

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Town of Provincetown,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

Dec. 31, 1871.



PROVINCETOWN:
ADVOCATE STEAM JOB PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.
202 Commercial Street.
1872.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of the Town of Provincetown submit the following Report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1871 :

Appropriations by vote of the Town.

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| For Support of the Poor, | \$3000 00 |
| Schools, | 7600 00 |
| The Fire Department, | 3000 00 |
| Roads and Sidewalks, | 3000 00 |
| Memorial Day, | 200 00 |
| Alms House and Fence, | 240 00 |
| Wells for School Houses, | 200 00 |
| Raising and Furnishing the West Primary School House, | 1000 00 |
| A Night Watch, | 1600 00 |
| The Bridge, | 500 00 |
| The new County Road, | 1500 00 |
| The Parallel and Vine Street Roads, | 3000 00 |
| Abatement of Taxes, | 500 00 |
| Interest, | 2500 00 |
| Incidental Expenses, | 4500 00 |
| The State and County Tax, | 6000 00 |
| A new Engine, | 2000 00 |
| Raising and moving School House No. 3, | 1000 00 |
| | 41.340 00 |
| Authorized to borrow, (by vote of town) | 6.387 96 |
| Amount assessed, | \$34.952 04 |

Valuation of the Town May 1, 1871.

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| Personal Estate, | \$983,618 00 |
| Real Estate, | 892.955 00 |
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| | \$1.876.573 00 |
| Number of Polls taxed at \$2 each, | 1053 |
| Number of Legal Voters, | 938 |
| Rate of taxation on \$100, | \$1.75 |
| Number of Buildings used wholly or in part as dwellings, | 827 |
| “ Horses, | 73 |
| “ Cows, | 28 |
| “ Acres of Land taxed, | 671 |

For Fence and Blinds to Alms House.

Paid order of the Selectmen, \$245 41

The sum of \$240 was appropriated at the last annual Town Meeting to fence the Alms House premises and furnish Blinds for the building, said appropriation to be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen.

In conformity with these instructions, the Selectmen have enclosed the Alms House premises with a neat and substantial Fence, and furnished Blinds for the House at a cost for Fence, \$155 41; Blinds, \$90.

For Support of the Poor.

Paid orders of the Overseers of the Poor, \$2634 57

For Moving and Repairs, School House No. 3.

Paid orders of the Selectmen, \$651 78

It was voted at the last annual Town Meeting that the Selectmen be authorized to raise and move back the Western School House No. 3, not less than fifteen feet, and the sum of one thousand dollars was appropriated for that purpose. In accordance with said vote the Selectmen have raised the building two and a half feet, and moved it back forty feet, furnished new foundation and underpinning, made needed repairs and painting, raised

and hardened the premises, laid walks, repaired fences, &c., at a cost, for moving and repairs, \$454 07 ; raising and hardening the premises, laying walks, &c., \$197 71.

For Tubular Wells.

Paid orders of the Selectmen, \$120 00

At the last annual Town Meeting it was voted to furnish each of the School Houses, "except that for the High School," with a Tubular Well, Sink and other apparatus at a cost not to exceed \$30 for each House, and the sum of \$200 was appropriated for that purpose. In conformity with said vote the Selectmen consulted persons engaged in the business of putting down Tubular Wells, and the lowest offer obtained was \$40 for each of the Houses, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, and \$60 for each of the Primary Houses. The cost of furnishing Wells, &c., in the Primary School Houses being so much in excess of the sum voted it was deemed unadvisable to furnish said Houses with wells the present year. The want of water in the other School Houses, however, was allowed to be far greater than in the Primary Houses, and as the offer to furnish them with Wells, exceeded the vote by so small a sum, it was deemed advisable to furnish the School Houses Nos. 1, 2 and 3 with Tubular Wells, &c., which has been done at a cost to the Town of \$40 for each House.

Primary School House No. 2.

At the last annual Town Meeting it was voted to raise the Western Primary School House No. 2, one story and furnish the new rooms for a Primary or Intermediate School, and the sum of \$1000 was appropriated to carry into effect the foregoing vote. In conformity with said vote the Selectmen, "duly authorized," issued proposals for raising said House and the building of an additional story to the same. The lowest bid received was \$1385, add to this the estimated cost of painting, furnishing, &c., \$425, and we have a total cost something over \$1800 for the additional story. A sum much too large, in our opinion, for the appropriation voted, or improvement to the

building. In view of these facts, and after due consideration given the whole matter, it was deemed unadvisable to take further action in the premises the present year.

For Schools.

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| Paid orders of the School Committee, | \$7152 22 |
| " " " for Books, | 276 20 |
| | \$7428 42 |

For School Houses, Town House and Hill.

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| P'd orders of Prudential Committee School House No. 1, | \$89 42 |
| " " " " " No 2, | 93 58 |
| " " " " " No. 3. | 133 29 |
| " " " two Primary do., | 30 40 |
| " " " Town House and Hill, | 157 19 |
| " " " Tow. Clock, | 40 00 |
| | \$544 88 |

For a Night Watch.

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| Paid orders of the Selectmen, | \$1510 00 |
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It was voted at the last annual Town Meeting to continue a Night Watch the ensuing year, and the sum of \$1600 was appropriated for that purpose. The Night Watch of six persons, on duty in 1870, was continued the past year from Dec. 31, 1870, to June 1, 1871, five months, at a cost of \$832 80, and from Sept. 1, 1871, to Jan. 1, 1872, four months, at a cost of \$677 20, making the total cost of a Night Watch, nine months the past year, \$1510. The amount in the Treasury Dec. 31, 1870, unexpended and due the Watch was \$230, add to this sum the appropriation made at the last annual meeting, \$1600, and we have the sum of \$1830, from which deduct the amount paid for a Watch the past year, \$1510, will leave a balance in the Treasury unexpended Dec. 31, 1871, of \$320, a sum sufficient to pay the Watch to the 23d of February next.

We would recommend the continuance of a Night Watch the ensuing year and an appropriation of \$1600 for the same.

For Repairs to Bridge.

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| Paid orders of the Selectmen, | \$950 16 |
| Settlement with Town of Truro: | |
| Provincetown paid, | 950 16 |
| Truro paid, | 61 24 |
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| | 1011 40 |
| Less material sold, | 35 90 |
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| | 975 50 |
| Cost of repairs to each Town, | 487 75 |

For Roads and Sidewalks.

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| Paid orders of the Road Surveyors, | \$2461 58 |
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For the new County Road.

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| Paid orders of the Road Surveyors, | \$978 78 |
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For the Parallel Road and Vine Street.

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| Paid orders of the Selectmen, | \$2812 14 |
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For the Parallel Road, Contract of 1870.

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| Paid orders of the Committee, | \$1193 70 |
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It was voted at the last annual Meeting to appropriate the sum of \$3000 for the purpose of continuing the working, grading and hardening of the Parallel road, so-called, the ensuing year. To carry into effect the foregoing vote the Selectmen, "duly authorized," let out in sections, to the lowest bidder, that part of the Parallel road extending from Court Street to Pleasant Street, so-called, and from Pearl Street to Dyer's road, so-called, and from Center Street, so-called, to the Reservoir, near

the south-western boundary of premises of the Center School House.

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| Section one, 380 feet, was sold to Stephen Bennett for | \$450 00 |
| Cost of bulkheads, fencing and other expenses, | 51 50 |
| Section two, 694 feet, was sold to Samuel Dyer for | 1179 00 |
| Section three, 280 feet, was sold to James Gorman for | 250 00 |
| Section four, 208 feet, was sold to James Gorman for | 125 00 |
| Extra labor and material for the several sections, | 56 26 |

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| Total cost of working as sold, | 2111 76 |
| Paid for 125 tons clay used on said roads, | 214 75 |
| “ carting and spreading sand and clay on said roads, | 58 25 |
| Total cost with clay, &c., added, | 2384 76 |
| Paid for 187 tons clay used on the roads worked last year, | 320 49 |
| “ carting and spreading sand and clay on said roads, | 81 89 |
| “ for additional bulkheads to sec. 6 of Parallel road worked last year, | 25 00 |

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| Total amount of cost for the year, | 2812 14 |
| Amount of appropriation, | 3000 00 |

Balance in the Treasury Dec. 31, 1871, unexpended, \$187 86

There is now completed and accepted of the Parallel Road and Vine Street thirty-five hundred running feet at a total cost of \$6456, or \$1.84 per running foot of road completed; these roads are now open for travel from Pleasant Street to Dyer's road, a distance of some 4000 feet, and with the exception of a part of Vine Street, are in good condition, much used, and of great value to the Town. We would recommend that the Town continue to work, grade and harden the Parallel road and Vine Street the ensuing year, and that an appropriation of \$8000 be made for that purpose.

For the Fire Department.

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| Paid orders of the Engineers, | \$2524 01 |
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For a New Engine.

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| Paid orders of the Committee, | \$1933 50 |
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For Abatement Taxes.

Paid orders of the Selectmen, \$389 51

For State and County Taxes.

Paid orders of the Selectmen :

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| State Tax, | \$4350 00 |
| County Tax, | 1606 00 |

For Decoration Day.

Paid orders of the Monument Committee, and Rider
Post, No. 128, G. A. R., \$146 30

For Incidental Expenses.

By order of the Selectmen :

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| Paid Laying out roads, | \$15 00 |
| Plan of School House, | 3 00 |
| Services of Crier, | 4 00 |
| Use of Adams' Hall for Harbor Commissioners' Meeting, | 10 00 |
| Building fires in Town Hall, | 13 00 |
| Moderator's fees, | 18 00 |
| State Agent Province Land, | 50 90 |
| Railroad Committee, | 37 75 |
| Travelling expenses of the Selectmen, | 8 70 |
| Joshua Cook for Lock-up, | 8 75 |
| Samuel Knowles coach hire for Fishery Committee, | 16 00 |
| Legal Advice, | 94 40 |
| Awards on the Parallel Road, | 11 50 |
| Emily J. Ghen, damages and costs, | 1441 65 |
| Printing, | 175 50 |
| Office Expenses, | 34 49 |
| Repairs on Hearse and House, | 76 85 |
| Repairs and care of Town Tomb, &c., | 23 75 |
| Return of Deaths, | 7 50 |
| Services of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor, | 1283 00 |
| Services of Committee on Roads, School Houses and Alms House, | 105 00 |
| Services Town Clerk and Treasurer, | 312 20 |
| Board of Health, salary and labor, | 35 65 |
| Truant Committee, 1870, | 20 00 |

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| Paid Truant Committee, 1871, | 30 00 |
| School Committee, | 80 00 |
| Six Constables, | 60 00 |
| Extra services on Police and Night Watch, | 49 92 |
| Three persons, beach grass committee, | 15 00 |
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| | \$4041 51 |

For State Aid.

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| Paid orders of the Selectmen, | \$743 00 |
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For National Bank Tax.

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| Paid order of the Selectmen, | \$933 30 |
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For Discount on Taxes.

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| Paid orders of the Selectmen, | \$1233 71 |
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For Collecting Taxes.

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| Paid orders of the Selectmen, | \$221 94 |
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For Principal and Interest.

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| Paid orders of the Selectmen, | \$5384 38 |
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Treasurer's Account for the year ending Dec. 31, 1871.

The Selectmen have examined the account of the Town Treasurer, and find that there has been received in the Treasury the following amounts, to wit:

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| Rec'd From County, dog fund, | \$81 03 |
| Town of Dennis for R. B. Eaton, | 40 29 |
| State for School Fund, 1871, | 299 86 |
| For Bricks sold from Western School House, | 15 00 |
| From estate of Anna Soule, | 15 00 |
| “ the State for Corporation tax, | 1125 91 |
| “ Town of Truro on account of Bridge, | 265 91 |
| “ Rent of the old Alms House, | 30 00 |
| “ Sale of old iron from West'n School House, | 6 78 |

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| Rec'd from estate Ann O'Conner, | 21 30 |
| “ Licenses, | 15 00 |
| for State Aid to Soldiers and Sailors, | 700 00 |
| “ State Paupers, | 20 00 |
| “ Rent of Keys to Cupola, | 7 00 |
| from the Road Surveyors for roads, | 21 91 |
| “ “ “ bridge, | 24 72 |
| borrowed Money, | 6976 67 |
| from Collector of Taxes, 1870, | 29 00 |
| “ “ “ 1871. | 36.782 21 |
| Cash in the Treasury January 10, 1871, | 9750 58 |
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| | \$56.228 17 |

The Treasurer has paid out upon proper vouchers the following sums:

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| For Support of the Poor, | \$2634 57 |
| Moving and repairs of West'n School House No. 3, | 651 78 |
| Tubular Wells for School Houses, | 120 00 |
| Schools and Books, | 7428 42 |
| Prudential Committee, repairs and care of School Houses, &c., | 544 88 |
| Night Watch, | 1510 00 |
| Repairs on Bridge, | 950 16 |
| Repairs to Roads and Sidewalks, | 2461 58 |
| New County Road, | 978 78 |
| The Parallel Road and Vine Street, | 2812 14 |
| The Parallel Road, contract of 1870, | 1193 70 |
| The Fire Department, | 2524 01 |
| A new Fire Engine, | 1933 50 |
| Abatement of Taxes, | 389 51 |
| State and County Taxes, | 5956 00 |
| Decoration Day, | 146 30 |
| Incidental Expenses, | 4041 51 |
| State Aid, | 743 00 |
| National Bank Tax, | 933 30 |
| Discount on Taxes, | 1233 71 |
| Collecting Taxes, | 221 94 |
| Principal and Interest, | 5384 38 |
| Fence and Blinds to Alms House, | 245 41 |
| Cash in the Treasury Dec 31, 1871, | 11.189 60 |
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| | \$56.228 17 |

Liabilities of the Town.

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| Individuals and Banks, | \$36.252 00 |
| Schools, | 2890 67 |
| Awards on Roads, | 439 50 |
| Night Watch, | 320 00 |
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| | \$39.902 17 |

The following are reported as the assets of the Town :

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| Due from the State for State Aid, | \$743 00 |
| “ “ Town of Truro on account of Bridge, | 234 41 |
| “ “ A. L. Putnam for School Books, | 106 35 |
| Cash in the Treasury Dec. 31, 1871, | 11.189 60 |
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| | 12.273 36 |
| Present Indebtedness of the Town, | 27.628 81 |
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| | \$39.902 17 |

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| Town debt January 10, 1871, | \$24.756 89 |
| Town debt December 31, 1781, | 27.628 81 |
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| Increase the past year, | \$2871 92 |

Respectfully submitted,

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| SILAS S. YOUNG, | } Selectmen of Provincetown. |
| ARTEMAS PAINE, | |
| JOHN SWIFT, | |

Provincetown, Jan. 13, 1872.

Town Officers.

Selectmen and Assessors—Silas S. Young, Artemas Paine, John Swift.

Overseers of the Poor—Alexander Manuel, Artemas Paine, John Swift.

Town Clerk and Treasurer—Paron C. Young.

Road Surveyors—Asa Atkins, A. L. Mayo, Addison Nickerson.

Engineers of the Fire Department—John D. Hilliard, Chief; Jonathan Cook, Chas. A. Cook, Amasa Taylor, Lysander N. Paine, Enos N. Young.

School Committee—Luther Nickerson, Henry Shortle, John M. Crocker.

Collector of Taxes—Nathaniel Freeman, 2d.

Constables—Jonathan Cook, Robert D. Baxter, Edward J. Kilburn, J. Harvey Dearborn, John M. Carnes, Charles H. Walker.

Board of Health—Jonathan Cook, J. B. Baxter, David Smith.

Truant Committee—James Emery, John Young, Jonathan Cook.

Prudential Committee—Rufus Hopkins, Elisha Young, Lysander N. Paine.

Beach Grass Committee—Henry Atkins, John Smith, Freeman M. Bowley.

Field Drivers—Josiah Hill, Freeman M. Bowley, J. Harvey Dearborn.

Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber—Joseph S. Atwood, Enoch Nickerson, Newel C. Brooks.

Sealer of Weights and Measures—Paron C. Young.

Pound Keepers—Freeman M. Bowley, Josiah Hill.

Monument Committee—John D. Hilliard.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Provincetown submit their Annual Report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1871:

Support of Poor in the Alms House.

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| Paid Mrs. Clark, superintendent, | \$67 84 |
| " Sumner, " | 190 00 |
| Groceries and provisions, | 723 44 |
| Fuel and lights, | 100 25 |
| Clothing, | 89 16 |
| Medicine and medical attendance, | 163 02 |
| Sundries, | 42 16 |
| House fixtures and repairs, | 57 07 |
| Funeral Expenses. | 17 75 |
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| | \$1450 69 |

Statistics of the Alms House.

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| Whole number supported the past year, | 15 |
| Admitted the past year, | 4 |
| Discharged the " " | 2 |
| Died | 2 |
| Remaining in the House Jan. 1, 1872, | 11 |

When admitted in the Alms House:

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| Lorena Newcomb, | February, 1851, | age 81 | years. |
| Joseph Ghen, | April | " 47 | " |
| Lucy Hill, | " | " 56 | " |
| Zillah Howe, | February, 1853, | " 42 | " |
| Rebecca Hill, | December, 1869, | " 25 | " |
| George W. Newcomb, | July, 1870, | " 42 | " |
| Lydia Nickerson, | September, | " 64 | " |
| Michael Whelding, | January, 1871, | " 83 | 1-2 " |
| Mary Valentine, | June, | " 20 | " |
| Phoebe Valentine, | " | " 7 | " |
| Charles F. Hill, | December, | " | " |

Support of Poor out of Almshouse.

| NAMES. | Provis-ions. | Fuel. | Cash. | Cloth-ing. | Med.At | Funer'l Ex. | Total. |
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| Mrs. Mary Valentine, | 20 00 | 7 94 | 1 25 | | | | 29 19 |
| Wid. Robert Newcomb, | | | 91 00 | | | | 91 00 |
| Francis Wareham, | | | 80 53 | | | | 80 53 |
| Wid. Asa Frauen, | | | 60 00 | | | | 60 00 |
| Miss Ida Newcomb, | | | 96 75 | | | | 96 75 |
| Wid. Priscilla Bush, | 6 85 | 37 51 | | | | | 44 36 |
| " Hetty Snow, | 4 75 | 31 85 | 15 00 | | 9 00 | | 60 60 |
| " Dorcas Hill, | 4 50 | 11 13 | | | | | 15 63 |
| " Abner Nickerson, | | 9 00 | | | | | 9 00 |
| Nahum Haynes, | | 7 50 | 16 00 | | | | 23 50 |
| Nathan H. Hopkins, | | | 62 00 | | | | 62 00 |
| Mrs. Jesse Aspley, | | | 7 00 | | | | 7 00 |
| Miss Mary Cettes, | | | 19 71 | | | | 19 71 |
| Russell B. Eaton, | 9 15 | | | | | | 9 15 |
| William G. Smith, | | | 15 00 | | | | 15 00 |
| Wid. H. G. Holway, | 17 15 | 19 75 | 20 00 | | | | 56 90 |
| Matthias P. Brady, | | | 48 00 | | | | 48 00 |
| John King, | | | 21 00 | | | | 21 00 |
| Mrs. Martha Bailey, | | | 2 00 | | | | 2 00 |
| Robert G. Hooton, | 15 00 | 3 50 | | 4 00 | | | 22 50 |
| Mrs. Amelia Stanford, | | | 9 25 | | | | 9 25 |
| " Margaret Hill, | | | 8 00 | | | | 8 00 |
| " Mary McCarthy, | | | 2 00 | | | | 2 00 |
| " Celia Wilson, | 7 21 | 2 63 | 13 50 | 2 00 | | | 25 34 |
| " Ann O'Connors, | | | 25 55 | | | | 25 55 |
| " Ellen Delany, | 2 20 | | | | | | 2 20 |
| Child'n of E. F. Newcomb, | | | | 34 31 | | | 34 31 |
| George Whorf, | | | | | 9 50 | | 41 05 |
| Richard Velas, | | | 31 55 | | 13 75 | | 13 75 |
| George W. Newcomb, | | | 36 00 | | | | 36 00 |
| Samuel Atwood, | 14 60 | | 60 00 | | 15 00 | | 89 60 |
| John Brigans, | | | 5 25 | | | | 5 25 |
| Wid. Mary A. Little, | | | 37 50 | | | | 37 50 |
| Benjamin Briggs, | | | 40 46 | | | | 40 46 |
| Miss Ellen Newcomb, | | | 26 30 | | | | 26 30 |
| Wid. Mary Stedd, | | | 13 50 | | | | 13 50 |
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| | 101 41 | 130 81 | 864 10 | 40 31 | 9 00 | 38 25 | 1183 88 |

There was appropriated last year the sum of \$3000 for the support of the Poor. The amount expended was \$2634 57, leaving a balance in the Treasury, unexpended, of \$365 43. We would recommend that there be appropriated the sum of \$3000 for support of the Poor the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER MANUEL,
ARTEMAS PAINE,
JOHN SWIFT,

} Overseers of the Poor
for the
Town of Provincetown.

Provincetown, Jan. 13, 1872.

REPORT OF THE ROAD SURVEYORS.

The Road Surveyors of the Town of Provincetown submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1871 :

Roads.

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| Paid for hardening material, | \$563 71 |
| “ labor and teaming, | 265 68 |
| “ repairs on High Street, | 95 00 |
| “ “ “ Central Street, | 40 00 |
| Asa Atkins labor with team, | 123 45 |
| Addison Nickerson labor with team, | 148 95 |
| Alfred L. Mayo for labor, | 130 65 |

Cost of repairs on Roads for the year, \$1367 44

The Roads generally are at present in good condition, but upon the opening of Spring will need extensive repairs.

Sidewalk.

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| Paid for lumber, | \$693 39 |
| “ clearing off Sidewalk, | 228 50 |
| “ spikes and nails, | 33 20 |
| “ labor, | 106 05 |
| Auctioneer and Crier, | 3 00 |

Expended on Sidewalk, \$1064 14
Less material sold, 19 66

Cost of Sidewalk to Town, \$1044 48

Cost of repairs on Roads and Sidewalk to the town, \$2431 58
Surveyors' services added, 30 00

Total amount of cost, \$2461 58
Amount appropriated by the town, 3000 00

Amount remaining in Treasury unexpended, \$538 42

The Sidewalk is at present in good condition, but will need quite extensive repairs the coming year.

Extension of the County Road.

At the last annual Town Meeting the Surveyors were directed to grade and harden the extension of the County Road extending from or near the southeast corner of Henry J. Lancy's fence to West Vine Street, as laid out by the County Commissioners, and they have attended to that duty. After due notice the grading and hardening of the road was sold to the lowest bidders, who have performed the work to the acceptance of the County Commissioners. The expense to the Town was as follows :

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| Paid for grading and hardening, | \$925 00 |
| “ Auctioneer and Crier, | 3 00 |
| “ Printing, | 2 50 |
| “ Lumber, | 4 28 |
| “ Surveyors' services, | 44 00 |

Total amount of cost, \$978 78
Amount appropriated by the town, 1500 00

Amount in the Treasury unexpended, \$521 22

The Bridge.

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| Paid for Lumber, | \$544 37 |
| “ Spikes and nails, | 20 69 |
| “ Labor and teaming, | 385 10 |
| S. K. Hopkins' bill, | 61 24 |

Amount expended on the Bridge, \$1011 40
Less material sold, 35 90
Cost of Bridge to each town, 487 75

We would state the Bridge, especially that part running over Beach Point, is much decayed and is the cause of great expense to the town, requiring the constant care of those having it in charge. The reason of this is, that this part of the Bridge has never been rebuilt, while that part extending from Beach Point to the north end, having been carried away by ice, has been rebuilt,—a part of it more than once. The entire length of the Bridge is about seventeen hundred feet ; of this about six hundred and sixty feet runs over Beach Point upon dry land. This portion of the Bridge, if used, must be thoroughly repaired during the coming year at a large expense to the towns of Prov-

incetown and Truro. In our opinion this will be an unnecessary expense, as a road extending from or near the end of Beach Point and connecting with Beach Point road can be constructed and maintained at a comparatively small expense. All the material fit for use can be used upon the remaining portion of the Bridge, thus saving a large expense to the towns. Discontinue this portion of the Bridge and there would remain but one thousand and forty feet instead of seventeen hundred feet to keep in repair. We have conversed with a number of the influential citizens of Truro upon the subject, and all agree that it is a useless expense to both towns. We would therefore recommend that that portion of the Bridge running over Beach Point, about six hundred and sixty feet in length, be discontinued, and that a road twenty-five feet wide be constructed to connect the Bridge with Beach Point road; to be graded, hardened and maintained by the towns of Provincetown and Truro, providing that the County Commissioners and the town of Truro shall agree to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

ASA ATKINS,
ADDISON NICKERSON, } Road Surveyors.
ALFRED L. MAYO,

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PROVINCETOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT, 1871.

Engineers.

CHIEF ENGINEER—JOHN D. HILLIARD.

ASSISTANT ENGINEERS—Jonathan Cook, Charles A. Cook,
Amasa Taylor, Lysander N. Paine, Enos N. Young, E. K.
Cook.

Clerk.

Lysander N. Paine.

Firemen.

230 paid members. 90 volunteers without pay.

Apparatus in charge of the Engineers and its estimated Value.

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| Engine No. 1 and Hose Carriage, | \$2000 00 |
| “ “ 2 “ | 2000 00 |
| “ “ 3 “ | 1000 00 |
| “ “ 4 “ | 1000 00 |
| Relief Engine (old No. 1)“ | 200 00 |
| “ (old No. 2)“ | 400 00 |
| Relief Hose Carriage No. 1, | 75 00 |
| Hook and Ladder Truck and apparatus. | 500 00 |
| Engine Houses Nos. 1 and 2, \$1200 each, | 2400 00 |
| “ “ Nos. 3 and 4; \$1500 each, | 3000 00 |
| Hook and Ladder House, | 1500 00 |
| Relief Engine House, | 500 00 |
| 2000 feet Cotton Hose, | 500 00 |
| 800 “ Leather Hose, | 300 00 |
| 1350 “ Metropolitan Hose, | 1500 00 |
| 500 “ “ “ not paid for, | 654 75 |
| 31 Reservoirs, | 5500 00 |
| Powder Chest and Powder, | 45 00 |

\$23,074 75

Expenditures.

SALARIES.

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| Chief Engineer, | | \$20 00 |
| Clerk board of Engineers, | | 15 00 |
| 5 Assistant Engineers at \$10 | | 50 00 |
| 230 Members | " 5 | 1150 00 |
| 4 Stewards | " 50 | 200 00 |
| 2 " | " 20 | 40 00 |
| Total salaries, | | \$1475 00 |
| Repairing Hose, | | 5 85 |
| " Houses, | | 25 65 |
| " Engines, | | 40 53 |
| " Flags, | | 6 04 |
| " and cleaning Reservoirs, | | 46 50 |
| " Relief Engine No. 1, (old Washington) | | 14 00 |
| " " " No. 2, (old Franklin) | | 19 60 |
| Fuel and Lights, | | 54 64 |
| Printing, | | 4 50 |
| Incidental Expenses, | | 132 20 |
| 100 pounds Powder Fuse and Copper Chest, | | 47 75 |
| 500 feet new Hose and Couplings bought in August, | | 654 75 |
| | | \$2527 01 |
| • Less sale old Brass | | 3 00 |
| | | \$2524 01 |
| Appropriation, | \$3000 00 | |
| Balance in Town Treasury, | | 475 99 |
| | | \$3000 00 |

Fires.

During the past year there has been but two alarms and we take pleasure in recording so quiet a year. The losses have been about \$700.00, which was at the fire on board schr. Virgin Rock, Oct. 19, 5 o'clock A. M. Four fires have been discovered and extinguished by citizens without a general alarm.

Houses.

The Engine Houses are in good order and repair and sufficient for the present accommodation of the Engines and their

members. The Hook and Ladder House is in good order but is, as we called your attention last year, rather small, not being long enough to carry the length of ladders very much needed on many of our buildings; besides the company have accommodations hardly suited to their wants.

Engines.

The Engines are now all of the same size cylinder, and at the time of writing are in good working order, with the exception of the new Engine, Franklin No. 2, whose air chamber is found to be imperfect. The chairman of the committee, who superintended the building of the Engine, has conferred with the builder, who is anxious to put in, either this one in good order, or a new one that will give perfect satisfaction at his—the builder's—expense.

Hose.

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| The Hose is distributed as follows: | |
| Engine No. 1 has | 750 feet. |
| " No. 2 " | 750 " |
| " No. 3 " | 700 " |
| " No. 4 " | 700 " |
| Relief Hose " | 800 " |
| Bursted, cotton, now at the Relief House, | 950 " |
| | 4650 feet. |

The Engineers propose to repair the best of the 950 feet bursted Hose and place it upon a carriage to be used only in extreme cases, as the strength of it is not sufficient for general use.

Some of the Hose now in use is not reliable; a purchase of at least 500 feet new the coming year will be necessary.

Appropriation required for 1872.

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| To balance bill of Hose purchased in Dec'r, | \$654 75 |
| “ Hunneman & Co., bill, | 20 63 |
| “ A. L. Putnam & Co., bill, | 2 25 |
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| | \$677 63 |
| Balance in hands of Town Treasurer, Dec. | |
| 31, 1871, | 475 99 |
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Balance, 201 64

In addition to the above we would respectfully ask ;
for the payment of salaries, hose and the necessary
expenses of the ensuing year, \$3000 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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| J. D. HILLIARD. | } | Engineers | | |
| JONATHAN COOK, | | | | |
| CHARLES A. COOK, | | | | |
| AMASA TAYLOR, | | | | |
| L. N. PAINE, | | | } | Fire Department. |
| E. N. YOUNG, | | | | |
| E. K. COOK, | | | | |

Personal.

In April of the past year Chief Engineer Eben S. Smith, Esq., resigned ; his health was such as to remain would be to him an injury. The Board of Engineers very much regretted losing the services of so valuable a leader ; as a token of their respect and esteem presented him with a Silver Goblet, at their own expense. E. K. Cook, Esq., was appointed by the Selectmen to fill the vacancy.

At a meeting of the Engineers held May 7, I was chosen Chief Engineer and Lysander N. Paine, Esq., Clerk.

Upon assuming the duties and responsibilities of this office, I instituted a thorough investigation into all the working details of this department, and made such suggestions and issued such orders as in my judgment was necessary and I have the satisfaction of stating that for good order, sobriety and efficiency the Firemen of this town are excelled by no other in this State, and I might with propriety say excelled by no other in this country.

J. D. HILLIARD, Chief Engineer.

Provincetown, Jan. 10, 1872.

Ulysses Engine, No. 1.

House on Commercial Street east end of Town.

This Engine was built by Messrs. Hunneman & Co., Boston Highlands, 1869. Put into service 1869. 5 1-2 inch Cylinder. 16 inch Stroke.

Foreman, John G. Whitcomb.
1st Ass't do., Isaac F. Mayo.
2d “ “ Bangs A Lewis.
Clerk, Phillip A. Whorf.
Steward, Eleazer Young.

50 of the Company paid for services. 7 volunteers without pay.

Franklin Engine, No. 2.

House on Commercial Street west end of Town.

This engine was built by Messrs. Hunneman & Co., Boston Highlands, 1871. Put into service 1871. 5 1-2 inch Cylinder. 16 inches Stroke.

Foreman, Seth Smith, Jr.
1st Ass't do., A. Frank Hopkins.
2d " " George Hallett.
Clerk, Lewis Nickerson.
Steward, Phineas S. Cutter.

50 of the Company paid for services. 30 volunteers without pay.

Mazeppa Engine, No. 3.

House on Commercial Street near Pearl Street.

This Engine was built by Messrs. Hunneman & Co., Boston Highlands, 1854. Put into service Oct. 12, 1868. 5 1-2 inch Cylinder. 16 inches Stroke.

Foreman, Lemuel Cook, 3d.
1st Ass't do., Joseph Whitcomb.
2d " " Isaac H. Higgins.
Clerk, Heman S. Cook.
Steward, Lemuel Cook, 3d.

50 of the Company paid for services. 16 volunteers without pay.

Excelsior Engine, No. 4.

House on Commercial Street near Court Street.

This Engine was built by Messrs. Hunneman & Co., Boston Highlands, 1850. Put into service Oct. 12, 1868.

Foreman, Marshall L. Adams.
1st Ass't do., Obadiah Smith.
2d " " Geo. W. King.
Clerk, George Allen.
Steward, Geo. W. King.

50 of the Company paid for services. 28 volunteers without pay.

Rescue Hook and Ladder, No. 1.

House on Commercial Street near Forest Street.

Built by B. A. Ellison, Wellfleet, 1859. Put in service June 3, 1859.

Foreman, Nathan D. Freeman,
Assistant do., Nathan Young.
Clerk, Andrew T. Williams.
Steward, Manuel Rogers.

25 of the Company paid for services. 5 volunteers without pay.

Relief Hose, No. 1.

House on Commercial Street near Church Street.

Foreman, James Young.
Clerk, Jesse Small, Jr.
Steward, Enoch N. Sumner.

5 of the Company paid for services. 4 volunteers without pay.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN :

The Board of Health would report that the sanitary condition of our town the past year has compared favorably with that of former years. We have not been visited by any contagious disease and we are pleased to say that our citizens have generally shown a willingness to observe the rules and regulations of the Board.

There have been a few instances when your Board have been called where negligence on the part of individuals allowed filth to accumulate in the warm season of the year, but as a general rule have found the inhabitants willing to conform with the rules and regulations of your Board.

The Board have no recommendations to make. They would report the Small Pox House as being in good condition, needing no repairs.

Annexed is a report of the expenses incurred by the Board the past year :

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| To Labor burying filth, &c., | \$10 90 |
| Services of Board, | 15 00 |
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| | \$25 90 |

DAVID SMITH, }
JONATHAN COOK, } Board of Health.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

Town of Provincetown,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

Dec. 31, 1871.

PROVINCETOWN :

ADVOCATE STEAM JOB PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT,
202 Commercial Street.

1872.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

To J. B. Baxter, Luther Nickerson and Henry Shortle, School Committee of the Town of Provincetown.

GENTLEMEN :

I hereby submit my report for the remainder of the school year as directed by your instructions.

The whole number of scholars attending school during the term just closed is eight hundred and seventeen ; one hundred and eight of whom are over fifteen years of age. Of this number fifty-five were members of the High School ; two hundred and fifty-one of the Grammar ; two hundred of the Intermediate, and three hundred and eleven of the Primary Schools. Of the number over fifteen years of age forty were members of the High School and sixty-two of the Grammar, one of the Intermediate and five of the Primary Schools. The average number attending all the schools during the term is seven hundred and eighteen. Of this number forty-five were members of the High School, two hundred and fifteen were of the Grammar, one hundred and eighty-one of the Intermediate, and two hundred and seventy-seven of the Primary Schools. The per cent. of attendance in all the schools is eighty-seven and seven-eighths per cent. That of the High School is eighty-one and nine-elevenths ; of the Grammar eighty-five and two-

thirds; of the Intermediate ninety and one-half; and of the Primary eighty-nine and one-fifteenth per cent., a percentage that is rarely equalled except in large towns and cities. The attendance at the High School has been very good indeed, when we take into consideration that a large majority of the scholars of the school are young ladies, and the location of the school room and the means of access to it.

The whole number of scholars present at the reviews is seven hundred and eighteen. Forty-seven were at the High School, two hundred and three at the Grammar, one hundred and eighty at the Intermediate, and two hundred and eighty-eight at the Primary Schools. The whole number of visitors present at review was three hundred and thirty-four; of this number fifty were at the High School, one hundred and fifty-six at the Grammar Schools, ninety-two at the Intermediate, and thirty-six at the Primary Schools. It is sufficient to say of these reviews that they have passed off well, giving unmistakable evidence of diligence and earnestness in the discharge of their several duties both by the teachers and pupils of the respective schools. It is not to be expected, nay, it would be highly improper for me to add any comment upon the labors of the past year, or to submit any recommendation or make suggestions for the future action of your "Board." I herewith submit a statement of the present condition of the school funds, and in submitting this report I surrender into your hands all the books and property belonging to the School Department of the Town of Provincetown.

In closing permit me to pay my humble acknowledgments for the kindness you have ever shown me; the readiness with which you have listened and acted upon all questions preferred to you for counsel and advice, and the great aid and assistance which you have rendered me in the discharge of my otherwise perplexing duties; and through you to the Board of Teachers with whom there has not been the least unpleasant feeling or inharmony of action, save in a single instance, and that is so well understood by you that I need not name it for explanation.

Gentlemen, I leave the care of the Schools of the Town in your hands, and may you in your good judgment and devotion

to their interests be enabled to surpass even my most sanguine wishes for their improvement, and my fondest hopes for their success and elevation be more than realized.

Your obedient servant,

B. F. HUTCHINSON, Supt. of Schools.

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| School Department, | Dr. |
| 1871, Jan. 1, To balance in Treasury, | \$2230 17 |
| " Error in Dog tax, | 42 |
| " Mass. School Fund, | 209 86 |
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| | \$2530 45 |
| March 4, Cr. By cash paid for Teaching, | \$2187 50 |
| Fuel, | 33 30 |
| Building Fire and Sweeping, | 175 32 |
| Salary of Superintendent, | 100 00 |
| Incidentals, | 25 00 |
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| | \$2521 12 |
| Balance in the Treasury, | \$9 33 |

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The number of children in town returned by the Assessors, between the ages of five and fifteen years, is 782. The number connected with the schools during the Spring term was 748.— The average attendance was 611, and the number over fifteen years of age was 58. Of the whole number of scholars 45 were in the High School, 221 in the Grammar Schools, 152 in the Intermediate Schools, and 330 in the Primary Schools. The average attendance at the High School was 33, at the Grammar Schools 171, at the Intermediate Schools 119, and at the Primary Schools 288. Of the number over fifteen years of age, 33 were in the High School, 11 in the Eastern, 8 in the Center, and 6 in the Western Grammar Schools.

The whole number of scholars belonging to the schools during the Fall term was 671; the average attendance was 550. Of the whole number, 71 were in the High School, 150 were in the Grammar Schools, 148 were in the Intermediate Schools, and 302 were in the Primary Schools. The average attendance at the High School was 62, at the Grammar Schools 121, at the Intermediate Schools 119, and at the Primary Schools 248. Of the number over fifteen years of age, 34 were at the High School and 3 at the Center Grammar School.

The whole number of scholars connected with the schools the present term is 786. Of this number 64 are in the High School, 159 in the Grammar, 155 in the Intermediate, and 338 in the Primary Schools. The whole number over fifteen years of age is 121. Of this number 40 are members of the High School, 8 of the Grammar Schools, 1 of the Intermediate Schools, 4 of the Primary Schools, and 70 of the school for young men.

At the close of last winter's term, as has been our custom in years before, we examined those of the first classes in the Grammar Schools who wished to be examined for the High School. The standard was seventy-five per cent. Thirty-five scholars

applied, but as none of them came up to the requirement they were rejected; with the understanding that if they continued in the Grammar Schools they should have another trial at the close of the Spring term. The requirement was readily complied with and the scholars made great proficiency in their studies. At the close of the term thirty-one presented themselves for examination and were admitted to the High School; some of them answering ninety per cent. of the questions asked.

In compliance with the vote of the town last winter, we have opened a school for our young men and boys, over fifteen years of age, who could not be conveniently classified in the Grammar Schools, and we think it has more than answered the expectations of its friends. And we would earnestly ask for the sake of those who attend this school, as well as for the good of the other schools, that it be continued. This School now occupies the High School room.

There were public reviews of the Grammar Schools at the close of the Spring term, and of the Grammar Schools and High School at the close of the Fall term. These public reviews were instituted last year for the purpose of bringing the parents, teachers and scholars together in the school room, and that the parents and friends of the scholars might witness their recitations; as far as possible learn their progress, and, if possible, be induced to visit the schools more during their sessions. The reviews have been thus far beneficial, and yet we feel that the schools are sadly neglected by the parents. A review of all the schools is expected at the close of the present term.

There has been no change in Text Books this year except an old for a new edition of Cornell's Geography.

A part of the Black Boards in the Grammar School room and a very small part of the Boards in the High School room have been coated with Liquid Slating. This, it is true, was an experiment with us, but it works well and we could ask for nothing better. We would recommend that all of the Black Boards in the different school rooms be fixed in a substantial manner and coated with the same preparation.

At the close of the Spring term your Committee found there

were in the three Grammar Schools only about 135 scholars. The question was asked, What is best to be done? It was suggested that as the Fall term was the smallest term of the year there be but two Grammar Schools. There was no action taken until August or near the beginning of the Fall term, when the Committee unanimously agreed to have two instead of three Grammar Schools. As this was an experiment and a majority of the scholars in the eastern division of the town lived nearer the Center than the Eastern school house, it was thought best to have the schools in the Center and Western school rooms. The change caused a little uneasiness at first, but this soon subsided and the experiment proved a perfect success.

As there were but a few more scholars for the Grammar schools in the winter than there had been during the summer, and knowing that the disturbing element which had usually given us trouble during the winter terms would no longer be present to disturb, but find its proper place provided for it by the generosity of the town, we thought it best to continue the schools the present as they were the last term. And we have come to the conclusion that until the numbers are so great that they cannot be conveniently managed in two rooms, two schools are better than three.

The Committee have made these changes, not for the purpose of gratifying any pet notion of theirs, nor for the sake of displeasing others, but because they thought them for the best.— We are firmly of the opinion that it is better, where the rooms are large enough and there are assistant teachers in the schools, to have seventy-five or eighty scholars, than it is to have only forty or fifty in each room. In a school of seventy-five or eighty there is more life and animation in the scholars than there can be in a small school, and the teachers will feel better and take more interest in their work. While the committee would not, for the sake of saving a few or many dollars, run the risk of damaging the schools, they do deem it their duty, when money can be saved without injury to any one, to do so. By the present arrangement we not only save nine or ten hundred dollars a year, but avoid the necessity of building another school room in the center of the town for some years to come. The Center

and Western Primary schools are more than full and there must be other room provided. If the schools remain as they are now, we have room and all the room we need in the Center, but this does not relieve us at the Western part of the town, and we would recommend the building of a small school room somewhere to the westward of the Western school house. Perhaps it is proper in this connection to state that it is the opinion of a part of the Committee that all of the Grammar School scholars might be taken care of at the Center school house, and thus avoid the necessity of building any extra school houses.

No changes have been made in teachers this year, excepting in the High School; the time for which Mr. H. F. Burt (the Principal of this School) was employed expired last summer and Mr. C. C. Sheldon was engaged to take his place.

While in some of our schools everything is not as we could wish, and perhaps some changes would be beneficial, we think, as a whole, there has never been a more faithful corps of teachers connected with our schools than the present, and there was never a better work done than is now being done for the schools.

Believing that the schools demand and should have more careful attention than can be given by the Committee ordinarily, and that the workman is worthy of his hire, your Committee ask authority of the town to appoint a Superintendent of the Public Schools for the ensuing year, with a salary sufficient to pay for the work accomplished.

The names of the teachers, the number of scholars and the average attendance in each school are as follows :

Eastern Primary—Ella F. Bush, teacher. Whole number of scholars, spring term, 55; average, 41. Fall term, 48; average, 40. Winter term, 59.

Center Primary, No. 2—Henrietta Whitney, teacher. Whole number of scholars, spring term, 59; average, 57. Fall term, 59; average, 39. Winter term, 59.

Center Primary—Alice D. Keefe, teacher. Whole number of scholars, spring term, 72; average, 65. Fall term, 74; average, 67. Winter term, 71.

Western Primary, No. 2—Carrie F. Nickerson, teacher. Whole number of scholars, spring term, 64; average, 57. Fall term, 57; average 48. Winter term, 67.

Western Primary—Rebecca D. Sparks, teacher. Whole number of scholars, spring term, 80; average, 68. Fall term, 64; average, 54. Winter term, 81.

Eastern Intermediate—Carrie O. Atkins, teacher. Whole number of scholars, spring term, 35; average, 28. Fall term, 42; average, 35. Winter term, 47.

Center Intermediate—Alice G. Ballard, teacher. Whole number of scholars, spring term, 57; average, 42. Fall term, 52; average 41. Winter term, 50.

Western Intermediate—Abbie N. Hamlin, teacher. Whole number of scholars, spring term, 60; average, 49. Fall term, 54; average, 43. Winter term, 57.

Eastern Grammar School—C. H. Dunbar, teacher, assisted by Hattie F. Weeks.

Mr. H. P. Dearborn was Principal of this school during the spring term, assisted by Lizzie Kenney.

Whole number of scholars, spring term, 68; average, 50. Winter term, 74. There was no Grammar School in this District during the Fall term.

Center Grammar School. This school during the Spring and Fall terms was taught by C. H. Dunbar, assisted by Hattie F. Weeks. Whole number of scholars, spring term, 101; average, 80. Fall term, 81; average, 64. There is no Grammar School in this District the present term.

Western Grammar School—H. C. Freeman, teacher, assisted by M. Justina Nickerson. Whole number of scholars, spring term, 52; average, 41. Fall term, 69; average, 59. Winter term, 85.

High School—C. C. Sheldon, teacher, assisted by Lucia N. Cook. Mr. H. F. Burt was Principal of this school during the Spring term. Whole number of scholars, spring term, 45; average, 33. Fall term, 71; average, 62. Winter term, 64.

Winter School for Boys—N. H. Dill, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 70.

The financial record for the year is as follows:

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| School Department, | Dr. |
| To Town appropriation, | \$7600 00 |
| “ Cash received of County Treasury, dog tax, | 81 03 |
| “ Balance in the Treasury from last year's approp'n, | 9 33 |
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| | \$7690 36 |
| Cr by cash paid for teaching Spring term, | \$2187 50 |
| “ “ “ “ Fall term, | 1713 75 |
| “ “ “ for building fires and sweeping, | 306 91 |
| “ “ “ for fuel, | 413 61 |
| “ “ “ for incidentals, | 22 00 |
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| | \$4643 77 |
| Dr to Balance in the Treasury, | \$3046 59 |
| Liabilities for Winter term teaching, | 2056 25 |
| Building fires and sweeping, | 190 34 |
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| Amount of liabilities, | \$2246 59 |
| Balance in the Treasury after deducting liabilities, | \$800 00 |
| Mass. School Fund supposed to be | 300 00 |
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| | \$1100 00 |

It may be proper to state that it cost \$55 for fuel last Spring term.

Town Book Account, Jan. 1872.
Jan. 1871.

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| Dr. To Books and Case on hand, | \$288 68 |
| “ Cash, | 46 61 |
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| | \$335 29 |
| Cr. Jan. 1872. | |
| By Books and Case on hand, | \$228 94 |
| Due Town, | 106 35 |
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| | \$335 29 |

As the number and character of the schools the coming year will depend upon the action of the town, the amount of money required to defray the expenses must necessarily be indefinite.

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| If the schools remain as they now are an ap- propriation of | \$6000 will answer. |
| If an Intermediate School be added, | 6400 " " |
| If two " " " " | 6800 " " |
| If there are three Grammar Schools, | 7800 " " |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY SHORTLE,
LUTHER NICKERSON, } School Committee.
JOHN M. CROCKER,

*To the Inhabitants of Provincetown in Annual
Town Meeting assembled :*

The undersigned, a Committee, to whom was referred the subject matter contained in Article 27 of the warrant of last annual meeting, viz : "To see if the Town will repair the Town and High School House, in its present locality, or will purchase another site, remove said building thereon and enlarge it, as public interest and convenience may require," and also the investigation of the title of the town to the land on High Hill, as conveyed by Deed from Godfrey Ryder and others to this town, have considered these subjects and submit their

R E P O R T :

According to the most accurate information attainable by them, it is the opinion of the undersigned that a site could be purchased, the Town and High School Building taken down, in pieces, removed and rebuilt thereon, in its present size and form, for a sum not exceeding \$5000.

This building placed in an eligible location would, they think, be entirely inadequate to the present wants and conveniences of this community. To enlarge it to dimensions that should meet the present and prospective demands for a spacious, convenient and elegant Town Hall, including suitable accommodations for the High School, for a Public Library, and offices for Selectmen, Town Clerk and others, would, in their judgment, incur more alterations and greater outlay than the value of the existing building would warrant.

In the present financial condition of the town your Committee, while they concede there is felt a growing need of better accommodations, cannot recommend the town, at this time, to erect a structure for the purposes indicated. They counsel you therefore to wait for a more favorable condition of the treasury for the commencement of this undertaking.

The Town and High School Building require repairs and your Committee recommend that necessary repairs be made by the town officers ordinarily charged with such duty, and also that the enclosed grounds adjacent thereto belonging to the

town and the roads leading to the Town House be kept in good order.

Your Committee have examined the deed of conveyance, from Godfrey Ryder and others, of the land of High Hill, including that covered by the public ways immediately connected therewith, and except the unimportant rights of maintaining the wells of Isaiah Whitney, Sabin M. Smith and of Asa Bowly, they are unable to discover, in said deed, any conditions or reservations restraining or preventing the inhabitants of Provincetown, in any way, from giving a complete title to any purchaser of said premises.

Respectfully,

JAMES GIFFORD,
ARTEMAS PAINE, } Committee.
JOHN ATWOOD, }

Provincetown, February 12, 1872.

ORDERS AND BY-LAWS FOR THE Town of Provincetown,

AS APPROVED BY THE SUPERIOR COURT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

BARNSTABLE, SS.

At the Superior Court begun and holden at Barnstable, within and for the County of Barnstable, on the first Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, the following Orders and By-Laws for the Town of Provincetown were presented for approval.

Orders and By-Laws.

The Committee chosen at the Annual Meeting in February, 1864, to prepare Orders and By-Laws for the Town of Provincetown, have reported the following :

ORDERS.

Town Meetings, how Notified.

Article 1. All warrants for town meetings shall be served by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Office in the town, seven days, at least, before the time for holding said meetings.

Adjourned Meetings, Notice of.

Article 2. When any town meeting shall be adjourned, except from day to day, to a time certain, by reason of the regular business of the meeting being unfinished, the Town Clerk shall cause notices of the time and place of holding such adjourned meeting to be duly posted at the Post Office in town, which notices shall also briefly state the business to come before said adjourned meeting.

Concerning Votes on Money Matters.

Article 3. The vote upon all motions appropriating money shall be taken by yea and nay ballot.

Reconsideration of Vote upon Money Matters.

Article 4. No vote or order relative to the raising, paying, or appropriating any money, shall be reconsidered in town meeting by any less number of votes than were polled at the former consideration of the same. And in order to ascertain the number rightly, the Moderator

shall, when any money matter is first considered and voted upon in town meeting, count the number of votes, and the Town Clerk, shall make a proper record of the same.

Orders, By whom to be Drawn.

Article 5. No money shall be paid out of the town treasury except on orders drawn and signed by a majority of the Selectmen.

B Y - L A W S .

Disorderly Behavior in the Street.

Section 1. No persons shall assemble in a disorderly manner in any street or near any dwelling-house within the town in the night-time; and no person shall be guilty of any rude or disorderly behavior, or any indecent, profane, or insulting language in any street or way, public or private, or near any dwelling-house or other building, to the annoyance or disturbance of any person, under a penalty of not less than one dollar for every such offence, nor more than five dollars.

Obstructing Passages to Houses, &c.

Section 2. No person shall be or remain upon any doorstep or other projection from any dwelling-house or other building or in any street, way, or passage, within the town, so as to annoy or disturb any person, or shall obstruct any passage to the same or appurtenances thereof; and every person so being or remaining as aforesaid when ordered by any constable, police officer, or watchman, or by the owner or occupant of any dwelling-house or other building, shall immediately peaceably depart and stay away therefrom, under the penalty of not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars for each offence.

Fast Driving Prohibited.

Section 3. No person shall ride or drive any horse or horses attached to a carriage of any description, or cause the same to be driven in any street, lane, alley, or other way, or over any bridge in the town, at an immoderate speed, so as to endanger or expose to injury any person standing, walking, or riding in or on the same, under a penalty of not less than two dollars nor more than ten dollars for each offence.

Filth, Rubbish, &c.

Section 4. No person shall put or cause to be put or placed in any street or other public place in the town, any dirt, garbage, carrion, filth, offal, or any kind of rubbish, except in such places and in such manner as shall be directed or permitted by the Board of Health and Road Surveyors, on pain of forfeiting and paying for each offence a sum not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars; and in case any person so of-

fending shall refuse or neglect to remove such matter or thing, without delay, after notice given to him or her by the Board of Health or Road Surveyors so to remove the same, shall forfeit and pay the further sum of not less than two dollars nor more than ten dollars for each offence.

Quarantine Ground.

Section 5. That portion of the harbor lying without a line drawn due north from the eastern extremity of Long Point and eastwardly three-fourths of a mile from Provincetown shore, shall be known as Quarantine Grounds.

Junk and Old Metals, &c.

Section 6. The Selectmen may license suitable persons to be dealers in and keepers of shops for the purchase, sale, or barter of junk, old metals, and other like articles, within the limits of the town. And every person who shall be the keeper of a shop for the purchase, sale, or barter of junk, old metals, and other like articles, within the limits of the town, shall keep a book in which shall be written at the time of purchase of any such article a description of the article purchased, the name, age and residence of the person from whom, and the day and hour when such purchase was made, such book shall, at all times, be open to the inspection of the Selectmen of the town and to every person by them authorized to make such inspection; and every keeper of such shop shall put up in some suitable and conspicuous place on his shop a sign, having his name and occupation legibly inscribed thereon in large letters; every such shop and all articles of merchandise therein may be examined by the Selectmen of the town or by any person by them authorized to make such examination, at all times; and no keeper of such shop shall directly or indirectly either purchase or receive by way of barter or exchange any of the articles aforesaid of any minor or apprentice knowing or having reason to believe him to be such, and no article purchased or received shall be sold until a period of at least one week from the date of its purchase or receipt shall have elapsed. Every such shop shall be closed, and no keeper thereof shall make purchase of any of the articles aforesaid, between the hours of sunset and sunrise. Whoever shall offend in any of the above provisions shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding twenty dollars for each offence.

Every keeper of a shop for the purchase, sale, or barter of junk, old metals, and other like articles, upon receiving his license from the Selectmen of the town, shall pay the sum of five dollars for the use of the town.

Truant Children, &c.

Section 7. All children between the ages of seven and sixteen years, residing in this town, who shall be convicted of habitual truancy or of

absenting themselves from school, without any regular or lawful occupation, growing up in ignorance, shall upon the first conviction thereof be fined the sum of one dollar and costs of prosecution; for the second offence upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than two nor more than five dollars, with costs; for the third offence upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than five nor more than ten dollars with costs, or may be committed or placed for such period of time as the Justice or other judicial officer before whom said truant children or absentees from school may be brought shall deem expedient, in such institution of instruction or house of reformation or other suitable institution as may be assigned or provided for that purpose under the authority conveyed by the act entitled "An Act concerning Truant Children and Absentees from School, Approved April 30th, 1862."

Penalties, How Recovered.

Section 8. All penalties for the violation of either of the foregoing By-Laws may be recovered by complaint before any Trial Justice of the Town or County, and shall be paid into the treasury of the town to enure to such uses as the town shall from time to time direct. But all prosecutions shall be commenced within six months from the violation of the By-Law, and not afterwards.

Duty of Constables and other Officers.

Section 9. It shall be the duty of all Constables, Police Officers, and Watchmen of the town to take due notice of and promptly prosecute for all violations of either of the foregoing By-Laws.

B. F. HUTCHINSON,
JAMES GIFFORD,
GODFREY RYDER.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in Town affairs, holden at the Town Hall in said Provincetown, on the thirteenth day of February, A. D. 1865, the foregoing Orders and By-Laws having been read and approved of by articles and sections, it was voted that the Town adopt the same.

A true copy.

Attest: ELISHA DYER, Town Clerk.

And at the September term of said Court, A. D. 1865, the same were approved by the Court.

Attest: JAMES B. CROCKER.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in Town affairs, holden at the Town Hall in said Prov-

incetown, on the fourteenth day of February, A. D. 1870, the following By-Law having been read and approved, it was voted that the Town adopt the same:

No persons shall assemble in any of the streets or highways within the town for the purpose of coasting, or coast therein to the annoyance of those travelling the same, or persons residing thereon, under a penalty of not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars for each offence, Provided, that the Selectmen may grant permits to coast in such of the streets and highways of the town and at such hours as, from time to time may seem expedient.

A true copy, Attest:

PARON C. YOUNG, Town Clerk.

Barnstable County, Superior Court, April Term, 1870.

Approved by the Court,

J. P. PUTNAM, Presiding Justice.

A true copy, Attest:

JAMES B. CROCKER, Clerk.