism—it has no significance. In every other respect the red school house is a myth, or at most but a sentiment. The red school houses of my boyhood days, or as they may be seen at the present day scattered along the highways of the more rural sections of New England, are cheerless and comfortless, within and without, with nothing neat or attractive, or aught about them to inspire æsthetic taste or high ideals.

People may go into ecstasies, if they choose, about the old-fashioned houses and furniture of our great-grandfathers, but as for me, I prefer the luxurious comfort of modern things. Life at best is but a struggle, and full of hardships, requiring a full third of the span for a preparation for the active duties of the remainder. Let us shorten the time of preparation as much as we can by increasing the facilities, in the hope and expectation of making the harvest-time one of increased usefulness, prosperity, and happiness.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

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

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify the inhabitants of the town of Acton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall, in said town, on MONDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF APRIL, A. D., 1896, at nine o'clock A. M., then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper, viz:

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

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

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

ART. 4. To see if the town will accept of the jury list as revised by the selectmen.

ART. 5. To see if the town will vote to sell the school house in the south-east part of the town, or act anything thereon.

ART. 6. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money for the town, if necessary, in anticipation of the taxes for the current year.

ART. 7. To see if the town will accept the endowment of the Acton Memorial Library by the Hon. William A. Wilde with the conditions attached, or act anything thereon.

ART. 8. To see if the town will vote to sell the Town Farm, or act anything thereon.

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to buy another farm for the care of the poor.

ART. 10. To see if the town will vote to lay out \$500 for repairs on town farm buildings.

ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to discontinue all the pieces of roads in front of Livermore Bros.' House south of Lowell road except the one leading to the town farm road, or act anything thereon.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to straighten and repair the road leading from the Puffer Place (so called) to the Acton road as petitioned to and laid out by the Road Commissioners.

ART. 13. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the repairing of roads and bridges the present year.

ART. 14. To see if the town will raise the sum of \$500 for the repair of the highway between the houses of Patrick O'Neil in East Acton and Anson Piper in South Acton, or take any action thereon.

ART. 15. To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes paid on or before Nov. 1, or act anything thereon.

ART. 16. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of Memorial Library the present year.

ART. 17. To hear and act upon the report of any committee chosen to report at this meeting.

ART. 18. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of schools the present year, or act anything thereon.

ART. 19. To see what amount of money the town will raise for school supplies the present year.

ART. 20. To see if the town will maintain street lamps the present year, or act anything thereon.

ART. 21. To vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town the present year?"

ART. 22. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor law.

ART. 23. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the due observance of Memorial Day, or act anything thereon.

ART. 24. To see what action the town will take in reference to tramps.

ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to build a piece of road from the road leading from West Acton to Stow at a point near the residence of Levi W. Stevens, past A. F. Blanchard's new houses to the road leading from the Leland place to the Boxboro road, as petitioned to and laid out by the Road Commissioners, or act anything thereon.

ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to build a piece of road from the road leading from West to South Acton at a point nearly opposite Hall Bros.' Mill, to the new road near the residence of John Vose, as petitioned to and laid out by the Road Commissioners, or act anything thereon.

ART. 27. To see if the town will vote to buy a stone crusher, or act anything thereon.

ART. 28. To see what amount of money the town raise to defray town charges the present year.

ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to repair and paint the inside of the Town Hall, or act anything thereon.

ART. 30. To see if the town will vote to enlarge the school grounds in South Acton, or act anything thereon.

ART. 31. To see if the town will raise the sum of \$200 to repair the road leading from South Acton, past the residence of W. S. Warren to Fletcher corner, or act anything thereon.

ART. 32. To see if the town will raise the sum of \$250 to repair the road from the residence of E. H. Cutler to the turnpike road, or act anything thereon.

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

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with

your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or Town Clerk, on or before the time for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands in Acton this eighteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

E. FAULKNER CONANT,
DANIEL J. WETHERBEE,
ISAIAH HUTCHINS,

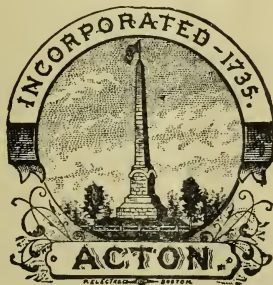
Selectmen of Acton.

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Town Officers = 1896.

Town Clerk.

Horace F. Tuttle.

Treasurer.

Jonathan K. W. Wetherbee.

Selectmen.

E. Faulkner Conant. Daniel J. Wetherbee. Isaiah Hutchins.

Assessors.

Anson C. Piper. James B. Tuttle. Wm. F. Stevens.

Overseers of the Poor.

Lyman Tuttle. Edwin C. Parker. Moses A. Reed.

Collector of Taxes.

Wm. F. Stevens.

Road Commissioners.

Wm. Kingsley, 3 years. Nahum Littlefield, 2 years.
Herman A. Gould, 1 year.

Auditor.

Hiram J. Hapgood.

School Committee.

Charles J. Williams, 3 years. Isaiah Hutchins, 2 years.
F. A. Houston, 1 year. Horace F. Tuttle, 1 year.

Constables.

James Kingsley. Edwin A. Phalen. Wm. F. Stevens.
Reuben L. Reed.

Cemetery Committee.

John Fletcher.

Levi W. Stevens.

Horace F. Tuttle.

Fence Viewers.

Daniel H. Farrar.

Reuben L. Reed.

Surveyors of Wood, Lumber, Etc.

Edward F. Richardson.

Jonathan P. Fletcher.

Herbert T. Clark.

Edgar H. Hall.

Registrars of Voters.

Julian Tuttle, 3 years. Frank H. Whitcomb. James McGreen.

Horace F. Tuttle, Clerk.

Trustees of Memorial Library.

Luther Conant.

Moses Taylor.

Adelbert Mead.

Daniel J. Wetherbee. Delette H. Hall.

Hiram J. Hapgood.

Chosen by the Town—

Chas. J. Williams, 3 years.

Wm. D. Tuttle, 2 years.

L. A. Hesselton, 1 year.

Treasurer's Report.

TOWN OF ACTON, in account with J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
Treasurer.

1897.	DR.	
March 12.	To cash paid, State tax,	\$1,050 00
	" " County tax,	1,506 17
	" " on Selectmen's	
	orders,	29,355 31
	Balance due the town,	847 90
		\$32,759 38

1896	CR.	
March 12.	By balance in the treasury,	\$631 65
Received from First National bank of Ayer,		
borrowed money,		5,000 00
Howard B. White, admr., borrowed		
money,		3,000 00
Arthur F. Blanchard, lic. to slaughter,		1 00
James Hill, license to slaughter,		1 00
Horace F. Tuttle, on account of su-		
pervision of schools,		375 00
Asaph Parlin, guardian, board of		
Annie U. Parlin at hospital,		162 03
State Treasurer, for inspection of		
animals,		20 00

Rec'd, State Treasurer, corporation tax,	\$760 01
“ “ National bank tax,	257 88
“ “ Military aid, chap. 279, acts 1889,	116 25
“ “ State aid, chap. 301, acts 1889,	555 00
“ “ income Mass. School fund,	262 58
Mrs. Leland, tuition at Centre school, one term,	6 00
Lyman Tuttle, storage at Centre school house,	2 00
Geo. G. Keith, stoves from South school house,	24 00
Samuel Jones, Jr., school house and land in south-east district,	126 50
County Treasurer on acct. dog tax,	194 94
J. Devane, for road cleanings,	7 50
Lyman Tuttle, 5 cows sold from town farm,	164 50
Lyman Tuttle, apples sold, town farm,	276 07
“ “ horse “ “ “	75 00
“ “ milk “ “ “	874 16
“ “ wood “ “ “	45 25
“ “ pork “ “ “	17 45
“ “ calves “ “ “	8 25
“ “ potatoes “ “ “	1 50
“ “ eggs “ “ “	1 24
“ “ old iron “ “ “	1 12
John Fletcher, lots sold in Woodlawn cemetery,	30 00
Levi W. Stevens, lots sold in Mount Hope cemetery,	80 00
D. H. Gordon, for old hearse,	8 00
Town of Boxboro, tuition High school,	104 00
Town of Stow, services of constable and lawyer in Tuttle case,	15 58

Rec'd, Charles Brown, board of Mrs. Abram Brown,	\$56 00
Interest on Wilde Memorial Library fund,	80 00
Rent of Town Hall and cellar,	95 50
C. J. Williams, 13 microscopes sold pupils,	5 20
C. J. Williams, 8 French dictionaries sold pupils,	4 00
J. W. Henderson, stove at south-east school house,	1 00
Acton Memorial library, fines,	16 00
Wm. F. Stevens, collect'g taxes, 1894,	2 00
“ “ “ “ 1895,	1,282 29
“ “ “ “ 1896,	17,951 65
Interest on money in bank,	60 28
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	\$32,759 38

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

TREASURER'S REPORT OF MONEY HELD FOR CARE OF LOTS IN
CEMETERIES.

1897.	Dr.	
March.	To Hepsabeth Piper fund,	\$50 00
	Frederick Rouillard fund,	100 00
	William W. Davis fund,	100 00
	Jedediah Tuttle fund,	50 00
	Nancy K. Handley fund,	500 00
	Mary Skinner fund,	200 00
	Eliza A. Whitcomb fund,	75 00
	Cash rec'd from town, care of lots,	73 64
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		\$1,148 64

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By cash paid—			
Julian Tuttle, care	Handley lot,	\$53	39
“	“ “ Piper lot,	2	50
“	“ “ Tuttle lot,	2	50
“	“ “ Skinner lot,	3	00
“	“ “ Rouillard lot,	7	25
Mrs. W. W. Davis, care	Davis lot,	5	00
Balance in treasury,		<u>1,075</u>	<u>00</u>
			\$1,148 64
J. K. W. WETHERBEE,			
<i>Treasurer of Acton.</i>			

REPORT OF WILDE MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND.

1897.		DR.		
March 12.	To cash deposited in North End Savings bank,	\$1,000	00	
	To cash deposited in Middlesex Ins. for Savings,	1,000	00	
	To cash deposited in Home Savings bank,	1,000	00	
	To cash deposited in Charlestown Five Cents Savings bank,	1,000	00	
	To cash deposited in Warren Institution for Savings,	1,000	00	
	To cash rec'd for int. on deposits,	80	00	
			<u>\$5,080</u>	<u>00</u>
		CR.		
	By cash paid Trustees,	\$80	00	
	Balance,	<u>5,000</u>	<u>00</u>	
			\$5,080	00
J. K. W. WETHERBEE,				
<i>Treasurer of Acton.</i>				

I have examined the reports of the Treasurer and find them correct.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD,
Auditor of the Town of Acton.

Selectmen's Report.

Citizens of Acton :

We respectfully submit to you our annual report and recommendations for the present year.

For State tax,	\$1,000 00
County tax,	1,300 00
Memorial library,	600 00
Schools,	4,700 00
School supplies,	475 00
Transportation S. E. school pupils,	270 00
Scientific apparatus,	125 00
Roads and bridges,	2,700 00
Overlayings,	300 00
Town charges the following :	
For Miscellaneous expenses,	\$1,800 00
Town officers,	1,400 00
Support of poor,	1,400 00
Repairs on town buildings,	600 00
Streets lamps,	700 00
Cemetery expenses,	200 00
Interest on debt,	200 00
Printing,	150 00
Soldiers' relief,	50 00
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	\$6,500 00
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	\$17,970 00

Following is the Financial Report :

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

CENTRE SCHOOL.

Paid Florence N. Day, teacher, 36 weeks, (Primary,)	\$360 00	
Susie E. Conant, teacher, 12 weeks, (Grammar,)	120 00	
Ida A. Hapgood, teacher, 12 weeks, (Grammar,)	120 00	
Helene J. Sloan, teacher, 12 weeks, (Grammar,)	120 00	
Nathan Johnson, janitor,	20 00	
Julian Tuttle, janitor,	50 00	
Julian Tuttle, cleaning,	2 25	
Nathan Johnson, cleaning,	1 05	
Charles Edwards, cord wood,	4 00	
E. Jones & Co., 11,115 lbs. coal,	32 23	
M. E. Taylor & Co., incidentals,	3 95	
		\$833 48

NORTH SCHOOL.

Paid Lillian Richardson, teacher, 12 weeks,	\$120 00	
Ella L. Miller, teacher, 15 weeks,	105 00	
“ “ “ 9 weeks,	72 00	
W. B. Harriman, janitor,	45 00	
Frank Pendergast, janitor,	9 00	
“ “ wood,	1 00	
W. B. Harriman, wood,	7 00	
“ “ cleaning room,	10 00	
E. Jones & Co., 4875 lbs. coal,	15 60	
“ “ 3160 lbs. coal,	10 11	
M. E. Taylor & Co., incidentals,	1 03	
		\$395 74

EAST SCHOOL.

Paid Ida A. Hapgood, teacher, 12 weeks,	\$120 00
Mary F. Rich, teacher, 18 weeks,	126 00
Rose Standish, teacher, 6 weeks,	60 00
C. Moffat, janitor,	7 00
F. Davis, janitor,	27 00
F. J. Hastings & Co., 8000 lbs. coal,	24 00
James Hill, for cleaning room,	2 25
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 1 brush,	1 00
“ “ 1 duster,	89
“ “ 1 dust pan,	20
M. E. Taylor & Co., incidentals,	45

\$368 79

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Paid Hattie L. Tuttle, teacher, 36 weeks, (Grammar,)	\$360 00
Lilla Keniston, teacher, 36 weeks, (Primary,)	360 00
C. L. Bradford, janitor,	90 00
F. J. Hastings & Co., 4032 lbs. coal,	10 88
“ “ 15420 lbs. coal,	43 17
“ “ 5470 lbs. coal,	15 86
C. L. Bradford, wood,	8 25
“ “ cleaning vault,	1 00
“ “ cleaning rooms,	5 00
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 4 doz. screws,	20
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 1 dipper,	25
“ “ 1 duster,	35
“ “ 1-2 dz. rings,	07
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 1 cushion,	60
“ “ cord,	62
“ “ polish,	10
“ “ 1 cushion,	60
“ “ 2 baskets,	1 00
“ “ polish,	10

\$898 05

WEST SCHOOL.

Paid Albertie M. Preston, teacher, Grammar, 12 weeks,	\$120 00
Elizabeth Prindall, teacher, Grammar, 5 weeks,	50 00
Ada A. Coffman, teacher, Grammar, 7 weeks,	70 00
Ida A. Hapgood, teacher, Grammar, 12 weeks,	120 00
Harriet H. Gardner, teacher, Primary 36 weeks,	360 00
Thomas Scanlon, janitor,	77 00
“ “ cleaning,	8 00
“ “ wood,	4 00
Mrs. Ida Conant, cleaning,	3 00
E. C. Parker, & Co., coal,	63 32
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	\$875 32

HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid W. A. Charles, Principal,	\$1,000 00
M. Florence Fletcher, assistant,	450 00
C. L. Bradford, janitor,	90 00
F. J. Hastings & Co., 4033 lbs. coal,	10 89
“ “ 15420 lbs. coal,	43 18
“ “ 5470 lbs. coal,	15 87
C. L. Bradford, cleaning rooms,	5 00
“ “ “ vault,	1 00
“ “ wood,	8 75
C. J. Williams, for tuning piano,	2 00
F. I. Ordway, orchestra,	12 56
A. L. Noyes, entertaining orchestra,	5 00
J. L. Hammett Co., engrossing diplomas,	4 55
De Wolfe, Fiske & Co., 2 books,	3 00
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 10 yds. ribbon,	1 98
“ “ 2 boxes,	20
“ “ 1 duster,	37
“ “ 1 thermometer,	17
“ “ oil,	12
“ “ 8 yd. sticks,	1 33
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	\$1,655 97

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Paid University Publishing Co.,	\$ 9 12	
J. L. Hammett Co.,	217 62	
Ginn & Co.,	42 42	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	35 09	
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	5 50	
American Book Co.,	35 76	
Educational Publishing Co.,	97 17	
Public School Printing Co.,	3 40	
De Wolfe, Fisk & Co.,	4 00	
J. R. Wales,	39 30	
Wm. Ware & Co.,	2 50	
C. J. Williams, express,	3 85	
N. C. Reed, express,	4 10	
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SCIENTIFIC APPARATUS.

Paid Ziegler Electric Co.,	\$36 50	
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.,	33 00	
D. Appleton & Co.,	56 00	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	3 80	
De Wolfe, Fiske & Co.,	15 89	
E. B. Collister,	4 75	
C. J. Williams,	4 60	
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TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOLARS.

Paid D. C. Harris, 1 term,	\$ 5 00	
J. W. Parsons, 1 term,	5 00	
John Maynes, 1 term,	5 00	
C. I. Miller, 3 terms,	15 00	
W. S. Jones, south-east scholars,	227 50	
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STATE AND MILITARY AID.

Paid W. B. Ball, (Chap. 279, Acts 1889,)	\$182	50	
Luke Smith, (Chap. 301, Acts 1889, 1 yr.,	48	00	
Mary Smith,	“	“	48 00
Rebecca C. Wright,	“	“	48 00
Sarah E. Handley,	“	“	48 00
Eliza J. Shattuck,	“	“	48 00
Phebe Wood,	“	“	48 00
A. C. Handley,	“	8 mo.	48 00
Bridget Mawn,	“	7 mo.	28 00
Achsa Hanscom,	“	8 mo.	32 00
Geo. Handley,	“	1 yr.	48 00
Emma F. Blood,	“	1 yr.	48 00
Susan B. Winn,	“	3 mo.	12 00
Allen G. Smith,	“	5 mo.	20 00
Addison B. Wheeler,	“	1 yr.	52 00
Maria Kingsley,	“	5 mo.	20 00
Lydia Handley,	“	4 mo.	16 00
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			\$794 50

MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

FOR BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

Paid De Wolfe, Fiske & Co.,	\$142	39	
Jordan, Marsh & Co.,	38	84	
Wm. A. Wilde & Co.,	71	36	
Perry, Mason & Co.,	1	75	
Wm. D. Tuttle,	1	00	
Henry D. Noyes & Co.,	28	80	
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			\$284 14
Town appropriation,	\$200	00	
Interest from Wm. Wilde Fund,	80	00	
Fines,	16	00	
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			\$296 00
Balance unexpended,			\$11 86

RUNNING EXPENSES.

Paid O. D. Wood, janitor,	\$101 00
Ida Tuttle, librarian,	47 00
Viola Tuttle, librarian,	55 00
D. A. Cutler, transporting books,	51 00
Mass. Reformatory, printing,	12 00
Courier Citizen Co., " "	3 00
F. J. Barnard, binding,	17 58
J. R. Wales, binding,	19 15
F. J. Hastings & Co., coal,	36 27
M. E. Taylor & Co., incidentals,	17 21
Wm. D. Tuttle,	4 49

\$363 70

LOANS.

Paid First Nat. Bank of Ayer, note,	\$3,000 00
" " " int.	67 50
H. B. White, admr.,	3,000 00
" " "	56 25
J. A. Bowen, 1 yr. Int. on \$1,000, note,	50 00
F. H. Jones, 1 yr. Int. on \$700, note,	35 00
" " \$600, note,	30 00
J. K. W. Wetherbee, admr. Wm. Davis estate, 3 notes and interest to Mar. 7, 1,910	11

\$8,148 86

STREET LAMPS.

Paid Acton Center Improvement Society, 61,	\$165 92
West Acton Street Lighting Associa- tion, 46,	125 12
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 3,	8 16
A. Merriam, 2,	5 44
Geo. R. Keyes,	5 44
J. P. Fletcher,	5 44
Henry Barker,	5 44

Paid Elmathan Jones, 1,	\$2 72
H. J. Hapgood,	2 72
Geo. W. Worster,	2 72
W. S. Warren,	2 72
E. I. Banks,	2 72
F. Merriam,	2 72
Francis Hosmer,	2 72
C. S. Simonds,	2 72
L. A. Hesselton,	2 72
F. J. Hastings & Co.,	2 72
F. Z. Taylor,	2 72
A. J. Fletcher,	2 72
Mrs. M. E. Lothrop,	2 72
Gardner Clark,	2 72
Edwin Tarbell,	2 72
Wm. F. Dessault,	2 72
J. D. Moulton,	2 72
L. S. Hosmer,	2 72
F. A. Houston,	2 72
I. F. Duren,	2 72
S. A. Christie,	2 72
D. C. Harris,	2 72
Mrs. Geo. W. Gates,	2 72
Mrs. Lottie Flagg,	2 72
L. V. Clough,	2 72
E. N. Robbins,	2 72
Albert Moulton,	2 72
Anson C. Piper,	2 72
A. H. Jones,	2 72
Mrs. Lottie Tolman,	2 72
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	\$402 56

CEMETERY EXPENSES.

Paid Julian Tuttle, work in Woodlawn,	\$164 20
John Fletcher, " "	8 27
Geo. G. Keith, " "	4 25
W. B. Holt, " "	1 10

Paid Levi Stevens, work in Mt. Hope,	\$63 32
Mrs. W. W. Davis, care of lot,	5 00

\$246 14

POOR ON FARM.

Paid Moses Thompson, labor,	\$350 04
“ “ for fish,	10 27
“ “ “ mattress,	2 00
“ “ “ stove,	1 00
“ “ “ ladder,	2 00
“ “ “ berries,	1 00
“ “ “ repairing harness,	85
“ “ “ corn,	1 45
“ “ “ coffee,	75
“ “ “ 2 pigs,	10 00
“ “ “ labor,	13 00
W. H. Fargo, labor,	10 00
Chas. Colder, labor,	18 90
John Jacobs, labor,	72 00
John Smith, labor,	12 00
M. E. Taylor & Co., store bill,	296 52
W. E. Whitcomb & Co., meat bill,	80 03
E. C. Parker & Co., grain bill,	246 96
Luther Conant, 1 ton feed,	15 00
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, store bill,	114 70
Otis H. Forbush, 2 cows,	100 00
Lyman Tuttle, barrels,	45 00
J. A. McPherson, blacksmith,	22 01
F. J. Barker, M. D.,	2 25
J. B. Tuttle, 2 cows,	96 00
“ “ rake,	18 00
“ “ repairing machine,	4 35
James Hill, killing 2 hogs,	2 50
E. Jones & Co., coal,	8 93
C. H. Clark, repairing harness,	1 45
Lyman Tuttle, use of horse,	4 50
C. W. Livingston, soap,	6 50

\$1,569 96

OUTSIDE POOR.

Paid Abel Farrar, care of Eben Jones, 42 weeks,	\$516 00
Ayer Home care of May Kingsley,	45 75
Worcester Insane Asylum, care of Clare Wheeler,	169 92
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, care of Anna Parlin,	162 03
Westboro Hospital, care of Mary Coughlin,	147 19
Westboro Hospital, care of Mary B. Cram,	86 36
Westboro Hospital, care of Frank Harris,	51 54
Mass. Hospital, care of E. P. Hunt,	56 64
Lyman Tuttle, aid for Mrs. S. B. Winn,	27 50
“ “ “ Brown,	56 00
L. V. Clough, care of Frank Harris,	12 00
City of Boston, aid for Hannah Stanton,	1 63
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, aid for Mrs. J. Quinlan,	34 12
F. J. Barker, M. D., medical attendance on Eben Jones,	1 00
F. J. Barker, M. D., medical attendance on Frank Harris,	19 00
F. J. Barker, M. D., medical attendance on Mrs. S. B. Winn,	40 50
F. J. Barker, M. D., medical attendance on J. McCarthy,	75 00
F. J. Barker, M. D., medical attendance	12 50
Dr. Isaiah Hutchins, medical attendance on Frank Ashler,	3 25
Geo. E. Greenough, wood for F. Nogle,	4 50
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, aid for F. Nogle,	39 10
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, aid for Weaver,	4 79

Paid A. H. Jones, aid for Nogle,	\$2 12
Board of Health, Johnson case,	21 47
E. Jones & Co., aid for F. Nogle,	9 99
“ “ “ J. McCarthy,	13 57
Dr. F. U. Rich, medical attendance on Sam Weaver,	3 75
O. S. Fowler, aid for Mrs. Trainor,	28 00
Lyman Tuttle, expenses to Boston,	6 25
“ “ “ Cambridge,	2 50
“ “ “ Hudson,	1 00
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	\$1,684 97

REPAIRS ON TOWN BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Paid J. W. Henderson, farm,	\$17 89
“ “ town pump,	11 94
“ “ hall,	24 00
“ “ South schoolhouse,	9 75
Warren Houghton, West schoolhouse,	15 44
Francis Jones, West schoolhouse,	1 75
“ “ South schoolhouse,	178 73
“ “ “	19 37
W. B. Harriman, North schoolhouse,	6 50
Frank E. Harris, West schoolhouse,	23 44
“ “ Hall,	6 75
Moses A. Reed, farm,	6 75
E. Jones & Co., farm,	154 12
“ “ schoolhouse,	13 53
“ “ hall,	49 83
“ “ ladder house,	11 33
Robert Wayne, “ “	5 75
“ “ farm,	54 75
“ “ hall,	18 50
O. D. Wood, hall,	24 38
“ “ farm,	36 25
“ “ Center schoolhouse,	8 57
John S. Hoar, West schoolhouse,	2 37

Paid F. W. Billings, East schoolhouse,	\$2 25
Wm. Coons, East schoolhouse,	1 00
M. H. Warden, East school grounds.	5 00
C. L. Bradford, South school grounds,	5 50
W. B. Holt, West schoolhouse,	6 82
“ “ library,	1 50
D. C. Lapham, East schoolhouse,	6 00
Geo. G. Keith, “ “	19 10
“ “ Center schoolhouse,	16 06
“ “ North “	8 70
“ “ Library,	5 50
Chas. Pitman, hall,	1 15
M. E. Taylor & Co., library,	3 51
Wm. Kingsley, hall grounds,	9 73
S. A. Guilford, West schoolhouse,	25
H. T. Clark, “ “	7 25
Thos. Scanlon, “ “	1 00
Sam Jones Jr., South schoolhouse,	8 80
“ “ ladder house,	25 00
J. L. Hammett Co., schoolhouse,	14 73
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, E. school- house,	60
F. Pendergast, North schoolhouse,	35
N. Littlefield, West school grounds,	53 86
H. F. Tuttle, Centre schoolhouse,	2 15

\$907 56

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Horace Tuttle, clerk,	\$30 00
J. K. W. Wetherbee, treasurer,	80 00.
E. Faulkner Conant, selectman,	95 00
Daniel J. Wetherbee, “	50 00
Isaiah Hutchins, “	50 00
James B. Tuttle, assessor,	53 00
Anson C. Piper, “	30 00
Wm. F. Stevens, “	30 00

Paid Lyman Tuttle, overseer of poor,	\$50 00
Moses A. Reed, " "	20 00
Edwin C. Parker, " "	20 00
H. F. Tuttle, registrar of voters,	15 00
Julian Tuttle, " "	12 00
James McGreen, " "	12 00
F. H. Whitcomb, " "	12 00
Chas. J. Williams, school committee,	72 30
H. F. Tuttle, " "	17 51
Isaiah Hutchins, " "	15 00
F. A. Houston, " "	12 50
H. F. Tuttle, election officer,	3 00
L. C. Taylor, " "	3 00
A. L. Noyes, " "	3 00
E. A. Phalen, " "	3 00
H. J. Hapgood, " "	3 00
Abram Tuttle, " "	3 00
N. J. Cole, " "	3 00
T. F. Newton, " "	3 00
C. H. Mead, " "	3 00
C. B. Stone, " "	3 00
W. L. Tenney, " "	3 00
W. F. Kelly, " "	3 00
Edward Dixon, Supt. of schools,	465 00
Moses A. Reed, inspector of animals,	85 64
" " special police,	3 00
R. L. Reed, constable,	42 64
James Kingsley, constable,	4 00
W. F. Stevens, " "	5 75
" " sealer weights and meas- ures,	5 00
W. F. Stevens, collector in 1895,	150 00
H. J. Hapgood, auditor,	6 00

 \$1,479 34

PRINTING.

Paid Enterprise Printing Co., reports,	\$103 75	
“ “ warrants,	8 00	
“ “ notices,	4 00	
“ “ advertising,	1 95	
Augustine Hosmer, notices,	14 90	
Campbell & Hanscom, 100 poll tax lists,	7 00	
Lyman Tuttle,	2 26	
		<u>\$141 86</u>

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Nathum Littlefield, labor, W. district,	\$958 93	
S. A. Guilford, blacksmith bill, W. dist.,	4 57	
F. H. Whitcomb, 156 ld. grav. “	7 80	
A. F. Blanchard, 133 “ “	5 65	
Jerry McCarthy, 267 “ “	13 35	
W. B. Holt, 58 ft. pipe, “	12 18	
J. A. McPherson, blacksmith bill, “	2 75	
E. Jones & Co., lumber and nails, “	2 70	
		<u>1,007 93</u>
H. A. Gould, labor, South district,	975 72	
W. F. Hale, blacksmith, “	8 00	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 144 ft. pipe, South district,	29 25	
E. Jones & Co., lumber, spikes, “	90 88	
John Temple, “	1 25	
A. C. Piper, pipe, “	4 00	
N. A. Davidson, 218 loads gravel, “	10 90	
American Powder Mills, labor, “	6 00	
		<u>1,126 00</u>
Wm. H. Kingsley, Center district,	931 91	
S. A. Guilford, blacksmith bill, “	9 90	
J. A. McPherson, “ “ “	7 66	
E. Jones & Co., lumber, “	4 86	
W. H. Kingsley, covering stones, “	6 00	
		<u>960 33</u>
		<u>\$3,094 26</u>

SOLDIER'S RELIEF.

Paid City of Marlboro for W. F. B. Whitney,	\$6 00
Dr. I. Hutchins, medical attendance	
Mrs. R. C. Wright,	65 62
Dr. I. Hutchins, medical attendance	
Geo. Handley,	1 50
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MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid J. T. & R. E. Joslin, legal services,	\$163 65
State Treasurer, corporation tax,	5 39
Isaac Reed, West school land,	475 00
Mrs. Violetta Gardner, West school land,	46 15
Geo. P. Davis, court fees,	5 86
R. L. Reed, " "	6 80
Wm. Craig, " "	27 21
Joseph Smith, " "	5 58
E. A. Phalen, " "	4 83
Nahum Littlefield, A. F. Blanchard road,	230 59
Wm. H. Kingsley, " " "	232 38
H. A. Gould, " " "	197 75
E. Jones & Co., " " "	10 11
Samuel Guilford, " " "	15 75
E. Jones, " " "	3 00
J. D. Coburn, land damage, " "	60 00
D. J. Wetherbee, insurance on library,	78 75
Edward Dixon, expenses,	8 32
" " stationery and postage,	14 46
C. J. Williams, expense telephone, postage,	6 90
" " book case, High school,	5 40
N. Littlefield, breaking out roads,	18 85
F. H. Whitcomb, " "	6 00
I. S. Ford, " "	10 73
A. C. Piper, " "	7 70
James Cole, " "	3 25
W. H. Kingsley, " "	9 37

Paid Isaac Davis Post, G.A.R.	\$50 00
J. S. Hoar, making plan school house,	10 00
A. L. Noyes, spraying trees on common,	27 30
O. D. Wood, " " "	1 00
M. E. Taylor & Co., " "	3 08
" " "	81
" " hall,	16 26
I. F. Duren, 32 burials,	96 00
" " 27 returns of deaths,	6 75
" " straps for hearse,	1 00
W. F. Stevens, discount on taxes,	882 61
" " abatement "	134 13
" " blanks,	24
E. F. Conant, expenses,	11 87
James Kingsley, use of road,	8 00
C. L. Bradford, repairing clock,	2 75
" " attending meetings,	1 50
" " packing books,	75
J. Breck & Son, rep. lown mower,	1 50
Irving W. Wheeler & Co., flag for monum't,	14 85
" " gilt ball,	1 25
J. W. Henderson, fire pot,	1 25
Boston Globe, advertising farm,	7 20
John Fletcher, flags for graves,	2 50
" " 1 sign board,	1 75
A. P. Walcott, paint'g and fres. inside hall,	235 00
C. W. Pitman, care of hall, clock and flag,	56 16
Herbert Fiske, " " " "	3 00
Julien Tuttle, " " " "	7 50
James Hill, " " " "	47 70
H. A. Gould, widening Maple st.,	157 38
Francis Jones " " " "	8 35
A. S. Fletcher, " " " "	23 75
W. F. Hale, " " " "	21 25
E. Jones & Co., " " " "	25 90
F. W. Billings, tables for schools,	8 50
F. S. Blanchard & Co., 1 book,	1 50

Paid Geo. Greenough, teaming sawdust,	\$1 50
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 50 ft. hose,	20 00
“ “ “ pipe,	3 80
“ “ “ book,	67
“ “ “ twine,	50
R. L. Reed, painting markers for graves,	7 31
Wm. Kingsley, work on turnpike,	9 15
N. M. Allen, cleaning clock West school,	1 00
Wm. M. Olin, 1 book,	2 00
A. H. Rose, examining cattle,	5 00
W. F. Stevens, assessors' book,	3 75
“ “ collector's book,	2 50
J. B. Tuttle, copying poll-tax list,	5 00
“ “ postage and stationery,	2 00
F. C. Nash, expenses enforcing liquor law,	254 67
“ “ services “ “ “	75 00
R. L. Reed, “ “ “ “	26 00
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 1 lamp, vot- ing place, West Acton,	3 00
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 1 table, voting place, West Acton,	9 00
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, settees, voting place, West Acton,	16 80
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 6 chairs, vot- ing place, West Acton,	4 20
H. T. Clark, fun'l exp. Capt. A. C. Handley,	35 00
Spofford Robbtns, fixing voting stalls,	3 57
H. A. Gould, work on turnpike,	15 87
E. Jones & Co., lumber “	42 13
“ “ coal for hall,	17 54
Nathan Johnson, care monument grounds,	4 20
Geo. Greenough, wood for hall,	7 00
F. J. Barker, reporting 9 births,	2 25
F. E. Tasker, “ 8 “	2 00
F. U. Rich, “ 5 “	1 25
J. E. Marsh, “ 12 “	3 00
J. L. Hammett Co., blackboard,	9 00

Paid N. H. Tenney, rep. fire engine,	\$12 00
Thorp & Martin, mimeograph and st. pap'r,	14 31
Benj. Lovell & Co., 2 pr handcuffs,	9 90
Isaiah Hutchins,	4 32
J. K. W. Wetherbee, postage,	2 91
Thos. Scanlon, attending meeting,	1 50
Lyman Tuttle, postage and telephone,	84
H. F. Tuttle, col. and ret. 43 births,	21 50
“ “ recording 23 marriages,	3 45
“ “ “ 29 deaths,	4 90
“ “ laying out roads,	3 00
“ “ making plan of same,	2 00
“ “ estab. bounds, W. S. grounds,	1 50
“ “ cleaning vault hall cellar,	2 00
“ “ attending meeting at Ayer,	1 50
“ “ blanks,	52
“ “ postage, exp. and telephons,	2 30
T., J. & W., duster for hall,	89

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RECEIPTS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Balance due from Treasurer March 12, 1896,	\$631 65
“ “ “ Collector, “ “ “	1,282 29
Appropriation for town charges,	6,000 00
“ “ common schools,	3,100 00
“ “ High school,	1,600 00
“ “ school supplies,	475 00
“ “ scientific apparatus,	150 00
“ “ Supt. of Schools,	475 00
“ “ transportation of scholars,	240 00
“ “ Memorial library,	600 00
“ “ street lamps,	400 00
“ “ highways,	3,000 00
“ “ county tax,	1,506 17
“ “ state tax,	1,050 00
“ “ bldg A. F. Blanchard road,	500 00
“ “ overlayings,	557 85

Received from—

First Nat. bank of Ayer, borrowed money,	\$5,000	00
Howard B. White, admr.,	“	3,000 00
A. F. Blanchard, license to slaughter,		1 00
James Hill,	“	1 00
H. F. Tuttle, acct. of supervision of schools,		375 00
Asaph Parlin, guardian, Anna Parlin at hosp.,		162 03
State Treasurer, for inspection of animals,		20 00
“	“	corporation tax,
		760 01
“	“	Nat. bank tax,
		257 88
“	“	Military aid, cp. 279, acts '89,
		116 25
“	“	State aid, chap. 301. “ '89,
		555 00
“	“	income Mass. school fund,
		262 58
Mrs. Leland, tuition,		6 00
Lyman Tuttle, storage at school house,		2 00
Geo. G. Keith, stoves So.	“	24 00
J. W. Henderson, stove East	“	1 00
Samuel Jones, Jr., school house and land in S. E. district,		126 50
County Treasurer, on acct. dog tax,		194 94
J. Devane, for road cleanings,		7 50
Lyman Tuttle, 5 cows sold from town farm,		164 50
Lyman Tuttle, apples sold, town farm,		276 07
“	“	horse “ “ “ 75 00
“	“	milk “ “ “ 874 16
“	“	wood “ “ “ 45 25
“	“	pork “ “ “ 17 45
“	“	calves “ “ “ 8 25
“	“	potatoes “ “ “ 1 50
“	“	eggs “ “ “ 1 24
“	“	old iron “ “ “ 1 12
John Fletcher, lots sold in Woodlawn cemetery,		30 00
Levi W. Stevens, lots sold in Mount Hope cemetery,		80 00
D. H. Gordon, for old hearse,		8 00

Rec'd, Charles Brown, board of Mrs. Abram Brown,	\$56 00
Town of Stow, services of constable and lawyer in Tuttle case,	15 58
Interest on Wilde Memorial Library fund,	80 00
Rent of Town Hall and cellar,	95 50
C. J. Williams, 13 microscopes sold pupils,	5 20
C. J. Williams, 8 French dictionaries sold pupils,	4 00
Acton Memorial library, fines,	16 00
Wm.F.Stevens, collect'g taxes, 1894,	2 00
Town of Boxboro, tuition High school,	104 00
Interest on money in bank,	60 28
	\$34,461 75

EXPENDITURES.

For support of Centre school,	\$833 48
" North "	395 74
" East "	368 79
" South "	898 05
" West "	875 32
" High "	1,655 97
School supplies,	499 83
Scientific apparatus,	154 54
Transportation of scholars,	257 50
State tax,	1,050 00
County tax,	1,506 17
State and Military aid,	794 50
Memorial library,	647 84
Loans and interest,	8,148 86
Street lamps,	402 56
Cemetery expenses,	246 14
Support of poor on farm,	1,569 96
" outside poor,	1,684 97
Repairs on town buildings and grounds,	907 56
Town officers,	1,479 34

For Printing,	\$141 86	
Roads and bridges,	3,094 26	
Soldiers' relief,	73 12	
Miscellaneous expenses,	4,225 12	
		<u>\$31,911 48</u>
Balance due from Treasurer,		847 90
“ “ Collector, 1896,		1,702 37
		<u>\$34,461 75</u>

TOWN DEBT, MARCH 12, 1897.

John A. Bowen, note,	\$1,000 00	
Interest from Dec. 6, 1896, to Mar. 12, 1897,	13 33	
Frank H. Jones, note,	600 00	
Interest from Apr. 27, 1896, to Mar. 12, 1897,	26 25	
Frank H. Jones, note,	700 00	
Int. from June 15, 1896, to Mar. 12, 1897,	25 96	
First Nat. bank of Ayer, note,	2,000 00	
Int. from Mar. 6 to Mar. 12,	1 33	
		<u>\$4,366 87</u>
Less amount due from Treas. and Collector,		2,550 27
Balance against the town March 12, 1897,		<u>\$1,816 60</u>

E. FAULKNER CONANT,
DANIEL J. WETHERBEE,
ISAIAH HUTCHINS,

Selectmen of Acton.

I have examined the amounts of the Selectmen for the past year and find them correct.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD,

Auditor of the Town of Acton.

List of Jurors.

The following is a list of persons to serve as jurors for the ensuing year, as revised by the Selectmen of Acton, to be submitted to said town at their April meeting.

Elisha H. Cutler,	Farmer.
J. W. Dupee,	“
I. Warren Flag,	Merchant.
Hiram E. Gates,	Farmer.
G. E. Holton,	Mechanic.
Eugene Hall,	“
D. C. Harris,	Stone cutter.
Geo. A. Hayward,	Clerk.
Edgar H. Hall,	Manufacturer.
Lowell A. Jones,	Farmer.
Warren H. Jones,	“
John C. Keyes,	“
Hanson A. Littlefield,	Merchant.
Nahum Littlefield,	Farmer.
Jerry McCarthy,	“
F. P. Morse,	“
C. H. Mead,	Merchant.
John D. Moulton,	Farmer.
Willis L. Mead,	Painter.
Thomas F. Noyes,	Farmer.
S. L. Richardson,	“
Moses A. Reed,	“
Wm. F. Stevens,	“
Henry M. Smith,	“
Wm. H. Teele,	“
Horace F. Tuttle,	“
James B. Tuttle,	“
Fred S. Whitcomb,	“

E. FAULKNER CONANT,
DANIEL J. WETHERBEE,
ISAIAH HUTCHINS,

Selectmen of Acton.

Report of Overseers of Poor.

ARTICLES ON HAND MARCH 1, 1897.

9 cows,	\$400 00
1 horse,	75 00
Double harnesses,	25 00
Express harnesses,	30 00
Light harnesses,	7 00
2 collars,	4 00
Horse cart,	18 00
Express wagon,	75 00
Mowing machine,	30 00
Hay wagon,	30 00
2 hay rakes,	25 00
2 wheelbarrows,	5 00
2 harrows,	8 00
8 tons hay,	144 00
Grain,	10 10
3 apple headers,	2 00
2 canvas covers,	2 50
Grindstone,	2 00
Farming tools,	22 00
Wrench,	75
3 blankets,	4 00
2 axes,	2 00
3 wood saws,	2 00
18 hens,	8 00
5 plows,	20 00
2 cultivators,	5 00
1 hay cutter,	2 00
18 barrels,	1 80

7 ladders,	\$10 00
Set of measures,	1 40
Salt,	50
2 sleds,	15 00
12 cords wood,	60 00
Lumber,	10 00
Stone drag,	4 00
Pung,	8 00
Light wagon,	20 00
25 apple boxes,	2 50
Spray pump,	10 00
12 bu. potatoes,	6 00
Apples,	1 00
3 steel traps,	75
32 gallons soap,	7 00
Dried apple,	3 00
Cooking range,	25 00
Tea and coffee,	75
Crackers,	1 25
Fruit jars,	3 50
Coal,	2 00
Brooms,	50
Spice,	50
Sugar,	50
Flour,	1 50
Pails and tubs,	2 00
Oil tank,	1 25
Stove,	10 00
Lounge,	5 00
Pork,	12 00
Butter,	1 25
Lard,	2 20
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	\$1,188 50

Receipts from farm,	\$1,464 54
Victualing and lodging 373 tramps,	93 25
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	\$1,557 79

Expenditures,	\$1,569 96
Interest on farm \$3,500 at 5 per cent,	175 00
Difference in articles on hand,	172 15
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	\$1,917 11
Less receipts,	1,557 79
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Cost of supporting poor on farm,	\$359 32

LYMAN TUTTLE,
EDWIN C. PARKER,
MOSES A. REED,

Overseers of Poor.

Town Clerk's Report for 1896.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN ACTON IN 1896.

NO.	DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1.	Jan. 8.	Harold Moulton Richardson.	Sidney L. and M. Katherine.
2.	Jan. 16.	Lillia Della Gilmore.	Fred W. and Della.
3.	Feb. 4.	Hanora McCarty.	Thomas and Hannah.
4.	Feb. 8.	Martha Elizabeth Wheeler.	Elbridge L. and Florence I.
5.	Feb. 11.	Raymond Hayes.	Michael G. and Katherine A.
6.	Feb. 13.	Grace Louise Rice.	Thomas E. and Louise.
7.	Feb. 26.	Zelma Adeline Putnam.	Elsie L.
8.	Feb. 26.	Frank Edwards Greenough.	George E. and Sarah A.
9.	Mar. 10.	Doris Margarete Brooks.	Roy G. and Libbie.
10.	Mar. 23.	William Charles Coughlin.	Wm. H. and Annie B.
11.	Apr. 1.	Anton N. Matson.	Atti and Ulner.
12.	Apr. 7.	William Thomas Hayes.	Wm. J. and Mary L.
13.	Apr. 12.	Clarence Burlin Lord.	Chas. S. and Annie N.
14.	Apr. 19.	Sherman Creswell Warren.	Geo. C. and Hattie K.
15.	Apr. 26.	Roland Hall.	Eugene L. and Isabelle H.
16.	Apr. 27.	Ramond Frank Farrar.	Frank B. and Dora J.
17.	May 21.	Martha Putnam Hale.	Herbert and Lena.
18.	May 22.	Eliza Brady.	Edward and Kate.
19.	June 4.	David Moan.	Frank and Margaret E.
20.	June 8.	Mary Alice Davidson.	Norman A. and Mary A.
21.	June 16.	Beatrice Sarah Rice.	Charles W. and Isabelle S.
22.	June 17.	Evelyn Kimball.	Chas. M. and Carrie E.
23.	June 19.	George Henry Espie.	Alexan'r and Annie E.

NO.	DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
24.	June 21.	Walter Raymond Morse.	Frank D. and Julia A.
25.	June 27.	Kitty Edna Gray.	Herbert and Catherine.
26.	July 4.	Edith Elizabeth Harris.	Sam'l B. and Harriet L.
27.	July 14.	Mildred Chestine Randall.	Thomas E. and Rebecca
28.	Aug. 12.	Ruth Eleanor Tuttle.	Roswell L. and Anna B.
29.	Aug. 31.	John Acton Parker.	Wm. H. and Annie A.
30.	Sept. 1.	Hubert Raymond Rodway.	Harry J. and Lucy E.
31.	Sept. 4.	John Francis Kennedy.	Charles and Katie.
32.	Sept. 15.	Benjamin Anthony Goding.	Anthony I. and Flora E.
33.	Sept. 15.	Alfred Francis Miller.	Christian and Sophia.
34.	Sept. 16.	Ray Linwood Harris.	David C. and Betsey J.
35.	Sept. 20.	Myrtle Gray Blodgett.	Wm. H. and Sarah A.
36.	Sept. 23.	Bertram Clyde Morse.	Alfred J. and George- ana J.
37.	Sept. 29.	Arthur LeRoy Booker.	Henry M. and Estelle M.
38.	Oct. 9.	Nathalie Frances Leach.	Chas. W. and Carrie V.
39.	Oct. 11.	Edgar Francis Buxton.	Wilson R. and Effie M.
40.	Nov. 10.	Richard Peregrine White.	J. Sidney and Bertha H.
41.	Nov. 24.	William Cutler Allen.	Chas. W. and Dessie W.
42.	Nov. 28.	Catherine Mary Hurley.	James and Bridget.
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43.	Apr. 16.	Frank McClellan Stevens.	Frank R. and Annie.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1896.

NO.	DATE.	NAMES OF PARTIES.	RESIDENCE.
1.	Jan. 5	{ James Hurley, Bridget Neyland,	Acton. Acton.
2.	Jan. 26	{ William H. Blodgett, Sarah A. Gray,	Concord. Acton.
3.	Feb. 16	{ Francis Pendergast, Josie A. M. Hayes,	Acton. Acton.
4.	Feb. 24	{ William A. Leighton, Lillian F. Kelley,	Acton. Acton.
5.	Mar. 1	{ Walter J. Adams, K. Frances Coughlin,	Harvard. Harvard.
6.	Mar. 18	{ Horace F. Tuttle, Carrie E. Taylor,	Acton. Acton.

NO.	DATE.	NAMES OF PARTIES.	RESIDENCE.
7.	Mar. 28	{ Clarence V. Twitchell, Martha M. Haddock,	Acton. Acton.
8.	Apr. 23	{ Luke H. Tuttle, Hattie L. Miles,	Acton. Concord.
9.	Apr. 27	{ Edward H. Carey, Ina S. Bryant,	Acton. Worcester.
10.	June 2	{ Charles B. Heath, Mary Cahill,	Acton. Acton.
11.	June 8	{ Charles W. Brown, Edna A. Knowlton,	Lowell. Acton.
12.	June 24	{ Charles J. Priest, Mary A. Delaney,	Acton. Maynard.
13.	July 3	{ Daniel C. Lincoln, Bertha I. Fisk,	Hopkinton. Acton.
14.	July 22	{ Clarence A. Hosmer, Grace J. Jewett,	Acton. Concord.
15.	Aug. 8	{ Edward Abbott, Ellen Weaver,	Acton. Acton.
16.	Sept. 7	{ Richard M. Davis, Maud L. Morse,	Acton. Acton.
17.	Oct. 7	{ Herman W. Parker, Susie E. Conant,	Acton. Acton.
18.	Oct. 17	{ Silas Mosen, Hannah Christensen,	North Andover. North Andover.
19.	Oct. 26	{ George A. Dusseault, Mildred F. Mills,	Acton. Somerville.
20.	Nov. 11	{ Francis S. Davis, L. Emily Noyes,	Concord, N. H. Acton.
21.	Nov. 25	{ Daniel J. Hennessey, Hannah T. Lynch,	Acton. Acton.
22.	Nov. 25	{ Joachim McCrossin, Margaret Devine,	Acton. Acton.
23.	Dec. 24	{ Frank P. Fletcher, Mira Veinot,	Concord. Concord.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN ACTON IN 1896.

NO.	DATE OF DEATH.	NAMES OF PERSONS.	AGE		
			YRS.	MOS.	DAYS.
1.	Feb. 3.	Francis Hayward,	72	3	20
2.	Feb. 5.	Lucius D. Draper,	72	7	0
3.	Feb. 20.	Maria W. Willis,	88	4	5
4.	Feb. 27.	Dora J. Hoar,	51	7	5
5.	Mar. 15.	Mary A. Rich,	46	1	8
6.	Mar. 16.	Mary Elizabeth Law,	53	7	0
7.	Mar. 19.	Elizabeth B. Tuttle,	64	1	24
8.	Mar. 29.	Alden B. Johnson,	42	11	15
9.	Apr. 24.	Henrietta J. Tuttle,	85	8	8
10.	May 3.	Mary P. Hosmer,	82	4	10
11.	May 4.	Roland Hall,	0	0	8
12.	June 1.	John W. Wattslong,	61	0	16
13.	June 7.	Gertrude S. Harrington,	28	8	16
14.	June 21.	Annie E. Espie,	19	9	0
15.	June 23.	George A. Clough,	22	5	15
16.	Aug. 27.	Ann B. Littlefield,	80	3	0
17.	Aug. 30.	Willie H. Gilmore,	18	11	4
18.	Sept. 3.	Antoni N. Matson,	0	5	3
19.	Sept. 19.	Charles A. Harrington,	81	8	27
20.	Sept. 20.	Sarah A. Blodgett,	23	4	26
21.	Oct. 3.	Delmer G. Durkee,	1	5	14
22.	Oct. 11.	John Jackman,	52	3	7
23.	Oct. 13.	Edgar F. Buxton,	0	0	2
24.	Oct. 24.	Norman A. Davidson,	37	3	5
25.	Oct. 28.	Doris Margarete Brooks,	0	7	18
26.	Nov. 5.	Aaron C. Handley,	73	0	29
27.	Nov. 22.	Grace M. Cole,	23	4	15
28.	Nov. 28.	Mary Taylor,	79	4	7
29.	Feb. 8.	Child of Edward Goggin,	0	0	0

PERSONS BROUGHT TO ACTON FOR BURIAL.

NO.	DATE OF DEATH.	NAMES AND RESIDENCE.	AGE		
			YRS.	MOS.	DAYS.
1.	Dec. 25.	Elizabeth B. Davis, of Chelsea,	54	0	0
2.	Apr. 1.	Eliza Rouillard, of Malden,	49	3	6
3.	Apr. 5.	Hannah T. Aldrich, of Somerville,	61	7	1
4.	Feb. 11.	Ada A. Johnson, of Pepperell,	22	6	14
5.	Apr. 30.	Levi Robbins, of Littleton,	56	9	26
6.	May 4.	Mary T. Severance, of Hudson,	83	0	0
7.	June 22.	Ralph R. Burr, of Everett,	0	5	22
8.	July 24.	Ralph B. Stone, of Watertown, N. Y.,	14	6	20
9.	July 29.	Jerome B. Whitney, of Boxboro,	84	3	26
10.	Aug. 21.	Jerome Barton, of Sudbury.	71	0	0
11.	Oct. 2.	Betsey C. Temple, of Concord,	61	2	24
12.	Oct. 12.	William W. Hayward, of Boxboro,	20	7	11
13.	Oct. 13.	Benjamin A. Davis, of Waltham,	63	2	0

PERSONS HAVING DOGS LICENSED IN 1896.

Frederick H. Temple.	Walter M. French.
Smith Finney.	Frank J. Williams.
J. Sterling Moore.	Jeremiah McCarty.
Calvin S. Simonds.	Ellsworth H. Woodward.
Daniel Tuttle.	Frank Morrison.
James P. Brown.	H. A. Littlefield.
Otis B. Mott.	Chas. S. Hewens.
C. A. Hodges.	Chas. F. Shirland.
Frank W. Bulette.	L. Willis Mead.
Francis A. Houston.	Wm. F. Stevens.
E. Eddie Fletcher.	W. F. Kelley.
Elizabeth W. Barnard.	Chas. H. Wheeler.
Charles Morris.	A. L. Lawrence.
Charles J. Williams.	Fred S. Whitcomb.
Fredson P. Brooks.	Lucius S. Hosmer.
Solomon L. Dutton.	Ira J. Manley.
Mrs. Henry Haynes.	George H. Brooks.
James F. Stiles.	John W. Randall.

Daniel H. Farrar.	Josephine Nash.
Luke Tuttle.	Nahum Littlefield.
M. E. Taylor.	Henry M. Smith.
Lyman Tuttle.	A. L. Noyes.
A. J. Fletcher.	Chas. S. Moulton.
S. D. Hunt.	Chas. A. Taylor.
Solon A. Robbins.	Blanche Varney.
Eda A. Shapley.	David A. Cutler.
Alonzo L. Tuttle.	Chas. W. Allen.
Wm. Barnes, 2.	Constance O'Neil.
Luther Conant.	May L. Calder.
Lottie Flagg.	Chas. Calder.
C. L. Ford.	Warren H. Jones.
Hiram E. Gates.	Daniel J. Gallagher.
Henry Hanson.	Clara W. Standish.
Frank E. Harris.	L. V. Clough.
Wm. S. Jones.	Geo. Conant.
F. M. Keezer.	James R. Cole.
C. M. Kimball.	Wm. J. Hayes.
F. R. Knowlton.	Michael Hannon.
O. A. Knowlton.	A. C. Jenkins.
George T. Knowlton.	Chas. A. Leighton.
A. Merriam.	Wm. J. Morse.
D. Mahoney.	Wm. B. Manning.
Frank Pratt.	Yea Simonsen.
W. W. Philbrick.	William Coughlin.
C. B. Robbins, 2.	A. Risso.
George W. Worster.	Webster C. Robbins.
A. Dusseault.	Luke T. Willard.
J. E. Durkee.	O. W. Penniman.
H. E. Faulkner.	S. B. Ineson.
C. H. Mead & Co.	Abel Farrar.
A. Peterson.	Hattie White.
S. Hammond Taylor.	F. J. Taylor.
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee.	Frank R. Stevens.
	Elnathan Jones.

106 males at \$2.00,	\$212 00
3 females at \$5.00,	15 00
Total 109,	<hr/> \$227 00

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

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

HORACE F. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk.

Acton, January 1, 1897.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

ACTON

MEMORIAL LIBRARY

1896=97.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.
OF
ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

The seventh annual report of the Acton Memorial Library to the town need not be a lengthy one. In our report last year mention was made of the proposal of the Hon. William A. Wilde to permanently endow the institution with the sum of five thousand dollars, the income of which was to be used in the purchase of new books, provided the town would vote to appropriate a sum of not less than two hundred dollars a year for the same purpose. At the annual town meeting April 6th, the town voted unanimously to accept the proposal.

On May 9th, Mr Wilde forwarded to the trustees his check for \$5000, which was immediately deposited in the Broadway National Bank, drawing interest at 3 per cent. and when interest paying day occurred, was re-deposited in the following savings banks in sums of \$1,000 each: Middlesex and Warren Inst. for saving, Charlestown Five Cent, Home and North End Savings Banks. The interest on the temporary deposit in the Broadway National Bank amounted to sixty dollars. We may reasonably expect an income approaching \$200 a year from this fund, which with the \$200 voted by the town, will enable the trustees to make a larger addition of new books than has been possible before and also to secure a few volumes each year of more expensive books for special uses. We have been fortunate during the past year in receiving by donation some very valuable works of art and some series of desirable books containing a large number of volumes. From Mr. Wilde, life size busts, mounted on marble pedestals, of Washington and Lincoln, the work of perhaps the world's greatest living sculptor, Thomas Ball of Florence, Italy. The presentation of Lincoln is especially striking in its boldness

and originality while that of Washington is equally good, being a copy of the famous picture by Trumbull, by which the countenance of the father of our country is universally known.

From the West Acton Library and Literary Society, we have received a complete series of the official records, both federal and confederate of the war of the rebellion; 102 vols. issued to date, also 35 sets of maps and plates. The earlier volumes of this series are out of print and are very difficult to obtain at the present time.

The President of the Board of Trustees has presented to the library, 70 vols. of Harpers' Magazine, so that we have now a complete set of this valuable work from the commencement June 1, 1850, to the present time.

We have also received from the widow of Col. W. H. Chapman, the swords and revolvers worn and carried by him during his long term of service in the war of the rebellion, also some rifles captured from the rebels.

We have received other donations that if space permitted deserve special attention.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Total number of volumes in library,	6109
Added by purchase the past year,	305
Added by gift,	214
Total added,	519
Total number of persons who have taken out cards,	1173
Fines,	\$16.00
Number of books taken out during the year,	7896
Largest daily use,	March 14, 1896
Smallest daily use,	December 12, 1896
Visitors registered during the year,	281

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

Set of scales and some scrip presented by Mrs. Joseph Barker. Plate and copy of Connecticut Gazette, presented by Mrs. Susan Keen, Cranston Print Works, R. I. Portrait of himself, presented by Mr. Luke Smith.

Donation of books: Mr. Joseph Barker, 10; R. C. Winthrop Jr., 5; State, 11; Corps 62, W. Acton, W. R. C., 1; Wm. A. Wilde, 2; Rev. Geo. A. Tewksbury, 1; Miss Edith Pitman, 2; City of Boston, 1; Lexington Hist. Society, 1; Rev. F. P. Wood, 2; A. F. Davis, 1; Mrs. M. W. Dorrison, 6; Luther Conant, 2.

Periodicals donated for the reading room: Child's Hour, Our Sunday Afternoon, Wm. A. Wilde; Our Paper, Reformatory; Congressional Record, Hon. J. F. Fitzgerald; Our Dumb Animals, Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; magazines same as last year.

VIOLA S. TUTTLE.

The very large additions in the way of new books made to the library since its opening, make a new catalogue absolutely necessary. We shall proceed at once to prepare it. In closing we would remind the people of the town of the many objects of interest always to be seen on the days when the library is open; that the table in the reading room is covered with the best magazines and periodicals for the use of all visitors; that the costly works of art presented by Mr. Wilde, in the hope and belief that their study and contemplation would be an education and constant inspiration alike to the old and young people of his native town, and help to keep that town in the front rank of the municipalities of our state.

LUTHER CONANT, *for the Trustees.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF ACTON, MASS.,

FOR

SCHOOL YEAR 1896-7.



ACTON, MASS.:
THE ENTERPRISE PRINTING COMPANY.
1897.

Report of the School Committee.

To the Citizens of Acton :

As required by the statute we submit herewith our annual report.

The district committee at their meeting in April, 1896, again selected Mr. Edward Dixon as Superintendent of Schools. The report of the Superintendent, whose conscientious work and devotion to the highest interests of our schools are fully recognized, is included herein, and is worthy of your careful reading and thoughtful consideration.

We again request your attention to the yearly growing need of better accommodations for the High school, and of provision for an increase in the number of its teaching staff.

In June, 1896, your Committee received a petition praying that the pupils of the East school might be provided with transportation to the schools at the center. This petition was signed by a number of citizens resident in the east part of the town, including all but two of those who, as parents or guardians, had children in attendance at the East school. Your Committee, having no funds at their disposal, which could be legally expended for the purpose prayed for, laid the matter before the town at its June meeting, and requested that the required amount might be transferred from the appropriation for the support of schools to a transportation account — a measure at once in the interest of economy and of the petitioners. This action the town declined to take.

We again recommend that the pupils of the East school be provided with transportation to the schools at the center, and we request our fellow citizens, who are especially interested in the North school, to give to this question of consolidation of schools their earnest consideration.

The lengthening of the transportation route in the south-east part of the town has necessitated an increase in the cost of service upon that route. The new rate, \$7.50 a week dates from Oct. 12, 1896.

The appropriation of \$150.00 for the purchase of apparatus and reference books for the High school has been expended as follows: Apparatus, \$67.90; books, \$81.44.

The sum of \$375.00 has been received from the state on account of salary of Superintendent of Schools.

The report of the Purchasing Agent of the Committee is published herewith.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF
SCHOOLS, FOR THE YEAR 1896-97.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation for Common Schools,		\$3,100 00
“ “ High school,		1,600 00
“ “ School supplies,		475 00
“ “ transportation S. E. pupils,		180 00
“ “ “ H. S. “		60 00
“ “ apparatus, etc., for H. S.,		150 00
“ “ salary of Superintendent,		475 00
Received from Mass. School Fund,		261 58
“ “ dog taxes,		194 94
“ “ tuition in High school,		104 00
“ “ “ “ common schools,		6 00
		\$6,606 52

EXPENDITURES.

For Common schools,	\$3,371 38	
High school,	1,655 97	
School supplies,	495 83	
Transportation S. E. pupils,	227 50	
" H. S. pupils,	30 00	
Apparatus, etc., for High school,	149 34	
Salary of Superintendent of Schools,	465 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,395 02
Unexpended balance, \$211 50.		

ESTIMATES FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS, FOR THE YEAR 1897-8

For Common schools,	\$3,100 00	
High school,	1,600 00	
School supplies,	475 00	
Transportation S. E. pupils,	270 00	
Apparatus, etc., for High school,	125 00	
Salary of Superintendent,	465 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,035 00

For the School Committee,

CHAS. J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

Superintendent's Report.

School Committee of Acton :

GENTLEMEN.—The following report for the year is respectfully submitted:

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Number of children in town May 1, 1896, between 5 and 15 years of age,	245
Number of children in town May 1, 1896, between 8 and 14 years of age,	148
Whole number of pupils enrolled in all the schools,	334
Number of pupils under 5 years of age,	0
Number of pupils over 15 years of age,	49
Number of pupils between 8 and 14 years of age,	185
Average membership of all the schools,	262.88
Average attendance of all the schools,	249.9
Per cent. of attendance of all the schools,	95
Average wages of female teachers a month,	\$39 61

Compared with last year, the number of pupils between five and fifteen years of age is fifteen less; the number of pupils enrolled, nineteen more; the average membership and average attendance, each ten less, practically. The number of tardy marks is 106 less and the number of dismissals 296 less than last year. Improvement in these two respects is cause for congratulation.

The High School, the South Acton Grammar and the Primary, the West Acton Primary and Center Primary have been taught throughout the year by the same teachers. The West Acton Grammar has had four different teachers this year, the

Center Grammar has had three, the East Acton school three and the North Acton school, two.

Much to the regret of Committee and Superintendent, Miss Preston felt obliged to resign her position at the end of the spring term on account of ill-health. She was succeeded by Miss Prindall, who resigned at the end of the first month of the term, because, I am sorry to say, she felt she was not properly supported in the management of her school by the people of the community. She was followed by a Miss Coffman who stayed until the end of the term. A change of teachers is sometimes desirable, but frequent changes tend to make more difficult the inculcation of moral principles on the minds of the pupils. This difficulty manifested itself when Miss Hapgood, who had taught very successfully the East Acton school and the Acton Grammar school, and who had, and has, the confidence of the committee and superintendent, took charge of the school at the beginning of the winter term. The situation was one of grave concern to the school authorities, and it has not yet ceased to trouble their minds; but with the cordial support of the parents and committee, the school, although it cannot this year fully regain lost ground, will do satisfactory work under Miss Hapgood's management.

Miss Conant, another of our excellent teachers left us at the end of the spring term after several years of very successful work in the Acton schools. Few teachers possess the teaching and executive ability that she possesses. She is a great loss to our teaching force. Miss Conant was succeeded at the Center Grammar school by Miss Hapgood who was transferred from the East Acton school. Miss Hapgood was transferred to the W. Acton Grammar school at the beginning of the winter term and Miss Sloan took charge of the Center Grammar school. Miss Rich took charge of the East school at the beginning of the fall term, but resigned in the middle of the winter term and was succeeded by Miss Standish. Miss Richardson resigned her position at North Acton at the end of the spring term and was succeeded by Miss Miller.

Our supplementary reading takes four lines, viz: Literature, science, history, geography; and reading matter in these lines

have been added this year. For the convenience of the teachers I append the following:

READING LIST.

GRADE I. Davis's "Beginner's Book," Thompson's "Fables and Rhymes," Cyr's "Primer," and "First Reader."

GRADE II. "Second Reader," Davis; "Æsop's Fables," vols. I and II; "Heart of Oak Books," book I; In Mythland.

GRADE III. Introduction to Leaves from Nature's Story Book, Stories of old Greece, Riverside Primer.

GRADE IV. Scudder's "Fable and Folk Stories," "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," "Through the Looking Glass."

GRADE V. Pratt's History Stories, vols. I, II, III; "Water Babies," "Boston Tea Party," "Heart of Oak Books," book III.

GRADE VI. "True Stories from New England History," "Book of Stories," "Beginner's History," "Robinson Crusoe," "Little Nell."

GRADE VII. "Franklin's Autobiography," King's "Second Book," "Glimpses of Europe," "Sketches of the Orient," "Old Ocean."

GRADE VIII. "Two Great Retreats," "Stories of Massachusetts," King's "Third Book," "The Spy," "Rob Roy," "The American Tropics."

In connection with this list I add for reference a table, giving the number of pupils in the High School by classes, class I being the freshman class, and in the other schools by grades. I also give the time lost by each school through tardiness and dismissals. Time lost by absence is not included.

SCHOOLS.	Time lost, by Terms, in days, hours, mins.									No. of Pupils by Grades.							
	Spring Term.			Fall Term.			Winter Term.										
	D.	H.	M.	D.	H.	M.	D.	H.	M.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
High	18	1	24	6	2	21	11	4	37	18	16	3	17	..	..	..	..
So. Grammar	2	2	20	2	4	50	6	4	33	..	..	..	..	12	6	9	7
So. Primary	3	0	32	1	2	8	0	4	50	17	5	14	7	..	..	..	..
West Grammar	4	2	0	4	2	20	4	2	23	..	..	..	..	10	13	7	9
West Primary	7	2	25	3	3	5	1	1	45	8	7	5	10	..	..	..	..
Centre Grammar	1	1	45	2	4	10	1	4	0	..	..	..	..	7	2	0	4
Centre Primary	1	0	40	0	1	0	1	2	0	7	3	6	0	..	..	..	..
East	0	1	30	1	4	30	0	2	5	..	7	3	6	4	..	..	..
North	12	3	6	6	1	47	7	5	3	3	4	5	4	0	0	5	0
	50	3	42	29	2	11	37	1	16	35	26	33	27	33	21	21	20

Vertical writing has been adopted for the primary grades. A decided improvement in the neatness and legibility of the pupils' penmanship has been noted since the introduction of this system. Grammar school pupils were allowed to change their style of writing from the slant to the vertical if they desired to and most of them have availed themselves of the privilege, because with the vertical, their writing was so much more legible.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Arithmetic has been dropped from the list of first year studies and Algebra substituted for it. Our High School has maintained its record for industry and good progress. With an additional teacher, the course could be broadened and more time given to particular studies and the school would receive the approval of the State Board of Education.

The following quoted from the report of the State Board of Education, may throw some light on the trend of high school matters:

1. The Board of Education voted, April 7, 1893, that candidates for admission to the normal schools in September, 1894, and thereafter, should be graduates of high schools whose courses of study have been approved by the Board, or have an equivalent education. For the current year (1894) it was ordered that the principals of the normal schools should be authorized to admit to

examination for admission graduates of high schools whose course of study covers three or more years.

2. It was voted by the Board, on May 3, 1894, that the examinations for admission to the normal schools in 1895 and thereafter should cover high school subjects as well as elementary.

Among the towns of the state whose schools have only one or two teachers, there is an earnest discussion as to what constitutes a high school.

The following definition quoted from the same report is considered an adequate one :

1. Primarily, a provision for a good liberal training in recognized secondary subjects and by approved methods for those pupils who end their schooling with the high school.

2. The preparation of pupils for the normal schools. This will be adequately provided for if the provision mentioned under number 1 is made.

3. The preparation of pupils for high technical schools, such as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Lawrence Scientific School, the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, the Massachusetts Agricultural College and others. This, too, will be adequately provided for if the provision mentioned under number 1 is made.

4. The preparation of pupils for college. This will become generally feasible if the colleges finally accept, as now seems probable, a good general four years' course as a suitable preparatory course.

5. At least one course of study that is four years long. For the current year the graduate from a three years' course in a high school will be permitted by the Board of Education to take the entrance examinations of the normal schools. But this is a reluctant concession to certain high school conditions that now exist, and not an expression of opinion that a three years' course is an adequate one. On the contrary, a course of not less than four years, as is provided in four fifths of our high schools, is earnestly advised for every candidate.

6. An adequate teaching force and an adequate equipment for the accomplishment of the foregoing aims.

Even under present conditions, no high school should be regarded as worthy of the name, no community should tolerate such a high school, that does not meet at least the first two requirements. Four fifths of our high schools, if we judge from their courses of study, need only the strengthening that comes from a competent teaching force to meet the first five requirements.

The state has guaranteed free high school tuition to every properly qualified pupil within its borders, in the high school at home if one is maintained there, otherwise in an outside high school. If a local high school does not meet the requirements of the state, and the town in which it is located refuses to pay tuition in an outside high school when a parent demands it, on the ground that it has a high school of its own, the matter if settled at all must be settled by the courts. The State Board of Education has approved all high schools in the state having three or more teachers. It will approve none which have less than three teachers. In his forth-coming report the Secretary of the State Board of Education will ask for a new statutory definition of a high school. Should the legislature decide to enact a law which states explicitly what kind of a school it must be to meet the requirements of the state, it will relieve many towns of a disagreeable feeling of uncertainty.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Graduating Exercises of the Class of '96 at the Town Hall,
Thursday Evening, June 11.

GRADUATES.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

Anna Belle Banks,	Jennie Etta Stowell,
Florence Ethel Wayne,	Harry Fletcher Tuttle.

ENGLISH COURSE.

Helen Pearson Emery,	David Adelbert Cutler,
Albert Ezra Willis,	Moses Taylor,
Arthur Henry Parsons,	Robert Chickering Maines,
Wilmot Emery Taylor.	

PROGRAM.

March,	Orchestra
Prayer,	Rev. Bernard Copping
Song, "The Bright Stars of Heaven,"	Alumni
Address,	Agent Henry T. Bailey, state supervisor of Art Instruction.
Song, "Madeleine,"	Alumni
Conferring of Diplomas,	Supt. Edward Dixon
Selection,	Orchestra

CLASS MOTTO: "Vincit Qui Patitur."

CLASS COLORS: Yellow and White.

MUSIC: Brigham's Cadet Orchestra

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

SCHOOLS.	Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per ct. Attendance	No. Pupils not absent or tardy.			Tardy marks by terms.			Dismissals
					Spring Term	Fall Term	Winter Term	Spring	Fall	Winter	
High	61	53.55	51.25	95	13	20	5	75	15	56	41
So. Grammar	32	32.4	30.44	94	5	7	6	37	67	74	53
So. Primary	63	41.3	38.7	93	9	10	4	13	30	27	19
West Grammar	39	34.	32.78	96	6	6	2	29	49	37	66
West Primary	40	29.4	28.36	96	15	7	4	6	23	19	50
Centre Grammar	19	14.76	14.34	97	6	5	2	7	1	4	23
Centre Primary	27	17.8	17.1	96	7	7	1	7	6	8	12
East	26	18.64	17.30	92	6	2	3	11	48	27	1
North	27	21.03	19.63	93	7	6	1	3	13	8	26
	334	262.88	249.9	95	74	70	28	188	252	260	291

TABULAR STATEMENT.

TEACHERS.	TERMS	SCHOOLS.	Wages of teachers a month	Whole number of pupils	Average membership	Average attendance	Per cent. of attendance	Pupils under 5 yrs. of age	Pupils over 15 yrs. of age	Pupils bet. 8 and 14 yrs. of age	
W. A. Charles	Spring	High	\$111 11	56	54.48	51.88	95	43	8		
Florence Fletcher	Fall			55	54.33	52.96	97				
	Winter			50 00	56	51.83	48.92				94
Hattie L. Tuttle	Spring	So. Grammar	40 00	30	29.85	29.19	97	29			
	Fall			36	33.92	30.62	90				
	Winter			34	33.41	31.51	94				
Lilla Keniston	Spring	So. Primary	40 00	44	40.	37.7	94	35			
	Fall			44	42.58	40.92	96				
	Winter			43	40.33	37.46	90				
Albertie M Preston	Spring	W. Grammar	40 00	32	31.16	30.45	97	32			
Elizabeth Prindall	Fall			40	35.7	34.2	95				
Augusta Coffman	Winter			40	35.1	33.68	95				
Ida A. Hapgood				39							
Harriet H. Gardner	Spring	W. Primary	40 00	31	30.3	29.91	98	16			
	Fall			32	30.1	28.74	98				
	Winter			30	27.78	26.32	94				
Susie E. Conant	Spring	C. Grammar	40 00	19	17.38	16.57	95	5	10		
Ida A. Hapgood	Fall			15	13.9	13.8	99				
Helene J. Sloan	Winter			15	13.	12.66	97				
Florence N. Day	Spring	C. Primary	40 00	24	23.2	22.7	97	16			
	Fall			17	16.3	15.7	96				
	Winter			16	13.9	13.	93				
Ida A. Hapgood	Spring	East School	40 00	21	20.13	19.55	97	21			
Mary F. Rich	Fall			28	20	16.78	15.34				91
Mary F. Rich	Winter			28	00						
Rose Standish				40	20	19.	89				
Lillian Richardson	Spring	North School	40 00	22	21.33	20.66	96	1	18		
Ella L. Miller	Fall			27	22.68	21.05	92				
	Winter			30 66	21	19.08	17.18				89

Teachers' meetings have been held from time to time and the teachers have been addressed by State Agents Walton, Edson and Prince on reading, language, school management and topical teaching; by Mr E. A. Cox on music and by the Superintendent on various topics.

CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOLS.

Many towns have improved their school advantages greatly by consolidating their schools, and few, if any, after giving consolidation a fair trial, have returned to the old order of things. Acton, divided as it is into five villages, is not so well situated to profit by a movement of this kind as many other towns are. Nevertheless, if a school house which would accomodate all the pupils in town could be built at some central point to which most of the pupils could walk without too great inconvenience, the school interests of the town could be advanced as they can in no other way except by the rapid growth of the town. It would unify the educational interests of the different communities and while good home influences would be as effective as ever, wrong home influences would fail to have the weight they do under the present conditions. Modern methods of teaching under antiquated conditions of grading may be desired but they cannot be attained. With only two grades in a room a teacher should do her best work. Three grades, unless the school is small like those at the center, are one too many for effective work, while four grades or more taxes teachers of even exceptional ability too much, that is, they find it impossible to accomplish the work which they desire to do.

If consolidation cannot be carried so far as the foregoing indicates I would suggest again the advisability of consolidating the East, North and Center schools. If these four schools could be brought together at the center and placed under the charge of three teachers, the pupils would enjoy better school privileges than they do now. My inclination is strong to make suggestions in regard to the consolidation of the East and the Center schools, but the vote against an arrangement of this kind in the latest town meeting forbids me to thrust my opinion on the town.

I wish however to say that the average attendance of pupils at the Center schools this year has been eleven more than it was the term preceding their consolidation in 1893.

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE.

A high degree of success in some of our schools has been unattainable because, for various reasons, the right kind of discipline has not been maintained. A teacher, in order to successfully manage her school, must have a clear idea of what good order is and a determination to induce her pupils to act in accordance with it. Some teachers have a proper conception of what good order is, some do not. Those of the latter class will have disorderly schools and the only remedy is another teacher. Those of the former class may or may not have disorderly schools. A teacher may have a right idea of good order but lack the proper spirit to secure it. It may be lack of energy, it may be the employment of wrong motives, or she may lack tact or fail to receive the necessary support from parents. When she fails to secure order, or to properly instruct her school because she lacks some of the necessary qualifications of a teacher, she deserves sympathy, but for the sake of her pupils she should give way to another teacher. When, however, a teacher has shown to the satisfaction of the school authorities, that her ideas of school management and instruction are practically correct and that she is competent to manage a school well, and that for causes external to her school, insubordination appears in her school, the matter becomes very serious and warrants more than passing attention. A school, which, imbued with a spirit of insubordination, wages a contest with such a teacher, and is successful in any degree in its attempts to get the best of the teacher, defeats the main purpose for which schools are established and wields a pernicious influence not only over pupils of the school, but over pupils of other schools in the same town. Application in study depends upon good order, and application and good order are the conditions of successful school work. The true end of school government, *i. e.*, self-government cannot be attained unless these

two conditions are secured. To secure good order in a school, it is true that different means must be used in different localities, but any community should be educated up to the point of sustaining teachers in enforcing obedience in a proper way in the school of which he has charge. As far as possible a good teacher should be protected from unfavorable home influences especially when the supposed grievances are founded on prejudice. In the administration of school affairs others beside parents have an interest. Many people who are taxed heavily for the support of schools have no children to send to them. These people have a right to insist that the schools shall, by doing acceptable work, give them indirectly a fair return for the wealth which they contribute towards their support.

In closing I desire to express my thanks to the Committee for their cordial support and to the teachers for their earnest co-operation.

Respectfully,

EDWARD DIXON,

Superintendent of Schools.

Department of School Supplies.

To the School Committee :

The annual report of expenses of this department is respectfully submitted.

GINN & Co.

March 19.	5 Great Retreats,	\$2 00		
	Less 1-6,	33		
				\$1 67
April 22.	4 doz. copy books,	\$3 84		
	Less 1-6,	64		
				3 20
May 8.	4 Prince arith.,	67		
	Postage,	13		
				80
May 27.	28 Academy song books,	26 32		
	Less 1-6,	4 39		
				21 93
Sept. 12.	1 Cicero,	1 40		
	1 Myer's gen'l history,	1 50		
	12 Wentworth sch. algebra	13 44		
		16 34		
	Less 1-6,	2 72		
				13 62
Nov. 21.	6 Prince arith.	1 00		
	Postage,	20		
				1 20
				\$42 42

UNIVERSITY PUB. Co.

March 20.	6 Davis 2d reader,	\$2 40	
	Less 1-5,	<u>48</u>	
			\$1 92
April 17.	36 The Spy,	4 50	
	36 Rob Roy,	<u>4 50</u>	
		9 00	
	Less 1-6,	<u>1 80</u>	
			<u>7 20</u>
			\$9 12

J. L. HAMMETT Co.

March 20.	1 doz. Zulu ink,	\$3 00	\$3 00
April 21.	12 reams No. 27 letter,	10 80	
	8 " " 2 practice,	4 64	
	8 " " 1 1-2 "	4 64	
	5 " " 8 pr. manilla,	2 25	
	5 " " 5 " "	2 25	
	120 lbs. p. manilla 5 1-2x8 1-2,	4 50	
	3 rms. manilla letter,	1 80	
	200 Cornhill pads,	9 00	
	76 rms. manilla drw. 6x9,	11 40	
	12 " " " 9x12,	3 60	
	2 gross sch. pencils, No. 2,	3 00	
	10 " " " " 3,	15 00	
	25 " pens,	8 75	
	85 lbs. pads,	7 22	
	4 doz. pads, note manilla,	1 60	
	10 bxs Middleton fasten's,	2 25	
	4 gross drawing pencils, 2,	9 00	
	4 " " " 3,	9 00	
	1 doz. Zulu ink,	3 00	
	4 doz. No. 30 rulers,	50	
	100 blank books, No. 60,	4 00	

April 21.	100 sh botany drying paper,	1 00	
	500 " " mount. " 7x10,	3 75	
	1 gross col. pencils, No.799,	5 00	
	7 Johnson maps,	7 00	
	Colored crayons,	6 10	
	150 color books,	6 00	
	100 col. paper, standards	3 00	
	12 boxes "wild animals,"	1 92	
	12 " "domestic animals,"	1 92	
	12 " "birds,"	1 92	
	12 " "number builders,"	1 44	
	12 " "sentence "	1 35	
	1 Knobles moths,	45	
	1 " fishes,	45	
	8 sets profile maps,	2 00	
			161 50
April 2.	10 rms. 6x9 manilla drw.	2 00	
	100 Cornhill pads,	4 50	
	200 spelling blanks,	2 00	
	1 M Middleton fasteners,	2 00	
	200 No. 50 compo. books,	4 50	
	1 Webster dictionary,	8 50	
			23 50
May 9.	166 sh col. paper, 4x4,	4 98	
	8 color tops,	30	
	1 case mucilage,	75	
	50 sets White's models, 2,	7 20	
			13 23
Sept. 21.	20 manilla note books,	1 80	1 80
Oct. 10.	3 doz. White drw. book, 2,	3 24	
	2 00 No. 40 compo. books,	8 00	
			11 24

Nov.	21.	50 sh standard colors, 4x4,	\$1 50	
		1 ink stand,	35	
			<u> </u>	\$1 85
Feb.	3.	2 cases mucilage,	1 50	1 50
			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
				\$217 62

D. C. HEATH & Co.

April	14.	36 Heart of Oak, No. 1,	\$9 00	
	24	“ “ “ 3,	10 80	
			<u> </u>	19 80
		Less 1-6,	3 30	
			<u> </u>	16 50
April	16.	12 Heart of Oak, No. 3,	4 50	4 50
	28.	3 “ “ “ 1,	75	
		3 “ “ “ 3,	1 35	
			<u> </u>	2 10
		Less 1-6,	35	
			<u> </u>	1 75
Sept.	14.	3 “Columbae,”	88	
		Postage,	12	
			<u> </u>	1 00
Dec.	14.	17 copies “Debacle,”	13 60	
		Less 1-6,	2 26	
			<u> </u>	11 34
				<u> </u>
				\$35 09

SILVER, BURDETT & Co.

April	14.	5 Nature in Verse,	\$3 00	\$3 00
	16.	12 systematic exp. blanks,	2 50	2 50
			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
				\$5 50

AMERICAN BOOK CO.

April 13.	36 Irving Sketch Book,	\$7 20	
	Less 1-5,	<u>1 44</u>	
			\$5 76
May 23.	90 Harrington spel's, pt. 1,	13 50	
	150 " " " 2,	<u>22 50</u>	
		36 00	
	Less 1-5,	<u>7 20</u>	
		28 80	
	Credit by old spellers,	<u>5 85</u>	
			22 98
Sept. 12.	2 Harkness Latin gram.,	1 80	
	Postage,	<u>22</u>	
			2 02
Dec. 7.	5 Barnes' l'g geog.,	6 25	
	Less 1-5,	<u>1 25</u>	
			<u>5 00</u>
			\$35 76

EDUCATIONAL PUBLISHING CO.

April 11.	33 Mythland,	\$11 55	
	30 Alice in Wonderland,	22 50	
	24 Robinson Crusoe,	9 60	
	24 Amer. Hist. stories,	9 24	
	36 Little Nell,	14 40	
	36 Stories of Mass.,	21 60	
	24 " " Australasia,	9 60	
	30 Intro. to Leaves from Nature's Story book,	<u>9 00</u>	
		107 29	
	Less 1-6,	<u>17 99</u>	
			89 50

April 16.	12 Stories of Australasia,	\$4 80		
	Less 1-6,	80		
				<u>\$4 00</u>
April 27.	2 Stories of Australasia,	67		67
June 20.	12 Alice in Wonderland,	6 00		
	2 Intro. to Leaves,	75		
				<u>6 75</u>
				<u>\$100 92</u>
	Credit by extra discount,			3 75
				<u>\$97 17</u>

J. R. WALES.

Sept. 4.	Rebinding 262 vols.,	\$39 30	\$39 30	\$39 30
	DEWOLF, FISKE & Co.			
Sept. 15.	8 French dict.,	\$4 00	\$4 00	\$4 00

PUBLIC SCHOOL PRINTING Co.

Aug. 26.	200 Baldwin report books,	\$3 40	\$3 40	\$3 40
	WM. WARE & Co.			

Dec. 5.	3 Sharples & Phillips ast.	\$3 00		
	Less 1-6,	50		
				<u>\$2 50</u>
				\$2 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

W. A. Charles, exp. chgs.,	\$3 85		
N. C. Reed, " "	4 10		
			<u>\$7 95</u>

				<u>\$7 95</u>
				<u>\$499 83</u>
	Credit 8 French dict. sold pupils,			4 00
				<u>\$495 83</u>

The supplies now on hand are valued at about \$150.00.

CHAS. J. WILLIAMS,

Purchasing Agent.

Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton, in the County of Middlesex.

GREETING:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, the fifth of April, A. D., 1897, at nine o'clock A. M.,

Then and there to act upon the following articles, as they may think proper, viz:

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

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

ART. 3. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the town if necessary, in anticipation of the taxes for the current year.

ART. 4. To see if the town will vote to abolish discount on taxes and charge interest on all remaining unpaid Nov. 1, or act anything thereon.

ART. 5. To choose all necessary town officers and committees, and fix salaries.

ART. 6. To see if the town will maintain street lamps the present year, or act anything thereon.

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

ART. 8. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of Memorial Library the present year.

ART. 9. To hear and act upon the report of any committee chosen to report at this meeting.

ART. 10. To see if the town will provide transportation to the Center school for the pupils of the East school, or do or act anything thereon.

ART. 11. To see if the town will build a shed in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

ART. 12. To see if the town will purchase a chemical engine for the west village, or act anything thereon.

ART. 13. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the due observance of Memorial day.

ART. 14. To see if the town will adopt the provisions of Sections 20, 21, 22 and 23, of Chapter fifty of the Public Statutes in reference to sidewalks, or act anything thereon.

ART. 15. To vote Yes, or No, in answer to the question, shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in town the present year.

ART. 16. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of schools the present year, or act anything thereon.

ART. 17. To see what amount of money the town will raise for school supplies the present year.

ART. 18. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor law.

ART. 19. To see if the town will rescind the vote passed at its April meeting in 1894, to diminish the number of its School Committee, and vote to restore it to the number of five.

ART. 20. To see what action the town will take in reference to continuing the connection with Sturbridge and West Brookfield in regard to Supt. of schools.

ART. 21. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the repair of roads and bridges the present year.

ART. 22. To see what action the town will take in reference to tramps.

ART. 23. To see if the town will replank the bridge on the road leading to Michael Hannon, or act anything thereon.

ART. 24. To see what amount of money the town will raise to defray town charges the present year.

ART. 25. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to act as its agent in any suit or suits that may be brought against the town and to employ counsel therefor.

ART. 26. To see if the town will build a tramp house at the town farm, or act anything thereon.

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

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with

your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or Town Clerk, on and before the time for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands in Acton, this twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-seven.

E. FAULKNER CONANT,
ISAIAH HUTCHINS,

Selectmen of Acton.

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D. C. Hall



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TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF ACTON, MASS.,

For the Year Ending March 12,

1898.

TOGETHER WITH THE

SCHOOL REPORT.



HUDSON, MASS.:
THE ENTERPRISE PRINTING COMPANY,
1898.

Town Clerk's Report.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN ACTON IN 1897.

NO.	DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1.	Jan. 4.	Ethel Rose Kingwell.	Charles and Rose (Hill).
2.	Jan. 11.	Wendell Parsons Barrows.	Fred M. and Mabel E. (Parsons).
3.	Feb. 14.	Mary Ella Palmer.	Harris M. and Lizzie (Butterworth).
4.	Feb. 21.	Irma May Durkee.	Charles A. and Carrie M. (Gilmore).
5.	Feb. 27.	Arthur Reginald Abbott.	Edward A. and Ellen J. (Weaver).
6.	Feb. 27.	Edward Leonard Pendergast.	Francis and Josie A. M. (Hayes).
7.	March 3.	Vera Frances Blanche Landers.	Jason F. and Emma (Gregory).
8.	March 4.	Lilla Belle Page.	Harry L. and Lizzie E. (Coleman).
9.	March 5.	Mable Louise Henderson.	John W. and Grace E. (Parmenter).
10.	March 13.	Isabella Barker Heath.	Charles B. and Mary A. (Cahill).
11.	March 15.	Sarah Ruth Hill.	James and Mary J. (McArthur).
12.	March 16.	——— Hayes.	Michael G. and Kath- erine A. (McNerny).
13.	March 17.	Elizabeth Theresa Daily.	Daniel and Mary (Burke).
14.	March 20.	Alice Sylvia Robbins.	Herbert F. and Bessie E. (Foote).

NO.	DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
15.	April 12.	Byron Randlett Switzer.	Clarence E. and Nina M. (Randlett),
16.	April 15.	Leslie Merriam Willard.	Leonard G. and Emeline (Merriam).
17.	April 26.	William James McCrossin.	Joachim and Margaret (Devine).
18.	April 26.	John Joseph Baker.	Martin and Margaret (Hart).
19.	May 3.	Leonard Knowlton Brown.	Charles W. and Edna A. (Knowlton).
20.	May 24.	Lauretta Moore.	William J. and Mary A. (Duignan).
21.	June 3.	Mary Ellen Goggin.	Edward and Ellen (Mahoney).
22.	June 6.	John George Davis.	Richard M. and Maud L. (Morse).
23.	June 21.	George Kimball Hayward.	Walter E. and Nettie F. (Robbins).
24.	June 22.	Clara Elizabeth Tuttle.	Horace F. and Carrie E. (Taylor).
25.	July 16.	Helen Maud Bezanson.	David H. and Ida M. (Foote).
26.	Aug. 8.	Bridget Delia Brady.	Edward and Kate (McPartlin).
27.	Aug. 7.	Ralph Willard Whitcomb.	Fred J. and Mary E. (Gates).
28.	Oct. 10.	Frederick William Nagle.	Frank and Agnes.
29.	Oct. 11.	Arno Hazleton Perkins.	Albert H. and Ella B. (Patterson).
30.	Oct. 24.	Edgar Leroy Barteaux.	James E. and Ella May (Wilkins).
31.	Nov. 23.	John Francis Coughlin.	John F. and Mary T. (Waldron).
32.	Dec. 4.	Harold James Gallagher.	Daniel J. and Carherine (Bulger).
33.	Dec. 4.	Carmen Ena Morse.	Alfred J. and Georgeana J. (Beach).

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1897.

NO.	DATES.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
1.	Jan. 1	{ Edgar J. Blaisdell, Alice W. Martin,	Carlisle. Acton.
2.	Jan. 24	{ Frank W. Buttrick, Cora E. Willis,	Sudbury. Sudbury.
3.	Apr. 19 at Maynard	{ Thomas King, Ellen T. Dalton,	Maynard. Acton.
4.	Apr. 25	{ Irving V. Whitcomb, C. Sophia Fletcher,	Acton. Acton.
5.	May 6	{ John White, Evelina Davis,	Acton. Acton.
6.	June 2 at Hudson	{ James Tobin, Fannie Bevis,	Stow. Acton.
7.	June 6 at Chelmsford	{ J. Edgar Barteaux, Ella M. Wilkins,	Acton. Littleton.
8.	June 23	{ Hobart E. Mead, Albertie M. Preston,	Acton. Acton.
9.	July 8	{ William W. Hern, Eliza E. Davis,	Stow. Stow.
10.	July 22 at Quincy	{ Axel G. Lundburg, Amanda Lofsoendahl,	Acton. Boston.
11.	Aug. 18	{ Raymond Dodge, Henrietta E. Cutler,	Acton, Acton.
12.	Aug. 29	{ William S. Ingham, Ethel M. Higgins,	Concord. Concord.
13.	Sept. 8	{ Arthur M. Whitcomb, Ella F. Wetherbee,	Boxboro. Boxboro.
14.	Sept. 15	{ John J. Blue, Grace M. Kimball,	Boston. Boston.
15.	Sept. 29 at Concord	{ Mathew Steinman, Mary O'Neil,	Concord. Acton.
16.	Sept. 29	{ Henry L. Livermore, Stella G. Harris,	Acton. Acton.
17.	Oct. 6	{ Alfred Hunt, Olive G. Barker,	Melrose. Acton.
18.	Oct. 16	{ Alfred E. Hanks, Mary E. Penniman,	Acton. Acton.
19.	Oct. 20 at Lexington	{ Clarence H. Cutler, Sarah A. Evans,	Lexington Acton.
20.	Oct. 20	{ Bertram D. Hall, Grace N. Houghton,	Acton. Acton.

NO.	DATES.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
21.	Oct. 27	{ George G. Harrington, Margaret E. Moran,	Groton. Groton.
22.	Nov. 10	{ Lester N. Fletcher, at Waltham { Alma Fountain,	Acton. Acton.
23.	Nov. 24	{ Michael Tobin, at Maynard { Mary Quinlan,	Acton. Acton.
24.	Dec. 2	{ Alfred W. Davis, Lizzie Morse,	Acton. Acton.
25.	Dec. 15	{ Arthur S. Lowden, Bertha M. Newton,	Concord. Acton.
26.	Dec. 25	{ Andrew B. Brazier, Mary N. Lucier,	Boxboro. Boxboro.
27.	Dec. 25	{ Frank W. Hoit, Evelyn G. Ward,	Acton. Acton.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1897.

NO.	DATES.	NAMES.	AGES		
			YRS.	MOS.	DAYS.
1.	Jan. 9.	M. Jennie Gates,	49	8	2
2.	Jan. 11.	George W. Stevens,	68	0	0
3.	Jan. 27.	Mary W. Dorrison,	74	10	24
4.	Jan. 30.	Lucy Keyes,	89	3	21
5.	Feb. 3.	Martha A. Faulkner,	90	1	17
6.	March 17.	Child of Michael G. Hayes,	0	0	1
7.	Aug. 19.	Martha M. Brooks,	32	8	25
8.	Sept. 27.	Mary K. Duggan,	51	0	0
9.	Sept. 28.	Levi W. Stevens,	82	2	0
10.	Oct. 28.	Amanda B. Glines,	72	0	18
11.	Oct. 29.	Harriet E. Merriam,	55	11	0
12.	Nov. 29.	Elbridge G. Parker,	76	0	13
13.	Dec. 17.	Emma S. Knowlton,	43	7	2
14.	Dec. 18.	Thomas W. Hammond,	67	8	17
15.	Dec. 20.	Nancy Chaffin,	78	2	28
16.	Dec. 23.	Lyman D. Robbins,	31	9	23
17.	Dec. 27.	Daniel Maillian,	82	0	0

PERSONS BROUGHT TO ACTON FOR BURIAL.

NO.	DATE OF DEATH.	NAME AND RESIDENCE.	AGE		
			YRS.	MOS.	DAYS.
1.	Jan. 23.	Mary W. Hosmer of Lancaster,	77	11	3
2.	Jan. 29.	Rodney E. Chaplin of Lowell,	43	0	0
3.	Feb. 14.	George F. Keyes of Boxboro,	59	0	18
4.	March 17.	Gorham Barton of Eau Claire, Wis.			
5.	March 21.	Harriet E. Whitney of Boxboro,	80	4	0
6.	March 22.	Lucinda B. Brown of Stoughton,	86	11	3
7.	June 15.	Kate E. Sawyer of Ashland,	56	10	25
8.	July 3.	E. Julius Reed of Boston,	47	5	14
9.	Aug. 21.	Eliz. Chaffin Hubbard of Lancaster,	72	1	0
10.	Nov. 11.	Alice R. Rawlins of Weymouth,	41	3	28
11.	Dec. 23.	Lizzie E. Rouillard of Malden,	17	10	26

PERSONS HAVING DOGS LICENSED IN 1897.

J. Sterling Moore.	A. L. Lawrence.
Jas. F. Stiles.	Mrs. Lottie C. Flagg.
Calvin S. Simonds, 1 fem.	Chas. S. Moulton.
Wm. F. Kelley.	Solon A. Robbins.
Jas. P. Brown.	Howard E. Faulkner.
Luke Tuttle.	W. B. Manning.
Mrs. H. Haynes.	Adelbert Cutler.
C. H. Morris.	David C. Harris.
E. Eddie Fletcher.	Mrs. C. A. Harrington.
Smith Finney, 2, 1 fem.	Daniel Tuttle.
Chas. M. Kimball.	L. T. Willard.
Frank W. Bulette.	Geo. Conant.
Charles L. Ford, 3, 2 fem.	C. M. Green.
J. Linwood Richardson, 1 fem.	Chas. F. Shirland.
Frank G. Williams, 3, 1 fem.	L. Willis Mead.
Chas. H. Mead.	Geo. H. Brooks.
Wm. F. Stevens.	Lyman Tuttle.
F. H. Temple.	Chas. H. Wheeler.
Daniel H. Farrar.	John W. Randall.
A. J. Fletcher.	Josephine Nash.
Warren H. Jones.	I. Simonson.
Solomon L. Dutton.	Anthony I. Goding.

E. C. Shapley.	O. A. Knowlton.
Walter M. French.	F. R. Knowlton.
Jeremiah McCarty.	D. Mahoney.
Abel Cole.	Chas. J. Williams.
Wm. S. Fletcher.	Fred S. Whitcomb.
L. S. Hosmer.	Wm. J. Hayes.
E. Hanson.	Andrew Peterson.
J. E. Hannon.	Webster C. Robbins.
Win. S. Jones.	C. W. Martin, Jr.
Elnathan Jones.	M. E. Penniman.
R. W. Murphy.	Mrs. Varney.
Frank Pratt.	John Coughlin.
F. J. Taylor.	W. W. Philbrick.
Tuttles, Jones and Wetherbee,	Wm. H. Lawrence, 1 fem.
George W. Worster.	H. A. Littlefield.
Luther Conant.	Wm. Barnes.
A. Dusseault.	W. J. Moore.
J. E. Durkee.	W. B. Holt.
M. G. Hayes.	A. Risso.
Constance O'Neil.	A. L. Tuttle.
H. M. Smith.	F. R. Stevens.
M. E. Taylor.	S. H. Taylor.
C. B. Robbins.	Maurice Lane, 1 fem.
D. J. Gallagher.	S. B. Ineson.
Wm. H. Hill, 1 fem.	May L. Calder.
John Greer.	Chas. Calder.
Chas. A. Taylor.	D. Duignan, 1 fem.
Fred. E. Howland, 2.	

95 males at \$2,	\$190 00
10 females at \$5,	50 00
Total 105,	<u>\$240 00</u>

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

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

HORACE F. TUTTLE, *Town Clerk.*

Acton, Jan. 1, 1898.

TOWN MEETING MATTERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN MEETING HELD APRIL 5, 1897.

Lyman C. Taylor and Abram Tuttle were sworn as tellers by the Clerk.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator. Luther Conant was chosen Moderator.

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

Voted to accept their reports.

Art. 3. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the town if necessary, in anticipation of the taxes for the current year.

Voted that the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow, in anticipation of taxes for the year 1897, such sums of money as may be needed from time to time for the current expenses of the town, paying therefor the current market rate of interest, giving the note or notes of the town therefor, signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by at least a majority of the Selectmen, to be paid from the taxes to be raised in the year 1897.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to abolish discount on taxes and charge interest on all remaining unpaid Nov. 1 or act anything thereon.

Voted that the Collector charge interest at the rate of six per centum per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of November next.

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

Art. 5. To choose all necessary town officers and committees and fix salaries.

The following town officers were chosen on one ballot:

Town Clerk, Horace F. Tuttle.

Town Treasurer, Jona. K. W. Wetherbee.

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

Assessors, Anson C. Piper, William F. Stevens, James B. Tuttle.

Overseers of the Poor, Lyman Tuttle, Moses A. Reed, Edwin C. Parker.

Collector of Taxes, William F. Stevens.

Road Commissioner for 3 years, Isaac S. Ford.

Auditor, Hiram J. Hapgood.

School Committee for 3 years, Horace F. Tuttle.

Constables, James Kinsley, Moses A. Reed, William F. Stevens, Reuben L. Reed.

Cemetery Committee, John Fletcher, Levi W. Stevens, Horace F. Tuttle.

Fence Viewers, Daniel H. Farrar, Reuben L. Reed.

Surveyors of Lumber, Wood, Hoops and Staves, Herbert T. Clark, Jona. P. Fletcher, Edgar H. Hall, Edward F. Richardson.

Trustee of Memorial Library for 3 years, Lucius A. Hesselton.

F. C. Nash, F. P. Wood and Reuben L. Reed were chosen a committee to enforce the liquor laws.

Voted that the salary of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year be fixed at \$150, the same to include posting the town warrants, enforcing the dog law and all other duties heretofore belonging to said officer.

Voted that the salary of the Road Commissioner for the ensuing year be twenty-five cents per hour employed.

Voted that the town furnish tools for work on the roads.

Art. 6. To see if the town will maintain street lamps the present year or act anything thereon. Voted to raise \$400 for the maintenance of street lamps and that it be expended in the same manner as last year.

Art. 7. To see if the town will accept the jury list as revised by the Selectmen.

Voted to accept the jury list as revised by the Selectmen and printed in the town report.

Art. 8. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of the Memorial Library the present year.

Voted to raise \$400 for running expenses and \$200 for the purchase of books.

Art. 9. To hear and act upon the report of any committee chosen to report at this meeting.

Heard the report of the committee on enforcement of the liquor

A vote of thanks was given to the committee for their faithful and efficient service the past year.

Art. 10. To see if the town will provide transportation to the Centre schools for the pupils of the East school, or do or act anything thereon.

Voted to raise a sum of money not exceeding \$10 per school week for the transportation of the pupils of the East school to the Centre schools.

Art. 11. To see if the town will build a shed in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Voted that the Selectmen build a shed in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Art. 12. To see if the town will purchase a chemical engine for the west village or act anything thereon.

Voted that the Selectmen, the Moderator, with nine others to be appointed by him, be a committee to examine and test a chemical fire engine.

Voted to give this committee authority to purchase at a cost not exceeding \$500 if considered expedient. The Moderator appointed the following persons members of the committee: D. H. Hall, H. A. Littlefield, O. W. Mead, Jona. P. Fletcher, Anson C. Piper, Lucius A. Hesselton, M. E. Taylor, James B. Tuttle, W. C. Robbins.

Art. 13. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the due observance of Memorial Day.

Voted to appropriate \$100.

Art. 14. To see if the town will adopt the provisions of sections 20, 21, 22 and 23 of Chap. 50 of the Public Statutes in reference to sidewalks or act anything thereon.

Voted to dismiss the article.

Art. 15. To vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in town the present year.

Whole number of ballots cast, 135. "Yes," 24; "No," 111.

Art. 16. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of schools the present year or act anything thereon.

Voted that the following sums of money be raised and appropriated for the following purposes: For common schools, \$2,840; for high school, \$1,600; for transportation of S. E. pupils, \$270; for transportation of E. pupils, \$240; for apparatus for High school, \$100; for salary of Superintendent, \$465.

Art. 17. To see what amount of money the town will raise for school supplies the present year.

Voted to raise \$475.

Art. 18. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor laws.

Voted to appropriate \$500.

Art. 19. To see if the town will rescind the vote passed at its April meeting, in 1894, to diminish the number of its School Committee and vote to restore it to the number of five.

The article was divided. Voted, 1st, to rescind the vote whereby the town voted to diminish the number of its School Committee to three; 2d, to dismiss the rest of the article.

Art. 20. To see what action the town will take in reference to continuing the connection with Sturbridge and West Brookfield in regard to Superintendent of Schools.

A motion to discontinue did not prevail.

Art. 21. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the repair of roads and bridges the present year. Voted to raise \$3,000.

Art. 22. To see what action the town will take in reference to tramps.

Voted that the town enforce the tramp law.

Art. 23. To see if the town will replank the bridge on the road leading to Michael Hannon's or act anything thereon.

Voted to appropriate \$25.75 for replanking the bridge on the private way leading to the house of Michael Hannon if it can be done without assuming any liability thereby, as a public way.

Art. 24. To see what amount of money the town will raise to defray town charges the present year.

Voted to raise \$6,000.

Art. 25. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to act as its agent in any suit or suits that may be brought against the town and to employ counsel therefor.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to employ counsel and to act as the agent of the town in any suit or suits that may be brought against it, and that they also be authorized to appear in behalf of the town at any public hearing in which the town may have interests.

Art. 26. To see if the town will build a tramp house at the town farm or act anything thereon.

Voted to dismiss the article.

Voted that a copy of the record of the proceedings of the annual meeting of the town be printed in the annual report.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

A true record attest,

HORACE F. TUTTLE, *Town Clerk.*

PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING HELD NOV. 2, 1897, IN PRECINCTS
Nos. 1, 2 AND 3.

VOTES.

FOR GOVERNOR.

	Prec. 1.	Prec. 2.	Prec. 3	Total
George Fred Williams,	14	6	6	26
Roger Wolcott,	65	64	70	199
William Everett,	7	5	1	13
John Bascom,	0	1	2	3
Blanks,	2	1	2	5

FOR LIEUT. GOVERNOR.

Christopher Callahan,	15	5	6	26
W. Murray Crane,	64	64	66	194
James E. Cotter,	5	6	0	11
Willard O. Wylie,	0	1	2	3
Blanks.	4	1	7	12

FOR SECRETARY.

Charles D. Nash,	14	6	4	24
Bernard M. Wolf,	5	5	0	10
William M. Olin,	63	62	65	190
Edwin Sawtell,	0	2	3	5
Blanks,	6	2	9	17

FOR TREASURER.

Thomas A. Watson,	15	5	4	24
Horace P. Tobey,	5	5	1	11
Edward P. Shaw,	61	63	62	186
Robert C. Habberley,	1	0	2	3
Blanks,	6	4	12	22

	Prec. 1.	Prec. 2.	Prec. 3.	Total
FOR AUDITOR.				
Harry Douglas,	5	5	1	11
John W. Kimball,	62	64	63	189
Joseph H. Sheldon,	14	5	4	23
Herbert M. Small,	0	0	2	2
Blanks,	7	3	11	21
FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL.				
Hosea M. Knowlton,	63	62	63	188
William W. McClench,	6	5	1	12
John A. O'Keefe,	12	5	4	21
Wolcott Hamlin,	1	0	3	4
Blanks,	6	5	10	21
FOR COUNCILLOR.				
Elisha H. Shaw,	62	63	59	184
Luther Conant,			1	1
Blanks,	26	14	21	61
FOR SENATOR.				
William H. Brigham,	61	62	64	187
Alvan Fisher,	15	7	6	28
Blanks,	12	8	11	31
FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.				
Frank H. Whitcomb,	60	63	72	195
Scattering,	2		1	3
Blanks,	26	14	8	48
COUNTY COMMISSIONER.				
Samuel O. Upham,	64	49	56	169
Blanks,	24	28	25	80
REGISTER OF DEEDS.				
Edwin O. Childs,	64	53	49	166
Blanks,	24	24	32	80
COUNTY TREASURER.				
Joseph O. Hayden,	63	50	47	160
Blanks,	25	27	34	86
Total number of Ballots cast,	88	77	81	246

A true copy of the records returned and attested by the several precinct clerks.

Attest HORACE F. TUTTLE, *Town Clerk.*

Vote of District No. 23 for Representative in General Court as determined and declared at the Town Clerks' meeting at Ayer, Nov. 12, 1897 :

Frank H. Whitcomb	Acton.	Ayer.	Littleton.	Shirley.	Westford.	Total
of Acton,	195	147	85	90	91	608
Scattering,	3	1	1	0	1	6
Blanks,	48	95	10	17	42	212
Total,	<u>246</u>	<u>243</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>134</u>	<u>826</u>

Selectmen's Report.

Citizens of Acton:

We respectfully submit to you our annual report, with the town out of debt, and a small balance in the Treasury.

CENTRE SCHOOL.

Paid Helene J. Sloan, teacher 36 weeks,	\$360 00
Florence N. Day, teacher 36 weeks,	360 00
Julian Tuttle, janitor,	75 00
Julian Tuttle, cleaning rooms,	3 00
Julian Tuttle, cleaning vault,	1 00
Julian Tuttle, cutting wood,	1 50
George Greenough, 2,560 lbs. coal,	7 94
George Greenough, 14,325 lbs. of coal,	42 96
M. E. Taylor & Co., 1 broom,	33
M. E. Taylor & Co., 1 thermometer.	15
M. E. Taylor & Co., oil,	10
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	\$851 98

NORTH SCHOOL.

Paid Ella L. Miller, teacher 12 weeks,	\$96 00
Ella L. Miller, teacher 24 weeks,	240 00
Frank Pendergast, cleaning house,	5 00
Frank Pendergast, janitor,	1 50
Clarence Smith, janitor,	30 00
Allen G. Smith, cleaning vault,	1 00
E. Jones & Co., 6,330 lbs. coal,	17 09
E. Jones & Co., delivering coal,	3 17
M. E. Taylor & Co., glass,	12
M. E. Taylor & Co., 2 dippers,	10
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	\$393 98

EAST SCHOOL.

Paid Rose Standish, teacher 12 weeks,	\$120 00
Janitor,	14 00
Luther Davis, wood,	8 50
Cutting,	4 00
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	\$146 50

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Paid Hattie L. Tuttle, teacher (Grammar) 36 weeks,	\$360 00
Lilla Keniston, teacher (Primary) 36 weeks,	360 00
Helen E. Greenwood, teacher (asst. Primary) 7 2-5 weeks.	51 80
C. L. Bradford, janitor,	90 00
C. L. Bradford, cleaning rooms,	5 00
Elvin Tuttle, wood,	3 50
F. J. Hastings & Cs., 19,532 lbs. coal,	56 64
F. J. Hastings & Co., 2,607 lbs. coal,	7 56
Elvin Tuttle, wood,	15 75
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	\$950 25

WEST SCHOOL.

Paid Harriet Gardner, teacher, (Primary) 36 weeks,	\$360 00
Ida A. Hapgood, teacher (Grammar) 8 1-5 weeks,	82 00
Lina B. Taylor, teacher (Grammar) 4½ weeks,	40 00
Lina B. Taylor, teacher (Grammar) 8 1-10 weeks,	97 20
Mary R. Burke, teacher (Grammar) 15 4-5 weeks,	158 00
Alzora Jacobs, teacher (Intermediate) 13 weeks,	130 00
E. C. Parker & Co., 31,570 lbs. coal,	89 98
E. C. Parker & Co., 3,280 lbs. coal,	9 84
A. W. Wetherbee, wood,	6 00
Thomas Scanlon, janitor,	88 00
D. H. Hall, wood,	1 25
Thomas Scanlon, cleaning rooms,	8 00
“ “ wood,	5 00
“ “ water supply,	5 33
H. A. Littlefield, 4 brooms,	1 00
“ “ 1 thermometer,	15
“ “ 3 baskets,	2 25

Paid C. H. Mead & Co., 5 brooms,	\$1 57
“ “ 3 brushes,	1 22
“ “ 1 pail,	40
“ “ mucilage,	10
“ “ ink and pencils,	60
“ “ 1 thermometer,	15
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	\$1,088 04

HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid W. A. Charles, principal,	\$1,000 00
F. Florence Fletcher, assistant teacher,	450 00
C. L. Bradford, janitor,	90 00
J. F. Hastings & Co., 19,533 lbs. coal,	56 65
“ “ 2,608 lbs, coal,	7 56
Arthur Tuttle, orchestra,	13 00
A. L. Noyes,	6 00
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	13 87
C. F. Bradford, cleaning rooms,	5 75
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	\$1,642 83

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Paid American Book Co.,	\$57 83
Ginn & Co.,	34 54
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	10 55
J. L. Hammett Co.,	200 48
D. C. Heath & Co.,	50 29
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,	14 93
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	84 38
J. R. Wales,	6 00
Express Co.,	5 05
A. L. Noyes, express,	8 00
M. E. Taylor & Co., twine,	33
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	\$472 38

SCIENTIFIC APPARATUS AND BOOKS OF REFERENCE.

Paid De Wolfe, Fiske & Co.,	\$28 34
Zeigler Electric Co.,	67 24
Express Co.,	2 81
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	\$98 39

TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOLARS.

Paid J. Mekkelsen, (East),	\$240 00
W. S. Jones, (South, East),	270 00
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	\$510 00

STATE AND MILITARY AID.

Paid W. B. Ball, (Chap. 279, Acts 1889),	\$182 50
Emma F. Blood, (Chap. 301, Acts 1889),	48 00
Lydia Handley, “	48 00
George Handley, “	48 00
Sarah E. Handley, “	48 00
Maria Kingsley, “	48 00
Bridget Mawn, “	48 00
Eliza J. Shattuck, “	48 00
Luke Smith, “	48 00
Mary Smith, “	48 00
Allen G. Smith, “ 11 months,	44 00
Phebe Wood, “	48 00
Rebecca C. Wright, “	48 00
Addison B. Wheeler, “	48 00
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	\$802 50

MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

Paid De Wolfe, Fiske & Co.,	\$197 42
J. W. Tewksbury, Agt.,	100 91
H. D. Noyes & Co.,	31 05
Estes & Lauriat,	1 67
Perry Mason & Co.,	1 75
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	\$332 80

Town appropriation,	\$200 00
Interest from Wm. Wilde fund,	232 80
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	\$432 80
Less expended,	332 80
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	\$100 00

RUNNING EXPENSES.

Paid O. D. Wood, janitor,	\$100 00
Viola S. Tuttle, librarian,	101 00
D. A. Cutler, transporting books,	7 00
Ethel M. Cutler, transporting books,	27 00
W. A. Wilde & Co., cards,	8 50
W. E. Parker, slips,	4 00
J. R. Wales, binding magazines,	4 95
Viola S. Tuttle, curtain,	1 25
F. J. Hastings & Co., coal,	43 79
M. E. Taylor & Co., oil and incidentals,	17 95
M. E. Taylor & Co., oiling floor,	2 00
Wm. Tuttle, express,	5 56
Lowell Morning Mail, printing catalogues,	165 00
A. F. Davis, work on catalogue,	50 49
F. P. Wood, “	8 17
Viola S. Tuttle, “	8 76
Ida A. H. Tuttle, “	16 20
Mrs. Frank Fiske, “	14 58
Wm. D. Tuttle, “	4 08
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	\$590 28

Town appropriation,	\$400 00
Fines,	14 00
Catalogues sold,	21 75
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	\$435 75
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	\$154 53
Less amount unexpended for books,	100 00
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Overdrawn,	\$54 53

LOANS AND INTEREST.

Paid First National Bank of Ayer,	\$5,130 00
John A. Bowen,	50 00
H. A. Gray,	507 57
Mrs. W. W. Davis,	5 00
F. H. Jones,	65 00
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	\$5,757 57

STREET LAMPS.

Paid Acton Centre Improvement Society, 61,	\$147 62
West Acton Street Lighting Association, 60,	145 20
Henry Barker, 2,	4 84
E. I. Banks,	2 42
Estate of J. A. Bowen,	2 42
G. Clark,	2 42
S. A. Christie,	2 42
L. V. Clough, 2,	4 84
W. F. Dessault,	2 42
I. F. Duren,	2 42
Mrs. Lottie Flagg,	2 42
J. P. Fletcher, 2,	4 84
A. J. Fletcher,	2 42
Abel Farrar,	2 42
H. A. Gray,	2 42
D. C. Harris,	2 42
H. J. Hapgood,	2 42
Francis Hosmer,	2 42
L. S. Hosmer,	2 42
L. A. Hesselton,	2 42
F. J. Hastings,	2 42
A. H. Jones,	2 42
E. Jones,	2 42
C. M. Kimball,	2 42
George R. Keyes,	2 42
Mrs. M. E. Lothrop,	2 42
J. D. Moulton,	2 42
Albert Moulton,	2 42
Frank Merriam,	2 42
A. Merriam, 2,	4 84
A. C. Piper,	2 42
E. N. Robbins,	2 42
C. S. Simonds,	2 42
Edwin Tarbell,	2 42
Mrs. Lottie Tolman,	2 42
F. Z. Taylor,	2 42
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 3,	7 26
Universalist Society, South Acton,	2 42
George W. Worster, 2,	4 84
W. S. Warren,	2 42

 \$401 72

CEMETERY EXPENSES.

Paid Julian Tuttle, for work in Woodlawn,	\$150 42
W. A. Snow & Co., settees,	24 00
“ “ sign posts,	10 50
“ “ 1 vase, Handley lot,	10 00
John Fletcher, flowers, Handley lot,	9 20
“ “ plants,	15 90
“ “ freight on settees, vase and signs,	1 39
“ “ freight on plants,	70
O. D. Wood, labor,	9 50
E. Jones & Co., cement and lime,	2 07
Levi W. Stevens, for work in Mt. Hope,	101 76
Estate of Levi W. Stevens, for work in Mt. Hope,	15 70
F. W. Green, work in Mt. Hope,	1 20
Julian Tuttle, work in No. Acton,	4 25
W. B. Holt, repairing pump in Mt. Hope,	1 50
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	\$358 09

POOR ON FARM.

Paid Moses Thompson, labor,	\$304 17
“ “ fish,	7 60
“ “ corn,	1 92
“ “ potatoes,	1 80
“ “ soap powder,	3 50
“ “ soap powder,	30
“ “ whip,	25
“ “ brushes,	80
“ “ ointment,	25
J. Jacobs, labor,	96 00
E. C. Parker & Co., 4 cows,	173 00
O. H. Forbush, 2 cows,	97 50
J. B. Tuttle, 2 cows,	106 75
Charles Calder, labor,	24 00
E. C. Parker & Co., grain,	264 54
M. E. Taylor & Co., store bill,	319 43
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, store bill,	109 00
Luke Tuttle, barrels,	12 65
W. E. Whitcomb & Co., meat,	53 57
Lyman Tuttle, washing machine,	10 00

Paid J. W. Henderson, farm,	\$8 90
" " library,	7 55
E. Jones & Co., " "	1 94
O. D. Wood, " "	1 00
E. M. Parker, West school house,	2 78
Francis Jones, " "	3 00
Geo. G. Keith, " "	14 94
W. B. Holt, " "	2 38
H. T. Clark, " "	24 08
Warren Houghton, " "	24 01
H. A. Littlefield, " "	2 43
C. H. Mead & Co., " "	6 65
W. B. Holt, " grounds,	46 10
F. E. Harris, " "	110 39
Thos. Scanlon, " "	3 50
C. L. Bradford, South " "	2 00
C. J. Williams, " "	25
J. W. Henderson, " " pump,	2 50
Samuel Jones, Jr., " "	101 25
George G. Keith, " "	2 50
F. Z. Taylor, " "	1 50
Francis Jones, " "	12 72
John Temple, Centre " "	1 55
Francis Jones, " "	3 00
Spofford Robbins, " "	1 50
M. E. Taylor & Co., " "	30
M. A. Reed, " " grounds,	1 50
C. J. Williams, East " "	3 55
Francis Jones, North " "	1 50
Waldo P. Lapham, " "	6 75
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, North school house,	10
" " " South " "	1 13
W. B. Davis, hall,	50
W. B. Holt, Common pump,	16 21
G. G. Keith, " "	14 60
Julian Tuttle, " "	4 90
Wm. Kingsley, " "	9 38
M. A. Reed, " "	4 00
Samuel Jones, Jr., South engine house,	3 75
D. C. Harris, stone,	7 10
J. A. McPherson, repairing pump,	1 00

 \$650 42

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid H. F. Tuttle, clerk,	\$30 00
J. K. W. Wetherbee, treasurer,	80 00
E. Faulkner Conant, selectman,	95 00
Wm. F. Stevens, “	50 00
David C. Harris, “	50 00
James B. Tuttle, assessor,	50 00
Wm. F. Stevens, “	30 00
Anson C. Piper, “	30 00
Lyman Tuttle, overseer of poor,	50 00
Edwin C. Parker, “	20 00
Moses A. Reed, “	20 00
Charles J. Williams, school committee,	70 27
Isaiah Hutchins, “	15 00
Horace F. Tuttle, “	15 00
Edward Dixon, superintendent of schools,	465 00
Moses A. Reed, inspector of cattle,	93 15
Moses A. Reed, constable,	9 00
H. F. Clark, special police,	3 00
H. F. Tuttle, registrar of voters,	15 00
Julian Tuttle, “	12 00
James McGreen, “	12 00
F. H. Whitcomb, “	6 00
S. A. Guilford, “	6 00
R. L. Reed, constable,	24 30
W. F. Stevens, constable,	2 00
W. F. Stevens, collector of taxes,	150 00
H. J. Hapgood, auditor,	6 00
F. C. Nash, liquor committee,	25 00
T. F. Newton, election officer,	2 50
H. J. Hapgood, “	2 50
N. J. Cole, “	2 50
L. E. Reed, “	2 50
S. A. Guilford, “	2 50
W. F. Kelley, “	2 50
Jas. Kingsley, “	2 50
C. B. Stone, “	2 50
H. F. Tuttle, “	2 50
L. C. Taylor, “	2 50
E. A. Phalen, “	2 50
Arthur Tuttle, “	2 50

 \$1,463 72

PRINTING.

Paid Enterprise Printing Co., reports,		\$80 00
" " warrants,		7 50
Augustine Hosmer,		18 88
Samuel Hobbs & Co.,		6 60
J. L. Hammett Co.,		1 65
Courier-Citizen Co.,		6 00
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		\$120 63

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Wm. Kingsley, labor,	\$970 18	
J. McPherson, blacksmith,	7 80	
C. E. Switzer, blacksmith,	4 29	
D. C. Harris, stone,	8 80	
Arthur Davis, painting guide boards,	3 25	
E. Jones & Co., lumber,	1 46	\$995 78
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I. S. Ford, labor,	\$964 81	
C. Fay Hayward, gravel,	22 80	
B. C. Brown, gravel,	2 40	
Heirs of W. F. Conant, gravel,	5 00	
E. Jones & Co., brick,	1 53	
J. P. Brown, blacksmith,	11 80	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, pipe,	7 40	1,015 74
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N. Littlefield, labor,	\$955 22	
Wm. Kingsley, labor,	8 50	
E. Jones & Co., lumber,	93	
S. A. Guilford, blacksmith,	14 67	
F. H. Whitcomb, gravel,	6 35	
A. F. Blanchard, gravel,	8 80	
Jerry McCarthy, gravel,	2 00	
John Fletcher, gravel,	3 20	
James Devane, painting guide boards,	2 00	
H. T. Clark, labor on guide boards,	1 50	1,003 17
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		\$3,014 69

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Paid City of Marlboro, for W. F. B. Whitney,	\$10 00
Dr. I. Hutchins, medical attendance on Rebecca C. Wright,	28 42
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	\$38 42

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid R. L. Reed, court fees,	\$5 40
James Kingsley, court fees,	9 82
James R. Cole, breaking out roads,	44 00
Shirley Jones, “	6 38
I. S. Ford, “	55 08
Francis Pratt, “	32 10
N. Littlefield, “	28 07
H. A. Gould, “	15 95
Fred S. Whitcomb, “	22 09
A. H. Perkins, “	16 19
C. O'Neil, “	23 28
Wm. Kingsley, “	46 50
Thomas McCarthy, “	31 04
W. C. Robbins, “	63 55
A. C. Piper, “	2 00
J. T. & R. E. Joslin, legal advice,	11 00
F. C. Nash, expenses enforcing liquor laws,	173 02
James Hill, care of hall,	57 00
“ “ “ clock,	15 00
“ “ “ flag,	5 90
Rex Fire Extinguisher Co, chemical,	400 00
J. L. Bradley, 11 hand chemical,	75 00
D. H. Hall, testing chemical,	12 74
C. L. Bradford, attending registrar meeting,	1 50
“ “ cleaning clock,	1 00
H. C. Sherwin, court fees,	5 66
Edward Dixon, postage and stationery,	11 66
Dennison Mfg. Co., labels,	3 67
Samuel Ward Co., paper,	1 55
M. Hannon, cleaning vault,	2 00
J. A. Bowen, acid,	3 83
C. H. Persons, piano cover,	3 50
“ “ tuning piano,	2 00
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 3 shovels,	1 86
“ “ “ 3 shovels,	1 59
“ “ “ 1 rake,	35
“ “ “ 3 hooks,	1 05
“ “ “ 2 picks,	2 00

Paid Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee, 1 hoe,	\$ 20
“ “ “ 1 shovel,	80
“ “ “ 1 handle,	10
“ “ “ 1 fork,	60
“ “ “ 1 pick,	58
“ “ “ 1 pair shears,	1 50
H. A. Littlefield, 6 shovels,	4 32
“ “ 2 hooks,	74
“ “ 2 rakes,	80
“ “ 1 pick,	1 05
“ “ 1 pick,	90
“ “ 3 shovels,	1 74
“ “ 2 picks,	1 80
“ “ 2 hooks,	74
“ “ 3 shovels,	2 16
M. E. Taylor & Co., 2 rakes,	80
“ “ 1 hoe,	40
Isaac Davis Post,	100 00
F. S. Blanchard & Co., book,	1 50
Horace Partridge, flags,	4 12
N. J. Cole, soda,	6 35
D. C. Harris, repairing clock,	1 50
“ “ 4 posts,	1 00
Geo. W. Thibbets, casting for scraper,	1 75
W. H. Hill, watching fire,	2 50
Wm. Coons, “	2 50
Francis Davis, “	2 50
Lowell Tuttle, “	1 75
Library Bureau,	5 63
Gutta Percha Rubber Mfg. Co.,	90
Jas. Devane, repairing and painting hearse,	33 50
W. F. Stevens, 5 books,	6 90
Thomas Scanlon, attending meeting,	50
A. H. Jones,	3 20
N. M. Allen, repairing and cleaning clock,	2 75
Samuel Jones, Jr.,	1 80
Nathan Johnson,	3 50
F. W. Billings, care fire engine,	4 20
James Hill, “ “	4 00

Paid J. B. Tuttle, copying poll tax list,	\$5 00
F. E. Harris, shed in Mt. Hope,	93 27
Fred Norris, " "	7 50
W. F. Stevens, " "	7 00
A. H. Perkins, " "	4 88
E. Jones & Co., plank M. Hannon bridge,	25 45
M. A. Reed, moving school furniture,	13 20
W. F. Hale, 1 stamp,	1 60
J. L. Hammett Co., clock,	5 25
W. F. Stevens, notifying officers,	1 75
S. A. Christie, dif in clock,	3 50
" " cleaning clock,	1 00
H. T. Clark, shafts for truck,	3 25
" " 1 closet,	7 50
E. H. Chamberlin, reporting 2 births,	50
F. P. Flagg, " 1 "	25
I. Hutchins, " 3 "	75
J. E. Marsh, " 5 "	1 25
I. L. Pickard, " 1 "	25
F. E. Tasker, " 7 "	1 75
F. J. Parker, " 11 "	2 75
F. U. Rich, " 2 "	50
Greenough, Adams & Cushing, ink,	38
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, well cover,	2 75
H. A. Littlefield, soda and oil,	4 53
F. W. Green, care engine house,	4 25
H. T. Clark,	6 00
S. Robbins, fixing voting stalls,	50
W. F. Stevens, abatement of taxes,	80 97
E. Jones, wood for hall,	4 00
I. F. Duren, superintendent of burials,	57 00
E. Jonss & Co., coal for hall,	9 46
Geo. Greenough, wood for hall,	3 25
Universalist Society, So. Acton, use of vestry, election,	3 00
J. K. W. Wetherbee, postage and stationery,	4 25
W. C. Robbins, attending fires, horses,	9 00
Henry Livermore, " "	1 00
Luke Tuttle, " "	1 00
C. H. Clark, strap on truck,	50

Paid James Kingsley, use of road,	\$8 00
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 5 chairs,	5 50
E. F. Conant, express, telephone and expenses,	13 60
C. H. Mead & Co., 1 lock,	25
M. E. Taylor & Co.,	99
“ “ oil, burners and chimneys for hall,	8 10
C. J. Williams, postage and expenses,	8 82
Edward Dixon, expenses,	8 11
W. F. Stevens, postage,	62
T. Scanlon,	1 75
I. Hutchins, attending district com. meeting,	4 42
H. F. Tuttle, copying records,	1 50
“ attending meeting at Ayer,	1 50
“ collecting and recording 33 births,	16 50
“ recording 27 marriages,	5 40
“ recording 17 deaths,	3 40
“ certificates of births and deaths,	1 00
“ blanks,	52
“ express and postage,	2 74
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	\$1,877 72

RECEIPTS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Balance due from Treasurer, March 12, 1897, \$847 90	
Due from Collector,	1,702 37
Appropriation for common schools,	2,840 00
High school,	1,600 00
Transportation S. E. scholars,	270 00
Transportation East scholars,	240 00
Scientific apparatus,	100 00
Superintendent of schools,	465 00
School supplies,	475 00
Town charges,	6,000 00
Roads and bridges,	3,000 00
Memorial Library,	600 00
Street lamps,	400 00
Overlayings,	502 93
State tax,	1,050 00
County tax,	1,420 90

Received from First National Bank of Ayer, \$3,000 00	
Herbert A. Gray,	500 00
Nantucket, support Susan B. Winn,	67 00
John R. Fairbairn, fines,	100 00
Nahum Littlefield, road dust,	3 10
Charles Hunter, pool license,	2 00
Anthony J. Goding, pool license,	2 00
E. H. Woodard, pool license,	2 00
A. F. Blanchard, slaughter license.	1 00
Albert Wood, slaughter license,	1 00
C. I. Leland, tuition,	18 00
Town of Stow, tuition,	44 00
Town of Boxboro, tuition,	100 00
W. A. Charles, apparatus,	77
Interest on Wilde Library fund,	232 80
State Treasurer, inspection of animals,	42 82
“ “ corporation tax,	779 90
“ “ National Bank tax,	256 67
“ “ military aid,	91 50
“ “ State aid,	624 00
“ “ burial of soldier,	35 00
Income Mass. school fund,	281 29
Supervision of schools,	375 00
County Treasurer, dog tax,	210 24
John Fletcher, lots sold Woodlawn cem.	52 00
Levi W. Stevens, “ Mt. Hope cemetery,	51 00
Julian Tuttle, hay “ Woodlawn “	5 00
Lyman Tuttle, milk from farm,	779 29
“ “ apples from farm,	143 05
“ “ hides from farm,	10 35
“ “ calves from farm,	15 00
“ “ 2 cows from farm,	60 00
“ “ wood from farm,	22 25
“ “ use of bull from farm,	2 50
“ “ labor from farm,	3 50
Otis H. Forbush, 1 cow from farm,	11 50
Cattle Commissioners, 2 cows from farm,	60 00
M. E. Taylor & Co., potatoes from farm,	13 35
Rent of Town Hall and cellar,	22 75

From Memorial Library fines,	\$14 00
Memorial Library catalogues,	21 75
W. F. Stevens, interest on taxes,	38 06
Interest on money in bank,	49 48
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	\$29,659 02

EXPENDITURES.

For support of Centre school,	\$851 98
“ North school,	393 98
“ East school,	146 50
“ South school,	950 25
“ West School,	1,088 04
“ High school,	1,642 83
School supplies,	472 38
Scientific apparatus,	98 39
Transportation of scholars,	510 00
State and military aid,	802 50
Memorial Library,	923 08
Loans and interest,	5,757 57
Street lamps,	401 72
Cemetery expenses,	358 09
Support of poor on farm,	1,618 59
Support of outside poor,	1,044 85
Repairs on buildings and grounds,	650 42
Town officers,	1,463 72
Printing,	120 63
Roads and bridges,	3,014 69
Soldiers' relief,	38 42
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,877 72
State tax,	1,050 00
County tax,	1,420 90
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	\$26,697 25
Balance due from Treasurer,	643 81
Balance due from Collector,	2,317 96
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	\$29,659 02

FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN, MARCH 12, 1898.

John A. Bowen, note,	\$1,000 00
Interest from Dec. 6, 1897, to March 12, 1898,	13 33
Frank H. Jones, note,	600 00
Interest from April 27, 1897, to March 12, 1898,	26 25
Frank H. Jones, note,	700 00
Interest from June 15, 1897, to March 12, 1898,	25 96
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	\$2,365 54
Amount due from Treasurer,	\$643 81
Amount due from Collector,	2,317 96
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	2,961 77
Less notes payable,	2,365 54
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	\$596 23
Interest due on taxes unpaid,	50 60
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Balance in favor of the town,	\$646 83

E. FAULKNER CONANT,

WILLIAM F. STEVENS,

DAVID C. HARRIS,

Selectmen of Acton.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen for the past year and find them correct.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD, Auditor of the Town of Acton.

List of Jurors.

The following is a list of persons to serve as jurors for the ensuing year, as revised by the Selectmen of Acton, to be submitted to said town at their April meeting.

A. P. Bean,	Mechanic.
Elisha H. Cutler,	Farmer.
J. W. Dupee,	"
I. Warren Flagg,	Merchant.
Hiram E. Gates,	Farmer.
G. E. Holton,	Mechanic.
Eugene Hall,	"
E. L. Hayward,	"
D. C. Harris,	Stone cutter.
Edgar H. Hall,	Manufacturer.
Lowell A. Jones,	Farmer.
Warren H. Jones,	"
John C. Keyes,	"
Hanson A. Littlefield,	Merchant.
Jerry McCarthy,	Farmer.
F. P. Morse,	"
C. H. Mead,	Merchant.
John D. Moulton,	Farmer.
Willis L. Mead,	Paint.
Thomas F. Noyes,	Farmer.
S. L. Richardson,	"
Moses A. Reed,	"
Wm. F. Stevens,	"
Henry M. Smith,	"
Horace F. Tuttle,	"
James B. Tuttle,	"

E. FAULKNER CONANT,

WM. F. STEVENS,

DAVID C. HARRIS,

Selectmen of Acton.

Treasurer's Report.

TOWN OF ACTON, IN ACCOUNT WITH J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

1897.

March 12, Cash in Treasury,	\$847 90
Received from First National Bank of Ayer, borrowed money,	3,000 00
Herbert A. Gray, borrowed money,	500 00
Town of Nantucket, for support of Susan B. Winn,	67 00
John R. Fairbairn, fines in liquor case,	100 00
Nahum Littlefield, road dust,	3 10
Charles Hunter, pool license,	2 00
Anthony I. Goding, pool license,	2 00
E. H. Woodward, pool license,	2 00
Arthur F. Blanchard, license to slaughter,	1 00
Albert Wood, license to slaughter,	1 00
C. I. Leland, tuition at Centre school,	18 00
Town of Stow, tuition at South Grammar school,	24 00
Town of Stow, tuition at High school,	20 00
Town of Boxboro, tuition at High school,	100 00
W.C.Charles,breakage of school apparatus,	77
Interest on Wilde Library fund,	232 80
State Treasurer, inspection of animals,	42 82
State Treasurer, corporation tax,	779 90
State Treasurer, national bank tax,	256 67
State Treasurer, military aid,	91 50
State Treasurer, State aid,	624 00
State Treasurer, burial of soldier,	35 00
State Treasurer, income of Mass. school fund,	281 29

From State Treasurer, supervision of schools,	\$375 00
County Treasurer, dog tax,	210 24
John Fletcher, lots sold in Woodlawn cemetery,	52 00
Levi W. Stevens, lots sold in Mount Hope cemetery,	51 00
Julian Tuttle, hay sold in Woodlawn cemetery,	5 00
Lyman Tuttle, milk sold from town farm,	779 29
Lyman Tuttle, apples	" " 143 05
Lyman Tuttle, hides	" " 10 35
Lyman Tuttle, calves	" " 15 00
Lyman Tuttle, cows	" " 60 00
Lyman Tuttle, wood	" " 22 25
Lyman Tuttle, use of bull	" 2 50
Lyman Tuttle, labor	" 3 50
Otis H. Forbush, cow	" 11 50
Cattle Commissioners, cows	" 60 00
M. E. Taylor & Co., potatoes	" 13 35
Use of Town Hall and cellar,	22 75
Memorial Library, for fines,	14 00
Memorial Library, catalogues sold,	21 75
Wm. F. Stevens, collector, taxes for '96,	1,702 37
Wm. F. Stevens, collector, taxes for '97,	16,645 87
W. F. Stevens, interest on taxes,	38 06
Interest on money in bank,	49 48
	\$27,341 06

EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax,	\$1,050 00
County tax,	1,420 90
On orders of Selectmen,	24,226 35
Cash in Treasury, March 12, 1898,	643 81
	\$27,341 06

J. K. W. WETHERBEE, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF MONEY HELD FOR CARE OF LOTS
IN CEMETERIES.

March 12, 1898.

		DR.	
To	Mary Skinner fund,		\$200 00
	Cash received for curbing sold,	3 00	
	Nancy K. Handley fund,	500 00	
	Frederick Rouillard fund,	100 00	
	William W. Davis fund,	100 00	
	Mary W. Chaffin fund,	100 00	
	Mary Severance fund,	100 00	
	Hepsabeth Piper fund,	50 00	
	Jedadiah Tuttle fund,	50 00	
	Eliza A. Whitcomb fund,	75 00	
	Cash received from town, care of lots,	86 12	
			\$1,364 12
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By	Cash paid—		
	Julian Tuttle, care of Skinner lot,	\$35 56	
	“ “ Handley lot,	24 20	
	“ “ Rouillard lot,	3 00	
	“ “ Piper lot, -	6 44	
	“ “ Tuttle lot,	4 42	
	W. W. Davis, care of Davis lot,	5 00	
	Levi W. Stevens, care Whitcomb lot,	7 50	
	Balance in Treasury,	1,278 00	
			\$1,364 12

J. K. W. WETHERBEE, Treasurer.

REPORT OF WILDE MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND.

March 12, 1898.

Dr.

To cash deposited in North End Savings Bank,	\$1,000 00	
Cash deposited in Middlesex Inst. for Savings,	1,000 00	
Cash deposited in Home Savings Bank,	1,000 00	
Cash deposited in Warren Institution for Savings,	1,000 00	
Cash deposited in Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank,	1,000 00	
Interest received on deposits,	232 80	
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By cash paid for books,	\$232 80	
Balance in Treasury,	5,000 00	
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J. K. W. WETHERBEE, Treasurer.

Auditor's Report.

I have examined the reports of the Treasurer and find them correct.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD, Auditor of the Town of Acton.

Report of Overseers of Poor.

ARTICLES ON HAND AT TOWN FARM, MARCH 1, 1898.

9 cows,	\$450 00
1 horse,	75 00
Double harnesses,	25 00
Express harnesses,	25 00
Light harnesses,	5 00
2 collars,	4 00
Horse cart,	10 00
Market wagon,	75 00
Mowing machine,	30 00
Hay wagon,	30 00
2 hay rakes,	20 00
1 wheelbarrow,	3 50
2 harrows,	8 00
15 tons hay,	225 00
Grain,	9 05
3 apple headers,	2 00
2 canvas covers,	2 50
Grind stone,	2 00
Tanning tools,	15 00
1 wrench,	75
1 blanket,	2 00
3 wood saws,	2 00
13 hens,	9 00
5 plows,	20 00
2 cultivators,	5 00
Hay cutter,	2 00
35 barrels,	5 50
7 ladders,	10 00
Set measures,	1 40
Salt,	50
Sled,	10 00
12 cords wood,	50 00

Lumber,	\$8 00	
Stone drag,	3 00	
Pung,	8 00	
Light wagon,	15 00	
25 apple boxes,	2 50	
Spray pump,	8 00	
12 bushels potatoes,	12 00	
Apples,	2 00	
2 steel traps,	75	
20 gallons soap,	5 00	
Cooking range,	22 00	
Tea and coffee,	1 00	
Crackers,	2 00	
Fruit jars,	4 00	
Coal,	1 50	
Brooms,	1 25	
Spices,	25	
Sugar,	90	
Flour,	1 50	
Pails and tubs,	2 00	
Oil and tank,	1 50	
Stove,	10 00	
Lounge,	5 00	
Butter,	2 25	
Lard,	1 00	
Washing machine,	9 00	
Molasses,	80	
Beans 45, vinegar 30,	75	
18 cans fruit,	4 50	
25 gallons paint oil,	8 75	
		<u>\$1,278 40</u>
Stock on hand March 1, 1897,		1,188 50
Receipts from farm,		1,120 79
Victualing and lodging 459 tramps,		114 75
		<u>\$2,424 04</u>
Expenditures,	\$1,618 59	
Interest on farm \$3,500 at 5 per cent.,	175 00	
Stock on hand March 1, 1898,	1,278 40	
		<u>\$3,071 99</u>
Cost of supporting poor on farm,		647 95

LYMAN TUTTLE,

EDWIN C. PARKER,

MOSES F. REED,

Overseers of Poor.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

Acton Memorial Library.

1897-'98.

LUTHER CONANT, *Pres.*, WILLIAM D. TUTTLE, *Secy.*.

MOSES TAYLOR, ADELBERT MEAD, DANIEL J. WETHERBEE,

DELETTE H. HALL,

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD, CHAS. J. WILLIAMS, L. A. HESSELTON.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
OF
ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

In accordance with custom the Trustees of the Acton Memorial Library submit their eighth annual report. The leading matter of interest in the history of the institution the past year has been the preparation and publication of a new catalogue, in which the volumes are classified as regards the subjects and in which each volume is entered twice, first by title and second by author's name.

The Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Mr. William D. Tuttle, had general charge of the business arrangements and preparation of the new catalogue, and gave liberally of time and labor to the undertaking. He was assisted by Mr. Arthur Davis, Rev. F. P. Wood, Mrs. Lyman Tuttle, Miss Viola S. Tuttle and Mrs. Frank Fiske. These assistants performed their duties entirely to the satisfaction of the trustees and received a vote of thanks from them, duly entered on the records, in addition to the very moderate compensation arranged for their services.

Six hundred copies were printed at a total cost of \$267.28. The trustees fixed the price to be paid per copy at the small sum of twenty-five cents in the hope that no family in town would be deterred from obtaining one by reason of the expense. It will be remembered that the condition of the acceptance of the endowment fund of \$5,000, presented by Mr. Wm. A. Wilde, by the town was that the town should annually grant the sum of \$200 to be expended in the purchase of new books. Mr. Wilde kindly consented that one half of this sum (\$100) might be used in part payment of the cost of the new catalogue.

Should comparison be made with the librarian's report the last year, it should be remembered that for six months of this year no catalogue was available, and that books could only be selected

by reference to the bulletin sheets giving a part of the volumes in the library, and a portion of the time only to the books as re-arranged on the shelves.

In the collection of books which are seldom called for, some of the sets are catalogued as one volume, so that the whole number of volumes in the library is somewhat in excess of the number given by the librarian.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Total number of volumes in library,	6,249
Added by purchase the past year,	319
Added by gift,	45
Total added,	364
Total number of persons who have taken out cards.	1,319
Fines,	\$14.00
Number of books taken out during the year,	7,055
Largest daily use,	Feb. 26, 1898, 201 volumes
Smallest daily use.	Feb. 16, 1898, 18 volumes
Visitors registered during the year,	352

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

Mr. Moses Taylor has placed in the library a very valuable relic — an old musket carried by his grandfather, Capt. Silas Taylor, in the battle of Bennington.

Donation of books: Mrs. Lydian E. Whitcomb, West Acton, 5; state, 9; Social library, 3; United States government, 14; McCormick Co., 1; O. B. Brown, Malden, 1; Mrs. M. E. A. Williams, 1; Prof. Geo. A. Barton, Boston, 1; J. F. Adams, Boston, 1; town of Sudbury, 1; town of Littleton, 1; W. F. Adams Co., Springfield, 1; R. C. Winthrop, Jr., Boston, 1; Franklin S. Pratt and Chas. H. Pratt, Boston, 1; town of Ayer, 1; Luther Conant, 1; Mrs. Luther Conant, 1.

Periodicals donated for the reading room: "Child's Hour," "Our Sunday Afternoon," W. A. Wilde; "Our Paper," Mass. Reformatory; "Congressional Record," Chas. J. Williams; "Our

Dumb Animals," Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; "Spirit of '76," Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Magazines same as last year with the addition of "The Bookman" and "Scientific American."

VIOLA S. TUTTLE, *Librarian.*

The requirement of the School Committee that a certain number of books of an instructive character should be read each year, such as standard works of literature, history, travel and biography, seems to be very generally complied with by the pupils of the schools. The result has been an increased demand for this class of books, which cannot but be to the advantage of our youthful readers. The Board of Trustees recommend the same appropriation as last year (\$400) for current expenses of the library, and the same (\$200) for the purchase of new books.

LUTHER CONANT for the Trustees.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

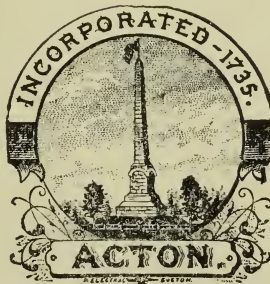
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF ACTON, MASS.,

FOR

SCHOOL YEAR 1897-98.



HUDSON, MASS. :
THE ENTERPRISE PRINTING COMPANY,
1898.

Report of the School Committee.

To the Citizens of Acton :

We respectfully submit to you our annual report, in which is embodied that of the Superintendent of Schools, to which position Mr. Edward Dixon was again chosen by the District Committee in April, 1897. Mr. Dixon's services to the schools, and assistance to the Committee have been, as in preceding years, of the highest value.

The consolidation of the East school with those at the center of the town has proved, as it was believed that it would do, of very decided benefit to the pupils from East Acton. The advantages afforded by schools having even so many as four grades over those having seven or eight are very great, and it is hoped that the time has come when the people of North Acton and of the town so clearly recognize the fact that provision will be made that will permit the consolidation of the North school also with those at the Center.

It may be stated here that the consolidations thus far effected have resulted in a reduction in the cost of maintenance of about \$200 per annum.

Improved methods of heating the school building at Acton Center should be adopted. The rooms are not and cannot be properly heated by means of stoves, and the halls and stairways are necessarily not heated at all. We respectfully request that the Committee be provided with the means requisite to effect this improvement, and that the sum of \$275 be appropriated therefor.

For reasons which your Committee regarded as urgent and imperative, an intermediate school was established at West Acton at the beginning of the winter term. That the step was a judicious one is attested by the present condition of these schools. They are all doing good work and are in a very satisfactory state. The several grades are distributed among them as follows: Primary school, grades I, II and III; Intermediate, IV, V and VI; Grammar, VII and VIII.

The great number of pupils in the Primary school at South Acton, seconded by an urgent and unanimous appeal from the parents of the pupils attending this school, compelled the appointment of an assistant teacher in January of this year.

An Intermediate school should be established in South Acton, thereby permitting a reduction in the number of grades in the several rooms of the common schools, but no action in this direction can well be taken until the necessary accommodations shall have been provided.

Your attention is again requested to the need of better accommodations for the High school and for the common schools in South Acton. In the report of the School Committee for 1886, written by the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. C. L. Roades, there appears this paragraph: "In the schools at the West the average attendance has been 66, while that at the South has been 62. These school rooms are crowded; more room is needed. The classes are too large and difficult to teach the few minutes the teacher has for each when all the classes must be heard. An Intermediate school is recommended for each of these districts, and in the opinion of the Committee and Superintendent needed for the best interests of these schools."

In the report for 1887 the Committee say: "And it is now, as it was last year, urged upon the town by its School Committee, that it take speedy action to provide for the necessity now before us. The South Primary school, with its membership of 52, and the West, with its membership of 46, would have presented difficulties that your Committee could not have answered for had not sickness taken many from their desks and given room for others."

In later years this matter has at intervals been presented for your consideration.

In their report for 1895, the School Committee recommended the enlargement of the school building at South Acton for the better accommodation of the High and common schools, and that the Board of Selectmen be appointed a committee to consider the subject and report thereon. At the annual meeting in that year the committee was appointed and instructed agreeably to this request. At the annual meeting in the succeeding year, 1896, the committee of the Board of Selectmen requested an ex-

tension of time, and that the School Committee might be joined to it. Both requests were complied with, and the town thereupon instructed this committee to procure plans and estimates of cost of the proposed addition to the school building at South Acton, and to present them to the town at an early date.

Acting under these instructions, the committee procured plans for an addition to the South school building, which in their judgment provided for the needs of the High school and for those of the common schools at South Acton for a term of years, and at a cost well within the resources of the town.

The committee reported at the special meeting in June, 1896, in favor of the purchase of a tract of land of about one and one quarter acres in the rear of the school building, and of the erection of an addition to the latter, which should provide upon the lower floor accommodations for an Intermediate school and upon the upper floor recitation rooms and a laboratory for the use of the High school. The price of the land was \$600, and the cost of the addition to the building was estimated by Mr. John S. Hoar, of West Acton, who drew the plans, at \$2,250.

The report was laid upon the table.

It was the opinion of your Committee then, and it is now, that the plan then submitted was a good and feasible one. That under it all needed accommodations for the High school and for the common schools at South Acton, for at least the next ten or twenty years, would be provided for (the growth of the town remaining normal) and that it is deserving of your further and serious consideration.

A generation of pupils has entered and left your schools since your attention was first invited to this subject, twelve years ago. It may fairly be assumed that definite and favorable action upon it will presently be taken.

At the beginning of the school year the study of music was made a part of the course in all the schools. Work in this branch of study would be greatly facilitated by the employment of a special teacher of music, who would be able to afford much valuable assistance to teachers as well as pupils. Such teachers are employed for one day, or one-half day, in each week in neighboring towns—Littleton, Westford, Shirley and Harvard—

and we recommend an appropriation of \$150 to enable us to procure the services of such an instructor.

As there is apparently, in some cases, a misconception of the purpose intended to be served by the monthly report books with which the pupils of the public schools are provided, the following statement is here made :

All pupils of the public schools above grade II are furnished with report books. In this book, at the end of each month, is written by the teacher a clear and concise statement of the standing of the pupil, both in scholarship and deportment. This statement is intended for the information of the parent, and to enable him to intelligently assist the teacher in the development of his child. With exceedingly rare exceptions these reports are most conscientiously made by the teacher, and when errors occur they are almost uniformly in favor of the pupil. The signature of the parent in these report books is simply an assurance to the teacher that the report has been duly delivered to him by the pupil—it is, in fact, a receipt for the report and nothing more.

The standing rules of the School Committee are here printed for the information of the public :

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

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

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

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

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

The appropriation of \$100 for the purchase of apparatus and books of reference for the High school has been expended as follows: Apparatus and chemicals, \$67.24; books of reference, \$28.58. We recommend the appropriation of \$100 for this purpose for the current year.

The sum of \$375 has been received from the Commonwealth on account of salary of Superintendent of Schools.

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

SUMMARY OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES ON
ACCOUNT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR 1897-98.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation for common schools,	\$2,840 00
“ “ High school,	1,600 00
“ “ school supplies,	475 00
“ “ transportation S. E. pupils,	270 00
“ “ “ E. “	240 00
“ “ apparatus and books for High school,	100 00
“ “ salary of Superintendent,	465 00
Received from Massachusetts school fund,	281 29
“ “ dog licenses,	210 24
“ “ tuition in High school,	120 00
“ “ “ common schools,	42 00
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	\$6,643 53

EXPENDITURES.

For common schools,	\$3,430 75
High school,	1,642 83
school supplies,	472 38
transportation S. E. pupils,	270 00
“ E. “	240 00
apparatus and books for High school,	97 62
salary of Superintendent of Schools,	465 00
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	\$6,618 58

ESTIMATES FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE
YEAR 1898-1899.

For common schools,	\$3,400 00
High school,	1,600 00
school supplies,	475 00
transportation S. E. pupils,	270 00
“ E. “	360 00
apparatus and books for High school,	100 00
salary Superintendent of Schools,	465 00
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	\$6,670 00

For the School Committee.

CHARLES J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

Superintendent's Report.

School Committee of Acton :

GENTLEMEN—The following report of the condition and the needs of the schools is respectfully submitted.

This is the sixth annual report which it has been my privilege to make to your committee, and through you to the people of Acton.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Number of children in town, May 1, 1897, between 5 and 15 years of age,	260
Number of children in town, May 1, 1897, between 8 and 14 years of age,	166
Whole number of pupils enrolled in all the schools,	333
Number of pupils enrolled between 8 and 14 years of age,	197
Number of pupils enrolled over 15 years of age,	39
Average membership of all the schools,	275.36
Average attendance of all the schools,	259.6
Per cent. of attendance of all the schools,	94
Expense per pupil a year, based on average attendance, but not including cost of text books,	\$18 10
Number of public schools,	9
Number of teachers required,	11
Number of different teachers employed during year,	13
Average wages a month of female teachers,	\$39 58
Aggregate of months schools have kept,	78.
Valuation of town (census 1895),	\$1,530,970 00
Valuation of school houses and lots,	\$20,000 00
Population of town (census 1895),	1,978
Rate of Taxation,	\$11 50
Number of families in town (census 1895),	529

The number of children in town, between five and fifteen years of age, is fifteen more; the number of pupils enrolled, one less; the average, membership, twelve more, and the average attendance, ten more than last year.

The different schools, with the exception of the West Acton Grammar and Intermediate schools, have been instructed by the same teachers throughout the year. That we have been fortunate enough to retain so many good teachers during this time, and some for even a much longer period, is cause for congratulation. It is always a decided advantage to a school to continue as its instructor a good teacher during the year, and longer, whenever possible; and conversely, it is an unquestionable disadvantage to a school, as well as annoying to the school officials, to have a change of teachers several times in the course of the year.

At the beginning of the winter term an Intermediate school was opened at West Acton. A school of this kind had long been needed there, and its advantages will be plainly apparent to any one who will investigate the instruction given in the schools. Previous to the opening of this school each teacher at West Acton instructed four grades. The Grammar school teacher had charge of forty pupils, in grades V, VI, VII, VIII. The studies required to be taught in this school are reading, arithmetic, language—including grammar, geography, history, spelling, writing, drawing, vocal music, and physiology and hygiene—ten studies in all. The four last named may be combined, so as to take the time of two studies only. By making the combinations indicated the number of studies a day would be reduced to eight for each class, making thirty recitations in all. Consequently the teacher could give not quite eleven minutes to each of these classes, which averaged ten pupils apiece, not allowing any time for calling and dismissing classes, for individual work, nature study and general exercise. A teacher may *hear* this number of classes a day, as teachers did in the old-time school, but she cannot *teach* them in accordance with the requirements of the times. The Grammar school has been in a demoralized condition for over a year, because the right kind of insistence for putting an end to the disorder seemed to be lacking, and the pupils had fallen below grade. A decided change in the administration of school affairs at West Acton was thus rendered necessary in order to maintain discipline and to bring the pupils up to grade in their studies. The opening of an Intermediate school seemed the most feasible solution of the difficulties with

which the school committee were confronted, and the results which followed this action of the Board demonstrated the wisdom of adopting this plan to restore order and secure proper instruction. As soon as this school was established discipline was more easily maintained, recitation periods were lengthened, more individual work was made possible, and greater attention was paid to the enrichment of the school course. A change in the Grammar school for the better was immediately perceptible, and a similar alteration was noticeable in the conduct of the Grammar school pupils who attended the Intermediate school. It was hard to realize that the orderly, industrious pupils of the Intermediate and Grammar schools were the disorderly, indolent pupils formerly of the Grammar school before Miss Burke assumed charge of it. There are now and then violations of good order by individual pupils, such as happen in all schools, but, collectively, the pupils' behavior in school and their inclination to do good work is exceedingly gratifying.

The superior schooling advantages which the third school gives West Acton pupils over those enjoyed in the other villages should induce the town to extend similar advantages to the pupils of South Acton, where they are needed certainly as much as at West Acton, and also to Acton Centre pupils. The constant enrichment of the school course makes the work of the teachers harder and harder; and when they are urged to carry out all the work which the course calls for, they contend that with four grades in a school the desired work is impracticable; and yet if our pupils are to enjoy similar school privileges to those afforded the pupils of most other towns, the work which the course calls for should be fully accomplished. To do this work Intermediate schools in the villages named are positively necessary.

The consolidation of the East Acton school with the Centre schools has proved of great advantage to the East Acton pupils. When they attended school in their own district there was ever present with them a tendency to insubordination, which seemed to have its foundation in the idea that parental influence was paramount in all school matters pertaining to their district, and would sustain them in doing about as they pleased, regardless of the rights and wishes of the teacher. It is an exceedingly disagreeable spirit for any teacher to contend against, but it prevails

in out-lying districts generally, and is quite well developed at North Acton. It not only makes it more difficult for the teacher to maintain good discipline, but renders rapid progress in school work an impossibility. Since, however, the East Acton pupils have attended the Centre schools this disagreeable spirit, for which I do not think the children are to blame, has entirely disappeared, and they apply themselves to study very industriously and conduct themselves in an exemplary manner. Consequently their advance in the different studies has been quite rapid for two terms.

I have no doubt that the same advantages would accrue to the North Acton pupils, and that similar good results would follow from their instruction should they be transported from their own district to the Centre schools, especially if an Intermediate school was opened there in charge of Miss Miller.

Our High school is not approved by the State Board of Education, because the number of teachers employed for its management is insufficient to meet the required standard. I most earnestly urge the town to add the third teacher to the teaching force and to equip the school with a suitable laboratory and all needful apparatus for modern work. There is a bill before the legislature in some stage, which, if enacted, will *oblige* the town to maintain a High school which meets the approval of the State Board of Education or make it liable for the tuition of Acton pupils who may attend an improved High school elsewhere.

At the beginning of the winter term Miss Greenwood was engaged to assist Miss Keniston in the South Acton Primary school. This school, at the end of the fall term, had an average membership of over fifty pupils. The large number of pupils, and consequently the numerous classes, over forty, which a school of four grades makes necessary, rendered the service of an assistant indispensable, if the interests of the pupils were to receive due consideration. The attempt to have modern work under old fashioned conditions makes the highest success in our schools unattainable. We must improve the conditions or practically limit our pupils to the kind of education advocated by the Mayor of New York.

Report books, showing the progress of pupils in their studies, are sent to parents monthly, in order that they may be kept in-

formed regarding the work of their children. Sometimes parents return these report books unsigned because the marks are not high enough to suit them. Occasionally one is accompanied with a letter expressing the disapproval of a report, and containing the parent's refusal to sign for this reason. Now the teacher, as expected by the school officials to do, will send a report which represents the truth of each pupil's proficiency in the different studies which he pursues, and all good citizens will sustain her in doing this, her unquestionable duty. A teacher who should send to a parent an untruthful report, simply to please or flatter him, would be unfit to have charge of children; and the parent who seeks to influence a teacher to make a wrong report is thoughtless, to say the least.

We have this year, among other things, broadened our work in English by making literature a part of the work of each grade. This work is pursued in three lines. First, by the pupils' reading books of good authors in school and at home; secondly, by the teacher reading some good book to the school; thirdly, by pupils memorizing some of the best poems. Oral and written exercises on books and authors studied are required in connection with this work. In pursuing the three lines of work mentioned pupils have models of good English constantly before them. Thus their interest in good reading is aroused, their thought stimulated, their acquaintance with the works of our best authors extended, their memory stored with things worth knowing, and their taste for good literature cultivated. To facilitate this work I have prepared a long list of good books for pupils to read, a list of poems to be memorized in each grade, and a list of books for teachers to read to their schools. Each teacher has been supplied with these lists, and if space permitted they would be printed in this report. This work should be enlarged upon this year, and to carry out what is desired the teachers' desks should be supplied with copies of the works of various authors and the supplementary reading list for pupils receive many additions. So far as the appropriation for text books and supplies will permit, these books should be supplied to the schools.

Walsh's Intermediate Arithmetic has displaced Wentworth's in grades V, VI, and VII. This book completes the introduction

of the Walsh series of Arithmetics into our schools. If arithmetic is taught according to the plan of these books pupils will get a more practical knowledge of the processes of arithmetic and a greater facility in the use of numbers than was obtained from the arithmetic formerly used.

Vocal music has been adopted as a study, and introduced into our schools as such this year. We are exceptionally fortunate in having regular teachers who can teach this study well. An excellent beginning has been made by them this year, especially when the number of classes each teacher has is taken into consideration.

This is the sixth successive year that I have had the honor of serving as your superintendent of schools, and there is strong probability that it will be my last in this capacity. In closing this part of my report I wish to publish my high regard for your very efficient school committee, whose sole aim in their official capacity is to secure the highest good of the schools under their care, but whose valuable services in behalf of the educational interests of the town, are, as very apt to be the case, too little appreciated. My relations with the school committee have been of the most cordial kind, and nothing has occurred to mar the harmony of action with which we have striven to promote the welfare of the schools. In my work I have been especially indebted to the efficient chairman of the committee, Mr. Williams, for valuable counsel and helpful assistance. I wish also to record my high appreciation of the kindly feelings of the teachers toward me. My relations with them have, in general, been highly agreeable, and their co-operation with me in my work, with hardly an exception, I have always found active, loyal and invigorating. True, it has been my unpleasant duty since I have been your superintendent to call for the resignation of several teachers who were doing unsatisfactory work. I have never attempted to shirk this duty when it was deemed advisable to take such a course, nor have I ever seen the time when I felt that an apology was due a teacher or anybody else from me for performing this unpleasant duty. In each case it was done after due deliberation and consultation with the school committee, and entirely in the interests of the good of the schools, for whose management the school officials are held responsible. I

desire also to thank the people of Acton for the many courtesies which I have received from them. My intercourse with them has been of the most pleasant kind. I have always been met in a friendly, cordial manner, and I shall cherish forever many of the friendships which I have formed in this town.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD DIXON,

Superintendent of Schools.

A Table of Annual Statistics.

	High.	South Grammar.	South Primary.	W. Grammar.	W. Intermediate.	W. Primary.	Centre Grammar.	Centre Primary.	North School.	East School.
Teachers' Salary, {	\$1,000	\$360	\$360	\$360	\$120	\$360	\$360	\$360	\$360	\$120
	450		84							
Enrollment,	55	38	65	37	2	48	25	32	31	Totals
Average Membership,	49.04	34.67	47.	30.52	15.34	30.52	18.32	26.8	23.65	323
Average Attendance,	47.07	33.2	42.9	29.1	14.12	29.1	17.21	25.8	21.1	275.36
Per ct. of Attendance,	95	96	91	95	91	95	94	95	89	259.6
Number between 8 and										94
14 years of age,	18	38	17	32	2	22	24	25	19	197
Number over 15 years										
of age,	37	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	39
No. of boys enrolled,	21	20	39	18	2	19	13	12	18	162
No. of girls enrolled,	34	18	26	19	0	29	12	20	13	171
Expense per pupil, based on membership,*	\$34.61	\$12.81	\$11.23	\$14.00		\$14.00	\$22.68	\$15.50	\$14.70	
Janitor's Salary,	\$180.00			\$37.00			\$76.00		\$54.00	
Cost of Fuel,	156.85			67.32			36.32		33.71	

* Cost of text books not included.

Number and Average Age of Pupils by Grades, September 1, 1897.

SCHOOL.	NUMBER BELONGING.								AVERAGE AGE.							
	1st yr. 17. 2d yr. 16. 3d yr. 13. 4th yr. 4.								1st yr. 13y. 6m. 2d yr. 14y. 4m. 3d yr. 15y. 2m. 4th yr. 16y. 7m.							
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
GRADES.																
S. Grammar.	18	12	7	11	8	10	8	10	7	—	9	6	10	7	11	9
S. Primary.																
W. Grammar.	9	10	6	7	11	10	9	7	5	4	6	3	10	2	10	11
W. Primary.																
C. Grammar.	7	8	7	10	6	9	5	1	6	—	8	5	12	5	10	12
C. Primary.	6	3	6	5	5	—	—	5	7	5	8	6	9	11	3	—
N. School.																
	40	34	26	33	30	29	22	23								

The following is the law regarding the employment of female assistants:

Chapter 44, Sec. 14.—In every public school having an average of fifty scholars, the school district or town to which such school belongs, shall employ one or more female assistants, unless such district or town votes to dispense with such assistant.

Tabular Statement.

TEACHERS.	TERM.	SCHOOLS.	Wages of Teachers a month.									
			Whole Number of Pupils.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Tardy Marks.	Dismissals.	Time lost by Tardiness and Dismissals, in hours.	Number of Pupils neither Absent nor Tardy.		
W. A. Charles, M. Florence Fletcher.	Spring	High,	\$111.11	52	49.7	47.1	95	58	35	64	6	
	Fall		52	50.08	48.75	95	24	31	49	22		
Hattie L. Tuttle.	Spring	South Grammar,	40.00	34	32.8	31.7	97	65	14	25	12	
	Fall		36	34.72	33.62	97	81	17	39	8		
Lilla Keniston, Helen E. Greenwood.	Spring	South Primary,	40.00	37	36.5	34.24	94	57	18	26	6	
	Fall		48	44.5	40.9	91	55	4	10	4		
Lina B. Taylor, Lina B. Taylor, and Mary R. Burke, } Mary R. Burke, } Alzora Jacobs,	Spring	West Grammar,	40.00	49	48.5	46.3	95	27	10	8	11	
	Fall		28.00	54	48.	41.5	96	17	60	6	3	
Harriet H. Gardner,	Spring	West Intermediate,	40.00	35	33.	31.8	96	32	32	18	2	
	Fall		40.00	20	19.3	18.2	94	26	14	30	3	
Helene J. Sloan,	Spring	Center Grammar,	40.00	27	25.82	24.17	93	25	14	12	2	
	Fall		42	40.2	38.4	96	15	8	9	5		
Florence N. Day,	Spring	Center Primary,	40.00	32	30.46	29.49	96	19	11	13	8	
	Fall		26	24.02	21.64	90	21	13	13	0		
Rose Standish,	Spring	East,	40.00	15	14.8	13.8	97	1	17	22	8	
	Fall		21	19.91	19.3	97	11	1	11	11		
Ella L. Miller,	Spring	North,	40.00	21	20.26	18.54	89	1	12	16	4	
	Fall		19	18.	17.7	98	8	2	6	5		
	Spring		40.00	32	31.4	30.6	97	12	4	5	12	
	Fall		32	31.	29.	93	9	5	5	2		
	Spring		40.00	21	20.2	18.2	96	7	3	2	2	
	Fall		32.00	22	20.6	19.2	92	4	14	15	6	
	Spring		40.00	31	26.37	23.88	89	16	34	32	4	
	Fall		40.00	28	23.97	20.23	84	21	44	50	0	

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LIST OF TEXT BOOKS.

HIGH SCHOOL.

English.—Whitney and Lockwood's Grammar; Lockwood's Lessons in English; Swinton's English Literature; Landmarks of English Literature, Nicoll.

Shakespeare—Julius Caesar, Merchant of Venice, Hamlet.

Hawthorne.—Tales of the White Hills.

Longfellow.—Evangeline.

Franklin.—Poor Richard's Almanack.

Irving.—Sketch Book.

French.—Reader, Grammar, Keetel; Colomba, La Debacle, L'Abbe Constatin, Mlle. De La Seyliere.

Latin.—Beginner's Book, Collar and Daniel; Grammar, Harkness; Gate to Caesar, Collar; Caesar, Allen and Greenough.

History.—English, Montgomery; General, Myers; Greece, Barnes; Rome, Barnes.

Mathematics.—Arithmetic, Wentworth and Hill; Algebra, Wentworth; Plane and Solid Geometry, Wentworth.

Science.—Physics, Gage; Chemistry, Shepard; Botany, "How Plants Grow," Gray; Physiology, Lincoln; Geology, Dana; "Geological Excursions," Winchell; Civil Government, Martin; Astronomy, Sharpless and Phillips; Political Economy, Jevons; Book-keeping, Meservey; Physical Geography, Monteith; Zoology, Montmahon and Beauregard; Music, Normal Course.

OTHER SCHOOLS.

Readers, Davis; Arithmetics, Walsh, Prince, Colburn; Geographies, Barnes; Language, Metcalf; Grammar, Whitney and Lockwood; Histories, Montgomery; Speller, Harrington; Physiology and Hygiene, Smith; Music, Normal Course; Writing, Miss Hill's Educational; Drawing, State Course.

SUPPLEMENTARY READING LIST.

Grade I.—Fables and Rhymes; Cyr's Primer and First Reader.

Grade II.—Æsop's Fables, Vols. I and II; Heart of Oak Books, Book I; In Mythlaud; Riverside Primer.

Grade III.—Verse and Prose; Introduction to Leaves from Nature's Story Book; Fables and Folk Stories.

Grade IV.—Alice's Adventures in Wonderland; Through the Looking Glass; Heart of Oak Books, Book II.

Grade V.—Water Babies; Boston Tea Party; Heart of Oak Books, Book III; Pratt's History Stories, Vols. I, II, III.

Grade VI.—Book of Stories; Montgomery's Beginner's History; Robinson Crusoe; Little Nell; Stories of Australasia.

Grade VII.—Franklin's Autobiography; King's Second Geographical Reader; Glimpses of Europe; Sketches of the Orient; Old Ocean.

Grade VIII.—Two Great Retreats; Stories of Massachusetts; King's Third Book; The Spy; Rob Roy; The American Tropics.

High School.

Eleventh graduating exercises of the Acton High School, class of '97, at Town Hall, Thursday evening, June 17th.

GRADUATES.

Classical Course.

Roscoe Hosmer Knowlton,	Howard Lewis Jones,
Samuel Elmore Miller,	Mabel Verne Parker,
Alice Maybell Teele,	Nellie Maria Scanlon,
Alice Preston Willard.	

English Course.

George Morton Guilford,	Edgar Clinton Hoit,
George William Holbrook,	Grace Alice Hayward,
Carrie Amelia Littlefield,	Sheldon Ellsworth Littlefield,
William M. Pierce,	Eva Sawyer,
Luther Warren Piper.	

PROGRAMME.

1—Prayer,	Orchestra
2—Song,	Rev. F. P. Wood
3—Conferring of Diplomas,	Quartette
4—Song,	Supt. Edward Dixon
5—Address,	Quartette
6—Selection,	Hon. Wm. A. Wilde
	Orchestra

Department of School Supplies.

To the School Committee :

The annual report of the expenses of this department is respectfully submitted.

GINN & Co.

March 23.	1 P. and S. geom.,	\$1 25			
	4 Plane geom.,	3 00			
		\$4 25			
	Less 1-6,	71		\$3 54	
May 8.	170 Prince arith.,	33 20			
	Less 1-6,	5 53		27 67	
Sept. 9.	5 Prince arith.,	83		83	
Oct. 23.	15 Prince arith.,	2 50		2 50	\$34 54

SILVER, BURDETT & Co.

March 23.	15 Sys. experiment blanks,	\$3 75			
	Less 1-6,	62		\$3 13	
May 21.	3 No. 1 music charts,	30 00			
	1 No. 2 music chart,	10 00			
	75 1st music readers,	24 00			
	25 2d music readers,	15 00			
		79 00			
	Less 1-6,	13 16		65 8	
	7 C pitch pipes,	1 75		1 75	
May 28.	50 1st music readers,	16 00			
	Less 1-6,	2 66		13 34	
Dec. 7.	2 C pitch pipes & postage,	32		32	\$84 38

J. L. HAMMETT Co.

March 25.	2 doz. color books,	\$ 96	
	150 sheets bot. drying paper,	1 50	
	40 lbs. arith. paper,	1 20	
	200 spelling blanks,	2 00	
	1 doz. mucilage,	60	6 26
March 30.	6 Leaves from Natures Story Book,	1 62	
	6 In Mythland,	1 62	
	4 Robinson Crusoe,	1 44	
	4 Stories of Australasia,	1 44	
	4 Stories of Massachusetts,	2 16	8 28
April 10.	Mounting congres'al map,	2 50	2 50
April 8.	1 doz. Zulu ink,	3 00	3 00
April 20.	100 spelling blanks,	1 00	1 00
May 6.	5 clay bricks,	1 00	
	6 boxes primary pencils,	1 20	
	161 sheets assorted colors,	5 04	7 24
May 11.	1 gr.No. 799 colored pencils,	3 50	
	10 gr. J. L. H. pencils,	7 50	
	6 gr. Eagle pens, No. 3,	2 40	
	15 rms.No.27 letter paper,	10 50	
	302 lbs. arith. paper, 5x8,	9 06	
	100 com. bill pads,	4 00	
	3 qr. No.2,J.L.H. drawing pencils,	6 75	
	12 rms. 9x12 draw'g paper,	3 60	
	2 doz. Earle's ink,	8 50	
	200 No. 140 blank books,	8 00	
	4 doz. mucilage,	2 80	
	6 "Number builder,"	58	
	50 boxes crayons,	3 00	
	10 rms. 6x9 00 draw. paper,	4 00	
	3 doz. B. B. erasers,	1 80	
	12 pkgs. sand paper discs,	1 80	
	3 cabinets wts. & meas.,	22 50	
	10 bx. No. 102 col'd sticks,	2 00	
	5 bx.No.470 Hallman's bds.,	1 60	

May 11.	10 rms. paper,	\$5 50	
	2 lbs. No. 120 erasers,	1 40	
	35 lbs. wrapping paper,	1 75	
	33 sheets No. 4 paper,	1 00	
	1 Knobel's mosquitoes, etc.	45	
	4 Frye's gram. school geog.,	4 17	
	1 Facts I Ought to Know,	68	
	4 C. & S. lang.lessons pt. 1,	1 26	
	4 Sheldon's " "	1 44	121 54
May 18.	5 gr. No. 787 col'd pencils,	10 00	
	19 gr. Eagle pens, No. 3,	7 60	7 60
May 21.	3 gr. J.L.H. pens,	1 08	1 08
Sept. 21.	1 doz blank books,	1 80	1 80
Aug. 23.	200 report books,	3 40	3 40
Nov. 3.	10 rms. paper,	5 50	
	2 inkstands,	50	
	12 sheets copying paper,	50	
		6 50	
	Credit 4 reams paper re-		
	turned, \$2.20		
	Credit freight from No.		
	Acton,	25 2 45	4 05
Nov. 23.	1 Webster In'l Dectionary,	8 50	
	1 Gem pencil sharpener,	3 00	11 50
Dec. 3.	1 doz. profile maps, N.E.,	33	
	1 A.B.C. hand book gymnstes,	68	1 01
Nov. 8.	12 gr. Eagle pens,	5 40	
	Credit 11 gr.Eagle pens ret.,	4 40	1 00
Jan. 10.	5 rms. paper	2 75	
	1 gr. No. 611 pen holders,	72	
	1 lb. No. 120 rubber erasers,	70	
	1 record book,	25	4 42
Jan. 22.	1 Gem pencil sharpener,	3 00	3 00
Jan. 25.	Repairing pencil sharpeners		
	and express,	40	40
Jan. 12.	1000 envelopes,	75	75
Feb. 12.	1 lb. rubber erasers No. 120,	65	65
			200 48

D. C. HEATH & Co.

March 29.	6 Heart of Oak books,	\$2 25	\$2 25	
May 14.	4 Hyde language lessons,	1 40		
	Less 1-6	23	1 17	
May 8.	35 Heart of Oak, No. 2,			
	old edition,	7 70	7 70	
May 27.	Segliere,	5 10		
	Less 1-6,	85	4 25	
May 8.	70 Walsh elem, arith.,	15 40		
	90 Walsh inter. arith.,	23 40		
		38 80		
	Less 10 per cent.,	3 88	34 92	\$50 29

AMERICAN BOOK Co.

May 1.	6 Webster's pri. dict.,	\$2 88		
	Less 1-6,	57	\$2 31	
May 8.	120 Metcalf elem. Eng.,	48 00		
	5 Metcalf grammars,	3 00		
	1 Brooks English lit.,	35		
		51 35		
	Less 20 per cent.,	10 27		
		41 08		
	Credit by old books,	10 56	30 52	
Sept. 10.	10 H. & M. Virgils,	12 50		
	15 Barnes large geog.,	18 75		
		31 25		
	Less 20 per cent.,	6 25	25 00	57 83

HOUGHTON, MIFFLIN & Co

March 29.	10 Fables & Folk Stories,	\$3 40	\$3 40	
May 3.	6 Colburn's arith.,	1 79	1 79	
Nov. 1.	18 "	5 36	5 36	\$10 55

LEACH, SHEWELL & SANBORN.

May 1.	6 doz. copy books No. 2,	\$6 00		
6	“ “ “ 3,	6 00		
		<u>12 00</u>		
	Less 1-6,	2 00	\$10 00	
March 23.	Bal. due on ex. of books,	93	93	
Sept. 16.	5 doz. copy books,	5 00		
	Less 1-5,	1 00	4 00	\$14 93
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J. R. WALES.

April 15.	Rebinding 3 dictionaries,	\$6 00	\$6 00	\$6 00
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M. E. TAYLOR & Co.

March 8.	Twine,	\$ 33	\$ 33	\$ 33
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M. C. REED.

March 8.	Express charges,	\$4 75	\$4 75	\$4 75
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CHARLES L. BRADFORD.

March 8.	Express charges,	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30
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A. L. NOYES.

March 8.	Express charges,	\$8 00	\$8 00	\$8 00
				<u>\$472 38</u>

Supplies in supply room are valued at \$100 00

CHARLES J. WILLIAMS, Purchasing Agent.

Town Warrant

For Annual Meeting, April 4, 1898.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, MIDDLESEX, SS.

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

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall in said town, on Monday, the fourth day of April, A. D., 1898, at 9 o'clock A.M., then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper, viz:

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

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

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

ART. 4. To see if the town will maintain street lamps the present year or act anything thereon.

ART. 5. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the town if necessary in anticipation of the taxes the current year.

ART. 6. To hear and act upon the report of any committee chosen to report at this meeting.

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

ART. 8. To see if the town will appropriate \$275 for the purchase of suitable heating apparatus for the Centre school building.

ART. 9. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the due observance of Memorial Day.

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

ART. 11. To see what action the town will take in regard to its School Committee.

ART. 12. To see if the town will straighten, widen and grade the road leading from near the house of F. D. K. Hoar in West Acton to the South Acton road or act anything thereon.

ART. 13. To see if the town will buy a road roller.

ART. 14. To see what action the town will take in reference to the collecting of its taxes the present year.

ART. 15. To vote Yes or No in answer to the question, shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in town the present year?

ART. 16. To see if the town will revoke the vote whereby they accepted the provisions of chapter 158 of the statutes of the year 1871, and sections 74, 75 and 76 of chapter 27 of the public statutes in reference to Road Commissioners.

ART. 17. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of schools the present year or act anything thereon.

ART. 18. To see what amount of money the town will raise for school supplies the present year.

ART. 19. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor law.

ART. 20. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the repair of roads and bridges the present year.

ART. 21. To see if the town will build a cistern in West Acton or act anything thereon.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to build the Cash road (so called) as laid out by the County Commissioners or act anything thereon.

ART. 23. To see if the town will instruct the Cemetery Committee to dig a well in Mt. Hope Cemetery or act anything thereon.

ART. 24. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to convey a deed to Samuel Jones, Jr., for the land and buildings thereon of the southeast school district.

ART. 25. To see if the town will locate and build a building for the high school near Kelly's corner or some where else.

ART. 26. To see what action the town will take in regard to widening the bridge that spans the mill stream at South Acton.

ART. 27. To see if the town will instruct the School Committee to unite with Wayland and Sudbury or other towns for the purpose of employing a Superintendent of Schools, according to Chap. 431, acts of 1888, take any action thereon or pass any votes relative thereto.

ART. 28. To see if the town will repair the road leading from South Acton past the house of W. S. Warren to Fletcher Corner or act anything thereon.

ART. 29. To see if the town will build a road from the Leland-Stevens road past the cold storage building to the turnpike, as laid out by the Road Commissioners, or act anything thereon.

ART. 30. To see if the town will repair the road leading from the West Acton road past the house of J. P. Fletcher to the intersection of the Acton Centre road.

ART. 31. To see if the town will vote to let the town hall to the Acton Centre Congregational Society while repairing their church or act anything thereon.

ART. 32. To see if the town will obtain the address given at the celebration of Patriot's Day by his honor, Geo. S. Boutelle, and publish the same in the town report or some other way.

ART. 33. To see what amount of money the town will raise to defray town charges the present year.

ART. 34. To see if the town will furnish water for the watering trough in the square in South Acton.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up copies, attested by you, in the following places: One in each of the post offices in the town, one at each of the railroad stations in the town, one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co., H. A. Littlefield, Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, M. E. Taylor & Co., and one at the office of F. J. Hastings & Co., and one at the Nagog House, seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with

your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands in Acton, this 22d day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred ninety-eight.

E. FAULKNER CONANT,

WM. F. STEVENS,

DAVID C. HARRIS,

Selectmen of Acton.

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Town Clerk's Report.

TOWN MEETING MATTERS.

Proceedings of the Annual Meeting, held April 4, 1898.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 3. To choose all necessary town officers and committees and fix salaries.

The following town officers were chosen on one ballot :

Town Clerk, Horace F. Tuttle.

Town Treasurer, Jona. K. W. Wetherbee.

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

Assessors, James B. Tuttle, William F. Stevens, Anson C. Piper.

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

Collector of Taxes, William F. Stevens.

School Committee, Isaiah Hutchins.

Constables, William F. Stevens, James Kinsley, Moses A. Reed, L. E. Reed.

Cemetery Committee, John Fletcher, Horace F. Tuttle, Chas. B. Stone.

Fence Viewers, Daniel H. Farrar, Reuben L. Reed, Samuel Jones, Jr.

Surveyors of Lumber, Wood, Hoops and Staves, Herbert T. Clark, Jona. P. Fletcher, Edgar H. Hall, Edward F. Richardson.

Trustee of Memorial Library, 3 years, Wm. D. Tuttle.
Auditor, Hiram J. Hapgood.

Voted, That the salary of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year be fixed at \$150, the same to include all the duties and services belonging to said office.

Voted, That the enforcement of the liquor law be left with the Selectmen with instructions to enforce the law, and that they be empowered to employ officers to prosecute violators of the law.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will maintain street lamps the present year, or act anything thereon.

Voted, To raise \$500 to be expended in the same manner as last year.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the town, if necessary, in anticipation of the taxes the current year.

Voted, That the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow in anticipation of the taxes for the year 1898 such sums of money as may be needed from time to time, for the current expenses of the town, paying therefor the current market rate of interest, giving the note or notes of the town therefor, signed by the Treasurer, and countersigned by at least a majority of the Selectmen, to be paid from the taxes to be raised in the year 1898.

ARTICLE 6. To hear and act upon the report of any committee chosen to report at this meeting.

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

Voted, To accept their report.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will accept the jury list as revised by the Selectmen.

Voted, To accept the jury list as revised by the Selectmen, with the exception of the names of Geo. E. Holton and Elisha H. Cutler, who were excused at their request.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will appropriate \$275 for the purchase of suitable heating apparatus for the Centre school building.

Voted, To appropriate the sum of \$275.

ARTICLE 9. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the due observance of Memorial Day.

Voted, To raise the sum of \$50.

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

Voted, To raise \$400 for running expenses and \$200 for books.

ARTICLE 11. To see what action the town will take in regard to its School Committee.

Voted, To dismiss the article.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will straighten, widen and grade the road leading from near the house of F. D. K. Hoar, in West Acton, to the South Acton road, or act anything thereon.

Voted, To refer the matter to the Road Commissioners, with power to act.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will buy a road roller.

Voted, To dismiss the article.

ARTICLE 14. To see what action the town will take in reference to the collecting of its taxes the present year.

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

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

ARTICLE 15. To vote Yes or No in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in town the present year?"

Whole number of ballots cast 122. Yes, 19; No, 103.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will revoke the vote whereby they accepted the provisions of Chap. 158 of the Statutes of the year 1871, and Sections 74, 75 and 76. of Chap. 27 of the Public Statutes in reference to road commissioners.

Voted, To revoke the former vote of the town whereby they accepted certain provisions of the statutes relating to choosing road commissioners.

ARTICLE 17. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of schools the present year, or act anything thereon.

Voted, That the following sums of money be raised and appropriated for the following purposes :

For common schools,	\$3,400
High school,	1,600
School supplies,	475
Transportation of S. E. pupils,	270
Transportation of East pupils,	360
Apparatus and books for High School,	100
Salary of Superintendent of Schools,	465
	\$6,670

ARTICLE 18. To see what amount of money the town will vote to raise for school supplies the present year.

Voted, To raise \$475.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor law.

Voted, To appropriate the sum of \$500.

ARTICLE 20. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the repair of roads and bridges the present year.

Voted, To raise the sum of \$2,250.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will build a cistern in West Acton, or act anything thereon.

Voted, To refer the matter to the Selectmen, with power to act.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will vote to build the "Cash road" (so called) as laid out by the County Commissioners, or act anything thereon.

Voted, To build the Cash road as ordered by the County Commissioners.

Voted, That the Selectmen petition for a relocation if they consider it expedient.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will instruct the Cemetery Committee to dig a well in Mt. Hope Cemetery, or act anything thereon.

Voted, That the Cemetery Committee be instructed to dig a well in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to convey a deed to Samuel Jones, Jr., for the land and buildings thereon of the Southeast school district.

Voted, That the Selectmen be authorized to convey, by deed, to Samuel Jones, Jr., the land, with the school buildings thereon, situated in South East Acton.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the town will locate and build a building for the High School, near Kelly's Corner, or somewhere else.

Voted, To dismiss the article.

ARTICLE 26. To see what action the town will take in regard to widening the bridge that spans the mill stream at South Acton.

Voted, To refer the matter to the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the town will instruct the School Committee to unite with Wayland and Sudbury, or other towns, for the purpose of employing a superintendent of schools, according to Chap. 431, Acts of 1888, take any action thereon, or pass any votes relative thereto.

Voted, To instruct the School Committee to unite with Wayland and Sudbury, or other towns, for the purpose of employing a superintendent of schools.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will repair the road leading from South Acton past the house of W. S. Warren to Fletcher Corner, or act anything thereon.

Voted, To refer the matter to the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the town will build a road from the Leland-Stevens road, past the cold storage building to the turnpike, as laid out by the Road Commissioners, or act anything thereon.

Voted, To dismiss the article.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the town will repair the road leading from the West Acton road past the house of J. P. Fletcher to the intersection of the Acton Center road.

Voted, To raise \$250 to repair the piece of road specified in the article.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the town will vote to let the Town Hall to the Acton Center Cong. Society while repairing their church, or act anything thereon.

Voted, That the town give the use of their hall to the Evangelical Society in Acton Center while repairing their meeting house, on condition that they pay the cost of opening the hall.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the town will obtain the address given at the celebration of Patriots Day by His Honor, George S. Boutwell, and publish the same in the Town Report, or some other way.

Voted, That Luther Conant and Dr. I. Hutchins be a committee to obtain, if possible, the addresses delivered at the celebration of Patriots Day by His Honor, George S. Boutwell and the late Gov. Greenhalge, and have them printed.

ARTICLE 33. To see what amount of money the Town will raise to defray town charges the present year.

Voted, To raise \$5,000.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the town will furnish water for the watering trough in the Square in South Acton.

Voted, That the matter be left discretionary with the Selectmen.

The following resolution was presented to the meeting by Chas. J. Williams :

“By the citizens of Acton, in Massachusetts, this fourth day of April, 1898, in their annual Town Meeting assembled,

Resolved, That the wise, patriotic and conservative foreign policy of the President of the United States has won our admiration and receives our hearty support. We believe that the honor and interests of this nation, and the best interests of the people of Cuba, are safe in his care.”

Voted unanimously, That these resolutions be adopted and telegraphed to the President by the Moderator of this meeting.

Voted, To adjourn.

A true record. Attest:

HORACE F. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk.

Proceedings of a Meeting held August 24, 1898.

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

Luther Conant was chosen Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. To see what amount of money the town will raise or appropriate to build the Cash road (so called), or act anything thereon.

Voted, To appropriate \$1,200 to build the Cash road, as ordered by the County Commissioners, and that the road be built under the supervision of the Superintendent of Streets.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to sell the East Acton schoolhouse, or act anything thereon.

Voted, To authorize the Selectmen to sell the East schoolhouse, when they consider it expedient for the town.

Voted, To adjourn.

A true record. Attest: HORACE F. TUTTLE,
Town Clerk.

Proceedings of the Town Meeting held Nov. 8, 1898,

IN PRECINCTS NOS. 1, 2 AND 3.

VOTES.

FOR GOVERNOR.

	Prec. 1.	Prec. 2.	Prec. 3.	Total.
Alexander B. Bruce,	15	16	15	46
Samuel B. Shapleigh,	1	1	4	6
Roger Wolcott,	76	74	68	218
Blanks,	6	1	2	9

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

W. Murray Crane,	76	73	67	216
John L. Kilborn,	1	1	3	5
Edward J. Slattery,	16	14	12	42
Blanks,	5	4	7	16

FOR SECRETARY.

Henry A. Inman,	1	1	3	5
Henry Lloyd,	15	15	12	42
William M. Olin,	76	72	67	215
Blanks,	6	4	7	17

FOR TREASURER.

Harry J. Jaquith,	16	14	13	43
Edward P. Shaw,	74	67	61	202
Herbert M. Small,	2	1	4	7
Chas. W. White,	1	0	1	2
Blanks,	5	10	10	25

FOR AUDITOR.

	Prec. 1.	Prec. 2.	Prec. 3.	Total
Chas. S. Grieves,	0	1	0	1
John W. Kimball,	75	72	66	213
Chas. F. Parker,	16	15	11	42
Walter E. Sanford,	1	1	4	6
Blanks,	6	3	8	17

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Patrick Kilroy,	16	11	12	39
Hosea M. Knowlton,	74	73	69	216
Clarence E. Spellman,	1	0	0	1
Blanks,	7	8	8	23

FOR COUNCILLOR.

Marcellus H. Fletcher,	16	14	12	42
S. Herbert Howe,	75	68	64	207
Blanks,	7	10	13	30

FOR SENATOR.

Alvan Fisher,	16	13	5	34
Frank A. Patch,	75	75	80	230
Blanks,	7	4	4	15

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.

Herbert J. Harwood,	74	70	50	194
Charles R. White,	19	18	28	65
Blanks,	5	4	11	20

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Francis Bigelow,	61	56	44	161
Blanks,	37	36	45	118

FOR SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS.

Truman W. Hagar,	16	12	11	39
David T. Strange,	58	54	50	162
Edward E. Thompson,	50	46	41	137
George W. Van Horn,	9	8	10	27
Blanks,	63	64	66	193

Proceedings of the Town Meeting held Feb. 2, 1899.

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

ARTICLE 2. To see if the town will instruct the Board of Selectmen to petition the Superior Court for the abolition of grade crossings at South Acton.

Voted, That the Board of Selectmen be instructed to join with the Fitchburg R. R. Co., in petitioning for the abolition of grade crossings at South Acton.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will dispose of the fire engine at South Acton.

Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to dispose of the fire engine in South Acton, at the best advantage.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will reconsider the vote whereby they voted to hold but one annual town meeting, instead of two, and act anything thereon.

Voted, To reconsider said vote.

Voted, To instruct the Selectmen to call two meetings in the months of Feb., March or April, at such dates as they may consider best, for the transaction of the business of the town.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will agree upon a location for a piece of State road, or act anything thereon.

Voted, That the town favor the petition presented in 1895 by the Board of Selectmen to the Mass. Highway Commission, for a piece of State road from Concord line towards Acton Centre.

105 votes in the affirmative.

42 votes in the negative.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will reconsider the vote whereby they voted to elect all town officers on one ballot, or act anything thereon.

Voted, To reconsider said vote.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to replank the bridge at Merriam's factory, or act anything thereon.

No action taken.

ARTICLE 8. To see what action the town will take in the matter of providing needful accommodations for the schools at South Acton.

Voted, That the School Committee, Moderator and the Selectmen be appointed a committee to investigate the matter of school accommodations in South Acton, and report at the next town meeting.

Voted to adjourn the meeting.

A true record.

Attest :

HORACE F. TUTTLE,
Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN ACTON IN 1898.

No.	DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1	January 16	Mary Catherine Hennessey,	Daniel J. and Hannah T. (Lynch).
2	24	Chesley George Stevens,	Frank R. and Anna (McClellan).
3	27	Gertrude Noyes Davis,	Francis S. and L. Emily (Noyes).
4	February 9	Patrick James Foley,	Patrick and Johanna (Conway).
5	12	Louise Etta Tuttle,	Roswell L. and Anna B. (Simpson).
6	15	Cecil Edward Abbott,	Edward A. and Ellen J. (Weaver).
7	16	Thomas Francis Foley,	Michael and Johanna (Reddy).
8	2	James Henry Masters,	Alexander and Essie C. (Griffin).
9	4	Lealand Hutchins Campbell.	John and Jennie (Butcher).
10	19	Walter Horton Welch,	Walter and Laura M. (Horton).
11	4	Edna Josephine Temple,	Frederick H. and Mara O. (Paine).
12	12	Lillian Bicknell Spinney,	Everett L. and Lilla M. (Wolfe).
13	14	Esther Hill,	James and Mary J. (McArthur).
14	5	William James Tobin,	Michael and Mary (Quinlan).
15	6	James Edward Kinsley,	David T. and Catherine F. (Burns).
16	13	George Richardson Clough,	Ora L. and Myrtilla (Richardson).
17	17	James Jeremiah Hurley,	James and Bridget (Neyland).
18	22	Eva Amanda Lundburg,	Axel G. and Amanda (Lofeendahl).
19	8	Eden William Cahill,	John and Mary (Tobin).
20	27	Raymond Stanley Booker,	Harry M. and Estelle M. (Cavanaugh).
21	1	Elva Minnie Carey,	Edward H. and Ina S. (Bryant).
22	5	Hester Ann Heath,	Charles B. and Mary Ann (Cahill)

23	9	Nellie Alfreda Colby,	George W. and Ella J. (Hartt).
24	10	Mildred Irene Rodway,	Harry J. and Lucy E. (Perkins).
25	11	Roger Wolcott Brown,	Martin L. and Laura E. (Perkins).
26	27	Margaret Moan,	Frank and Margaret E. (Sullivan).
27	31	Mildred Celestine Gibbs,	Harry F. and Harriet E. (Marshall).
28	4	Thomas Leo McCarty,	Thomas and Hannah (Shugrue).
29	9	Lizzie Aurilla Mason,	William E. and Grace M. (Davis).
30	17	Leonard Worden,	Martin H. and Lizzie M. (Perkins).
31	17	Beatrice Madeline McSheehy,	Bartholomew E. and Melvina J. (Guyotte).
32	17	Bernice Veronica McSheehy,	Bartholomew E. and Melvina J. (Guyotte).
33	19	Theron Arthur Lowden,	Arthur S. and Bertha M. (Newton).
34	21	Marion Lee Tuttle,	Luke Harris and Hattie L. (Miles).
35	4	Netta Iliene Brazier,	Andrew B. and Mary N. (Lucier).
36	21	Walter Alexander Bruce,	William H. and Annie M. (Reed).
37	8	Thelma Ruth McGregor,	John E. and Ida M. (Littlefield).
38	18	Hazel Ward Hoit,	Frank W. and Evelyn G. (Ward).
39	19	Grace Julia Ineson,	Samuel B. and Catherine (Conway).
40	23	Willis Edward Henderson,	John W. and Grace E. (Parmenter).
41	28	Herbert William Merriam,	William T. and Lizzie T. (Whittemore).
42	3	Ralph Burnham Brown,	Benjamin C. and Emily P. (Shearer).
43	6	William Elvin Smiley,	William J. and Annie (Gregory).
44	11	Florence Leah Schnair,	Charles H. and Leah (Squires).
45	30	Edna Charlana Taylor,	Frank Z. and Caroline A. (White).

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1898.

NO.	DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
	1898.		
1.	April 5. { Littleton. }	Aubrey W. Illsley Emma J. Brown	Acton Littleton,
2.	April 6. { Acton. }	Ernest R. Teele Martha R. Shattuck	Acton Acton.
3.	April 9. { Acton. }	James F. Stiles, Jr. Annie L. Clark	Acton Acton
4.	May 7. { Maynard. }	Benjamin C. Brown Emily P. Shearer	Acton Maynard
5.	June 1. { Acton. }	Arthur C. Anderson Viola A. Preston	Nashua, N. H. Acton
6.	June 15. { Maynard. }	Frederick J. King Sarah J. McGovern	Maynard Acton
7.	June 21. { Stow. }	Waldo E. Whitcomb Elmira L. White	Acton Stow
8.	June 29. { Acton. }	Cyrus Hosmer M. Louise Hosmer	Concord Acton
9.	Sept. 1. { Littleton. }	Ernest E. Wetherbee Harriet H. Pickard	Putney, Ga. Littleton
10.	Sept. 28. { Acton. }	Frederick L. Pingree May C. Loftus	Somerville Acton
11.	Oct. 5. { Acton. }	Guy P. Littlefield Melzina M. Downie	Acton Margaretville, N. S.
12.	Nov. 3. { Stow. }	C. Carlton Taylor Mabel M. Adams	Acton Stow
13.	Nov. 9. { Acton. }	Frank Weaver Isabella T. Cropley	Acton Acton
14.	Nov. 19. { Acton. }	Anders Christoffersen Annie Andersen	Acton Acton
15.	Dec. 14. { Acton. }	Samuel B. Mentzer Abbie M. Hale	Acton Acton
16.	Dec. 28. { Acton. }	Frank A. Pelton Annie R. Pelton	Boston Boston

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1898.

NO.	DATES. 1898.	NAMES.	AGES		
			YRS.	MOS.	DAYS.
1.	Jan. 30.	George A. Hayward,	45	9	18
2.	Jan. 31.	Mary C. Hasty,	52	—	—
3.	Jan. 31.	John A. Bowen,	78	1	6.
4.	Feb. 3.	Eliza J. Tuttle,	75	10	3
5.	March 4.	Fidelia Wheeler,	92	6	28.
6.	March 17.	Dominick Duignan,	64	2	—
7.	March 22.	James Tuttle,	79	9	28.
8.	March 23.	Irving V. Whitcomb,	40	11	20
9.	April 8.	Luke T. Willard,	62	3	18
10.	April 29.	Edward N. Robbins,	61	6	6
11.	May 17.	Ellen A. Batchelder,	64	4	5
12.	May 27.	Mary Ann Law,	86	7	14
13.	June 3.	Pauline Hale,	67	11	3
14.	June 13.	George R. Clough,	—	—	—
15.	June 20.	John J. Baker,	1	1	24
16.	June 21.	Harriet D. Nichols,	56	5	12
17.	July 1.	Harriet M. Fitch,	75	6	0
18.	July 3.	Alvin D. Russell,	47	8	7
19.	Aug. 3.	Martha E. Wheeler,	2	5	25
20.	Aug. 18.	Isabella M. Harrington,	—	10	2
21.	Aug. 23.	James E. Kinsley,	—	2	17
22.	Sept. 9.	Harry R. Hardy,	38	5	—
23.	Sept. 30.	Anna F. Cahee,	91	7	4
24.	Oct. 4.	Elizabeth M. Barnard,	65	5	12
25.	Nov. 3.	Solomon L. Dutton,	89	11	13
26.	Nov. 13.	Susan Grimes,	27	4	17
27.	Nov. 15.	Joseph Barker,	91	4	23
28.	Nov. 23.	Isaac Reed,	75	8	10
29.	Nov. 25.	Lucy B. Robbins,	66	—	21
30.	Nov. 26.	Charles Wheeler,	71	2	5.
31.	Nov. 29.	Daniel Tuttle	84	9	8
32.	Dec. 3.	Joseph Noyes,	89	2	25.
33.	Dec. 17.	Julia A. Brooks,	65	9	—
34.	Dec. 27.	Carmine Palladore,	24	—	—

PERSONS BROUGHT TO ACTON FOR BURIAL.

NO.	DATE OF DEATH.		PLACE OF DEATH.	AGES		
	1897.			YRS.	MOS.	DAYS.
1.	Dec.	24.	Lois C. Hosmer, Lawrence,	79	3	4
2.	Dec.	26.	Mary Temple, Chelmsford,	91	1	27
	1898.					
3.	Jan.	2.	James Moulton, Pepperell,	57	5	0
4.	Jan.	5.	Carrie M. Dunn, Clinton,	29	7	0
5.	Jan.	14.	Elizabeth R. Penniman, Arlington,	70	1	26
6.	Jan.	21.	Francis D. Walcott, Malden,	79	4	16
7.	Feb.	17.	Herbert A. Raymond, Boston,	0	5	0
8.	March	26.	Evelyn J. Ball, Concord,	0	2	23
9.	April	24.	Achsa Hanscom, North Easton,	71	3	18
10.	April	24.	Flora A. Cummings, Marlboro,	45	9	19
11.	May	31.	Ephraim H. Raymond, Boston,	59	6	25
12.	June	10.	Mary Hosmer, Natick,	86	3	—
13.	Aug.	22.	Martha P. Perkins, Boston,	82	10	—
14.	Sept.	22.	Frances Josephine Fisher, Maynard,	—	6	—
15.	Sept.	24.	Clarence E. Anderson, Fall River,	22	7	—
16.	Oct.	18.	Henry Farrar, Lynn,	64	—	—
17.	Oct.	18.	William J. Rodway, New York,	25	0	0
18.	Oct.	24.	Ellen B. Mott, Boston,	65	0	0
19.	Nov.	12.	Maria Snow, Lawrence,	89	11	28
20.	Nov.	13.	Elizabeth W. Burr, West Newton,	81	11	23
21.	Dec.	8.	Jas. Lyman Rouillard, Malden,	22	5	8
22.	Dec.	18.	Elizabeth Meagan, Boston,	23		
23.	Dec.	21.	Minnie G. Hall, Hartford, Conn.,	30		

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

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

HORACE F. TUTTLE, *Town Clerk.*

ACTON, Jan. 1, 1899.

PERSONS HAVING DOGS LICENSED IN 1898.

Calvin S. Simonds,	\$5	Charles W. Martin, Jr.,	\$2
Frank A. Pratt,	2	Daniel H. Farrar,	2
E. Eddie Fletcher,	2	Catherine M. Green,	2
J. Sterling Moore,	2	Luke Tuttle,	2
Charles H. Morris,	2	William F. Stevens,	5
James P. Brown,	2	J. L. Richardson,	5
O. W. Titus,	2	F. L. Williams,	5
Clarence E. Switzer,	5	H. E. Faulkner,	2
Laurin W. Pratt,	2	Walter M. French,	2
Smith Finney (2),	10	William B. Manning,	2
Lottie C. Flagg,	2	A. L. Lawrence,	2
Charles L. Ford (3),	12	Charles A. Taylor,	2
E. C. Shapley,	2	George H. Brooks,	2
Mrs. H. Haynes,	2	Adolphus Dusseault,	2
W. F. Kelley,	2	Charles H. Wheeler,	2
James F. Stiles,	2	Samuel B. Ineson,	2
Francis S. Davis,	5	Lyman Tuttle,	2
E. H. Carey,	2	M. G. Hayes,	2
F. J. Barker,	2	I. Simensen,	2
Michael Bulger,	2	Luther Conant,	2
Henry L. Fay,	2	J. E. Durkee,	2
Lester N. Fletcher,	2	David C. Harris,	2
A. J. Fletcher,	2	Constantine O'Neil,	2
Solon A. Robbins,	2	C. B. Robbins,	2
H. M. Smith,	2	George Hoit,	2
S. H. Taylor,	2	F. E. Greenough,	2
M. E. Taylor,	2	Charles Calder,	2
D. A. Cutler,	2	Warren Jones,	2
A. I. Goding,	5	M. E. Penniman,	2
A. H. Gilmore,	2	B. C. Brown,	2
W. B. Holt,	2	William J. Moore,	2
F. R. Knowlton,	2	Frank R. Stevens,	2
W. W. Philbrick,	2	Abel Farrar,	2
William C. Barnes,	2	C. S. Moulton,	2
J. R. Cole,	2	Frank E. Harris,	2
William S. Fletcher,	2	O. A. Knowlton,	2
Mrs. E. Hanson,	2	Jeremiah McCarty,	2

M. J. Harrington,	\$2	Daniel Mahoney,	\$2
William S. Jones,	2	A. Risso,	2
C. M. Kimball,	2	C. F. Shirland,	2
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee,	2	A. L.' Tuttle,	2
George W. Worster,	2	Mrs. J. Nash,	2
Mrs. A. D. Russell,	2	F. J. Taylor,	2
May L. Calder,	2	W. C. Robbins,	2
A. F. Durkee,	2	J. Coughlin,	2
Willis L. Mead,	2	Patrick O'Neil,	2
Fred S. Whitcomb,	2	Maurice Lane,	2
A. Peterson,	2	James A. McLane,	2
F. E. Howland (2),	4	William H. Lawrence,	5
A. L. Murphy,	2	William H. Hill,	2
Charles J. Williams,	2		

Whole number licensed, 105.

Number of males, 93; at \$2 each,	\$186 00
“ “ females, 12; at \$5 each,	60 00
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Deduct Clerk's fees 105 licenses at 20 cents each,	21 00
Amount paid to County Treasurer,	<hr/> \$225 00

HORACE F. TUTTLE, *Town Clerk.*

Selectmen's Report.

Citizens of Acton :

We respectfully submit to you our annual report, with an un-expended balance of \$1,544.51 :

CENTRE SCHOOL.

Paid Helen J. Sloan, teacher,	\$120 00
Sara Small, " "	220 00
Lena Bliss, " "	20 00
Florence N. Day, " "	360 00
Julian Tuttle, janitor,	75 00
" " cleaning rooms,	4 00
George Greenough, 13,195 lbs. coal,	39 59
" " 13,960 " "	41 89
M. E. Taylor & Co., two brooms,	63
" " " twine,	31
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, one cushion,	60
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	\$882 02

NORTH SCHOOL.

Paid Ella L. Miller, teacher,	\$360 00
Clarence B. Smith, janitor,	9 00
J. W. Parsons, " "	24 00
Luther Davis, wood,	9 50
John Maines, cutting wood,	4 50
Cleaning,	1 25
Allen G. Smith, cleaning vault,	1 00
E. Jones & Co., 4,175 lbs. coal,	11 27
" " delivering " "	2 09
" " 3,900 lbs. " "	10 53
" " delivering " "	1 95
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	\$435 09

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Paid Hattie L. Tuttle, teacher, Grammar,	\$360 00
Lilla Keniston, " Primary,	360 00
Helene E. Greenwood, asst. teacher, Primary,	84 00
Jennie E. Stowell, " " "	168 00
C. L. Bradford, janitor,	90 00
" " cleaning rooms,	6 00
F. J. Hastings & Co., 10,290 lbs. coal,	29 84
" " " 22,880 "	66 35
C. L. Bradford, cutting wood,	1 00
Elvin Tuttle, wood,	5 00
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, oil,	20
" " " three brushes,	1 27
" " " hooks,	21
" " " polish,	30
" " " pearline,	10
" " " coal hod,	1 00
" " " one dipper,	25
" " " broom,	25
" " " soap,	06
" " " lime,	25
" " " seven ft. chain,	18
" " " dust pan,	20
" " " three cups,	15
Michael Hannon, cleaning vault,	2 00
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	\$1,176 61

WEST SCHOOL.

Paid Harriet H. Gardner, teacher, Primary,	\$240 00
Ella F. Whitcomb, " "	120 00
Alzora Jacobs, " Intermediate,	230 00
Martha Hosmer, " "	6 00
Florence Moran, " "	120 00
Mary R. Burke, " Grammar,	310 00
Martha Hosmer, " "	30 00
Lena Bliss, " "	10 00
Thomas Scanlan, janitor,	106 00
E. C. Parker & Co., 22,200 lbs. coal,	61 05

Paid Thomas Scanlon, cutting wood,	\$3 00
" " cleaning rooms,	13 00
" " furnishing water,	7 99
A. W. Wetherbee, wood,	8 00
H. A. Littlefield, three brooms,	90
" " one dust pan,	20
" " one brush,	30
" " one pail,	25
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	\$1,266 69

HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid W. A. Charles, Principal,	\$1,000 00
M. Florence Fletcher, asst. teacher,	450 00
C. L. Bradford, janitor,	90 00
Arthur Tuttle, orchestra at graduation,	13 00
C. L. Bradford, cleaning rooms,	6 00
F. J. Hastings & Co., 10,290 lbs. coal,	29 85
C. L. Bradford, cutting wood,	1 00
Elvin Tuttle, wood,	5 00
J. S. Westly & Sons,	75
J. L. Hammett Co.,	1 20
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, one brush,	2 00
" " " one duster,	37
" " " one jar,	07
" " " one pan,	10
" " " chloride lime,	07
" " " one basin,	35
" " " 16 yds. ribbon,	2 56
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	\$1,602 32

SCIENTIFIC APPARATUS AND BOOKS OF REFERENCE.

Paid De Wolf & Co.,	\$ 20 19
Zeigler Electric,	58 88
E. E. Babb & Co.,	7 33
American Book Co.,	3 60
J. L. Hammett Co.,	8 00
C. J. Williams,	1 90
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	\$99 90

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Paid J. L. Hammett Co.,	\$171 38
Ginn & Co.,	78 70
D. C. Heath & Co.,	26 75
American Book Co.,	146 43
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	14 43
De Wolfe, Fiske & Co.,	3 50
E. E. Babb & Co.,	3 75
Houghton & Mifflin,	3 91
A. L. Noyes, Ex. in 1897,	10 70
" " " 1898,	11 25
N. C. Reed, " "	3 25
C. J. Williams, " "	2 17
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	\$476 22

TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOLARS.

Paid J. Mekkelsen (East),	\$360 00
W. S. Jones (South East),	270 00
D. C. Harris, to High School, for one scholar,	5 00
Wm. Hartwell, " "	5 00
Allen G. Smith, " "	5 00
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	\$645 00

MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

Books and Magazines.

Paid H. D. Noyes & Co.,	\$34 80
De Wolf, Fiske & Co.,	316 21
Perry, Mason & Co.,	1 75
W. A. Wilde & Co.,	8 67
Jordan, Marsh & Co.,	40 00
William D. Tuttle,	5 10
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	\$406 53
Town appropriation,	\$200 00
Interest from Wm. Wilde fund,	196 60
Library fines,	23 00
Catalogues,	4 75
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	\$424 35
Less expended,	406 53
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	\$17 82

RUNNING EXPENSES.

Paid O. D. Wood, janitor,		\$100 00
Ethel M. Cutler, transporting books,		52 00
Viola S. Tuttle, Librarian,		103 00
“ “ for ink and labels,		35
J. R. Wales, binding magazines,		38 65
Luther Conant, “ “		7 05
George Greenough, 3,110 lbs. coal,		9 64
“ “ 12,970 “		38 91
M. E. Taylor, oil and brooms, etc.,		18 41
William D. Tuttle, expenses,		8 35
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		\$376 36
Town appropriation,	\$400 00	
Less expenses,	376 36	
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STATE AND MILITARY AID.

Paid W. B. Ball, Chap. 279, Acts 1889,		\$182 50
Emma F. Blood, Chap. 301, Acts 1889,		48 00
Lydia Handley, “		48 00
George Handley, “		48 00
Sarah E. Handley, “		28 00
Maria Kingsley, “		48 00
Bridget Mawn, “		48 00
Eliza J. Shattuck, “		48 00
Luke Smith, “		48 00
Mary Smith, “		48 00
Allen G. Smith, “		48 00
Phebe F. Wood, “		48 00
Rebecca C. Wright, “		48 00
Addison B. Wheeler, “		48 00
Henry E. Forbush, Chap. 561, Acts 1898,		16 00
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		\$802 50

STREET LAMPS.

Paid Acton Centre Improvement Society, 28,	\$ 92 12
East Acton Street Lighting Association, 22,	72 38
West " " " " 61,	200 69
Henry Barker, 2,	6 58
E. I. Banks,	3 29
G. Clark,	3 29
S. A. Christie,	3 29
L. V. Clough, 2,	6 58
W. F. Dessault,	3 29
I. F. Duren,	3 29
J. P. Fletcher, 2,	6 58
A. J. Fletcher,	3 29
Abel Farrar,	3 29
H. A. Gray,	3 29
D. C. Harris,	3 29
H. J. Hapgood,	3 29
Francis Hosmer,	3 29
L. S. Hosmer,	3 29
L. A. Hesselton,	3 29
F. J. Hastings, 2,	6 58
A. H. Jones,	3 29
Elnathan Jones,	3 29
C. M. Kimball,	3 29
George R. Keyes,	3 29
Mrs. M. E. Lothrop,	3 29
J. D. Moulton,	3 29
Albert Moulton,	3 29
Frank Merriam,	3 29
A. Merriam,	6 58
A. C. Piper,	3 29
C. S. Simonds,	3 29
Edwin Tarbell,	3 29
Mrs. Lottie Tolman,	3 29
F. Z. Taylor,	3 29
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 3,	9 87
George W. Worster, 2,	6 58
W. S. Warren,	3 29
Victor Fowler,	3 29
Universalist Society, South Acton,	3 29
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	\$509 95

LOANS AND INTEREST.

Paid First National Bank of Ayer,	\$3,050 00
F. H. Jones, interest,	65 00
Nettie A. Bowen,	50 00
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	\$3,165 00

SUPPORT OF POOR ON FARM.

Paid Nancy D. Robbins, 1 cart,	\$ 25 50
" " 1 cow,	35 00
" " 1 cow,	48 00
C. W. Livingston, soft soap,	7 50
E. C. Parker & Co., 1 cow,	55 00
W. H. Livingston, barrels,	45 00
C. B. Robbins, 2 pigs,	5 00
O. H. Forbush, 1 cow,	53 00
" " 1 "	57 00
J. B. Tuttle, 1 "	51 00
M. E. Taylor, goods,	371 30
F. J. Hastings & Co., grain,	225 75
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, grain and goods,	254 48
C. E. Switzer, blacksmith bill,	13 65
Maynard & Nichols, 1 stove,	5 00
W. E. Whitcomb & Co., meat,	54 95
E. Jones & Co., coal,	25 42
S. A. Guilford, shoeing horse,	1 30
I. F. Duren, 1 casket,	15 00
J. W. Livermore, labor,	4 00
Charles Calder, "	5 00
Moses Thompson, "	322 92
" " for corn,	1 10
" " fish,	2 43
" " oil,	12
" " peaches,	1 00
" " ladder,	1 75
Jerry McGrath, labor,	72 00
John Jacobs, "	76 00
F. J. Barker, medical attendance on Mrs. H. Brooks,	10 00
" " " " " Eben Jones,	14 75
" " " " " Lucy Hapgood,	3 00
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	\$1,862 92

OUTSIDE POOR.

Paid Worcester Insane Asylum,	\$169 46
" Lunatic Hospital,	169 46
Abel Farrar for Eben Jones,	227 86
F. E. Titcomb, M. D., " "	10 00
M. E. Taylor & Co., aid for Ed Brady,	9 78
Elnathan Jones, " Nogle,	2 55
Annie Lamb, " E. L. Wheeler,	47 00
W. F. Stevens, " "	6 00
Isaiah Hutchins, M. D., " "	20 25
F. E. Tasker, M. D., " "	114 00
Mrs. John Davis, aid for, " "	12 00
J. W. Livermore, wood for " "	2 25
M. E. Taylor & Co., aid for James Hill,	65 15
Asaph Parlin, rent " "	9 00
City of Marlboro, aid " A. Rickerby,	32 00
" Clinton, " " T. Morey,	3 00
Town of Mansfield, " " F. Brooks,	8 00
W. F. Stevens, expenses to Mansfield,	2 36
D. C. Harris, aid for Mrs. M. Smith,	7 50
C. H. Mead & Co., " " "	36 26
" " " " " "	33 00
F. J. Barker, medical attendance on J. Hill family,	45 40
F. E. Tasker, " " " C. H. Hastings,	1 00
W. E. Whitecomb, aid for Mrs. M. Smith,	3 61
Westboro Insane Hospital, support of F. E. Harris,	34 36
D. C. Harris, expenses to Marlboro,	1 53
" " " Tewksbury,	1 50
" " " Clinton,	5 84
" " " Express,	55
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	\$1,080 67

CEMETERY EXPENSES.

Paid Moses A. Reed, labor,	\$ 31 95
Julian Tuttle, " "	155 54
Shady Hill Nursery Co., shrubbery,	12 50
C. H. Mead & Co., seed,	1 40

Paid Fred Green,	labor,	\$78 38
Nahum Littlefield,	"	67 50
J. A. Whitcomb,	"	3 40
W. F. Stevens,	"	1 00
Rice & Davis,	pipe and solder,	1 50
E. C. Stevens, Ex.,		1 50
A. H. Perkins,	labor,	2 00
Waldo Bros.,	pipe,	17 55
W. J. Hayden,	trees,	12 25
J. Newman & Sons,	plants,	12 00
Fred Norris,	labor,	2 50
Paint,		1 75
John Fletcher,	plants,	24 35
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		\$427 07

REPAIRS ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Paid F. Z. Taylor,	repairs on South School House,	\$ 1 52
Samuel Jones, Jr.,	" " "	289 01
F. W. Billings,	" North "	2 50
Samuel Jones, Jr.,	" " "	11 96
W. P. Lapham,	" " "	3 50
Maynard & Nichols,	repairs on town pump,	5 27
" " " "	West School House,	5 61
Lewis Willard,	labor on South School grounds,	3 00
C. L. Bradford,	" " "	2 00
Luther Billings,	" " "	3 95
John Tapley,	" " "	3 50
W. Coons,	repairs on East School House,	50
Warren Houghton,	" West "	1 75
H. T. Clark,	" " "	6 50
Rice & Davis,	" " "	10 75
F. R. Knowlton,	" " "	6 04
J. W. Henderson,	" farm buildings,	7 95
" " "	South School House,	55 54
" " "	Library,	75
John Temple,	" South "	16 63
Francis Jones,	labor on School Houses,	33 59

Paid Moses Reed, labor,	\$11 90
Henry Livermore, labor on Tramp House,	31 43
W. P. Lapham, " "	12 00
E. Jones & Co., lumber for "	63 38
Moses Thompson, brick, hair and sand for Tramp House,	2 49
E. Jones & Co., lumber for Centre School House,	2 87
" " " West " "	2 15
" " " farm,	4 08
O. D. Wood, labor at farm,	6 50
Rice & Davis, heater for Centre School House,	313 49
F. E. Harris, repairs on West "	4 98
H. A. Littlefield, " " "	45
C. H. Mead & Co., " " "	82
Isaiah Hutchins, for labor on West School House grounds,	6 50
F. R. Knowlton, for labor on West School House grounds,	8 81
Thomas Scanlon, labor on West School House grounds,	2 50
W. B. Davis, labor on Centre School House,	3 59
" " " farm,	21 25
George G. Keith, pump for North School,	8 50
" " repairs on pump at West School House,	2 45
George G. Keith, repairs on stoves and furnaces,	11 55
Spofford Robbins, repairs on Centre School House,	9 97
C. J. Williams, for repairs on So. School House,	1 40
J. W. Parsons, labor on North School House and grounds,	5 00
Julian Tuttle, labor on Library grounds,	3 75
Waldo Bros., bbl. cement,	3 00
Zeigler Electric Co.,	20 45
M. E. Taylor, for repairs on Centre School House,	1 13
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	\$1,038 21

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Horace F. Tuttle, Clerk,	\$ 30 00
J. K. W. Wetherbee, Treasurer,	80 00
E. Faulkner Conant, Selectman,	95 00
Wm. F. Stevens, "	50 00
David C. Harris, "	50 00
James B. Tuttle, Assessor,	50 00
Wm. F. Stevens, "	30 00
Anson C. Piper, "	30 00
David C. Harris, Overseer of Poor,	50 00
E. Faulkner Conant, "	20 00
Wm. F. Stevens, "	10 00
Charles J. Williams, School Committee,	75 85
Horace F. Tuttle, "	15 00
Isaiah Hutchins, "	15 00
Andrew Thomson, Supt. of Schools,	300 00
Edward Dixon, "	155 00
Horace F. Tuttle, Registrar of Voters,	15 00
Julian Tuttle, "	12 00
Samuel A. Guilford, "	12 00
James McGreen, "	12 00
Wm. F. Stevens, Collector of Taxes,	150 00
H. J. Hapgood, Auditor,	6 00
" " Election Officer,	2 50
T. F. Newton, "	2 50
N. J. Cole, "	2 50
L. E. Reed, "	2 50
H. F. Tuttle, "	2 50
L. C. Taylor, "	2 50
E. A. Phalen, "	2 50
F. P. Brooks, "	2 50
S. A. Guilford, "	2 50
W. F. Kelly, "	2 50
James Kinsley, "	2 50
Fred S. Whitcomb, "	2 50
W. B. Holt, Sealer Weights and Measures,	6 00
Moses Reed, Constable,	19 20
L. E. Reed, "	19 20

Paid L. E. Reed,	\$5 00
M. A. Reed,	3 00
R. L. Reed,	4 00
W. F. Stevens,	2 00
" " Supt. of Streets,	25 00
M. A. Reed, Inspector of Cattle,	3 00
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	\$1,379 25

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid N. Littlefield, labor,	\$1,194 01
" " " " "	250 00
Anson C. Piper, " "	1,036 71
P. Peterson, " "	2 50
Geo. A. Whitney, " "	12 00
Wm. Kingsley, " "	5 63
E. Jones & Co., lumber,	18 79
David C. Harris, stone,	13 26
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, pipe,	2 70
Minnie G. Bassett, gravel,	3 75
E. F. Conant, " "	1 40
John Fletcher, " "	30
F. H. Whitcomb, " "	9 85
Geo. H. S. Houghton, " "	1 65
Jerry McCarthy, " "	3 90
B. C. Brown, " "	15 85
F. W. Green, labor,	60
S. Jones, Jr., " "	11 51
Samuel Guilford, blacksmith,	8 50
Chas. Wheeler, labor,	50
Thomas Scanlon, " "	3 30
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	\$2,596 71

PRINTING.

Paid E. F. Worcester,	\$93 50
Augustine Hosmer,	20 45
Massachusetts Reformatory,	12 00
Lowell Courier-Citizen Co.,	6 00
" Morning Mail,	11 00
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	\$142 95

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Paid City of Marlboro,	for W. F. B. Whitney,	\$42 50
C. W. Smith, M. D.,	“ “ “	78 00
Isaiah Hutchins, M. D.,	for Rebecca C. Wright,	13 90
“ “	“ Henry Parlin,	22 60
“ “	“ A. B. Wheeler,	1 50
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		\$158 50

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Henry K. Barnes, couplins,		\$ 3 09
Western Union Telegraph Co.,		2 35
Geo. W. Thibbets, plate for scraper,		8 00
Puritan Pub. Co., 1 book,		1 25
C. H. Persons, tuning piano,		2 00
R. L. Reed, enforcing liquor law, March, 1898,		21 92
F. C. Nash, “ “ “ “		65 25
Edward Dixon, stationery and postage,		11 66
Andrew S. Thompson, “ “		9 00
Chas. Twitchell, repairing book boxes,		1 25
Geo. Tyler & Co., irons for scraper,		8 50
H. T. Clark, repairing scraper and tools,		8 50
Waldo Bros., repairing scraper,		3 00
R. L. Reed, court fees,		3 55
Horace Partridge Co., flags,		6 60
J. B. Tuttle, Assessors' posters,		1 00
“ “ stationery and express,		1 90
“ “ expenses to Lowell,		64
“ “ making poll tax list,		5 00
Isaac Davis, post,		50 00
Edward Dixon,		2 75
M. F. Whitin & Co.,		3 05
Fred W. Gray, painting flag pole,		5 00
W. B. Holt, repairing pipe at trough,		4 46
D. J. Wetherbee, insurance on library,		22 50
J. L. Hammett Co., flag,		80
Chandler Chair & Desk Co., school desks,		130 30
W. F. Stevens, copying valuation list,		12 00
“ “ notifying officers,		75

Paid T. Grooms,				\$3 75
M. R. Warren,				3 25
J. E. Richardson,				1 00
W. F. Hale, wrench,				1 62
W. F. Kingsley, moving engine house,				15 60
Spofford Robbins, sign board,				50
Geo. Tyler & Co., plate and bolts for scraper,				30 00
N. M. Allen, cleaning clock,				1 00
C. J. Williams, for teaming furniture,				75
George Greenough, 4,210 lbs. coal for hall,				12 63
M. A. Reed, moving furniture,				1 80
Thorp & Martin, roll stencil,				90
H. A. Gould,	breaking out roads in	Dec.,		5 70
L. C. Taylor,	"	"	"	2 00
Thomas McCarthy,	"	"	"	19 07
Geo. Greenough,	"	"	"	28 45
Fred S. Whitcomb,	"	"	"	10 00
Tuttles, Jones & Weth'bee,	"	"	"	16 27
Francis Pratt,	"	"	"	20 29
James R. Cole,	"	"	"	13 23
Nahum Littlefield,	"	"	"	40 77
Albert Perkins,	"	"	"	25 80
W. C. Robbins,	"	"	"	26 55
N. Littlefield,	"	"	Feb.,	12 56
T. McCarthy,	"	"	"	21 50
W. S. Jones,	"	"	"	9 00
Edward Anderson,	"	"	"	17 96
J. R. Cole,	"	"	"	15 78
Francis Pratt,	"	"	"	29 30
H. A. Gould,	"	"	"	21 85
Lyman C. Taylor,	"	"	"	12 00
A. H. Perkins,	"	"	"	34 25
W. A. Flint,	"	"	"	22 60
J. Mekkelsen,	"	"	"	8 10
W. C. Robbins,	"	"	"	38 95
F. S. Whitcomb,	"	"	"	17 85
Geo. Greenough,	"	"	"	32 60
L. E. & M. A. Reed, expense at pond,				9 20

Paid E. F. Conant, Liquor Committee,	\$20 00
" " expenses,	12 63
F. P. Flagg, reporting births,	1 00
J. E. Marsh; "	1 00
F. U. Rich, "	1 25
F. J. Barker, "	2 75
Isaiah Hutchins, "	50
J. L. Pickard, "	50
F. E. Tasker, "	4 00
J. F. & R. E. Joslin, legal advice,	9 00
A. C. Piper, tools for road work,	3 75
C. F. Watts, care of engine house,	3 50
F. W. Green, " "	2 00
Isaiah Hutchins, attending district school meeting,	4 00
" " express on trees,	2 62
M. E. Taylor & Co., oil and chimneys, burners for hall,	11 07
J. F. Fuller & Co.,	1 40
James Kinsley, use of road,	8 00
State Treasurer,	3 00
Universalist Society, use of Vestry for election,	3 00
J. L. Hammett Co.,	9 67
Thomas Scanlon,	2 00
C. L. Bradford,	1 50
S. A. Guilford, tools and sharpening,	13 22
N. Littlefield, for road work,	6 97
C. L. Bradford, repairing maps,	85
Geo. Greenough, soldiers' reception,	2 25
Geo. W. Worster, " "	1 50
A. L. Noyes, " "	33 50
E. Jones & Co., cord,	46
A. J. Wilkinson & Co., door checks,	1 60
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 1 book,	2 00
" " " 20 yds. bunting,	7 10
" " " bill file,	62
" " " incidentals,	1 26
N. J. Cole, carbonate of soda,	5 72
M. A. Reed, teaming stove,	1 00
W. A. Flint,	5 15

Paid John Fletcher, making cemetery deeds,	\$5 50
J. P. Brown, repairing scraper,	1 00
I. F. Duren, 32 burials,	96 00
“ “ 27 death certificates,	6 75
T. Scanlon, trimming trees on roads,	10 92
W. F. Stevens, “ “	9 60
“ “ for soldiers' reception,	3 25
H. F. Tuttle, copying records,	1 50
“ “ Col. and recording 45 births,	22 50
“ “ recording 16 marriages,	3 20
“ “ “ 34 deaths,	6 80
“ “ transmitting certificates,	1 50
“ “ express,	2 75
“ “ postage,	71
“ “ laying out street in West Acton,	2 00
“ “ “ “ lots in Woodlawn,	75
“ “ “ “ sts. “ “	2 25
“ “ surveying and making plan,	3 00
“ “ attending Clerk's meeting at Ayer,	1 50
“ “ cleaning vault in hall cellar,	1 50
W. F. Stevens, postage and telephone,	3 09
C. H. Mead & Co., 1 shovel,	30
James Hill, care of hall,	96 00
“ “ clock,	15 00
“ “ flag,	5 00
“ repairing flag,	3 00
“ care of engine,	8 75
“ watching fire,	1 25
C. J. Williams, expenses,	11 10
“ “ telephone,	3 95
“ “ postage,	7 21
“ “ express,	30
A. L. Noyes, care of Monument grounds,	3 00
J. K. W. Wetherbee, stationery and postage,	4 32
“ “ making deed,	1 50
“ “ check book,	1 50
Arthur Tuttle, watching fire,	1 25
Wm. F. Stevens, abatement on taxes in 1896,	4 00
“ “ “ “ “ 1897,	92 08
“ “ “ “ “ 1898,	80 61
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	\$1,697 03

COUNTRY ROAD WORK.

Paid Nahum Littlefield,	\$530 33
A. L. Tuttle, land and gravel,	50 00
Am. Powder Mills, powder,	14 80
D. C. Harris,	3 00
E. Jones & Co., posts and wire,	9 33
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, pipe,	6 72
H. F. Tuttle, surveying,	10 00
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	\$624 18

RECEIPTS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Balance due from Treasurer, March 12, 1898,	\$643 81
" " " Collector, March 12, 1898,	2,317 96
Appropriations for High school,	1,600 00
For common schools,	3,400 00
Transportation East scholars,	360 00
" S. E. "	270 00
School supplies,	475 00
Scientific apparatus and books of ref.,	100 00
Superintendent of Schools,	465 00
Town charges,	5,000 00
Memorial Library,	600 00
Street lamps,	500 00
Overlayings,	619 96
State tax,	870 00
County tax,	1,442 59
Roads and bridges,	2,500 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
Received from First Nat. Bank of Ayer,	3,000 00
State Treasurer, supervision of schools,	375 00
" " In. Mass. school fund,	294 44
" " Corporation tax,	617 81
" " National bank tax,	240 57
" " Military aid,	91 25
" " State aid,	620 00
" " Tem. support of paupers,	25 78
County Treasurer, dog tax,	213 75
J. R. Beharrell, for E. Acton school house,	161 00
Wm. Kingsley, cellar windows,	75

Rec'd J. D. Brown, for tuition, High school,	\$20 00
" " " So. Gram.' school,	12 00
Town of Stow, " " "	9 00
" Boxboro, " High "	90 00
John Fletcher, lots sold in Woodlawn Cemetery,	70 00
C. B. Stone, lots sold in Mount Hope Cemetery,	12 00
Mrs. F. U. Holt, care of lot in Mount Hope Cemetery,	1 00
George C. Wright, care of lot in Mount Hope Cemetery,	4 00
Nelson J. Cole, care of lot in Mount Hope Cemetery,	1 00
Mrs. E. Smith, care of lot in Mount Hope Cemetery,	1 00
Dana Hayward, care of lot in Mount Hope Cemetery,	1 00
Ora L. Whitney, care of lot in Mount Hope Cemetery,	1 00
C. B. Stone, care of lot in Mount Hope Cemetery,	3 00
Interest on Wilde Library fund,	196 60
Memorial Library, for fines,	23 00
" " catalogues sold,	4 75
City of Cambridge, aid for Nogle family,	70 18
D. C. Harris, milk sold from farm,	961 39
" " apples " "	287 06
" " calves " "	11 00
" " potatoes " "	4 80
James Emerson, cart "	5 00
M. E. Taylor & Co., potatoes "	7 98
" " " eggs "	3 56
Otis H. Forbush, 2 cows "	57 20
Lyman Tuttle, wood "	4 59
" " 1 cow "	15 00
Band of Little Helpers, use of hall,	5 00
Congregational Society, rent of Town hall,	44 00
Rent of Town hall and cellar,	54 00

Rec'd N. Littlefield, road dust,	\$3 35
C. J. Williams, school supplies sold,	5 20
F. Stevens, for stove,	2 00
D. H. Farrar, "	2 00
A. L. Noyes, heater,	3 00
D. H. Farrar, plank,	10
Albert Wood, license to slaughter,	1 00
A. F. Blanchard, " "	1 00
Anson C. Piper, overpaid on highway work,	2 00
Isaiah Hutchins, for damage to doors,	1 25
" " " " " books,	30
C. B. Robbins, stone steps,	5 25
" " windows,	3 00
W. F. Stevens, Int. on taxes of 1897,	86 59
" " " " 1898	14 02
Interest on money in bank,	59 13
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	\$29,023 97

EXPENDITURES.

For support of Centre school,	\$882 02
" North "	435 09
" South "	1,176 61
" West "	1,266 69
" High "	1,602 32
Scientific apparatus,	99 90
School supplies,	476 22
Transportation of scholars,	645 00
Memorial Library,	782 89
State and military aid,	802 50
Street lamps,	509 95
Loans and interest,	3,165 00
Support of poor on farm,	1,862 92
" " outside poor,	1,080 67
Cemetery expenses,	427 07
Repairs on buildings and grounds,	1,038 21
Town officers,	1,379 25
Roads and bridges,	2,596 71
Printing,	142 95

For Soldiers' relief,	\$158 50	
Miscellaneous,	1,697 03	
State tax,	870 00	
County tax,	1,442 59	
County road work,	624 18	
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		\$25,164 27
Balance due from Treasurer,		1,570 89
" " Collector,		2,288 81
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		\$29,023 97

FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN, MARCH 12, 1899.

Nettie A. Bowen, note,	\$1,000 00	
Int. from Dec. 6, 1898, to March 12, 1899,	13 33	
Frank H. Jones, note,	600 00	
Int. from April 27, 1898, to March 12, 1899,	26 25	
Frank H. Jones, note,	700 00	
Int. from June 15, 1898, to March 12, 1899,	25 96	
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		\$2,365 54
Amount due from Treasurer,	\$1,570 89	
" " " " " "	2,288 81	
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	\$3,859 70	
Less notes payable,	2,365 54	
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	\$1,494 16	
Interest due on taxes unpaid,	50 35	
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Balance in favor of the town,	\$1,544 51	

LIST OF JURORS.

The following is a list of persons to serve as jurors for the ensuing year, as revised by the Selectmen of Acton, to be submitted to said town at their April meeting, 1899 :

A. P. Bean,	Mechanic.
Elisha H. Cutler,	Farmer.
Job W. Dupee,	"
I. Warren Flagg,	Merchant.
Walter M. French,	Farmer.
David T. Kinsley,	Railroad employee.
E. L. Hayward,	Mechanic.
D. C. Harris,	Stone cutter.
Edgar H. Hall,	Manufacturer.
Lowell A. Jones,	Farmer.
Warren H. Jones,	"
John C. Keyes,	"
Hanson A. Littlefield,	Merchant.
F. P. Morse,	Farmer.
C. H. Mead,	Merchant.
John D. Moulton,	Farmer.
S. L. Richardson,	"
Moses A. Reed,	"
E. F. Richardson,	"
William F. Stevens,	"
Henry M. Smith,	"
S. Hammond Taylor,	"
Horace F. Tuttle,	"
James B. Tuttle,	"
Willis L. Mead,	Railroad employee.

ACTON, March 22, 1899.

E. FAULKNER CONANT,
WILLIAM F. STEVENS,
DAVID C. HARRIS,
Selectmen of Acton.

I have examined the reports of the Selectmen for the past year and find them correct.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD,
Auditor.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

1898.

March 12, cash in treasury,	\$643 81
Received from First National Bank of Ayer, borrowed money,	3,000 00
State Treasurer, supervision of schools,	375 00
“ “ In. Mass. school fund,	294 44
“ “ Corporation tax,	617 81
“ “ Nat. Bank tax,	240 57
“ “ Military aid,	91 25
“ “ State aid,	620 00
“ “ Tem. support of paupers,	25 78
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Mrs. F. U. Holt, care of lot in Mount Hope Cemetery,	1 00
Geo. C. Wright, care of lot in Mount Hope Cemetery,	4 00
Nelson J. Cole, care of lot in Mount Hope Cemetery,	1 00

Rec'd Mrs. E. Smith, care of lot in Mount Hope Cemetery,	\$1 00
Dana Hayward, care of lot in Mount Hope Cemetery,	1 00
Ora J. Whitney, care of lot in Mount Hope Cemetery,	1 00
Charles B. Stone, care of lot in Mount Hope Cemetery,	3 00
Interest on Wilde Library fund,	196 60
Memorial Library, for fines,	23 00
“ “ “ catalogues sold,	4 75
City of Cambridge, aid furnished Nagle family,	70 18
D. C. Harris, milk sold from town farm,	961 39
D. C. Harris, apples sold from town farm,	287 06
D. C. Harris, calves sold from town farm,	11 00
D. C. Harris, potatoes sold from town farm,	4 80
James Emerson, cart sold from town farm,	5 00
M. E. Taylor & Co., potatoes sold from town farm,	7 98
M. E. Taylor & Co., eggs sold from town farm,	3 56
Otis H. Forbush, 2 cows sold from town farm,	57 20
Lyman Tuttle, 1 cow sold from town farm,	15 00
Lyman Tuttle, wood sold from town farm,	4 59
Band of Little Helpers, use of Town Hall,	5 00
Congregational Society, rent of Town Hall for 22 Sundays,	44 00
Rent of Town Hall and cellar,	54 00
Nahum Littlefield, road dust,	3 35

Rec'd C. J. Williams, school supplies sold		
pupils,	\$5	20
Frank Stevens, for stove,	2	00
D. H. Farrar, for stove,	2	00
A. L. Noyes, for heater,	3	00
D. H. Farrar, for plank,		10
Albert Wood, license to slaughter,	1	00
Arthur F. Blanchard, license to slaughter,		1 00
Anson C. Piper, cash overpaid on highway work,	2	00
Isaiah Hutchins, repairs on school house doors,	1	25
Isaiah Hutchins, damage to school books,		30
William F. Stevens, Collector taxes for 1897,	2,317	96
William F. Stevens, interest on taxes for 1897,	86	59
William F. Stevens, Collector taxes for 1898,	15,963	74
William F. Stevens, interest on taxes for 1898,	14	02
Interest on money in bank,	59	13
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		\$26,735 16

EXPENDITURES.

Paid State Tax,	\$870	00
County Tax,	1,442	59
On orders of Selectmen,	22,851	68
Cash in Treasury March 12, 1899,	1,570	89
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		\$26,735 16

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

REPORT OF WILDE MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND.

Dr.

1899.

March 11, to cash deposited in North End		
Savings Bank,	\$1,000	00
Middlesex Institution for Savings,	1,000	00
Home Savings Bank,	1,000	00
Warren Institutions for Savings,	1,000	00
Charlestown Five-Cent Savings Bank,	1,000	00
Interest received on deposits,	196	60
Town appropriation,	200	00
Cash received for fines,	23	00
" " " catalogues sold,	4	75
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		\$5,424 35

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By Cash in banks,	\$5,000	00
Expended for books and magazines,	406	53
Balance unexpended,	17	82
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		\$5,424 35

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

Examined and approved.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD,
Auditor.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF MONEY HELD FOR CARE OF LOTS IN
CEMETERIES.

Dr.

1899.

March 12, to Mary Skinner fund,	\$203 00
Nancy K. Handley, "	500 00
Frederick Rouillard, "	100 00
William W. Davis, "	100 00
Mary W. Chaffin, "	100 00
Mary Severance, "	100 00
Warren Robbins, "	100 00
Eliza A. Whitcomb, "	75 00
Hepsabeth Piper, "	50 00
Jedediah Tuttle, "	50 00
Cash received from town for care of lots,	30 75
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	\$1,408 75

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By cash paid—

Julian Tuttle, care of Skinner lot,	\$5 50
" " " Handley "	6 50
" " " Rouillard "	3 00
" " " Chaffin "	3 00
" " " Severance "	3 00
" " " Piper "	1 00
" " " Tuttle "	1 00
" " " Robbins "	1 00
" " " Davis "	5 00
C. B. Stone, " Hayward "	1 75
Balance in treasury,	1,378 00
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	\$1,408 75

J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
Treasurer.

Examined and approved.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD,
Auditor.

Report of Overseers of Poor.

ARTICLES ON HAND AT TOWN FARM MARCH 1, 1899.

1 horse,	\$50 00
13 cows,	697 00
2 yearlings,	25 00
1 hay wagon,	30 00
1 market wagon,	75 00
1 buggy,	18 00
1 pung,	8 00
2 sleds,	9 00
8 cords of wood, cut for stove for schools and hall,	44 00
16 cords of wood, cut for stove,	80 00
19 ton of hay,	247 00
1 wheel barrow,	3 50
farming tools,	18 00
170 barrels,	34 00
1 double harness,	22 50
1 single “	2 50
1 express “	23 00
2 collars,	3 00
grain,	10 00
feed trough,	2 00
plows,	18 00
hay cutter,	2 00
ladders,	11 00
1 cultivator,	3 00
2 harrows,	8 00
1 horse cart,	27 50
1 horse rake,	18 00
1 mowing machine,	27 50
1 grindstone,	2 00
spray pump,	8 00

25 boxes,	\$ 2 50
coal,	1 00
3 wood saws,	2 00
1 canvas cover,	1 75
1 wrench,	75
45 gallons of soft soap,	8 65
25 hens,	12 50
1 barrel of apples,	3 00
2 bus. carrots,	1 00
30 bus. potatoes,	18 00
150 lbs. pork,	15 00
oil and tank,	1 50
lumber,	8 00
pails and tubs,	2 00
4 baskets,	1 00
1 stove,	5 00
1 chair,	1 50
1 range,	22 00
1 lounge,	3 50
1 stove,	10 00
1 chair,	1 25
5 beds and bedding,	18 00
1 stove,	3 00
2 cabinet chairs,	2 50
1 table,	1 00
9 chairs,	3 60
stone drag,	3 00
2 traps,	50
1 blanket,	1 50
set of measures,	1 40
salt,	25
22 gallons paint oil,	8 00
1 washing machine,	8 00
tea,	60
coffee,	35
bbl. of crackers,	2 65
17 cans of fruit,	4 25
brooms,	50
5 dox. jars,	3 00

sugar,	\$ 0 80	
flour,	75	
spices,	25	
butter,	50	
lard, 1	75	
molasses,	40	
beans,	2 25	
meal,	15	
axe,	1 00	
		\$1,717 35
Receipts from farm,		1,357 58
Victualing and lodging tramps,		87 00
		<u>\$3,161 93</u>
Expenditures,	\$1,862 92	
Interest on farm \$3,500 at 5 per cent.,	175 00	
Stock on hand March 1, 1898,	1,278 40	
		\$3,316 32
Less receipts and stock on hand,		3,161 93
		<u>\$154 39</u>

COST OF SUPPORTING POOR INMATES AT FARM DURING YEAR.

Sarah Hunt, whole year.

Lucy Hapgood, whole year.

Mrs. Henry Brooks, from March 12 to Dec. 17, '98.

Eben Jones, from Sept. 15 to March 12, '99.

Frank E. Harris, from June 9 to Oct. 19, '98.

Thomas Morey, from Jan. 16 to March 12, '99.

I have examined the accounts of the Overseers of Poor and find them correct.

H. J. HAPGOOD, Auditor.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

Acton Memorial Library.

1898-99.

LUTHER CONANT, *Pres.* WILLIAM D. TUTTLE, *Secy.*

MOSES TAYLOR, ADELBERT MEAD, DANIEL J. WETHERBEE.

DELETTE H. HALL.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD, CHAS. J. WILLIAMS, L. A. HESSELTON.

Library Report.

The Trustees of the Acton Memorial Library take pleasure in presenting their ninth annual report. This report is a favorable one. A large increase is shown in the number of books taken, and we think that every year a higher class of literature is called for,—that is, books of travel, history and biography, which contain more general information than works of fiction, that in many libraries comprise a large per cent. of the books demanded. The desire for reading with the pupils of the schools and those somewhat older constantly grows, and indeed is one of the most promising features of the institution.

With a single exception we have little of importance to present, and for that reason our report will be a brief one.

Some months since the trustees received a very interesting letter from the donor of the library, Hon. William A. Wilde, which so fully explains itself that we give it entire.

BOSTON, September 26, 1898.

Mr. Luther Conant, Acton, Mass.:—

DEAR SIR—I have had for some little time an idea on my mind which I desire to present to you and learn what you think of it.

The success of your library in Acton is going to depend in the future almost entirely upon the way the people of Acton feel toward it. To do the largest amount of good and be of the greatest value to the people they want a personal interest in the library, and it is human nature for us to think most about that which costs us something. Therefore, I want to suggest a little card or slip be printed and pasted into the catalogues of the library, explaining the necessity of increasing the value of the library by books and pictures and other ways, and I would have the card read something like this :

Form of Bequest to the Acton Memorial Library and Art Room.

I give to the Board of Directors of the Acton Memorial Library and reading Room of the Town of Acton, and their successors in office forever, as special trustees..... dollars, in trust, to be invested, and the income thereof to be applied to the use and benefit of the Library and Reading Room.

I believe there are those in Acton who would be glad to make some such bequest for these purposes. Some might leave \$100, some \$500, and some \$1,000, but everyone that did make a bequest would interest others in the library—make it more popular—think more of the library—read the library more—study it better.

Kindly let me know what you think of the plan.

Yours truly,

W. A. WILDE.

We trust that those to whom Mr. Wilde's letter applies will give the subject careful consideration and act as they think best. As an encouragement, we may state that knowledge of the fact has come to a member of the Board of Trustees that papers have already been drawn that ultimately may benefit the library in a good degree.

We would remind the patrons that we should be very glad to receive from every one who feels able and desirous to do so, one new fresh book of interest every year. Please do not wait until the end of the year, but attend to this request at your earliest convenience.

We ask the town to vote the same appropriation, \$200, for new books, and \$400 for current expenses, as in years past.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER CONANT,

For the Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Total number of volumes in library,	6,627
Added by purchase the past year,	350
Added by gift,	28
Total added,	378
Total number of persons who have taken out cards,	1,415
Number of books taken out during the year,	8,715
Largest daily use, Feb. 25, 1899,	188 volumes
Smallest daily use, Feb. 16, 1899,	21 volumes
Visitors registered during the year,	258
Fines,	\$23.0

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

Hon. J. F. Fitzgerald has presented a map of the United States, and Mrs. Mary A. Hammond an ancient singing book.

DONATION OF BOOKS.

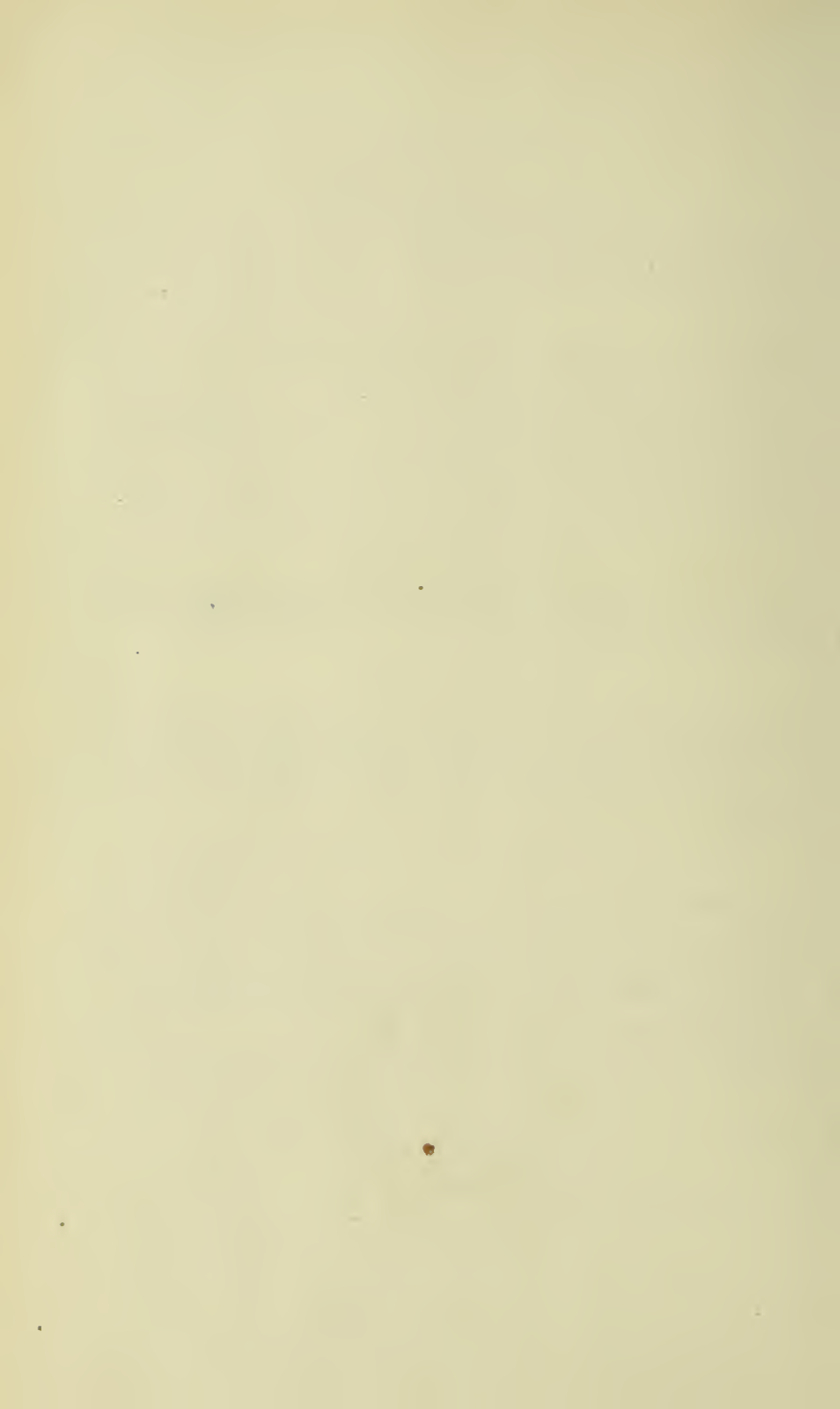
Cambridge W. C. T. U., 1; Warren Hapgood, Boston, 1; United States government, 9; State, 8; Mrs. Luther Conant, 1; E. A. Goodnow, Worcester, 1; Viola S. Tuttle, 6; Luther Conant, 1.

PERIODICALS DONATED FOR THE READING ROOM.

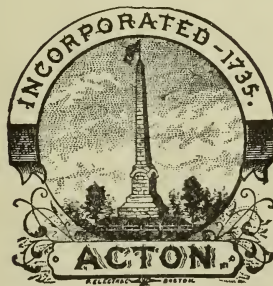
"Child's Hour," and "Our Sunday Afternoon," Hon. W. A. Wilde; "Our Paper," Massachusetts Reformatory; "Our Dumb Animals," Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and "Woman's Home Companion," Mast, Crowell & Kirkpatrick.

Magazines same as last year, with the addition of the "Chautauquan."

VIOLA S. TUTTLE, *Librarian.*



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF ACTON, MASS.,
FOR
SCHOOL YEAR 1898-99.



HUDSON, MASS. :
THE ENTERPRISE PRINTING COMPANY.

Report of the School Committee.

To the Citizens of Acton :

We respectfully submit to you our annual report, in which is included the report to the committee of the Superintendent of Schools.

The more important events of the year have been the dissolution of the union supervision district of West Brookfield, Sturbridge and Acton, the formation of a new district comprising the towns of Westford, Littleton and Acton, and the resulting change in the incumbency of the office of Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Dixon remained in charge of the schools of the Worcester County towns, while Mr. Andrew S. Thomson of Brown University was selected to superintend the schools of the new district.

The salary of the superintendent was fixed by the district committee at \$1,500 per annum, with an allowance of \$30 for postage and stationery, of which sums the town of Acton is responsible for the payment of 3-10 of the former and $\frac{1}{3}$ of the latter.

Mr. Thomson has proved himself an efficient and hard-working officer, entitled to your confidence and that of your committee.

Mr. Dixon's term of service having expired on May 22, and that of Mr. Thomson not beginning until September, Mr. Dixon was engaged to take charge of the schools during the latter part of the spring term at a *pro rata* salary.

During the year a heating plant of late pattern has been installed in the Centre school building, which has contributed largely to the comfort and well being of the occupants of the house.

The severity of the weather during the winter and the absence of teachers because of illness have caused several interruptions of the sessions of the schools for longer or shorter terms. While such interruptions of the regular sessions of the schools are much to be regretted those in question have been unavoidable.

We again urge upon the town that it provide adequate accommodations for the common schools at South Acton and for the High school, and again recommend that provision be made for the consolidation of the North school with those at the centre of the town.

The High school classes of '96 and '97, upon their graduation from the school, presented to it, the former, a set of eight fine photographs, and the latter a collection of six of the busts of famous men. We wish here to acknowledge these gifts, and, on behalf of the town, to thank the donors.

Whenever the weather conditions require it a "no school" signal will be struck upon the bells of the Congregational Church at the Centre village, the Baptist Church at West Acton and the store at South Acton. The signal is ten strokes of the bell, and it will be sounded at 8 o'clock A. M.

The appropriation of \$100 for the purchase of apparatus and books of reference for the High school has been expended as follows: Apparatus, \$59.88; books, \$40.02. The report of the purchasing agent of the committee is submitted herewith.

There has been received from the Commonwealth the sum of \$375 on account of superintendency for the year 1897-98.

Sections 12 and 31 of Chap. 496 of the Acts of 1898 are here printed for the information of the public:

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

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

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

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE YEARS 1898-99.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation for common schools,	\$3,400 00
" " High school,	1,600 00
" " school supplies,	475 00
" " transportation S. E. pupils,	270 00
" " " E. "	360 00
" " apparatus and books for High school,	100 00
" " salary of Superintendent,	465 00
Received from Massachusetts school fund,	294 44
" " dog licenses,	213 75
" " for tuition in High school,	110 00
" " " common schools,	21 00
	\$7,309 19

EXPENDITURES.

For common schools,	\$3,760 41
High school,	1,602 32
school supplies,	471 02
transportation S. E. pupils,	270 00
" E. "	360 00
apparatus and books for High school,	99 90
salary of Superintendent of schools,	455 00
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	\$7,018 65
Unexpended balance,	290 54

NOTE.—It should be borne in mind that of this sum of \$7,018.65 expended on account of schools, \$883.19 have been contributed by the Commonwealth,

ESTIMATES FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS FOR
THE YEARS 1899-1900.

For common schools,	\$3,400 00
High school,	1,600 00
school supplies,	475 00
transportation E. pupils,	³⁶⁰ 270 00
" S. E. "	²⁷⁰ 360 00
apparatus and books for High school,	100 00
salary Superintendent of Schools,	450 00
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	\$6,655 00

For the School Committee.

CHARLES J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

Superintendent's Report.

To the School Committee :

GENTLEMEN—It is my duty and pleasure to submit this, my first, report to you, and through you to the citizens of the town of Acton. It is my endeavor to describe the schools as they are, and to suggest improvements which may meet with your favor.

Your attention is invited to the following statistics :

Number of children in town between 5 and 15 years of age,	264
“ “ “ “ 8 and 14 “	123
Whole number of pupils enrolled in all the schools,	339
Number of pupils enrolled between 8 and 14 years of age,	188
“ “ “ over 15 years of age,	41
Average membership of all the schools,	276.2
“ attendance “ “	258.5
Per cent. of “ “ “	93.5
Number of public schools,	9
“ teachers required,	11
“ different teachers during the year,	12
Average wages per month of female teachers,	\$39 80
Aggregate of months schools have kept,	81

When I entered upon my duties in September, I found a large territory and a variety of conditions with which to become acquainted. I was glad to find that so many of your former teachers had remained with you, as I believe that every successive year of a teacher's services enhances that teacher's effectiveness.

STUDIES.

It has been my policy to modify the course of study already well established, rather than to introduce radical alterations, believing that sudden changes are disastrous to the best results from pupils and teachers.

There has been suggested a slight change in the course of study in geography. We propose to make a more extended study of local or town geography. When geography is properly taught

the child is first led to observe his immediate surroundings. The points of compass, relative situations and distances, the real significance of a map, may all be taught, and best taught, with reference to the town and village in which the school is located. The schoolroom should be well supplied with globes and maps, and other illustrative material, in order that when the pupil passes from the consideration of his immediate surroundings to that of places at a distance, his understanding may be assisted by these symbolic representations. Soon after the local geography is finished, the study of the earth as a whole is taken up. Here, in the first year of the study of geography proper, and the fourth year of the child's school life, we propose to give him a clear conception of this great round earth, its motions, its warm and cold belts, its forms of land and water. From this point the study of the grand divisions and continents will be taken up in the usual manner.

READING.

The reading in some of the schools seems to indicate a lack of adequate practice. There is a limited time in school hours for the proper amount of drill. I would urge upon the parents the importance of having their children read at home. The importance of reading is in the power of judgment acquired; first, by a wide-reaching power of the intellect to comprehend subjects, gained by looking up different points of view on the same subject; and second, by accuracy in discriminating the exact meaning of each and weighing the reasons put forth. If a child is not able to get thought from the printed page, readily and easily, as soon as the subjects of geography and history begin, the teacher is obliged to give out lessons by the page from the prescribed text book, because it takes too much time and energy on the part of the pupils to read several authors upon the subject in hand. The antiquated method of assigning tasks and hearing recitations is the inevitable result. I have known a pupil to say to his teacher: "If you read the problem I can do it; but I cannot understand what it means when I read it myself." This is a state of affairs which should not be. If a child does not understand the subject in hand — if the subject does not become a

part of him — but he simply depends upon the word of the text book for the recitation, the ideas are gone as soon as the words are forgotten. We want not a dry committing to memory, but an investigating spirit and individual conclusions.

DRAWING.

The teachers have been endeavoring to follow the state course in drawing, with varying degrees of success. This is a department in which our schools can be much improved. The development into a useful and productive citizen of that child who does not easily grasp literary studies, as languages or history, may be accomplished through his talent for manual arts, as drawing and the pursuits of which it is the foundation. If a student is compelled to devote himself exclusively to studies which are of indirect value and not in his line of aptitude, he will become discouraged in the effort to improve himself and may lose all interest in mental progress.

Drawing “aims to develop in the pupil vigorous powers of thought-expression ;” likewise “to train the judgment, to call out the executive powers, and to give self-confidence in dealing with actual material. It serves also to illustrate much of the instruction in mathematics and in natural science.”

As reading the best in literature, so looking at the best in art, cultivates a taste for the good and noble. For this reason I would have copies of standard works of art placed before the children; the walls of our schoolrooms decorated with copies of the best and most celebrated paintings, engravings of great Americans, and casts of fine sculpturing.

PROMOTIONS.

It seems to me that promotions of pupils from grade to grade has been much too rapid. It is an unwise thing to advance a child beyond what he is able to comprehend. The idea of promoting pupils into the high school before they are capable of understanding the work taught there is a wrong to the pupils and a hindrance to the work of the High School. You cannot

expect a high school to do satisfactory work if the pupils are not properly prepared.

It is my opinion that no one is so capable as the teacher of judging whether a pupil should be promoted or not. She knows to what extent the children have mastered from day to day the work covered, and, having studied the individual minds of her pupils, is most competent to determine whether a child will be benefitted by repeating the work or by doing that of a more advanced grade. The superintendent should be consulted and should give the teachers all possible assistance that they may solve wisely their difficult problem. In order to become familiar with the ability and of each individual pupil, I have established the custom of giving frequent oral and written tests. The written tests are made up by selecting questions from the lists handed me by the various teachers. Their object is not to furnish marks for the report cards, but to keep the teachers in touch with the work of each other and the purpose of the superintendent. This plan gains a more uniform standard throughout the several schools, and avoids the undesirable "cramming" for examinations, as the teachers know about what questions to expect.

THE SCHOOLS.

Notwithstanding the several changes of teachers in the West Acton schools, this has been a prosperous year. Mrs. Whitcomb was in charge of the primary department during the fall term, and the school made excellent progress. At the beginning of the winter term Mrs. Gardner, much refreshed by her trip in the West, resumed her work in this department.

At the close of the fall term Miss Jacobs resigned her position in the Intermediate Department to take a position at Ayer, and Miss Florence Moran, a graduate of Salem Normal School, was secured to fill the vacancy. That we were very fortunate in obtaining so good a teacher as Miss Moran is shown by the fact that the school has made steady progress under her instruction.

The Grammar department, under the direction of Miss Burke, has been kept under firm discipline. Shortly after the opening of the new year Miss Burke was called away. Her request for a leave of absence for two weeks was granted, and Mrs. Hosmer, the regular substitute of the town, was placed in charge of the

school. At the end of the two weeks, Miss Burke was unable to return and offered to resign her position, but as it is the opinion of both committee and superintendent that it is best to retain a good teacher, it was thought best to continue the substitute. Mrs. Hosmer became ill and another substitute had to be secured.

I am of the opinion that the North Acton pupils could be transported to the Centre with profit to both Schools. Miss Miller, in charge of an Intermediate school at the Centre, would give the North and Centre the same advantages as those enjoyed by West Acton.

The unsatisfactory condition of the South Acton schools was early reported to the School Committee, but they were unable to give the needed relief. The method of hearing classes in the cloak room does not secure satisfactory results. It is almost impossible for a teacher to hold the attention of the children in so inconvenient a room, and the confusion caused by classes passing in and out prevents good work being done in the main room.

The classes in the Grammar School have fallen much below grade. This is the inevitable result of a teacher attempting to do all the teaching of four grades, in all the subjects required by a modern school curriculum. Had we an available room, much better results would be obtained by the establishment of an Intermediate School as at West Acton.

The High School is also in a congested condition. It is not sufficiently equipped with laboratory room to meet the demands of the State Board of Education. I would urge the importance of the natural sciences, as chemistry, physics and botany. These studies teach the child first to know, then to rightly appreciate, and consequently to love our beautiful world. The student comes to see the harmony of the laws which govern the universe, and learns to admire more deeply the hand which gives beauty to the flowers, and directs the planets in their course. Herein lies the culture value of these subjects. Their utilitarian value can not be over-estimated. In this age of scientific development and mechanical industry, when young men are so largely finding employment in electric and civil engineering, designing, architecture, and the scientific professions, we should certainly give the young men of this town a better opportunity to exercise

their talents in these fields of industry. Drawing, the basis of most of the arts and sciences, should certainly be offered to the pupils who may have an aptitude in this direction.

In all probability there will be a net increase of ten pupils to the High School next year. For two teachers to have the entire instruction of sixty-five High School pupils is a task which cannot be satisfactorily accomplished. In view of these facts I would earnestly ask you to take into your consideration the advisability of adding a second assistant, in the High School, who could supervise drawing throughout the town.

MUSIC.

The schools at the West and Centre have made good progress in music. The Grammar School at the Centre does especially well. The musical instruction in the South Grammar and Primary has been somewhat backward until recently, when Mrs. Leslie very kindly offered to give special instruction. The work is rapidly taking form and improvement is expected. The High School is fortunate in having so skilled a musician as Mr. Charles to direct its music.

I wish to extend an invitation to the people of the town to visit the schools more frequently. We are glad to have the work of the schools inspected. It is encouraging to the teachers and superintendent to have the citizens manifest an interest in the schools, and the children quickly appreciate and respond to any attention of the parents in their school work. There must be a sympathy between the parents and teachers, and the best way to secure this is for you who are parents to visit the schools where you can see the teacher and pupils together in their daily relation. Do not wait until some misunderstanding arises, but early become acquainted with the teacher. The busy teacher can not take time to call upon the parents of all her pupils, while it takes but a little time of each parent to call upon the school.

The number of times each school has been visited during the year by the inhabitants of the town :

High School,	6
South Grammar,	6
South Primary,	42
West Grammar,	15
West Intermediate,	20
West Primary,	24
Centre Grammar,	16
Centre Primary,	23
North School,	25

In closing this report I wish to thank the Committee for their kindly counsel and firm support, the teachers for their friendly spirit and devotion to duty, and the people for the cordial manner in which I have been received.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW S. THOMPSON,

Superintendent of Schools.

A Table of Annual Statistics.

	Grade.	No. of Weeks.	Enrollment.	Average Member-ship.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent. of Attendance.	No. Between 5 and 15.	No. Between 8 and 14.	No. Over 15.	Wages of Teachers a month.
High School . . .	36	36	58	52.7	49.5†		22	22	36	{ \$111.11 50.00
South Grammar . . .	36	36	36	31.4	29.5†	94.	34	34	2		40.00
South Primary . . .	1-4	36	65	45.1	41.8†	92.9	65	17	0	{ 40.00 28.00
West Grammar . . .	1-8	36	19	16.3	15.4	93.8	16	15	3		40.00
West Intermediate . . .	4-6	36	29	26.9	25.2	93.1	29	29	0	40.00
West Primary . . .	1-3	36	46	31.1	29.2	94.	46	14	0	40.00
Centre Grammar . . .	5-8	36	19	24.4	22.6	93.2	19	19	0	40.00
Centre Primary . . .	1-4	36	40	26.5	26.1	98.5	40	19	0	40.00
North Acton . . .	1-6	36	27	21.8	19.2	88.	27	19	0	40.00
Totals		324	339	276.2	259.5	93.5	298	188	41	\$509.11

Department of School Supplies.

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To the School Committee of Acton:—

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

J. L. HAMMETT Co.

March 23.	5 rms. J. L. H. paper,	\$2 75	
	5 rms. No. 27 paper,	3 50	
	50 Cornhill pads,	2 00—	\$8 25
April 1.	5 gr. Eagle pens, No. 2,	2 25	
	1 doz. Earle's ink,	4 25	
	300 blotters,	1 50—	8 00
16.	100 sheets bot.mount. paper,	1 25—	1 25
25.	1 copy "Birds," Nos. 1 & 2,	2 00	
	4 doz. No. 30 rulers,	58	
	200 spelling blanks, No. 130,	2 00	
	10 gr. Gillett's pens, No. 1046,	4 00	
	12 gr. Eagle pens, No. 2,	4 80	
	15 rms. No. 27 paper,	10 50	
	102 lbs. arithmetic paper,	3 06	
	150 Cornhill pads,	5 63	
	200 blank books No. 140,	8 00	
	3 doz. Treasury mucilage,	2 10	
	3 doz. Gem B.B. erasers,	1 50	
	12 pkgs. corundum discs,	1 80	
	2 lbs. Boston erasers, No. 120,	1 50	
	21 rms. J. L. H. paper,	10 50	
	10 rms. H. I. paper,	5 00	
	20 blocks devel. maps of continents,	6 00	
	4 blks. devel. maps Australia,	1 20	
	6 blocks devel. maps U.S.,	1 80	
	6 blocks devel. maps N.E.,	1 80	

		30 "Round the World,"	9 00	
		1 set 7 Excelsior spring		
		roll maps,	17 50	
		12 lbs. note pads, special,	72—100 99	
May	11.	5 gr. H. B. pencils,	3 75	
		9 rms. J. L. H. paper,	4 50—	8 25
	13.	2½ gr. colrd. pencils, assorted,	5 00	
		½ doz. sheets gummed paper,	80—	5 80
	23.	3 "Round the World,"	90—	90
Sept.	7.	2 gr. No. 611 pen holders,	1 44	
		3 doz. White's drawing		
		books, No. 1,	2 70	
		3 doz, White's drawing		
		books, No. 2,	2 70	
		250 Baldwin's report books,	4 25	
		1 doz. qts. Treasury ink,	3 50—	14 59
	17.	12 Zool. note books,	90—	90
	24.	6 boxes M. B. colors,	1 20	
		1 doz. No. 6 brushes,	38	
		postage,	16—	1 74
October	3.	6 boxes M. B. colors,	1 20	
		1 doz. No. 6 brushes,	38	
		postage,	16	
		Credit, 1 doz. No. 6 brushes,	38—	1 35
Nov.	5.	½ gr. No. 30 rulers,	88	
		1 M blotters,	4 50	
		2 doz. large blotters,	96—	6 34
	7.	4 doz. rubber tip. pointers,	6 00	
		2 lbs. No. 20 rubber erasers,	1 30—	7 30
Jan.	7.	1 doz. qts. Carter's ink,	4 50	
		½ doz. boxes "Little Artist,"	1 20—	5 70

AMERICAN BOOK Co.

April	1.	5 Barnes' large geography,	\$6 25	
		Less ½,	1 25—	5 00
April	22.	40 Stories for Children,	10 00	
		36 Stories of the Romans,	21 60	
		32 Old Greek Stories,	14 40	

		28 Stories of the Greeks,	16	80	
		5 Natural elem. geog.,	3	00	
		5 Long's Home geog.,	1	25	
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			67	05	
		Less $\frac{1}{5}$,	13	41—	53 64
	27.	27 Carpenter's Asia,	16	20	
		Less $\frac{1}{5}$,	3	24—	12 96
May	6.	5 Natural adv. geog.,	6	25	
		Less $\frac{1}{5}$,	1	25—	5 00
	23.	2 Stories of the Romans,	1	20	
		9 Stories of the Greeks,	5	40	
		8 Carpenter's Asia,	4	80	
		1 Old Greek Stories,		45	
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			11	85	
		Less $\frac{1}{5}$,	2	37—	9 48
Sept.	14.	2 Barnes' Hist. of Greece,	1	50	
		Less $\frac{1}{5}$,		30	
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			1	20	
		Postage,		12—	1 32
	3.	55 Natural adv. geog.,	68	75	
		Less $\frac{1}{5}$,	13	75	
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			55	00	
		Credit old geog. (70),	17	50—	37 50
	8.	15 Natural adv. geog.,	18	75	
		Less $\frac{1}{5}$,	3	75—	15 00
Dec.	8.	2 Barnes' Rome,	2	00	
		Less $\frac{1}{5}$,		40	
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			1	60	
		Postage,		18—	1 78
Jan.	6.	6 Natural adv. geog.,	7	50	
		Less $\frac{1}{5}$,	1	50	
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			6	00	
		Credit, old geog.,	1	25—	4 75

SILVER, BURDETT & Co.

April 15.	4 Systematic ex. blanks,	\$0 84—	\$0 84
23.	1 No. 1 mus. chart & suprt.,	10 00	
	Less $\frac{1}{6}$,	1 66—	8 34
	8 Pendulum meteos.,	2 00	
	8 “ “ supporters,	2 00—	4 00
Jan. 24.	1 Chromatic pitch pipe,	1 25—	1 25

GINN & Co.

April 15.	1 Ovid,	\$1 50	
	Less $\frac{1}{6}$,	25—	1 25
Sept. 10.	9 Cicero, Allen & Groen'k.,	12 60	
	8 Cæsar, “	10 00	
	20 Allen & Greenough		
	Latin grammars,	24 00	
	12 Moulton's Latin com-		
	position,	9 60	
	8 1st Book in Greek,	10 00	
		<u>66 20</u>	
	Less $\frac{1}{6}$,	11 03	
		<u>55 17</u>	
	Credit by old books,	2 28—	52 89
1s.	1 Lockwood's Lessons,	1 12	
	Less $\frac{1}{6}$,	19	
		<u>93</u>	
	Postage,	11—	1 04
24.	25 Academy song books,	19 58—	19 58
Oct. 6.	Seven Little Sisters,	1 67	
	Postage,	10—	1 86
Dec. 8.	2 Lockwood's Lessons,	1 87	
	Postage,	21—	2 08

D. C. HEATH & Co.

March 28.	8 doz. Nat. sys. writing bk. No. 6,	\$6 00	
	4 doz. Nat. sys. writing bk. No. 5,	3 00	
	4 doz. Nat. sys. writing bk. No. 4,	3 00	
	4 doz. Nat. sys. writing bk. No. 3,	3 00	
	4 doz. Nat. sys. writing bk. No. 2,	3 00	
	5 doz. Nat. sys. writing bk. No. 1,	3 75	

		21 75	
	Less $\frac{1}{6}$,	3 62	
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		18 13	
	Credit by $3\frac{1}{2}$ doz. books,	2 45—	15 69
Sept. 17.	2 doz. copy books No. 1,	1 50	
	1 doz. copy books No. 2,	75	
	1 doz. copy books No. 3,	75	
	1 doz. copy books No. 4,	75	
	4 doz. copy books No. 5,	3 00	
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		6 75	
	Less $\frac{1}{6}$,	1 12—	5 63
Nov. 25.	3 Walsh higher arith.,	1 95	
	Less $\frac{1}{6}$,	32—	1 63
Jan. 21.	"Tom du Monde,"	4 55	
	Less $\frac{1}{6}$,	75—	3 80

DE WOLF, EISKE & Co.

Sept. 9. 7 French dictionary, \$3 50— \$3 50

EDWARD E. BABB & Co.

October 7. 5 Wilson's nature study,
mammals, \$3 75— \$3 75

HOUGHTON, MIFFLIN & Co.

Dec. 10. 20 Riverside Literature
series, "Evangeline," \$2 55

postage, 5— \$2 60

17. 10 Riverside Literature,
Evangeline, 1 28

Postage, 3— 1 31

Nov. 17.	Paid W.A.Charles,express				
	charges,	\$1	60		
	Paid C. L. Bradford, ex-				
	press charges,		15		
	Paid N. C. Reed, express				
	charges,	3	67		
	Paid A. L. Noyes, express				
	charges, 1898-99,	21	95—\$27	37—	\$476 22
	Credit by supplies sold pupils,				5 20
					<u>\$471 02</u>
	Supplies in supply room are valued at				\$90 00

CHARLES J. WILLIAMS,
Purchasing Agent.

Town Warrant

For Annual Meeting, April 3, 1899.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, MIDDLESEX, ss.

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

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the third day of April, A. D., 1899, at 9 o'clock A. M., then and there to act upon the following articles, as they may think proper, viz. :

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

ART. 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 332, Chapter 548 of the Acts of 1898, providing for the election of a Highway Surveyor.

ART. 3. To see if the Town will vote to choose three Road Commissioners, or accept any provisions of law relative thereto.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will rescind the vote passed at their meeting Feb. 2, 1899, in reference to two annual town meetings, or act anything thereon.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, and other Town Officers.

ART. 6. To choose all necessary Town Officers and Committees and fix salary.

ART. 7. To hear and act upon the report of any committee chosen to report at this meeting.

ART. 8. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the due observance of Memorial Day.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will vote to put an addition on the South school building, or act anything thereon.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will accept the jury list as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the Town, if necessary, in anticipation of the taxes the current year.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will maintain street lamps the present year, or act anything thereon.

ART. 13. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the repair of roads and bridges the present year.

ART. 14. To vote Yes or No, in answer to the question, Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in town the present year.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor law.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will vote to buy a fire engine for the South Village, or act anything thereon.

ART. 17. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of Memorial Library the present year.

ART. 18. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of schools the present year, or act anything thereon.

ART. 19. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for school supplies the present year.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote to buy a stone crusher, or act anything thereon.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will rescind the vote passed at a meeting March 3, 1890, whereby they voted to allow five per cent. interest on funds deposited with the town for care of lots in the cemeteries, or act anything thereon.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will choose a committee of investment to invest the different sums of money which have been or may be deposited with the town, the income of which is to be expended in the perpetual care of lots in the cemeteries.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will take any action in regard to fish and game laws.

ART. 24. To see what amount of money the Town will raise to defray Town charges the present year.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to petition the State Highway Commission to build a state road from Kelley's Corner to Acton Centre.

The Polls will be open by ten o'clock A. M. and may be closed at two o'clock P. M.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up copies, attested by you, in the following places: One in each of the post offices in the town, one at each of the railroad stations in the town, one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co., M. E. Taylor & Co., H. A. Littlefield, Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee, one at the office of F. J. Hastings & Co., and one at the Nagog House, seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hands, in Acton, this 22d day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-nine.

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

Selectmen of Acton.

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Town Officers=1899-1900.

Town Clerk,
HORACE F. TUTTLE.

Selectmen,

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

Assessors,

JAMES B. TUTTLE, WILLIAM F. STEVENS,
D. JAMES WETHERBEE.

Overseers of the Poor,

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

Town Treasurer,

JONATHAN K. W. WETHERBEE.

Auditor,

FRANK W. HOIT.

Collector of Taxes,

WILLIAM F. STEVENS.

Constables,

WILLIAM F. STEVENS, MOSES A. REED,
JAMES KINSLEY, LORENZO E. REED,
J. SIDNEY WHITE.

Road Commissioners,

NAHUM LITTLEFIELD, (term expires 1900,)
ANSON C. PIPER, (term expires 1901,)
WILLIAM H. KINSLEY, (term expires 1902.)

School Committee,

CHARLES J. WILLIAMS, (term expires 1902,)
ISAIAH HUTCHINS,* (term expires 1901,)
HORACE F. TUTTLE, (term expires 1900.)

*Deceased.

Cemetery Committee,

JOHN FLETCHER,*

HORACE F. TUTTLE,

CHARLES B. STONE.

Trustees Memorial Library, (elected by the Town,)

CHARLES J. WILLIAMS, (term expires 1902,)

WILLIAM D. TUTTLE, (term expires 1901,)

LUCIUS A. HESSELTON, (term expires 1900.)

Fence Viewers,

DANIEL H. FARRAR,

REUBEN L. REED,

OLIVER W. MEAD.

Surveyors of Lumber, Wood, Hoops and Staves.

HERBERT T. CLARK,

JONATHAN P. FLETCHER,

EDGAR H. HALL,

EDWARD F. RICHARDSON,

HENRY D. PARLIN.*

Field Drivers,

CARLTON C. TAYLOR,

JAMES F. STILES, JR.

ELWYN W. HARRIS,

WILLIAM F. STEVENS,

JAMES KINSLEY,

MOSES A. REED,

J. SIDNEY WHITE,

L. E. REED.

Tree Warden,

E. FAULKNER CONANT.

Committee on Enforcement of Liquor Law,

THE SELECTMEN,

ADELBERT MEAD,

F. P. WOOD.

Registrars of Voters, (Appointed.)

JULIEN TUTTLE, (term expires 1902,)

SAMUEL A. GUILFORD, (term expires 1901,)

JAMES MCGREEN, (term expires 1900,)

HORACE F. TUTTLE, ex-officio.

*Deceased.

Town Clerk's Report.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN MEETING,

HELD MARCH 21, 1899.

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

ART. 2. To determine the number of town officials the town will choose the present year.

Voted, That no action be taken on this article.

ART. 3. To see what action the town will take in relation to the vote passed at the meeting Feb. 2, 1899, whereby they voted to reconsider the action of the town in electing town officers on one ballot.

Voted, That no action be taken on this article.

ART. 4. To see if the town will vote to hold but one annual town meeting instead of two, or act anything thereon.

Voted, That no action be taken on this article.

Voted, To adjourn.

A true record. Attest:

HORACE F. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,

HELD APRIL 3, 1899.

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

ART. 2. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 332, Chap. 548 of the Acts of 1898, providing for the election of a Highway Surveyor.

Voted, Not to accept the provisions of law relative to choosing a Highway Surveyor.

ART. 3. To see if the town will vote to choose three Road Commissioners or accept any provisions of law relative thereto.

Voted, To choose three Road Commissioners and accept the provisions of the law relative thereto.

ART. 4. To see if the town will rescind the vote passed at their meeting Feb. 2, 1899, in reference to two annual town meetings or act anything thereon.

Voted, Not to rescind said vote.

Voted, To request the Selectmen to call the annual town meeting the last Monday in March and that the annual meeting be adjourned to a date fixed by the meeting if necessary.

ART. 5. To see if the town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee and other town officers.

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

ART. 6. To choose all necessary town officers and committees, and fix salaries.

Voted, To fix the salary of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year at \$150, the same to include posting the town warrants, enforcing the dog law and all other duties hitherto performed by said officer.

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

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

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

Voted, To proceed to choose on one ballot :

One Town Clerk,

One Town Treasurer,

Three Selectmen,

Three Assessors,

Three Overseers of the Poor,

One Member of the School Committee,

One Collector of Taxes,

Five Constables,
 Three Cemetery Committee,
 Three Fence Viewers,
 Six Surveyors of lumber, wood, hoops and staves,
 Eight Field Drivers,
 One Trustee of Memorial Library,
 One Auditor,
 Three Road Commissioners.

The following town officers were chosen :

Town Clerk, Horace F. Tuttle.

Town Treasurer, Jona K. W. Wetherbee.

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

Assessors, James B. Tuttle, Wm. F. Stevens, D. James Wetherbee.

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

School Committee for three years, Chas. J. Williams.

Collector of Taxes. Wm. F. Stevens.

Constables, Wm. F. Stevens, Moses A. Reed, James Kinsley, L.
 E. Reed, J. Sidney White.

Cemetery Committee, John Fletcher, Horace F. Tuttle, Chas. B.
 Stone.

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

Surveyors of lumber, wood, hoops and staves, Herbert T. Clark,
 Jona P. Fletcher, Edgar H. Hall, Edward F. Richardson, Henry D.
 Parlin, D. H. Farrar.

Field Drivers, Carlton C. Taylor, Jas. F. Stiles, Jr., Elwyn W.
 Harris, Wm. F. Stevens, James Kinsley, L. E. Reed, Moses A. Reed,
 J. Sidney White.

Trustee of Memorial Library, Chas. J. Williams.

Auditor, Frank W. Hoit.

Road Commissioners, Nahum Littlefield, for one year ; Anson C.
 Piper, for two years ; Wm. H. Kinsley, for three years.

Voted, To choose a Tree Warden.

E. Faulkner Conant was chosen Tree Warden.

Voted, That the Selectmen, Adelbert Mead and F. P. Wood be a
 committee to enforce the liquor laws.

ART. 7. To hear and act upon the report of any committee chosen to report at this meeting.

Heard the report of the Committee appointed Feb. 2, 1899, to investigate the matter of school accomodations in South Acton, which was the recommendation to build a High School Building at Kelley's Corner.

Voted, To accept the report of the Committee.

A motion that the town build a High School building this year, the matter of location to be left with the State Board of Education did not prevail, 81 voting No, and 54 Yes.

Acting on the report of the School Committee as printed in the annual town report, page 60, first paragraph

Voted, That the matter of the location of the High School be left with the School Committee.

ART. 8. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the due observance of Memorial Day.

Voted, To appropriate the sum of \$50.

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to put an addition on the South School Building or act anything thereon.

Voted, Not to put an addition on the South School Building 73 voting Yes, 109 No.

ART. 10. To see if the town will accept the jury list as revised by the Selectmen.

Voted, To accept the jury list as revised by the Selectmen, and printed in the town report, excepting the name of Elisha H. Cutler.

ART. 11. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money for the town if necessary, in anticipation of the taxes the current year.

Voted, That the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow in anticipation of the taxes for the year 1899, such sums of money as may be needed from time to time for the current expenses of the town, paying therefor the current market rate of interest giving the note or notes of the town therefor, signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by at least a majority of the Selectmen, to be paid from the taxes to be raised in the year 1899.

ART. 12. To see if the town will maintain street lamps the present year, or act anything thereon.

Voted, To maintain street lamps the present year.

Voted, That the Selectmen pay the sum of \$3.50 per lamp to be expended the same as last year.

ART. 13. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the repair of roads and bridges the present year.

Voted, To raise the sum of \$3000.

ART. 14. To vote Yes or No in answer to the question Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in town the present year?

Whole number of ballots cast, 134. Yes 32, No 102.

ART. 15. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor law.

Voted, To appropriate the sum of \$500.

ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to buy a fire engine for the South Village or act anything thereon.

Voted, That the Selectmen be authorized to purchase a fire engine of the same style as that now located in Acton Center, to be placed in South Acton.

ART. 17. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of Memorial Library the present year.

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

ART. 18. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of schools the present year or act anything thereon.

<i>Voted</i> , To raise for common schools,	\$3400.00
High school,	1600.00
School supplies,	475.00
Trans. of East pupils,	360.00
“ “ South East pupils,	270.00
Apparatus and books for High School,	100.00
Salary of Sup't. of Schools,	450.00
Trans. of North pupils,	240.00
“ “ pupils between South and West Acton,	240.00

ART. 19. To see what amount of money the town will raise for school supplies the present year.

Action taken under Act. 18.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to buy a stone crusher or act anything thereon.

Voted, That the matter be referred to the Selectmen and Moderator.

ART. 21. To see if the town will rescind the vote passed at a meeting March 3, 1890 whereby they voted to allow five per cent interest on funds deposited with the town for the care of lots in the cemeteries or act anything thereon.

Voted, To rescind the vote passed at a meeting March 3, 1890 whereby they voted to allow five per cent interest on funds deposited with the town for the care of lots in cemeteries.

ART. 22. To see if the town will choose a Committee of Investment to invest the different sums of money which have been or may be deposited with the town the income of which is to be expended in the perpetual care of the lots in the cemeteries.

Voted, That the Treasurer be a Committee of Investment to invest the different sums of money that have been or may be deposited with the town for the perpetual care of lots in cemeteries, the income of which is to be expended in the care of lots and the money to be invested in the Savings Banks.

ART. 23. To see if the town will take any action in regard to fish and game laws.

Voted, That the Selectmen and Edward F. Richardson, be a committee to petition the Legislature to allow towns to protect game within their limits.

ART. 24. To see what amount of money the town will raise to defray town charges the present year.

Voted, To raise \$5000.00.

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

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

ART. 25. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to petition the State Highway Commission to build a state road from Kelly's Corner to Acton Centre.

Voted, To pass over the article.

Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting as read by the Town Clerk.

Voted, To dissolve the meeting.

A true record, attest,

HORACE F. TUTTLE, *Town Clerk.*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING HELD APRIL 17, 1899.

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

ART. 2. To see if the town will vote to locate and build a High School Building, at or near Acton Center, or act anything thereon.

Voted, (1) That the town build this present year a new High School Building, not to exceed a cost of \$7,000 to be located on the land of James B. Tuttle on the outskirts of the village and known as the "Peach Orchard" site.

Voted, (2) That Chas. M. Kimball E. F. Conant, D. James Wetherbee, Chas. H. Mead and Luther Conant, be a committee to carry out the preceding vote of the town.

Voted, (3) That the Selectmen be instructed to borrow a sum of money, not exceeding \$7,000, to carry out the preceding votes of the town.

The first action under the article was taken by ballot, 127 voting Yes and 116 No, the second and third by a *viva voce* vote.

ART. 3. To see if the town will let out the coal used in the different town buildings to the lowest bidder, or act anything thereon.

Voted, That all coal used by the town be contracted for, and that the Selectmen be instructed to award the contract for same to the lowest bidder.

ART. 4. To see if the town will vote to buy teams to do the town work, or act anything thereon.

Voted, Not to purchase teams for the use of the town.

ART. 5. To see if the town will vote to purchase hose for fire purposes in W. Acton, or take any action in reference to fire protection in that village.

Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to lay a six inch iron pipe in West Acton, from the factory of Hall Bros. to the store of C. H. Mead & Co., and purchase 1,000 feet of hose, and hose carriage, if necessary.

ART. 6. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to enforce the provisions of the laws as set forth in Chap. 196 of the Acts of 1890, or act anything thereon.

Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to enforce the law.

Voted, To accept the minutes of the meeting.

Voted, To dissolve the meeting.

A true record, attest,

HORACE F. TUTTLE, *Town Clerk.*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING HELD MAY 8, 1899.

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

ART. 2. To see if the town will vote to reconsider or rescind the vote passed April 17, 1899, at the special town meeting, whereby they voted that the town build the present year a new High School Building, not to exceed a cost of \$7,000, to be located on land of James B. Tuttle, on the outskirts of the village and known as the "Peach Orchard" site.

Voted, To reconsider the votes passed at the last town meeting in reference to erecting a High School Building.

Voted, To dismiss the article.

ART. 3. To see if the town will vote to locate and build a High School Building in any part of said town, or take any action for the relief of the schools in South Acton, and see if the town

will make an appropriation therefor and to authorize the proper authorities to borrow a sum of money to be used for either of the above named purposes, or act anything thereon.

Voted, To dismiss the article.

ART. 4. To see if the town will appropriate \$1,200 for furnishing fire protection in West Acton, as voted April 17, 1899.

Voted, To dismiss the article.

ART. 5. To see what action the town will take in relation to the completion of the Cash road.

Voted, To instruct the Road Commissioners to expend a sum not exceeding \$150 for the completion of the Cash road.

ART. 6. To see what action the town will take in reference to drawing out interest on cemetery funds.

Voted, To authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to draw the interest on funds invested for care of lots in cemeteries as it may become due.

Voted, To accept the minutes of the meeting.

Voted, To dissolve the meeting.

A true record, attest,

HORACE F. TUTTLE, *Town Clerk.*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING HELD JULY 13, 1899.

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

Luther Conant was chosen Moderator.

ART. 2. To see what action the town will take in reference to the expenditure of the \$15000.00 allotted to them by the State Highway Commission for the building of a State road in Acton.

Voted, That the town waive its rights to contract for the building of the proposed piece of State road allotted to the town, and leave the matter of building to the Mass. Highway Commission.

ART. 3. To see if the town will authorize the making of a plan of the roads of Acton or act anything thereon.

Voted, That the Selectmen be authorized, if they deem it expedient, to procure a large map of Acton including the location of

the roads, public buildings and such other matter as they may deem advisable, the cost of the same not to exceed \$50.

ART. 4. To see what action the town will take in reference to bonds for its Collector and Treasurer.

No action taken.

Voted, To accept the minutes of the meeting.

Voted, To dissolve the meeting.

A true record, attest,

HORACE F. TUTTLE, *Town Clerk.*

PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS HELD NOV. 7, 1899,
IN PRECINCTS 1, 2 AND 3, ACTON.

VOTES.

FOR GOVERNOR.

	Prec. 1.	Prec. 2.	Prec. 3.	Total
Albert B. Coats,	1	2	1	4
W. Murray Crane,	60	73	61	194
Robert Treat Paine, Jr.	18	15	22	55
George R. Peare,	0	0	1	1
Winfield P. Porter,	1	1	0	2
Blanks,	2	3	2	7

FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

John L. Bates,	59	75	66	200
John H. Mack,	17	15	18	50
James H. Roberts,	1	0	1	2
Isaac W. Skinner,	1	1	1	3
Blanks,	4	3	1	8

SECRETARY.

Charles H. Bradley,	1	2	1	4
John B. Lewis, Jr.	1	0	12	13
Henry Lloyd,	16	14	6	36
Frank McDonald,	0	1	0	1
William M. Olin,	58	71	62	191
Blanks,	6	6	6	18

TREASURER.

Edward S. Bradford,	57	72	62	191
Joseph J. Flynn,	14	10	19	43
Herbert B. Griffin,	1	1	1	3
Frederick A. Nagler,	0	1	0	1
Charles W. White,	3	1	0	4
Blanks,	7	9	5	21

AUDITOR.

Elbridge Gerry Brown,	18	13	18	49
John W. Kimball,	57	73	60	190
Franklin A. Palmer,	1	0	1	2
Blanks,	6	8	8	22

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Addison W. Barr,	2	1	0	3
Hosea M. Knowlton,	59	74	65	198
John H. Morrison,	13	12	19	44
Sidney Perley,	1	0	1	2
Blanks,	7	7	2	16

COUNCILLOR SIXTH DISTRICT.

Marcellus H. Fletcher,	17	17	18	52
S. Herbert Howe,	56	69	61	186
Blanks,	9	8	8	25

SENATOR SIXTH MIDDLESEX.

George G. King,	15	19	11	45
Frank A. Patch,	61	69	71	201
Blanks,	6	6	5	17

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL
COURT.

Herbert E. Fletcher,	62	68	64	194
T. Frank Mullin,	14	19	19	52
Blanks,	6	7	4	17

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Levi S. Gould,	64	74	74	212
Joseph V. Schugel,	3	1	0	4
Blanks,	15	19	13	47

SHERIFF.

John R. Fairbiarn,	61	72	72	205
Alfred E. Jones,	1	2	1	4
Blanks,	20	20	14	54

A true record, attest,

HORACE F. TUTTLE, *Town Clerk.*

VOTE OF THE 23D MIDDLESEX DISTRICT FOR REPRESENTATIVE
IN GENERAL COURT.

	Acton.	Ayer.	Littleton	Shirley.	Westford
Herbert E. Fletcher, of Westford	194	150	78	75	244
T. Frank Mullin, of Ayer	52	103	15	33	53
Blanks	17	12	1	4	21
Total,	263	265	94	112	318

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN ACTON IN 1899.

No.	DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1	January 7	Helen Beatrice Robbins,	Herbert F. and Bessie E. (Foote)
2	13	Leslie Francis Penniman,	George O. and Edith R. (Reynolds)
3	16	Louise Stewart Barrett,	Lewis A. and Ethel V. (Stewart)
4	24	Elsie May Whitcomb,	Fred J. and Mary E. (Gates)
5	25	Nellie May Stiles,	James F. and Annie L. (Clark)
6	February 6	Dorothy Agnes McCarty,	John and Mary A. (McElligott)
7	18	Irene Elizabeth Merriam,	Frank A. and Bertha M. (Jones)
8	20	Marion Gertrude Emrick,	Melvin W. and Martha W. (Dubuque)
9	4	Brian Dominick Moore,	William J. and Mary A. (Duigman)
10	15	Percy William McAllister,	George O. and Mary V. (McIntyre)
11	28	Fannie Evelyn Davis,	Alfred W. and Lizzie (Morse)
12	April 10	Harold Joseph Coughlin,	John F. and Mary T. (Waldron)
13	20	Grace Evelyn Bezanson,	David H. and Ida M. (Foote)
14	20	Cyril Marshall Martel,	Frank Z. and Lizzie (Constantineau)
15	24	Ethel Wolf Spinney,	Everett L. and Lilla M. (Wolf)
16	26	Carl Alfred Christoffersen,	Anders and Annie (Anderson)
17	13	Milledge Thompson Illsley,	Aubrey W. and Emma J. (Thompson)
18	24	Faunce Leroy Page,	Harry J. and Lizzie E. (Coleman)
19	27	Florence May Morse,	Frank D. and Julia A. (Boyd)
20	5	Bessie Minetta Davis,	Richard M. and Maude L. (Morse)
21	9	Elizabeth Acton Bruce,	William F. and Mary E. (Bruce)

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN ACTON IN 1899.

No.	DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
22	July	Florence Ruth Cheney,	Elmer C. and Emma G. (Butterfield)
23	17	Harold Nelson Abbott,	Edward A. and Ellen J. (Weaver)
24	25	Pauline Munroe Kimball,	George P. and Sarah B. (Munroe)
25	28	Howard Venson Gallagher,	Daniel J. and Catherine (Bulger)
26	August	James Edward Kinsley,	David T. and Catherine F. (Burns)
27	14	Timothy James Hennessey,	Daniel J. and Hannah (Lynch)
28	September	James Raymond Gough,	John E. and Margaret A. (Dillon)
29	12	Ruth Emeline Hall,	Eugene L. and Isabella H. (Bent)
30	17	Marion Hazel Gibbs,	Harry F. and Harriet E. (Marshall)
31	19	Alta Ray Teele,	Ernest R. and Martha R. (Shattuck)
32	October	Edith Isabel Greer,	John H. and Jessie M. (Vaughn)
33	17	Alice Knights Evans,	Joseph W. and Mary A. (Knights)
34	November	Jerry William Anderson,	Bernt and Randine (Severinsen)

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1899.

NO.	DATE. PLACE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
1.	Jan. 18 at Acton.	Elwyn W. Harris Ida A. Hapgood	N. Acton, S. Acton.
2.	Feb. 9 at Maynard.	Murton H. Biathrow Lizzie Francella Wetherbee	W. Acton, W. Acton.
3.	April 19 at Acton.	Cyrus Granville Dole Grace Evelyn Taylor	Cambridgeport Acton.
4.	May 29 at S. Acton.	William Chester Munroe Mildred Oseman Kendall	Weston, Everett.
5.	June 7 at S. Acton.	Asaph Merriam Harriet Emma Jones	S. Acton, S. Acton.
6.	June 8 at Boston.	Daniel Morrison Julia Lewis Cutter	Cambridge, Acton.
7.	June 24 at Maynard.	Richard Francis Murphy Mary Jane Dean	S. Acton, S. Acton.
8.	June 26 at W. Acton.	Frederick H. Nash Mary Franz Rich	W. Acton, W. Acton.
9.	August 2 at Concord.	Sanford S. Searles Annie H. Hayward	S. Acton, Boxboro.
10.	August 19 at W. Townsend	John H. Watkins Elsie Edis Graham	Acton, Fitchburg.
11.	Sept. 6 at Acton.	Frank Herman Tuttle Bessie May Harris	Acton, N. Acton.
12.	Sept. 6 at S. Boston.	Albert L. Wood Agnes J. Butler	Acton, S. Boston.
13.	Oct. 11 at Maynard.	John E. Callahan Josephine Jackman	S. Acton, S. Acton.
14.	Nov. 30 at W. Acton.	George S. Chadwick Florence M. Leighton	S. Boston, W. Acton.
	Dec. 9 at Acton.	Niels Peter Hansen Laura Larsen	Acton, Acton.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1899.

NO.	DATE.	NAME.	AGES.		
			YRS.	MOS.	DYS.
1.	Jan. 2.	Mary A. Robbins,	64	10	10
2.	Jan. 24.	Forestus D. K. Hoar,	67	11	
3.	Feb. 9.	Eliza Annie Hutchins,	70	10	25
4.	Feb. 10.	Harriet E. Mitchell,	78	5	16
5.	Mar. 28.	Lillie M. Graves,	31	9	11
6.	Apr. 3.	Henry Edson,	77	1	
7.	Apr. 26.	George W. Mark,	67		
8.	May 7.	John W. Randall,	80		
9.	May 9.	Ebenezer W. Jones,	67	4	10
10.	June 29.	Frank Maeton, alias Wellington	35	(about)	
11.	July 5.	Eliza J. Treshler,	58		
12.	July 22.	Everlina T. Shapley,	73	3	10
13.	July 30.	Walter A. Gilmore,	52	11	24
14.	July 31.	George F. Clark,	82	5	7
15.	Aug. 8.	Isaiah Hutchins,	69	10	15
16.	Aug. 12.	Rachel A. Jenkins,	38	1	6
17.	Sept. 1.	David Joseph Foley,	3	10	28
18.	Sept. 13.	Charles A. Brooks,	59		
19.	Sept. 23.	John P. Rouillard,	79	2	
20.	Sept. 30.	Henry Brown,	81	1	25
21.	Oct. 10.	Sarah M. Jewett,	83	2	16
22.	Oct. 31.	John Fletcher,	72	2	23
23.	Nov. 5.	Harold Nelson Abbott,		3	18
24.	Nov. 29.	Julia Bertha Tapley,	29	4	
25.	Dec. 1.	Electa Pansy Penniman,	4	8	23
26.	Dec. 6.	Mary W. Wetherbee,	91	5	14
27.	Dec. 14.	Mary J. C. Z. Dusseault,	82	4	12
28.	Dec. 14.	Henry D. Parlin,	63	4	12
29.	Dec. 15.	Mary Etta Worster,	45	9	21
30.	Dec. 16.	Luke Smith,	86	9	24
31.	Dec. 28.	Mary Elizabeth Hastings,	57	7	14
32.	Dec. 30.	Thomas Morey,	78	3	16

PERSONS BROUGHT TO ACTON FOR BURIAL.

NO.	DATE OF DEATH.		NAME,	RESIDENCE.	AGE		
	1899.				YRS.	MOS.	DYS.
1.	Jan.	6.	Abby Hutchins,	Stoneham,	76		
2.	Jan.	8.	William H. Allsop,	Shirley,		3	12
3.	Jan.	23.	Elizabeth Smith,	Tunbridge, Vt.	77	11	9
4.	Feb.	13.	Susan C. Cushing,	Brookline,	56	10	24
5.	Feb.	15.	George A. Jones,	Boston,	53		
6.	Feb.	16.	Charles H. Martin,	Boston,	58		
7.	Feb.	21.	Mary W. Loker,	Westford	82	1	21
8.	Feb.	28.	Harriet Brown,	Nashua, N. H.	76		
9.	Mar.	26.	Susan O. Schouler,	Pawtucket, R. I.	44	4	23
10.	May	8.	Elisha Pickens,	Boston,	70	6	19
11.	May	21.	Harriet B. Townsend,	Jersey City, N. J.	47		
12.	Aug.	18.	{ Child of Geo. A. } Smith,	{ Carlisle.			
13.	Aug.	22.	Evangeline M. Graves,	Boxboro,		5	1
14.	Sept.	8.	Semantha Stockwell,	Watertown,	69	10	
15.	Oct.	12.	Jane A. Davey,	Amesbury,	38	10	7
16.	Oct.	22.	Eliza B. Cole,	Boxboro,	82	10	29
17.	Oct.	29.	Charles P. Heustis,	New Brighton, N.Y.			
18.	Nov.	16.	Benj. R. Joyce,	Concord Junct.	77	9	27
19.	Nov.	29.	Lyman Rouillard,	Malden,	51	1	17
20.	Dec.	19.	Sarah F. Chaplin,	Concord,	56	6	
		1866.					
21.	Feb.	7.	Andrew J. Sawyer,	Lowell,	33	5	4

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

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

HORACE F. TUTTLE, *Town Clerk.*

ACTON, Jan. 1, 1900.

PERSONS HAVING DOGS LICENSED IN 1899.

C. L. Stone,	\$ 2	James F. Stiles,	\$ 2
J. Sterling Moore,	2	H. L. Duren,	2
Ellsworth Houghton,	5	F. A. Pratt,	2
E. Eddie Fletcher,	2	Charles A. Taylor,	2
Chas. L. Ford, (3)	12	James A. McLane,	2
George Libby,	5	Smith Finney, (2)	10
Charles Morris,	2	Chas. M. Kimball,	2
Luke Tuttle,	2	E. H. Carey,	2
James P. Brown,	2	George H. Brooks,	2
William B. Holt,	2	Arthur Tuttle,	2
Lottie Flagg,	2	A. L. Lawrence, (2)	4
Harry A. Clark,	2	W. H. Lawrence,	2
J. Linwood Richardson,	5	Moses Taylor,	2
Wm. F. Stevens,	2	L. Willis Mead,	2
F. G. Williams,	5	Francis S. Davis,	5
F. J. Barker, (2)	7	Michael G. Hayes, (3)	6
E. C. Shapley,	2	Fred S. Whitcomb,	2
Wm. F. Kelly,	2	F. J. Taylor,	2
Elwyn W. Harris,	2	Chas. J. Williams,	2
Moses E. Taylor,	2	Elnathan Jones,	2
Daniel H. Farrar,	2	John Moulton,	2
D. James Wetherbee,	2	J. E. Durkee,	2
Albert H. Perkins,	2	W. C. Robbins,	2
Fred W. Green,	2	Walter E. Smith,	2
Howard E. Faulkner,	2	W. S. Fletcher,	2
M. J. Harrington,	2	Cyrus G. Dole, (2)	4
M. Hannon,	2	Maurice Lane,	2
W. H. Jones,	2	Samuel Ineson,	2
Frank Pratt,	2	P. F. Holden,	2
Tuttle & Newton,	2	Frank R. Stevens,	2
George Worster,	2	Charles Wheeler,	2
Daniel Mahoney,	2	Luther Conant,	2
C. F. Shirland,	2	Chauncy B. Robbins,	2
May Calder,	2	Jeremiah McCarthy,	2
Henry M. Smith,	2	John Coughlin,	2
Mary E. Reynolds,	2	William Barnes,	2

Nelson J. Cole,	\$ 2	Constantine O'Neil,	\$ 2
Charles A. Hunter, (2)	7	O. A. Willis,	5
Lester N. Fletcher,	2	William B. Manning,	2
Fredson P. Brooks,	2	Frank R. Knowlton,	2
A. J. Fletcher,	2	O. A. Knowlton,	2
H. A. Gray,	5	Frank E. Harris,	2
George E. Greenough,	2	Abel Farrar,	2
George N. Hoit,	2	Benjamin Andersom,	2
David C. Harris,	2	O. W. Penniman,	2
I. Simersen,	2	Patrick O'Neil,	2
S. H. Taylor,	2	William H. Hill,	2
Abel Cole,	2	Roswell L. Tuttle,	5
Henry Hanson,	2	William J. Moore,	2
William S. Jones,	2	F. E. Howland,	2
Hiram E. Gates,	2	A. Risso,	2
Richard Davis,	2	Wilbur Fisk,	2
Lyman Tuttle,	2	W. W. Philbrick,	2

Whole number licensed, 115.

Number of males, 101 ; at \$2 each, \$202 00

“ “ females, 14 ; at \$5 each, 70 00

272 00

Deduct Clerk's fees 115 licenses at 20 cents each, 23 00

Amount paid to County Treasurer, \$249 00

HORACE F. TUTTLE, *Town Clerk.*

Selectmen's Report.

CENTER SCHOOL.

Paid Sara J. Small, teacher grammar,	34 weeks,	\$340.00
Gertrude L. Kivlin, " "	1 "	10.00
Ella L. Miller, " intermediate,	23 4-5 weeks,	238.00
Sarah Wood, " "	1-5 "	2.00
Florence N. Day, " primary,	8 3-5 "	86.00
Eva C. Bassett, " "	3 2-5 "	34.00
Cora F. Warren, " "	23 1-5 "	232.00
Sarah Wood, " "	4-5 "	8.00
Julian Tuttle, janitor,		92.00
Julian Tuttle, cleaning rooms,		11.10
F. J. Hastings & Co, 7620, lbs. coal,		21.53
" " " 8145, " "		23.00
" " " 4105, " "		11.60
" " " 3640, " "		10.19
" " " 7535, " "		21.28
M. E. Taylor & Co., 4 brooms,		1.28
" " " 3 dippers,		.20
" " " oil,		.32
" " " soapine,		.20
" " " 2 mucilage,		.10
" " " 3 pails,		.81
" " " 1 brush,		.70
" " " salt,		1.03
" " " polish,		.10
" " " chimney,		.10
" " " screw driver,		.20
George Greenough, 4745, coal,		14.71

Tuttle & Newton, 1 shovel,	\$.50
“ “ 2 7-8 lbs. rope,	.58
“ “ polish,	.18
“ “ brush,	.45
Marion Brown, musical instruction,	6.67
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	\$1,167.83

NORTH SCHOOL.

Paid Ella L. Miller, teacher,	\$120.00
J. W. Parsons, janitor,	12.00
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	\$132.00

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Paid Hattie L. Tuttle, teacher grammar, 12 weeks,	\$120.00
Edith B. Marrow, “ “ 13 “	130.00
Ida F. Thomson, “ “ 2 “	20.00
Eva R. Barton, “ “ 8 4-5 “	88.00
Lilla Keniston, “ primary, 12 “	120.00
Annie W. Chase, “ “ 24 “	240.00
Jennie E. Stowell, asst. “ “ 12 “	84.00
Eva M. Brewer, “ intermediate, 24 “	240.00
C. L. Bradford, janitor 2 schools 1 year,	90.00
C. L. Bradford, cleaning room,	9.50
Henry Tolman, janitor 1 school 2 terms,	25.00
F. J. Hastings & Co., 5542 lbs. coal,	16.07
“ “ “ 13183 “	35.59
“ “ “ 4185 “	11.82
“ “ “ 5110 “	13.79
“ “ “ 5545 “	14.97
E. Jones & Co., 1335 lbs. coal,	3.88
“ “ 1187 “	3.44
Tuttle & Newton, 1 axe,	.83
“ “ polish,	.10
“ “ 1 pail,	.30
“ “ dust pan,	.20

Tuttle & Newton, 1 basin,	\$.35
“ “ 1 brush,	.42
“ “ oil,	.08
“ “ polish,	.10
“ “ powder,	.20
“ “ soap,	.05
“ “ 1 thermometer,	.15
“ “ 1 brush,	2.00
“ “ 1 “	1.62
“ “ 1 handle,	.15
“ “ 1 brush,	.63
Elnathan Jones, 4 dusters,	3.78
Marion Brown, musical instruction,	6.67
George Greenough, wood,	3.00
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	\$1,286.69

WEST SCHOOL.

Paid Mary R. Burke, teacher grammar, 25 weeks,	\$250.00
May A. F. Randall, “ “ 11 “	110.00
Florence Moran, “ intermediate, 12 “	120.00
Catherine E. Sweeney, “ “ 24 “	240.00
Harriet Gardner, “ primary, 36 “	360.00
Sarah Wood, “	6.00
Thomas Scanlon, janitor,	105.00
“ “ cleaning rooms,	18.00
“ “ furnishing water,	8.01
“ “ preparing wood,	2.00
A. W. Wetherbee, wood,	8.00
E. C. Parker & Co., 2860 lbs. coal,	7.58
E. C. Parker & Co., 26770 lbs. coal,	70.94
H. A. Littlefield, 1 floor brush,	2.90
“ “ 2 dusters,	4.00
“ “ 1 broom,	.33
“ “ 1 pail,	.25
“ “ incidentals,	2.16
Marion Brown, musical instruction,	6.66
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	\$1,321.83

HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid W. A. Charles, principal 12 weeks,	\$333.33
W. D. De Vault, " 26 "	650.00
M. Florence Fletcher, asst. teacher 37 weeks,	475.00
C. L. Bradford, janitor,	97.50
F. J. Hastings & Co., 5543 lbs. coal,	16.08
" " " 13183 "	35.60
" " " 5110 "	13.80
" " " 5545 "	14.97
E. Jones & Co., 1187 "	3.46
" " 1335 "	3.86
C. L. Bradford, cleaning rooms,	8.50
J. L. Hammett & Co., 3 doz. diplomas and engrossing,	13.20
N. A. Bellville, orchestra,	15.00
Eluathan Jones, 1 duster,	.37
" " 6 yds. ribbon,	1.32
George Greenough, wood,	3.00
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	\$1,684.99

SCIENTIFIC APPARATUS AND BOOKS OF REFERENCE.

Paid Ziegler Electric Co.,	\$61.75
De Wolfe Fisk & Co.,	13.06
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	10.50
D. C. Heath & Co.,	11.00
C. J. Williams, for express,	1.80
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	\$98.11

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Paid D. C. Heath & Co.,	\$30.09
Silver Burdett & Co.,	45.07
J. L. Hammett Co.,	253.79
Ginn & Co.,	47.40
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	6.75
American Book Co.,	64.51
E. E. Babb & Co.,	8.25

DeWolfe Fiske & Co.,	\$ 2.50
Thorpe & Martin,	1.50
C. J. Williams,	2.65
“ “ for express,	7.81
A. L. Noyes, “	16.03
C. L. Bradford, “	.15
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	\$486.50

TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOLARS.

Paid J. Mikkelsen, (East),	\$380.00
W. S. Jones, (South, East),	255.00
George Greenough, (North) 2 terms,	210.60
Frank A. Pratt, 1 scholar,	5.00
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	\$850.60

MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

Books and Magazines.

Paid DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books,	\$326.99
W. A. Wilde & Co., “	10.00
Henry D. Noyes & Co., magazines,	34.45
Wm. D. Tuttle, books,	2.35
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	\$373.79

RUNNING EXPENSES.

Paid Viola S. Tuttle, librarian,	\$104.00
Viola S. Tuttle, for ribbon,	.30
O. D. Wood, janitor,	100.00
Ethel M. Cutler, transportation of books,	51.00
J. R. Wales, binding magazines,	26.25
George E. Greenough, 6775 lbs. coal,	20.33
“ “ 2580 “	8.00
“ “ 6165 “	18.50
Morning Mail Co., printing catalogue supplements,	11.00
Mass. Reformatory, 500 cards,	2.00

Elnathan Jones, 1 mat,	\$ 7.75
Wm. D. Tuttle, expenses,	7.86
M. E. Taylor & Co., oil,	17.44
“ “ chimneys,	.90
“ “ broom,	.30
“ “ incidentals,	2.23
A. Hosmer, printing,	3.60
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	\$381.46

STATE AND MILITARY AID.

Paid W. B. Ball, Military Aid,	\$182.50
Henry E. Forbush, Military Aid,	40.00
Emma F. Blood, State Aid,	48.00
Ephraim B. Forbush, “	20.00
Aaron S. Fletcher, “	36.00
George Handley, “	48.00
Lydia Handley, “	48.00
Maria Kingsley, “	48.00
George Macomber, “	20.00
Joanna Macomber, “	20.00
Bridget Mawn, “	48.00
Mary A. Parlin, “	8.00
Sarah J. Rodway, “	48.00
Eliza J. Shattuck, “	48.00
Luke Smith, “	36.00
Mary Smith, “	48.00
Allen G. Smith, “	48.00
Rebecca C. Wright, “	48.00
Phebe F. Wood, “	48.00
Addison B. Wheeler, “	48.00
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	\$938.50

STREET LAMPS.

Paid East Acton Street Lighting Association,	77.00
West “ “ “ “	253.75
Acton Center Improvement Society,	80.50

George T. Ames,	\$1.75
Henry Barker,	7.00
E. J. Banks,	3.50
G. Clark,	3.50
S. A. Christie,	3.50
L. V. Clough,	7.00
Harry Clough,	3.50
W. F. Dussault,	3.50
I. F. Duren,	3.50
J. P. Fletcher,	7.00
A. J. Fletcher,	3.50
Abel Farrar,	3.50
Victor Fowler,	3.50
May Griswold,	7.00
H. A. Gray,	3.50
D. C. Harris,	3.50
H. J. Hapgood,	3.50
Francis Hosmer,	3.50
L. S. Hosmer,	3.50
C. A. Hunter,	3.50
L. A. Hesselton,	3.50
F. J. Hastings,	7.00
F. W. Hoit,	3.50
A. H. Jones,	3.50
E. Jones,	7.00
C. M. Kimball,	3.50
George R. Keyes,	3.50
Mrs. M. E. Lathrope,	3.50
Samuel Mentzer,	1.75
J. D. Moulton,	3.50
Albert Moulton,	3.50
Frank Merriam,	3.50
A. C. Piper,	3.50
C. S. Simonds,	3.50
Edwin Tarbell,	3.50
Mrs. Charlotte Tolman,	3.50
C. G. Turner,	3.50
F. Z. Taylor,	3.50

Tuttle & Newton,	\$3.50
Universalist Society,	3.50
George Worster,	7.00
W. S. Warren,	3.50
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	\$579.25

LOANS AND INTEREST.

Paid First Nat. Bank of Ayer, (notes),	\$5,000.00
“ “ “ “ “ (int. on notes),	70.00
Nettie A. Bowen, 1 yr. int. on \$1,000 note,	50.00
F. H. Jones, int. on \$700 note from June 15, 1898 to March 15, 1900,	61.25
F. H. Jones, int. on \$600 note from April 27, 1898 to Feb. 27, 1900,	55.00
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	\$5,236.25

SUPPORT OF POOR ON FARM.

Paid Moses Thompson, labor,	\$325.00
“ “ fish bought,	3.93
“ “ tapping shoes,	.60
“ “ horseradish bought,	.10
“ “ corn “	.20
“ “ cider “	.23
“ “ pr. rubber gloves bought,	1.25
“ “ repairing harness,	.25
“ “ J. E. Durkee,	1.00
Jas. McDermott, labor,	3.50
Jas. Shannon, “	13.20
Graham Greenough, “	10.00
Frank Hyde, “	8.50
McGrath, “	1.00
Daniel Reardon, “	5.00
A. Skebetzy, “	103.93
A. W. Foster, “	28.87
T. Welch, “	11.66

J. W. Livermore, work of horse,	\$4.00
F. J. Hastings & Co., grain,	139.98
E. C. Parker & Co., “	235.33
George C. Durkee, cow,	55.00
O. H. Forbush, “	52.50
F. J. Barker, medical attendance on Eben Jones,	8.50
“ “ “ “ “ Sarah Hunt,	1.00
“ “ “ “ “ Thos. Morey,	2.75
C. W. Livingston, soft soap,	6.00
W. H. Livingston, barrels,	18.75
I. F. Duren, casket for Eben Jones,	15.00
I. F. Duren, “ “ Thos. Morey,	15.00
E. Jones & Co., coal,	18.56
M. E. Taylor & Co., goods,	408.66
Tuttle & Newton, “	55.83
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, goods,	17.42
W. E. Whitcomb, meat,	50.06
Harrod & Harlow, “	39.78
Elnathan Jones, bed and bedding,	13.23
Clarence E. Switzer, blacksmith,	15.00
J. E. Rice, repairing pump,	1.50
J. Sterling Moore, meat,	20.31
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	\$1,712.38

OUTSIDE POOR.

Paid Worcester Insane Hospital, support of Anna Parlin,	\$169.46
“ “ Asylum, “ “ Clara Wheeler,	169.46
Westboro Insane Hospital, “ “ F. H. Harris,	52.93
Town of Clinton, aid for Daniel Reddy,	9.00
W. F. Stevens, expenses to Natick and Westboro,	5.83
F. E. Tasker, medical attendance on H. Edson,	15.00
W. A. Flint, care of H. Edson,	28.25
J. A. Hayward, “ “ “	14.00
J. E. Richardson, “ “ “	5.00
H. T. Clark, burial expenses of H. Edson,	35.00
F. J. Barker, medical attendance on Patrick Sherry,	12.50

D. C. Harris, expenses,	\$5.52
W. F. Stevens, “	6.48
Jeremiah McCarthy, care of Patrick Sherry, 21 days,	42.00
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	\$570.43
Worcester Insane Hospital, support of Elizabeth Bergendahl,	\$85.42
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	\$655.85

CEMETERY EXPENSES.

Paid Julian Tuttle, for labor,	\$149.85
Wilfred Wheeler, for plants,	15.63
Shady Hill Nursery, for shrubbery,	46.00
M. D. Jones & Co., 4 garden borders,	2.40
John Fletcher, freight on shrubbery,	1.77
F. W. Green, for labor,	74.50
N. Littlefield, “	79.34
A. E. Lawrence, “	10.35
F. E. Harris, “ and stock,	4.37
Albert Batley, for plants,	16.90
Albert Perkins, for labor,	4.50
J. E. Rice, for pump and repairing,	8.00
George G. Keith, for repairing pump,	3.35
“ “ 2 watering pots,	2.75
“ “ 1 pail,	.50
H. T. Clark, use of roller,	2.00
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	\$422.21

REPAIRS ON TOWN BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Paid Frank E. Harris, repairs on West school house,	\$15.34
“ “ “ “ Centre “	426.75
“ “ “ “ library,	5.10
“ “ “ “ town farm,	4.68
George G. Keith, “ “ Centre school pump,	3.50
“ “ “ at Library,	33.36
“ “ on Centre school house,	12.75
“ “ “ “ “ “	8.20

Traverse E. Schumaker, repairs at library,	\$165.00
Thomas Scanlon, work on West school grounds,	8.00
R. H. Nichols, work on town pump,	14.11
“ “ repairs on West school house,	52.90
“ “ “ “ Centre “	2.05
J. E. Rice “ “ “ “	25.05
“ “ “ at town farm,	112.25
T. F. McGam, for library,	13.50
E. Houghton, work at library,	3.30
Francis Jones, repairs at library,	7.00
“ “ “ “ and school house,	3.70
“ “ “ West school house,	30.69
“ “ “ Centre “	65.18
“ “ “ South “	38.56
J. L. Hammet Co.,	1.05
Julian Tuttle, work on Centre school house and grounds,	18.55
Wm. B. Davis, repairs at town farm,	18.47
“ “ “ “ library,	1.25
“ “ “ “ Centre school house,	1.40
H. T. Clark, repairs on West school house.	33.29
Albert Moulton, labor on South school grounds,	7.50
E. Jones & Co., lumber for farm,	39.35
E. Jones & Co., lumber for library,	9.40
* J. L. Hammett Co., repairs on school houses,	38.30
E. Jones & Co., lumber,	26.06
Samuel Jones, Jr., repairs of South school house,	119.88
W. H. Kingsley, work on Centre school grounds,	14.50
C. E. Brodeur, repairs on town hall,	107.06
Moses A. Reed, work on Centre school grounds,	5.50
Robert Wayne, work at town farm,	15.75
C. J. Williams, for repairs on Centre school house,	4.10
W. P. Lapham, repairs on library,	1.50
W. P. Lapham, repairs on Centre school house,	5.80
John S. Hoar, repairs on West school house,	3.00
Fred S. Whitcomb, work on West school grounds,	3.60
Tuttle & Newton, paint stock for town hall,	16.00
W. S. Kelly, repairs on West school house,	1.00

Estate Isaiah Hutchins, West school house,	\$8.05
E. Z. Taylor, repairs on South school house,	1.75
H. F. Tuttle, repairs on Centre school house,	.35
O. D. Wood, repairs on library,	6.90
M. E. Taylor, repairs on Centre school house,	2.32
E. Jones, for repairs at farm,	3.48
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	\$1,566.13

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Horace F. Tuttle, clerk,	\$30.00
J. K. W. Wetherbee, treasurer,	85.00
E. Faulkner Conant, selectman,	95.00
Wm. F. Stevens, “	50.00
David C. Harris, “	50.00
James B. Tuttle, assessor,	50.00
Wm. F. Stevens, “	30.00
D. James Wetherbee, assessor,	30.00
David C. Harris, overseer of poor,	50.00
E. Faulkner Conant, overseer of poor,	25.00
Wm. F. Stevens, overseer of poor,	15.00
Horace F. Tuttle, school committee,	15.00
Horace F. Tuttle, registrar of voters,	15.00
Samuel A. Guilford, registrar of voters,	12.00
Julian Tuttle, “ “	12.00
James McGreen, “ “	12.00
C. J. Williams, school committee,	76.55
T. F. Newton, election officer,	2.50
H. J. Hapgood, “ “	2.50
L. E. Reed, “ “	2.50
N. J. Cole, “ “	2.50
H. F. Tuttle, “ “	2.50
L. C. Taylor, “ “	2.50
E. A. Phalen, “ “	2.50
A. W. Foster, “ “	2.50
W. F. Kelly, “ “	2.50
James Kinsley, “ “	2.50

D. H. Hall, election officer,	\$2.50
C. B. Stone, " "	2.50
E. A. Phalen, sealer of weights and measures,	6.00
Moses A. Reed, constable,	13.25
Lorenzo E. Reed, constable,	40.00
Andrew S. Thompson, superintendent of schools,	450.00
Wm. F. Stevens, collector of taxes,	150.00
Moses A. Reed, inspector of animals,	47.50
Wm. F. Stevens, constable,	2.00
F. W. Hoit, auditor,	6.00
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	\$1,397.30

PRINTING.

Paid Enterprise Co.,	\$88.25
· A. Hosmer,	20.25
Wright and Potter,	1.50
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	\$110.00

REPAIRS ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid N. Littlefield,	\$1,494.43
Wm. Kingsley,	1,233.96
A. C. Piper,	618.71
Francis Pratt,	54.75
H. A. Gould,	5.60
Samuel Jones, Jr.,	16.20
T. Scanlon,	1.00
Tuttle and Newton, incidentals,	1.26
E. Jones & Co., lumber,	47.52
F. J. Hastings & Co., pipe,	17.50
C. E. Switzer, blacksmith,	5.55
W. F. Hale, " "	10.40
Samuel Guilford, " "	11.01
Mrs. H. M. Brown, gravel,	17.80
Mrs. George W. Clark, " "	23.65
F. H. Whitcomb, " "	1.60
George C. Durkee, " "	1.85

Jerry McCarthy, gravel,	\$6.30
Estate of John Fletcher, “	2.95
O. A. Knowlton, “	3.60
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	\$3,575.64

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Paid C. W. Smith, medical attendance on W. F. B. Whitney,	\$45.50
City of Marlborough, aid for W. F. B. Whitney,	80.40
F. J. Barker, medical attendance on A. B. Wheeler,	20.00
“ “ “ “ Mrs. R.C. Wright,	8.00
Estate of Isaiah Hutchins, medical attendance on Mrs. R. C. Wright,	4.25
Estate of Isaiah Hutchins, medical attendance on A. B. Wheeler,	7.00
H. T. Clark, burial expenses of Chas. A. Brooke,	35.00
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	\$200.15

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts, overpaid on Corporation Tax,	10.01
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, overpaid on National Bank Tax,	9.88
F. C. Nash, services 1898,	25.00
Francis Pratt, breaking out roads,	1.00
George Greenough, 3180 lbs. coal for hall,	9.86
C. L. Bradford, attending Registrar's meeting,	2.25
W. S. Kelly, painting sand table,	.75
A. S. Thompson, cards for Reports,	1.00
L. E. Reed, Court fees,	39.02
George Decoster, repairing clock,	1.00
R. H. Nichols, work on pump,	4.70
W. W. Cain & Co., 1 table,	7.00
J. Breck & Sons, repairing lawn mower,	1.80
Thos. Grooms & Son, 3 books,	3.75

D. J. Wetherbee, insurance on library,	\$72.50
S. A. Christie, cleaning and painting clock,	2.00
George Greenough, use of team at fire,	2.00
Isaac Davis Post,	50.00
Chandler's Chair and Desk Co., desks for south and west primary schools,	24.98
C. H. Persons, tuning piano,	2.00
" " cover for piano,	2.00
J. L. Hammett Co., ink wells,	1.30
" " " 1 oak desk,	10.50
George G. Keith, repairs on stoves,	4.85
Oak Hall Clothing Co., flags,	1.50
Horace Partridge, "	3.89
W. H. Kingsley, work on Cash road,	69.00
Elnathan Jones, land for " "	60.00
Thomas Scanlon, attending Registrar's meetings and election,	2.50
Boston Herald, advertising,	4.45
" Globe "	4.88
Paine Furniture Co.,	6.25
J. B. Tuttle, for poll tax list,	6.00
" " making poll tax list,	5.00
" " expenses,	2.75
W. F. Stevens, 2 books,	3.25
" "	1.30
James Hill, care of hall,	91.50
George Tyler & Co., 2 sections for scraper,	8.00
Elnathan Jones, 1 book,	2.25
Moses A. Reed, moving N. A. school furniture,	10.35
I. F. Duren, burial expenses of unknown man,	10.00
J. L. Hammett Co., desk and shoes,	16.50
F. J. Barker, medical attendance on unknown man,	5.00
E. Jones & Co., 511 ft. lumber Cash road,	9.20
" " 3 posts,	2.25
H. T. Clark, burial expenses of Chas. A. Brooke,	35.00
F. D. Weld, 54 ft. ladders for No. Acton,	6.75
Daniel Beach, digging well at So. Acton,	90.07
Herbert Hale " " "	19.40

Waldo Bros., pipe for wells,	\$32.86
Fitchburg R. R. Co., freight on pipe,	5.78
N. Littlefield, extra bridge work on Leland & Stevens' road,	44.06
N. Littlefield, stone for bridge on Leland & Stevens' road,	27.60
J. W. Henderson, pump and pipe for So. Acton well,	25.85
Daniel Beach, lowering well on Common,	132.63
Bert. Johnson, " " "	4.50
J. L. Hammett Co., flag for school house,	5.10
Michael E. Sheehan, for damages on powder mill road,	20.00
Tuttle & Newton, 24 fire pails for No. Acton,	6.00
W. F. Hale, sharpening tools,	2.40
D. C. Harris, stone bounds for Cash road,	3.00
J. Breck & Sons, plow for road work,	31.50
Universalist Society, So. Acton, use of vestry for election,	3.00
N. Littlefield, for tools,	1.70
" " powder, fuse and caps,	3.06
C. J. Holton, photographs of unknown man,	3.00
J. R. Wales, rebinding assessor's books,	9.00
E. Jones & Co., lumber, cement and brick for wells,	8.99
James Kinsley, use of road,	8.00
Samuel Guilford, 54 posts for cash road	17.00
" " sharpening tools for Cash road,	1.64
" " 1 drill,	2.80
H. T. Clark, for 1 lamp registrar's room, W. Acton,	4.00
W. F. Stevens, postage and express,	2.30
C. F. Watts, care engine house, E. Acton,	3.50
" " repairing ladders,	1.50
Estate Isaiah Hutchins, expenses school committee,	1.65
Samuel Jones, Jr.,	1.95
R. H. Nichols, pump and pipe for Centre well,	28.70
W. S. Greenough & Co., files for town records,	10.25
Daniel Goodnow, reporting 4 births,	1.00
F. E. Tasker, " 11 "	2.75
F. J. Barker, " 14 "	3.50
F. U. Rich, " 4 "	1.00

J. L. Pickard, " 1 "	\$.25
Robert S. Robson, seal and press,	9.00
C. H. Goldthwaithe & Co., 1 formaldehyde lamp,	25.00
" " " 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ qts. "	4.80
F. W. Green, care of engine house,	2.00
" " attending fire,	1.00
C. L. Bradford, express on powder,	.40
J. F. Duren, return of 29 deaths,	7.25
" " 28 burials,	84.00
Paid Charles Edwards, mowing Common,	\$1.25
A. S. Thompson, stationery and expenses,	13.65
George Greenough, 2480 lbs. coal for hall,	7.44
George Greenough, attending fire,	2.00
C. J. Williams for repairing clock,	.75
" " " postage,	6.46
" " " expenses,	5.50
" " " telephone	1.75
" " " express,	.50
" " " freight,	3.59
Enterprise Co., advertising,	2.50
H. F. Tuttle, extra Registrar meetings,	5.00
" " copying records for Town Reports,	2.00
" " collecting and recording 34 births,	17.00
" " recording 33 deaths,	6.60
" " " 15 marriages,	3.00
" " transmitting certificate of death,	.25
" " attending town clerk meeting at Ayer,	1.50
" " ink for ballot box,	.75
" " election supplies,	.20
" " time and expenses to Boston,	2.50
" " repairs on registration box,	.35
" " blanks,	.80
" " postage,	1.30
" " express,	2.30
" " surveying lots in cemetery and making deeds,	5.00
M. E. Taylor & Co., oil for hall,	6.25
" " " watering pot for hall,	.60

M. E. Taylor & Co., chimneys, for hall,	\$1.00
“ “ “ brush, “ “	.20
“ “ “ incidentals, “ “	1.84
F. S. Blanchard & Co., 1 book,	3.00
J. F. Fuller & Co., 25 lbs. disinfectant powder,	1.75
D. J. Wetherbee, taking school census,	15.00
Elanthan Jones, curtains for schoolhouse,	5.59
“ “ 1 chair, South school,	1.00
“ “ 2 chairs, South school,	2.74
“ “ 4 screens,	1.12
J. T. & R. E. Joslin, for legal advice,	39.30
Ella F. Hosmer, rent of Central hall, 6 months,	62.50
Town of Maynard for lodging and feeding prisoner,	2.25
J. R. Wales, rebinding assessors' books,	19.00
W. F. Stevens, abatement on taxes,	81.75
J. K. W. Wetherbee, for stationery and postage,	7.49
E. F. Conant, express and telephone,	14.46
E. F. Conant, expenses,	16.59
W. H. Kingsley, tools for roads,	11.85
W. H. Kingsley,	2.25
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	\$1,752.93

RECEIPTS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Balance due from Treasurer, March 12,	
1899,	\$1,570.89
“ “ from Collector, March 12,	
1899,	2,288.81
Appropriations for high school,	1,600.00
For common schools,	3,400.00
School supplies,	475.00
School apparatus and books of reference,	100.00
Memorial Library,	600.00
Town charges,	5,000.00
Overlayings,	538.57
Road and bridges,	3,000.00
Transportation of East scholars,	360.00
“ “ South “	270.00

Transportation of North scholars,	\$240.00
" " South and West Gram- mar scholars,	240.00
Salary Superintendent of Schools,	450.00
Received from First Nat. Bank of Ayer,	5,000.00
State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	4,031.78
" " Nat. Bank tax,	222.54
" " Military aid,	91.25
" " State aid,	612.00
" " Income Mass., School Fund,	294.38
" Treasurer for inspection of animals,	46.57
County Treasurer, dog tax,	241.53
" " Supervision of schools,	375.00
From Band of Little Helpers, for use of hall,	5.00
C. H. Fairbanks, for road,	100.00
Town of Littleton for stone bounds,	4.00
E. Gruber, pedlar's license,	6.00
Max Saxonopsky, pedlar's license,	6.00
Middlesex Central District Court, for fines,	17.75
Income on Wilde Memorial Fund,	186.35
J. P. Brown, fire engine,	15.00
D. C. Harris, for engine hose,	10.00
Town of Westford for desks,	11.25
Town of Boxboro, tuition high school,	30.00
John Fletcher, lot sold in Woodlawn Cemetery,	40.00
H. F. Tuttle, lot sold in Woodlawn Cemetery,	12.00
D. C. Harris, milk sold from farm,	859.74
" " apples,	700.10
" " 5 cows,	94.58
" " potatoes,	21.70
" " calves,	15.35
" " poultry,	7.62
" " eggs,	12.82

A. F. Blanchard, license to slaughter,	\$1.00
J. E. Durkee, " "	1.00
Library catalogues, sold,	3.50
Library fines,	16.50
Rent of Town Hall and cellar,	63.75
W. H. Kingsley, road cleanings,	9.50
C. J. Williams, for school supplies sold,	3.29
Appropriation for State tax,	870.00
" " County tax,	1,572.03
Rec'd of William F. Stevens, interest on taxes for 1898,	87.73
William F. Stevens, interest on taxes for 1899,	12.61
Interest on money in bank,	63.50
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	\$35,907.99

EXPENDITURES.

For support of Centre school,	\$1,167.83
" " North " 1 term,	132.00
" " South " "	1,286.69
" " West " "	1,321.83
" " High " "	1,684.99
Scientific apparatus,	98.11
School supplies,	486.50
Transportation of scholars,	850.60
Memorial library,	755.25
State and military,	938.50
Street Lamps,	579.25
Loans and interest,	5,236.25
Support of poor on farm,	1,712.38
" " outside poor,	655.85
Cemetery expenses,	422.21
Repairs on buildings and grounds,	1,566.13
Town officers,	1,397.30
Printing,	110.00
Roads and bridges,	3,575.64
Soldier's relief,	200.15

Miscellaneous expenses,	1,752.93	
State tax,	870.00	
County tax,	1,572.03	
Balance due from Treasurer,	4,697.88	
“ “ “ Collector,	2,837.69	
	<u> </u>	\$35,907.99

FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN MARCH 12, 1900.

Nettie A. Bowen, note,	\$1,000.00	
Int. from Dec. 6, 1899 to March 12, 1900,	13.33	
F. H. Jones, note,	700.00	
F. H. Jones, note,	600.00	
Int. on \$600, from Feb. 27 to March 12,	1.00	
	<u> </u>	\$2,314.33
Amount due from Treasurer,	\$4,697.88	
“ “ “ Collector,	2,837.69	
Int. due on unpaid taxes,	59.59	
	<u> </u>	\$7,595.16
Less notes payable,	\$2,314.33	
	<u> </u>	\$5,280.83
Less amount due Memorial Library,	50.38	
	<u> </u>	\$5,230.45

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

Selectmen of Acton.

Examined and approved,

FRANK W. HOIT,

Auditor.

LIST OF JURORS.

The following is a list of persons to serve as jurors for the ensuing year, as revised by the Selectmen of Acton, to be submitted to said town at their March meeting, 1900 :

A. P. Bean,	Mechanic.
Walter M. French,	Farmer.
David T. Kinsley,	Railroad employee.
E. L. Hayward,	Mechanic.
Edgar H. Hall,	Manufacturer.
Lowell A. Jones,	Farmer.
John C. Keyes,	"
Hanson A. Littlefield,	Merchant.
F. P. Morse,	Farmer.
Chas. H. Mead,	Merchant.
John D. Moulton,	Farmer.
S. L. Richardson,	"
Moses A. Reed,	"
E. F. Richardson,	"
Wm. F. Stevens,	"
Henry M. Smith,	"
S. Hammond Taylor,	"
Horace F. Tuttle,	"
Jas. B. Tuttle,	"
Willis L. Mead,	Railroad employee.
H. J. Hapgood,	Retired.
Constantine O'Neil,	Farmer.
Herbert T. Clark,	Wheelwright.
Julian Tuttle,	Farmer.
	E. FAULKNER CONANT,
	WM. F. STEVENS,
	DAVID C. HARRIS,
	<i>Selectmen of Acton.</i>

ACTON, March 12, 1900.

Report of Road Commissioners.

It seems to us proper and a necessity that the Road Commissioners should have a report to show the citizens what has been done, the expense of different pieces of work, and to recommend the needs of this department, for it is one of the most important branches of town business.

We submit the following report: The amount expended for 1899 is \$3,575.64, which exceeds the appropriation, caused by the heavy rains which did a great deal of damage to the roads and bridges.

The cost of scraping the roads, and picking the cobbles at the time of scraping, for 1899 is \$495.35.

There has been some good work done in different parts of the town. In the West district the work was done mostly on the back roads.

On the gravel pit road 64 rods were ploughed out and filled with stone, then covered with 6 inches of gravel, 52 rods were covered with 6 to 8 inches of gravel. Two new sluices were made and some repaired. The expense was \$291.97.

On the Littleton road seven days graveling was done. The cost was \$110.25; \$81 was expended on Town Farm hills and \$50 on the South Acton road.

In the southern part of the town the job on the center road is worthy of notice. The total amount laid out while doing this piece of work was \$600. The road was lowered from twelve to eighteen inches, twenty-two feet wide, this material was used on different pieces of road, we think to the value of \$150, at least, to the town. Mr. Fairbanks voluntarily gave \$100 for the repairing of this road. The material used in building this piece of road was 6 to 8 inches of coarse stone, two inches of fine stone and 6 inches of

gravel, the gravel was drawn $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles. The cost to the town after deducting the value of material and the gift was \$350. Amount of material used was 300 loads of stone and 300 loads of gravel. Number of rods in length, 54.

Another bad place was fixed near the house of Mrs. H. Haynes on the Concord road. Two feet of the hill were brought into the hollow and covered with six inches of gravel. This cost \$179.50.

Three hundred and seventy-four loads of gravel were used on the Concord road, and three large sluices were built in this district.

The road was repaired near Faulkner Mills. One hundred loads of gravel were used, 104 feet of 8-inch drain pipe, and catch basin was made. Cost was \$140.17.

There has been \$75 to \$80 expended for railing bridges and careless places the past year. Also brush has been cut in many places, which is a great improvement to the roads. Not enough attention is given to the cleaning of the roadside.

Thirty-five rods of thorough work was done on road north of center, requiring a fill of one to four feet, costing \$270.

Twenty-three rods near Mr. Kingsley's house were filled with 6 inches of stone covered with 6 inches of gravel, cost \$100.

One hundred and fifty loads of gravel were put on the road from the center to cemetery, 100 loads in North Acton also. Several smaller jobs have been done in this part of the town.

As the roads have been washed badly by the excessive rains this winter, we think that \$500 will hardly put them in as good a condition as before. We recommend that \$3,500 be raised for the repair of roads for 1900.

The stone bridge at the Powder Mills has been damaged by the freshets so that the estimated cost of repairing it would be \$300. Offers to build a new one two feet higher, giving more water space, and two feet wider, have been made for \$600. The condition the bridge is now in we think it economy for the town to build a new one.

The supply of gravel in Acton is getting very scarce, especially in the south and center where the roads are naturally muddy and need gravel very much. It seems almost too bad that we cannot have a stone crusher in Acton so that we could use the abundant supply of

stone which would be almost as cheap as gravel and a good deal better.

We wish the use of crushed stone could be commenced this year as we shall have to use it sooner or later. An offer has been made the commissioners to crush two thousand tons for forty cents a ton, which we think would be money well expended.

A number of our roads, we find, do not have any bounds established. It is important that they should. The road starting at railroad crossing, near Tuttle's store to West Acton, in particular, before the over-head bridge is made. We recommend that some action be taken.

ANSON C. PIPER,
WM. H. KINGSLEY,
NAHUM LITTLEFIELD.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

1899.

March 12, cash on hand,	\$1,570.89
Received from the First National Bank of Ayer borrowed money,	5,000.00
State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	4,031.78
“ “ National Bank tax,	222.54
“ “ State aid,	612.00
“ “ Soldiers aid,	91.25
“ “ Income of Massachusetts school fund,	294.38
from State Treasurer, compensation for inspection of animals,	46.57
County Treasurer dog tax,	241.53
For supervision of schools,	375.00
From Band of Little Helpers for use of town hall,	5.00
C. H. Fairbanks for repairs on Acton street,	100.00
Town of Littleton, for stone bound on Cash road,	4.00
E. Gruber, for pedlar's license,	6.00
Max Saxenofsky, “ “	6.00
Middlesex Central District Court, for fines,	17.75
J. P. Brown, for South Acton fire en- gine,	15.00
D. C. Harris, for second hand fire hose,	10.00

Town of Westford, for 15 school desks,	\$11.25
Town of Boxboro, tuition, High school,	30.00
John Fletcher, lots sold in Woodlawn cemetery,	40.00
Horace F. Tuttle, lots sold in Woodlawn cemetery,	12.00
D. C. Harris, milk sold from town farm,	859.74
“ “ apples sold from town farm,	700.10
“ “ cows “ “ “	94.58
“ “ calves “ “ “	15.35
“ “ potatoes sold “ “	21.70
“ “ poultry “ “ “	7.62
“ “ eggs “ “ “	12.82
Arthur F. Blanchard, license to slaughter,	1.00
J. E. Durkee, license to slaughter,	1.00
Income on Wild library fund,	186.35
Memorial library, for catalogues sold,	3.50
“ “ fines,	16.50
C. J. Williams, for school supplies sold.	3.29
Wm. H. Kingsley, for street cleanings,	9.50
Rent of town hall and cellar,	63.75
William F. Stevens, collector of taxes for A. D., 1898,	2,288.81
William F. Stevens, interest on taxes for A. D., 1898,	87.73
William F. Stevens, collector of taxes for A. D., 1899,	15,877.91
William F. Stevens, interest of taxes for A. D., 1899,	12.61
Interest on money in bank,	63.50

\$33,070.30

EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax,	\$870.00
County tax,	1,572.03
On Selectmen's orders,	25,930.39
Cash in Treasury March 12, 1900,	4,697.88
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	\$33,070.30

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

Approved,

FRANK W. HOIT,

Auditor.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF MONEY HELD FOR CARE OF LOTS IN
CEMETERIES.

1900.	<i>Dr.</i>		
March 12, to Mary Skinner, fund,		\$203.00	"
Nancy K. Handley,	"	500.00	
Frederick Rouillard,	"	100.00	
William W. Davis,	"	100.00	
Mary W. Chaffin,	"	100.00	
Mary Severance,	"	100.00	
Warren Robbins,	"	100.00	
Eliza A. Whitcomb,	"	75.00	
Hepsabeth Piper,	"	50.00	
Jedediah Tuttle,	"	50.00	
Henry Loker,	"	100.00	
Henry O. Lothrop,	"	200.00	
Luther W. Piper,	"	100.00	
James Temple,	"	100.00	
Cash received for interest,		30.56	
		<hr/>	\$1,908.56

By cash paid—	<i>Cr.</i>		
Julian Tuttle, care of Robbins lot,		\$2.50	
" " " Handley "		6.00	
" " " Rouillard "		2.50	
" " " Chaffin "		2.50	
" " " Severance "		2.50	
" " " Tuttle "		1.00	
" " " Skinner "		4.00	
" " " Loker "		1.50	
" " " Davis "		5.00	
By cash in North End Savings Bank,		\$1,678.00	
on hand,		200.00	
Balance unexpended,		3.06	
		<hr/>	\$1,908.56

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

Approved,
FRANK W. HOIT, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF WILD MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND.

Dr.

1900.

March 12, To cash deposited in North End Savings Bank,	\$1,000.00	
To cash deposited in Middlesex Institution for Savings,	1,000.00	
To cash deposited in Home Savings Bank,	1,000.00	
To cash deposited in Warren Institution for Savings,	1,000.00	
To cash deposited in Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank,	1,000.00	
Unexpended balance, A. D., 1898,	17.82	
Interest received on deposits,	186.35	
Town appropriation,	200.00	
Cash received for fines,	16.50	
“ “ catalogues sold,	3.50	
		\$5,424.17

Cr.

By cash in banks,	\$5,000.00	
Paid for books and magazines,		
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co.,	326.99	
W. A. Wilde & Co.,	10.00	
Henry D. Noyes & Co.,	34.45	
William D. Tuttle,	2.35	
Balance unexpended,	50.38	
		\$5,424.17

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

Approved,

FRANK W. HOIT,

Auditor.

Report of Overseers of Poor.

ARTICLES ON HAND AT TOWN FARM MARCH 1, 1900.

1 horse,	\$50.00
10 cows,	575.00
2 heifers,	40.00
2 yearlings,	30.00
1 hay wagon,	30.00
1 market wagon,	75.00
1 buggy,	18.00
1 pung,	8.00
2 sleds,	9.00
1 canvas,	1.75
1 double harness,	22.50
1 single “	3.00
1 express “	23.00
2 collars,	3.00
grain,	8.00
1 feed trough,	2.00
80 barrels,	16.00
plows,	16.50
farming tools,	20.00
wheelbarrow,	3.00
1 hay cutter,	2.00
ladders,	11.00
2 harrows,	8.00
1 cultivator,	3.00
9½ tons hay,	171.00
pipe,	4.80
112 bushels potatoes,	72.80
soft soap,	3.00

fence wire,	\$ 3.00
3½ cords of wood for schools,	18.75
31 " cut wood,	155.00
5 " " "	17.50
1 horse cart,	27.50
1 " rake,	18.00
1 mowing machine,	25.00
1 grindstone,	2.00
1 spray pump,	8.00
25 bushel boxes,	2.50
1 range,	30.00
1 lounge,	1.50
coal,	2.00
3 saws,	2.00
1 wrench,	.75
41 hens,	30.75
oil and tank,	1.50
lumber,	7.50
pails and tubs,	3.00
5 baskets,	1.25
1 stove,	4.75
1 chair,	1.50
1 stove,	10.00
2 chairs,	1.25
beds and bedding,	25.00
1 stove,	3.00
2 cabinet chairs,	2.50
1 table,	1.00
8 chairs,	3.00
1 drag,	2.50
2 traps,	.50
2 blankets,	3.00
1 set measures,	1.40
salt,	.50
20 gallons oil,	12.00
1 washing machine,	8.00
tea,	.60
coffee,	.67

crackers,		\$ 2.00
canned fruit,		3.00
brooms,		.50
fruit jars,		3.00
sugar,		.55
flour,		3.50
spices,		.50
5 lbs. butter,		1.50
lard,		.30
molasses,		.25
beans,		.50
axe,		1.00
soap,		.15
vinegar,		.20
onions,		.10
lamps,		2.00
1 razor,		1.00
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		\$1,688.07
Receipts from farm,		1,711.91
Work on Cash Road,		4.00
Vituling and lodging 363 tramps,		90.75
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		3,494.73
Expenditures,	\$1,712.38	
Interest on farm \$3500. at 5 per cent.,	175.00	
Stock on hand March 1, 1899,	1,717.35	
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		3,604.73
Less receipts and stock on hand,		3,494.73
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Cost of supporting poor on farm,		\$110.00

Examined and approved,

FRANK W. HOIT, *Auditor.*

INMATES AT FARM DURING YEAR.

Sarah Hunt,

Lucy Hapgood,

Frank H. Harris,

Eben Jones, from March 12 to May 9, 1899,

Thomas Morey, from March 12 to Dec. 30, 1899.

Wm. Quinlan, " Dec. 6, 1899 to Mar. 12, 1900.

DAVID C. HARRIS,

WM. F. STEVENS,

E. F. CONANT,

Overseers of Poor.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

Acton Memorial Library,

1899-1900.

Reports of Acton Memorial Library.

The trustees of the Acton Memorial library herewith present their tenth annual report. After ten years of constant use the interior of the library has been thoroughly renovated and all parts present a pleasing and harmonious effect.

While the circulation is less than that of the year previous, this is partly accounted for by the closing of the library during two library days while the interior work was being done.

The new books for the year have been in especial demand and to those upon whom the duty of selecting and purchasing has fallen, should be given much credit.

The Board of Trustees would recommend the same appropriation as in years past; \$200 for new books and \$400 for current expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER CONANT,

For the Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The librarian herewith presents the tenth annual report of the library :

Accessions: Number of volumes in the library March 12, 1899, 6627; increase by purchase, 300; increase by gift, 52; increase by binding periodicals, 25; number of volumes in the library March 12, 1900, 7,004.

Circulation: Number of days the library was open, 100; number of volumes circulated, 8,578; average daily circulation, 85; largest

daily circulation, March 25, 160 ; smallest daily circulation, June 14, 14 ; amount received for fines, \$16.50 ; amount received from sale of catalogues, \$3.50.

No munificent gifts of historical or artistic merit have been received except a pair of ornamental cuff-buttons worn by Solomon Smith at the Concord fight, presented by his son, the late Luke Smith.

Gifts of books have been received from the following people : Luke Blanchard, 2 vols. ; W. G. Chase, 1 vol. ; Luther Conant, 1 vol. ; Mrs. Luther Conant, 1 vol. ; J. M. Harlow, M. D., 2 vols. ; Samuel Hoar, 1 vol. ; Hon. H. L. Parker, 1 vol. ; C. J. Williams, 15 vols.

Gifts from libraries, institutions, etc. : American league association ; Boston city hospital ; Concord free public library ; city of Fall River ; Home market club ; Institute of Technology ; town of Lexington ; Library bureau, Chicago ; Massachusetts Agricultural college ; Commonwealth of Massachusetts ; Massachusetts Volunteer Aid association ; Massachusetts Total Abstinence society ; city of Malden ; Malden public library ; trustees of Public Reservations ; United States (various department) ; University of California ; Winthrop public library.

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

VIOLA S. TUTTLE,

Librarian.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND THE

Superintendent of Schools

OF THE

TOWN OF ACTON, MASS.

For the Year 1899=1900.



HUDSON, MASS. :
THE ENTERPRISE PRINTING COMPANY
1900

School Organization.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Horace F. Tuttle, Secretary,	Term expires 1900
* Dr. Isaiah Hutchins,	“ “ 1901
Charles J. Williams, Chairman,	“ “ 1902

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Andrew S. Thomson, Residence, Littleton, Mass.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

James Kinsley, Moses A. Reed.
 Charles L. Bradford.

* Deceased.

STANDING RULES.

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

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

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

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

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

School Calendar, 1900=1901.

HIGH SCHOOL — 40 weeks.

Fall term begins Sept. 4th.

“ ends Nov. 28th.

*Winter term begins Dec. 3rd.

“ ends March 15th,

Spring term begins March 25th,

“ ends June 21st.

COMMON SCHOOLS — 36 weeks.

Fall term begins Sept. 4th.

“ ends Nov. 23rd.

*Winter term begins Dec. 3rd.

“ ends March 1st.

Spring term begins March 25th.

“ ends June 14th.

* Recess of 1 week — Christmas week.

EXTRACTS FROM THE STATUTES.

Chapter 496, of the Acts of 1898.

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

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

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

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

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

Report of the School Committee.

To the Citizens of Acton :

Your committee herewith respectfully submit their annual report upon the condition of the schools, in which is included that of the superintendent. We regret that we have to inform you that Mr. Andrew S. Thomson, superintendent of schools, having been appointed superintendent at Weymouth, Mass., has tendered his resignation, to take effect April 1st. Mr. Thomson's work in our schools has been highly successful, and in accepting his resignation we relinquish the services of a most faithful and efficient executive.

Mr. W. A. Charles, the principal of the high school, after a very successful administration of the affairs of that school during a term of six years, resigned his position at the close of the school year and Mr. Walter A. DeVault was selected to succeed him.

Under Mr. DeVault, the condition of the school continues to be highly satisfactory.

In the death, in August, 1899, of Dr. Isaiah Hutchins, a member of this committee, the town lost a faithful and devoted servant and the committee a most sincerely esteemed and respected member. The following resolutions were adopted by the board and ordered spread upon the records :

Whereas, The recent death of Dr. Isaiah Hutchins has removed a member of this committee,

Resolved, That we deem it proper to place on record our testimony to the pleasant and harmonious relations he sustained to us during the many years he served on this Board, and to the valuable services he rendered to the cause of education in this town.

As a citizen, he stood foremost among those who supported by voice and influence those measures which were for the best interests of the public.

We feel that in his death we have experienced a personal loss, that the schools have lost a generous and devoted friend and the town a faithful public officer and worthy citizen.

During the year several important changes have been effected in the school system, changes which have for some time urged themselves upon us but which have for various reasons been deferred until now.

As required by a recent statute, the high school year has been lengthened from 36 weeks to 40 weeks. In compliance with the provisions of the same statute, the enumeration of children between the ages of 5 and 15 years is now made in September of each year and the return of school statistics to the state authorities is to be made annually in April, for the school year ending in the preceding June.

The compulsory school age is now from 7 to 14 years instead of from 8 to 14 years, as formerly.

At the beginning of the school year, intermediate schools were established at the Center and South villages and the North school was closed, its pupils being transported to the Center schools; at the same time 9 grades were established in the schools below the high school, the primary, intermediate and grammar schools having in each three grades.

There being no room for another school in the South school building, Central hall was leased in August, at a rental of \$125. per annum, and fitted up for the use of the grammar school.

The room in the Center school building, heretofore occupied for a supply room, being required for school purposes, it became necessary to secure suitable accommodations elsewhere. Mr. A. L. Noyes kindly permitted us to partition off a part of a storehouse belonging to him, and the room so secured is now occupied as a supply room, at a very moderate rental.

New and convenient sanitariums have been built at the Center and the interior woodwork in all the school buildings has been cleaned and varnished.

In September, Miss Marion M. Brown of Littleton, a skilled musician, who had received special training for the work, offered her

services as instructor in music in the schools, at a nominal salary. The need of such an instructor has been great and the offer was at once accepted.

The enumeration of September, 1899, discloses the fact that more than 67% (67.03) of the children of school age have never been vaccinated. The percentage of children belonging in the several schools thus unprotected is as follows :

South schools,	100 pupils,	unvaccinated,	52%
West “	87 “	“	79.31%
Center “	92 “	“	71.74%

The attention of the community, and especially of parents and physicians, to the large number of children unguarded against the attacks of a loathesome and very fatal form of disease, is earnestly requested.

The prevalence of small-pox, in epidemic form, in many localities in the southern and western states, the recent outbreaks of this disease in a number of Massachusetts cities and towns, and the increased liability to contagion in consequence of the return from time to time of soldiers and camp-followers from the Philippine Islands, where small-pox is now and has been for many years generally prevalent, should influence parents to see to it that their children are properly protected, thus anticipating action which the authorities may at any time find themselves compelled to take.

The town, for several years past, has very generously appropriated the sum of \$100 for the purchase of books and apparatus for the High school and the school is now well provided with apparatus. Many books are, however, still needed for the reference library. For the purchase of these books, of laboratory supplies and of such pieces of apparatus as may from time to time be required, we recommend an appropriation of \$50.

The appropriation of \$1600 for the support of the High school has been, in recent years, insufficient for the purpose. Deficits have, however, been more than met by receipts from tuition fees. With the close of the present school year the income from fees will probably have ceased, while the cost of maintenance will be slightly greater on account of the lengthened school year. We therefore

ask for \$1700 for the support of the High school, a net increase in the appropriation for High school purposes, the appropriation for apparatus, etc. being considered, of \$50.

We also ask for an appropriation of \$3550 for the support of the common schools.

The system of transportation of pupils to the school centers being now completed and well organized and there being necessity, at times, slight differences in the demands made upon the funds at our disposal by the several branches of the system, it is recommended that the appropriation for transportation of pupils be made under a single item.

During the year gifts of valuable engravings, for the high school rooms, from the High school class of '99, and of a piano for the use of the Center schools from Dr. Arthur Cowdrey, of Stoneham, have been received. The thanks of the town and of the committee are due and are here tendered to the givers.

The appropriation of \$100 for the purchase of apparatus and books for the High school has been expended as follows: apparatus, \$61.75; books, \$34.56; express, \$1.80.

There has been received from the commonwealth the sum of \$375 on account of superintendency for the year ending Sept., 1899.

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

Pupils, who have not previously attended school, will, in future, be admitted to the primary schools only at the beginning of the fall term.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

ON ACCOUNT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR 1899-1900.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation for common schools,	\$3,400.00	35
“ “ High school,	1,600.00	17
“ “ school supplies,	475.00	4
“ “ transportation S. E. pupils,	270.00	
“ “ “ E. “	360.00	
“ “ “ N “	240.00	
“ “ “ S. “	240.00	

Appropriation for apparatus and books for High school,	\$100.00
" " salary of superintendent,	450.00
Received from Massachusetts School Fund,	294.38
" " dog licenses,	241.53
" " tuition fees, High school,	50.00
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	\$7,720.91

NOTE. The item of \$240 for transportation of South pupils necessarily appears here since the sum was appropriated. It, however, has not been drawn upon or in any way considered as a part of the school fund.

EXPENDITURES.

For common schools,	\$3,904.35
High school,	1,684.99
School supplies,	483.21
Transportation S. E. pupils,	255.00
" E. "	380.00
" N. "	210.40
Apparatus and books for High school,	98.11
Salary of superintendent of schools,	450.00
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	\$7,466.06
Apparent unexpended balance,	\$254.85
See above "note,"	240.00
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Actual unexpended balance,	\$14.85

ESTIMATES FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS
FOR THE YEAR 1900 - 1901.

For common schools,	\$3,550.00
High school,	1,700.00
School supplies,	475.00
Transportation,	990.00
Books, etc., for High school,	50.00
Salary of superintendent of schools,	450.00
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	\$7,215.00

For the School Committee,

CHAS. J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

Graduating Exercises of Acton High School,

CLASS OF '99,

At the Town Hall, Thursday Evening, June 15th,
at Eight o'clock.

PROGRAMME.

1. March, Orchestra
2. Prayer, Rev. Bernard Copping
3. Song, "The Loreley" School
4. Address, Mr. Henry Whittemore
Prin. of Framingham Normal School.
5. Song, "Recessional" Class of '99
6. Conferring of Diplomas, Supt. Andrew S. Thomson
7. Music, Orchestra

GRADUATES.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

Mary Lizzie Burroughs,	Genie Evelyn Fletcher,
Jennie Purner Fletcher,	Alla Blanche Hesselton,
Vera May Knowlton,	Ruth Louise Piper,
	* Marion Wood.

ENGLISH COURSE.

Maud Virginia Colburn,	Charles Henry Richardson,
Harlan Lewis Richardson,	Elaine Climena Symonds,
	Sidney Stephen Shattuck.

Superintendent's Report.

To the School Committee :

GENTLEMEN : The passage of another year makes it my duty to report to your honorable body and, through you, to the people of the town of Acton, the progress made by our schools during this period.

Heretofore the report which the School Committee has made to the State has covered a fiscal year from March to March. Hereafter it will cover a school year from September to June. The reason for the change is explained in a circular issued in 1898, from the office of the Secretary of the State Board of Education, portions of which read 'as follows :

"The new school census, (Chapter 496, Acts of 1898, Section 13,) is to be taken for the first time in September, 1899. It is recommended that, in all towns and cities that do not already require it, school registers shall be opened and enrolment lists begun at that time, and that thereafter school attendance facts shall be determined for a school year beginning at that time. The attendance facts for a majority of the children in the State are already determined for such a school year. In 1895 most of the towns and cities in the State, through the chairmen of their School Committees or their Superintendents of Schools, expressed themselves in favor of such a school year. The change is feasible and desirable and the time is ripe for it.

In the school returns to be made to the State Board of Education on or before April 30, 1901, it is desired that school attendance data from every town and city shall cover the school year that ends in June, 1900. Towns and cities that can report on or before April 30, 1900, attendance data for the school year ending in June, 1899, or on or before April 30, 1899 attendance data for the school year ending in June, 1898, are requested to do so.

If in changing to the new school year recommended there is a duplication of returns to the State because of the overlapping of school years, there is no objection so long as the returns made cover a full year.

Money returns of school expenditures must be made up, as heretofore, from the fiscal years of the towns and cities, whatever those fiscal years may be. The fact that money returns and attendance returns do not and, under the present conditions, cannot cover precisely the same year throughout the State, does not materially impair the usual conclusions that are drawn from the relations of the one set to the other."

The school census was taken in September, 1899, as is now required by the State. At the end of this report may be found a tabulated statement showing the enrolment in each of the schools both for the year beginning September, 1898, and ending June, 1899, and for the fall and winter terms of the present school year. Your attention is called to the following statistics :

Number of boys in town between 5 and 15 years, census of 1899,	135
Number of girls in town between 5 and 15 years, census of 1899,	144
Total,	<hr/> 279
Number of boys in town between 7 and 14 years,	99
" girls " " 7 and 14 years,	114
Total,	<hr/> 213
Whole number enrolled in all the schools,	327
" " between 5 and 15 years,	294
" " " 8 and 14 "	185
" " over 15 years,	33
" " under 5 years,	none
Average membership of all the schools,	31.05
" attendance " " "	28.95
Per cent. of attendance of all the schools,	92.8
Number of public schools,	9

The present year is proving one of unusual prosperity. The work being accomplished in our schools is very progressive and the standard of the grades has materially advanced. The improved arrangement of the schools enables the teachers to do more satisfactory work than could be done in previous years.

All the schools of the town have been concentrated into the three larger villages. Thus there have been formed in each of the villages three schools with three grades in each room. This establishment of nine grades below the High school is a project which for some time has been regarded with favor by the School Committee.

The formation of the Ninth Grade is going to work with good results upon our High school by completing in the Grammar schools the work which ought to be done there. We shall now be able to prepare pupils to grasp more comprehensively the High school studies.

The union of the North Acton school with that of the Center has worked to the advantage of the pupils of both schools. The pupils of the northern district are brought into competition with pupils from other parts of the town, and a spirit of emulation is aroused which spurs pupils on to their best efforts. The advantage to the Center lies in the incentive of larger classes and in the better arrangement of the schools where the teachers have three grades instead of four.

After much careful consideration and the abandonment of several proposed schemes for the relief of the South Acton schools the School Committee determined to rent the Central Hall for the use of the Grammar school. Though some expense was involved in securing this hall the improvement in the South schools warranted the outlay. The location of the hall is not all that can be desired but is the best which could be obtained and will answer the purposes of the Grammar school until the Town sees fit to build a new High school building and thereby leave the present building for the use of the graded schools.

The South primary is too numerous for the room it occupies, but a large class is to be promoted to the Intermediate at the end of this school year, which will relieve the primary for next year. Owing to several double promotions in the Intermediate school, the class which is to be promoted from the Intermediate to the

Grammar school is rather large and therefore it seems as if the pupils will be much more evenly distributed between the three schools the coming year.

The West Acton schools have continued with another year of prosperity. For a time, during the winter term, both in South and West Acton, the prevalence of diphtheria made the attendance very small.

In the work of the year an effort has been made to drill more thoroughly upon the essentials of knowledge, which every citizen in our republic must know in order that he shall perform well the duties of life.

The subject of reading has been given considerable attention. The principles of the Rational system of reading are gradually being introduced into the primary schools. This system combines the good points of the phonic method and the sentence method. Many of the larger schools are obtaining excellent results from this system.

Its final adoption can be no mistake. In last year's report the importance of reading was emphasized and I would again make emphatic this branch of learning. A little greater incentive to home reading might be aroused by having a contest between the pupils of the different ninth grades, and a medal awarded to the best reader. Such a contest could be conducted by impartial judges and become a source of inspiration to many who would not otherwise develop themselves in this line.

The study of grammar has been confined almost entirely to the last three grades in the Grammar school. Much valuable time can be wasted in trying to teach the technical rules of our language to children before they come to the age of reason. If a child has acquired the habit of using correctly ordinary English sentences, the rules of grammar can be taught in a much shorter time than has been formerly supposed. The importance of the study of language is due to the fact that every spoken or written sentence bears the mark of scholarship or betrays weakness in training. A strong effort is being made to get more freedom of expression and a more accurate use of the idioms of the English language.

The teachers are making an especial effort to help the children gain a mastery of the fundamental processes of arithmetic. Speed and accuracy are very important accomplishments in dealing with

number work. Reasoning power develops surprisingly fast when the operations are performed with little loss of energy. When the mechanical work of arithmetic is performed almost by reflex action, the whole energy can be concentrated upon the reasoning process involved in the solution of the problem.

We have made material progress with our music work in the schools this year. We were favored in securing the services of Miss Marian Brown of Littleton, as supervisor of the music in this town. Miss Brown was so situated that she could give her time at a comparative slight compensation. The work in music has taken on a progressive form and the teachers are being greatly assisted by the aid of a specialist in this valuable field of development and culture. Many persons disregard the developing power of musical training. There are few studies in our school curriculum which demand such close attention on the part of the children, and give so good a combined training for the eye, the ear, and the voice, as does music, as it is taught in our public schools today. Music also quickens the receptive faculties and stimulates elevating emotions.

The establishment of a ninth grade made it necessary to remodel the course of study in the High school. The new course is somewhat broader than the previous course, as it embraces a four years' course in English, four years of history, and considerable more time to be devoted to the natural sciences.

Two courses are offered, the classical and the general. The studies of the classical course are all required and point directly to the Bachelor of Arts course in college. The general course offers a free elective list, requiring only the most essential studies, as English, mathematics and history. A student who takes the general course, if he elects Latin, German and French may prepare for college as well as by the classical course. There are very few of the colleges, and none of the larger ones, that now require Greek for admission. We believe that if a student goes through our schools and maintains a good standing he is fitted to enter almost any of the colleges of our country.

To prepare for Normal school a student should take Latin and one modern language, devoting all the time possible to history and the natural sciences.

In order to offer so large a list of studies it is necessary to resort to several alternating subjects, one coming one year and the other the next. When a third teacher shall be added to the teaching force of our High school we can have these courses offered every year, beside several studies, such as drawing, supplementary to more fundamental branches.

I submit the course of study as established.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR ACTON HIGH SCHOOL.

CLASSICAL.		GENERAL COURSE.	
	Periods per week.		Periods per week.
Algebra	3	*Algebra	3
English	3	*English	3
G. and R. History	3	*G. and R. History	3
Physiology and Botany	3	*Latin, Physiology and Botany	3
Latin	4	Latin	4
		Business Arithmetic	4
Geometry	4	*Geometry	4
English	3	*English	3
History	3	*History	3
Latin	4	Geology and Phys. Geog'y.	
Greek	4	one-half year each	3
		Latin	4
		I German or French	3
English	3	*English	3
Physics (or Chemistry)	3	*Physics or Chemistry	3
French or German	3	Eng. History or U. S. History	3
Latin	4	I French or II German	3
Greek	4	Latin	4
		French or German	3
		Adv. Math.	4
English	3	*English	3
Latin	4	*Chemistry or Physics	3
Greek	4	U. S. Hist. or Eng. History	3
Review Mathematics	2	French or German	3
French or German	3	Pol. Economy $\frac{1}{2}$ and Ast. $\frac{1}{2}$	3
		Latin	4
		Rev. Math.	3

*Themes.

NOTE 1. Pupils taking the General Course are required to elect studies which have sixteen recitation periods per week.

NOTE 2. Starred subjects in the General Course are required.

NOTE 3. All studies in the Classical Course are required.

NOTE 4. Alternates :

German and French

Physics and Chemistry

Mediæval and United States History.

NOTE 5. The Junior and Senior years have parallel courses in English. Different books are read in two successive years.

NOTE 6. The books read in the last two years are those required for entrance to the New England colleges. As this requirement changes for each year, teachers must plan the work for each class according to the time when the class will be prepared to enter college.

THE HIGH SCHOOL MONITOR, a literary and local record, was begun this year, when the first number appeared in December. The paper is issued monthly and is edited by the pupils of the school. The paper has a two-fold purpose : it gives a definite aim and practical value to daily theme writing ; it also gives experience in conducting a real business enterprise. The paper reflects credit upon the school and the pupils should be encouraged by teachers, friends and parents to exert their power and increase their interest in a movement so in harmony with the object of secondary schools.

The statutes in regard to the vaccination is not being complied with. Almost every year contagious diseases make inroads upon our schools. Certainly, every precaution should be taken to prevent especially dangerous forms of disease. If compelling a strict conformance to the law seems too radical a step, a rule should be passed making it necessary for a child who enters school for the first time to present a certificate of vaccination from a practising physician, or else a statement showing that the child is not in a fit condition for vaccination.

There has been a greater change of teachers in the town during the last year than serves the best interests of the schools. Miss Florence Day, who for the last four years served so faithfully and

with so much enthusiasm in the Center primary, was compelled, on account of failing health, to give up her school a few weeks before the spring term closed. Miss Day was a teacher who gave her whole life to her school and it is with much regret that we hear of her delicate health.

Miss Florence Moran, who had taught the West Acton Intermediate school last year, was unable on account of the state of her health to resume her duties this year.

The several vacancies were filled in September by the following teachers: the Center primary by Miss Cora Warren, the West Intermediate by Miss Catherine Sweeney, the South Intermediate by Miss Eva Brewer, the South primary by Miss Anna Chase, the South Grammar by Miss Edith Marrow. Miss Ella Miller, the former teacher of the North Acton school, was transferred to the Center Intermediate. Miss Mary Burke did not return after the schools were closed on account of diphtheria, and Miss Mary Randall was secured for the place.

At the close of the fall term Miss Edith Marrow of the South Grammar school was offered a more lucrative position in high school work for which she was well fitted. Her request for release was granted and her position was filled by Miss Eva Barton of Stoneham.

During the summer we had reason to mourn the death of our good friend and worthy Committeeman, Dr. Hutchins. His friendly advice and encouraging words are greatly missed. For many years Dr. Hutchins devoted a great deal of energy to the advancement of public enterprises. Any movement which tended to promote the ethical conditions of the community would be sure to have his hearty support. Knowing how he is missed in his public relations, makes us appreciate, in some measure, the void in the lives of those with whom he has been more intimately associated.

In closing this, my second and last report as superintendent of the schools of Acton, I wish to express my approbation of the masterful and businesslike manner in which the work of this committee is transacted. It has been a great pleasure to work with a committee capable to cope with difficulties which arise and so thoroughly in sympathy with school betterment.

The evidence on the part of the teachers of devotion to duty and of singleness of aim in promoting the weal of the schools, in general, and of the pupils, in particular, has been an unfailing source of gratification.

The appreciative support of the townspeople has been a constant encouragement and incentive.

Yours respectfully,

ANDREW S. THOMSON.

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR ACTON, 1898-99.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	GRADES.	Number of weeks of school.	Number enrolled.	Average Membership	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Number between 5 and 15.	Number between 8 and 14.	Number over 15.
High	9-12	36	52	48.5	46.7	96.0	23	19	29
So. Grammar	4-8	36	36	26.5	24.5	92.0	35	30	1
So. Primary	1-3	36	54	44.9	41.9	93.3	54	15	
Center Grammar . . .	5-8	36	28	26.0	22.9	92.0	28	28	
Center Primary . . .	1-4	36	41	33.4	31.4	94.0	41	22	
No. Acton School . .	1-7	36	23	21.0	19.0	90.0	23	17	
West Grammar	7-8	36	19	16.18	15.29	94.0	16	15	3
West Intermediate . .	4-6	36	29	28.91	26.05	90.0	29	27	
West Primary	1-3	36	45	34.07	31.87	94.4	45	12	
Totals		324	327	31.05	28.95	92.8	294	185	33

STATISTICS FOR FALL AND WINTER TERMS, 1899-1900.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.			Number enrolled.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Number between 7 and 14.	Number between 5 and 15.	Number over 15.
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High School, So. Grammar, 9, 8, 7			31	29.2	27.3	93.0	4	7	24
			20	17.9	17.0	95.0	14	20	
So. Intermediate,	6-15	11	1	27	25.9	24.6	94.5	27	27
	4-12	9	11						
So. Primary,	3-25	8	4	48	43.7	38.4	87.7	29	48
	2-7	7							
	1-17	6	1						
West Grammar,	9-6	13	5	25	23.2	22.0	94.3	23	25
	8-10	13	3						
	7-9	11	11						
West Intermediate	6-8	12	3	22	21.6	20.1	94.6	21	21
	5-6	10							1
	4-8	9	4						
West Primary,	3-11	8	3	39	35.0	31.4	90.0	18	39
	2-8	7	7						
	1-20	5	11						
Center Grammar,	9-4	14	4	22	20.0	18.8	94.0	11	22
	8-8	13	6						
	7-10	13	2						
Center Intermed.	6-12	11	6	38	35.7	32.8	92.0	34	34
	5-11	11	1						
	4-14	9	9						
Center Primary,	3-13	8	2	33	30.3	25.5	84.7	23	33
	2-11	7	7						
	1-9	6	3						
			305	26.2	25.8	92.03	204	276	25

LIST OF TEACHERS.

Name of School.	Teacher.	Appointed	Educated.	Salary
HIGH.—Principal, Assistant,	Walter DeVault,	1899	Brown '98	Year.
	Florence Fletcher,	1895	Fram'ham Norm.	\$1000 500 Week.
South Grammar,	Eva Barton,	1899	Smith	10.00
South Intermediate,	Eva M. Brewer,	1899	Everett Normal	10.00
South Primary,	Annie B. Chase,	1899	Fram'ham Norm.	10.00
Center Grammar,	Sara G. Small,	1898	Salem Normal	10.00
Center Intermediate,	Ella L. Miller,	1899	Fram'ham Norm.	10.00
Center Primary,	Cora E. Warren,	1899	" "	10.00
West Grammar,	Mary A. F. Randall,	1899	Brown '99	10.00
West Intermediate,	Catherine Sweeney,	1899	Salem Normal	10.00
West Primary,	Harriet H. Gardner,	1889		10.00

SCHOOL CALENDAR.*

1900.

- March 26. — All schools open Spring term.
 June 15. — Common schools close Spring term.
 June 22. — High school closes Spring term.
 September 4. — All schools open Fall term.
 November 23. — Common schools close Fall term.
 November 23. — High school closes Fall term.
 December 3. — All schools open Winter term.
 December 21. — All schools close for Christmas vacation.
 December 31. — All schools open.

1901.

- March 1. — Common schools close Winter term.
 March 15. — High school closes Winter term.
 March 25. — All schools open Spring term.
 June 14. — Common schools close Spring term.
 June 21. — High school closes Spring term.

* Calendar subject to change.

Roll of Honor

FOR FALL AND WINTER TERMS 1899-1900.

Number after name indicates number of terms not absent or tardy.

High School :

Ethel M. Quimby, Winifred G. Chandler, Maud B. Priest (2), Flora B. Reed, Lizzie J. Brown, Ella M. Keith, Ethel B. Hastings.

South Intermediate :

Karl Jones (2), Benjamin Sawyer (2).

South Primary :

Russell Quimby, Kenneth Reed, Irving Brewster, Howard Quimby.

West Grammar :

Crosby Hoar, Isabella Green, Eva Lawrence (2), Richard Kinsley (2), Harold Littlefield, Frank Morrison, Fred Easterbrook, Carl Hoar, Eugene McCarthy.

West Intermediate :

Clara Richardson (2), Pansy Nickerson, Annie Kinsley, Ralph Lawrence, Frank Moan, Vera Charlton, Idelle Meade.

West Primary :

Elmer E. Boyce (2), Kenneth R. Charlton (2), Ella M. Schnair, P. Joseph Schnair (2), Zara Schnair (2), Charles W. Schnair (2), G. Ernest Smith, Edward Gough, Marion Nickerson, Edward A. Moan.

Center Grammar :

Arthur Wayne (2), Mable Thompson, Lester Blodgett, Bennie Reed.

Center Intermediate :

Alfred B. Harris, Henry Mekkelsen, Carl L. Thompson, Leonard D. White, Arthur F. Harris, Gaylon M. Spinney, Forest R. Spinney, Leonard D. White, H. Irving Worden.

Center Primary :

Arnold Lincoln (2), Bertha Mekkelsen, Ida Mekkelsen, Varnum Tuttle, Arthur Morse, Sarah Wood, Maud Harris.

Music Teacher's Report.

To Mr. A. S. Thomson,

Superintendent of Schools of Acton :

DEAR SIR :— In all the schools I found the scholars more or less deficient in the rudiments of music, but a large proportion having good voices.

The children have shown great interest and given excellent attention to instruction so that there has been a marked improvement in their singing.

The teachers have heartily coöperated with the instructor and thereby added much to the success attained.

The interest shown by the children is proof of their love for music, and its cultivation and development may well prove a part of the school work.

MARIAN M. BROWN, *Musical Instructor.*

Department of School Supplies.

To the School Committee :

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

D. C. HEATH & CO.

March 30.	5 Walsh intermediate arithmetics,	\$1.75	
	Less 1-6,	.29—	\$1.46
April 1.	32 dozen writing books,	24.00	
	Less 1-6,	4.00—	20.00
Sept. 5.	12 Walsh arithmetics,	3.60	
	Less 1-6,	.60—	3.00
Nov. 3.	9 dozen writing books,	6.75	
	Less 1-6,	1.12—	5.63
			\$30.09

J. L. HAMMETT CO.

March 18.	1 Johnson map, U. S. spring roller,	\$3.00	
	4 copper ink fillers,	4.60—	\$7.60
March 29.	100 sheets Botany mounting paper,	.75	
	100 Cornhill pads,	3.50	
	5 reams medium drawing paper, 00, 6x9,	2.00	
	5 reams medium drawing paper, 00 12x18,	8.00	
	200 blank books, No. 140,	8.00—	22.25

April 8.	5 Robinson Crusoe,	\$1.80	
	10 fractional discs,	.96—	\$2.76
April 20.	8 No. 3, Courtship of Miles Standish,	1.05	
	postage,	.09—	1.14
May 6.	6 Round the World, B. C. 1,	1.92—	1.92
May 5.	2 dozen No. 30, rulers,	.54	
	200 spelling blanks, No. 120,	2.00	
	9 gross Gillett's pens, No. 1046,	2.40	
	5 gross Eagle pens, No. 2,	2.00	
	11 reams, No. 27, letter,	7.70	
	100 lbs. arithmetic paper,	3.00	
	200 Cornhill pads,	7.00	
	2 dozen Treasury mucilage,	1.40	
	50 reams H. 3, practice paper,	22.50	
	10 gross H. B. pencils,	7.20	
	$\frac{1}{2}$ case white crayons,	3.00	
	3 gross J. L. H. pens, No. 1,	1.80	
	1 gross penholders,	.72	
	1 dozen Carter's ink,	4.50	
	2 lbs. rubber erasers, No. 120,	1.50	
	2 dozen number cards,	.48	
	60 dozen colored pencils,	12.50	
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		\$80.24	
	Credit 1 dozen Carter's ink,	4.50—	75.74
May 6.	1 set 8 excelsior map boards,	20.00	
	1 " " cases,	20.00—	40.00
May 9.	17 reams, No. 27, letter,	11.90—	11.90
April 27.	Repairing pencil sharpeners,	.25—	.25
May 29.	1 box Falcon pens,	.45	
	200 tags,	.54	
	2 dozen Treasury ink,	6.00—	6.99
July 29.	1 Geography Gazeteer, Lipp,	6.67	
	1 Biography " "	6.66	
	1 Webster Int. Dictionary,	8.50	
	3 globes, No. 210,	9.00—	30.83
Sept. 11.	5 reams H. L. paper,	2.25	
	6 dozen, No. 30, rulers,	.80—	3.05

Sept. 12.	12 Zoology note books,	\$.90	
	1 copper ink filler,	1.15—	\$2.05
Sept. 20.	23 blocks Centennial Illustrat- ed maps,	6.90—	6.90
Sept. 18.	Repairing pencil sharpener,	.50—	.50
Sept. 22.	12 packages colored paper, No. 211,	1.92—	1.92
Sept. 22.	250 Baldwin report books,	4.25—	4.25
“ 27.	Repairing pencil sharpeners,	.15—	.15
28.	6 dozen, No. 33, rulers,	.63	
	10 packages folding paper, No. 211,	1.60	
	1 block Centennial Illustrated maps,	.30—	2.53
Oct. 23.	100 No. 140, blank books,	4.00	
	3 reams 6x9, 00, medium draw- ing paper,	1.20	
	8 packages 4x4 colored paper,	1.28	
	2 dozen small globes,	5.00—	11.48
Nov. 10.	3 dozen White's drawing books, No. 1,	2.70	
	$\frac{1}{2}$ dozen boxes Little artist,	1.20	
	5 dozen table cards,	1.80—	5.70
Nov. 11.	1 dozen White's drawing books, No. 2,	.90	
	1 dozen Daisy scissors,	1.00	
	10 In Mythland,	2.70—	4.60
Dec. 4.	1 dozen White's drawing books, No. 2,	.90—	.90
Jan. 2.	144 sheets colored paper,	4.32	
	Credit 8 packages colored paper,	1.28—	3.04
Jan. 18.	15 Round the World, No. 1,	4.80—	4.80
Jan. 31.	$\frac{1}{2}$ dozen Excelsior compasses,	.54—	.54
			\$253.79

SILVER, BURDETT & Co.

April 3.	12 Systematic ex. blanks,	\$3.00	
	Less 1-6,	.50—	\$2.50

April 6.	36 Stepping Stones to Literature, No. 2,	\$14.40	
	Less 1-6,	2.40—	\$12.00
Sept. 5.	3 Wards Primers,	1.08	
	3 " 1st Readers.	1.08	
	3 " Manuals,	1.08	
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		\$3.24	
	Less 1-6,	.54—	2.70
Sept. 9.	10 Stepping Stones to Literature, No. 2,	4.00	
Sept. 9.	40 Stepping Stones to Literature. No. 1,	12.00	
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		\$16.00	
	Less 1-6,	2.66—	13.34
Sept. 23.	6 Stepping Stones to Literature, No. 1,	1.80	
	Less 1-6,	.30—	1.50
Oct. 9.	4 A. & C. pitch pipes,	1.00	
	postage,	.03—	1.03
Oct. 28.	40 2nd Music Readers, part 1,	14.40	
	Less 1-6,	2.40—	12.00
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			\$45.07

GINN & Co.

April 27.	6 Prince arithmetics, No. 1,	1.20	
	12 " " " 2,	2.40	
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		\$3.60	
	Less 1-6,	.60—	\$3.00
Sept. 7.	2 White & Goodwin Anabasis,	3.00	
	2 Collar & Daniel Greek Composition,	1.80	
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		\$4.80	
	Less 1-6,	.80—	4.00

Sept. 9.	18 Montgomery American History,	\$18.00	
	Less 1-6,	3.00—	\$15.00
Setp. 22.	1 White and Goodwin anabasis,	1.50	
	1 Collar & Daniel Greek Composition,	.90	
	3 Goodwin Greek Grammars,	4.50	
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		\$6.90	
	Less 1-6,	1.15—	5.75
Oct. 6.	5 Prince Arithmetics, No. 8,	1.00	
	Less 1-6,	.17—	.83
Oct. 10.	12 Montgomery American History,	12.00	
	10 Water Babies,	3.50	
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		\$15.50	
	Less 1-6,	2.58—	12.92
Nov. 14.	1 Wentworth School Algebra,	1.12	
	Less 1-6,	.19	
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	postage,	.09—	1.02
Jan. 9.	4 Wentworth School Algebra,	4.48	
	Less 1-6,	.75	
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		\$3.73	
	Express,	.15—	3.88
Jan. 9.	5 Cyrs Primers,	1.20	
	Less 1-6,	.20—	1.00
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			\$47.40

AMERICAN BOOK CO.

May 4.	50 Natural advanced Geographies,	62.50	
	Less 20%,	12.50	
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		\$50.00	
	Credit by old books,	12.50—	37.50

Sept. 8.	12 Webster Primary Dictionaries,	\$5.76	
	Less 20%,	1.15—	\$4.61
Sept. 8.	35 Natural elementary Geographies,	21.00	
	Less 20%,	4.20	
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		\$16.80	
	Credit by old books,	4.20—	12.60
Sept. 15.	12 Webster Primary Dictionaries,	5.76	
	Less 20%,	1.15—	4.61
Jan. 3.	6 Story of the Romans,	3.60	
	6 Webster Primary Dictionaries,	2.88	
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		\$6.48	
	Less 20%,	1.29—	5.19
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			\$64.51

HOUGHTON, MIFFLIN & Co.

May 18.	6 Riverside Primers,	1.53—	1.53
Oct. 28.	20 Lady of the Lake,	5.10	
	postage,	.12—	5.22
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			\$6.75

EDWARD E. BABB & Co.

Sept. 16.	7 Tans Physical Geography, 1st book,	7.70	
	Less 1-6,	1.28—	6.42
Sept. 21.	2 Tans Physical Geography, 1st book,	2.20	
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			<u>2.50</u>

W. A. CHARLES.

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CHARLES J. WILLIAMS,
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Town Warrant.

For Annual Meeting, March 26, 1900.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

MIDDLESEX SS.

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

GREETING :

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of March, A. D., 1900, at 11.30 o'clock A. M., then and there to act on the following articles, as they may think proper, viz :

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The polls will be open by 11.45 o'clock, A. M., and may be closed at 3.45 o'clock P. M.

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

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

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

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

Selectmen of Acton.

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