

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Town of Provincetown,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

Dec. 31, 1877.

PROVINCETOWN, MASS. :
ADVOCATE STEAM PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.

1878.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1877.

Selectmen and Assessors—H. W. Cowing, Benjamin Dyer, Daniel C. Cook.

Overseers of Poor—Benjamin Dyer, Daniel C. Cook, H. W. Cowing.

Town Clerk and Treasurer—Seth Smith.

Collector of Taxes—H. W. Cowing.

School Committee—Anna J. Hutchinson, R. W. Swift, L. N. Paine, Henry Shortle, Augustus Mitchell, N. H. Dill.

Chief Engineer Fire Department—J. D. Hilliard.

Assistant Engineers—Jonathan Cook, Charles A. Cook, George O. Knowles, L. N. Paine, Enos N. Young, J. G. Whitcomb.

Road Commissioners—J. S. Atwood, John M. Carnes, John M. Graham.

Constables—Joseph Whitcomb, Robert D. Baxter, John W. Beatty, Daniel F. Lewis.

Fence Viewers—Robert G. Alexander, N. H. Dill, Bangs A. Lewis.

Trustees of Town Library—Isaiah Gifford, Augustus Mitchell, A. T. Williams, John W. Davis, Edmund Smith, R. W. Swift, Horace A. Freeman.

Trustees of Sinking Fund—Edmund Smith, John D. Hilliard, Atkins Nickerson.

Board of Health—E. W. Holway, B. A. Lewis, David S. Kelley.

Beach Grass Committee—Henry Atkins, Leonard Cook, Jabez Atwood.

Surveyors of Lumber, &c.—George Allen, N. C. Brooks, Joseph S. Atwood.

Field Drivers—Freeman M. Bowley, Isaac Small, Franklin Atkins.

Pound Keepers—Freeman M. Bowley, Franklin Atkins.

Sealer of Weights and Measures—Seth Smith.

Monument Committee—John D. Hilliard.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF PROVINCETOWN :

The Selectmen of the Town of Provincetown, respectfully submit their Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1877 :

Valuation of the Town May 1st, 1877.

Real Estate,	\$1,056,999 00
Personal Estate,	902,583 00
	\$1,959,582 00

Number of Polls at \$2. each,	1127
Number of Legal Voters,	921
Rate of Taxation on \$1000,	\$20 50
Number of Dwelling Houses,	840
Number of Horses,	79
Number of Cows,	83 23
Acres of Land taxed,	750

Appropriations.

Support of Poor,	\$3800 00
Schools in addition to balance in Treasury,	7600 00
Fire Department,	3000 00
Roads and Walks,	3000 00
Bridge Repairs,	150 00
Constructing Causeway across East Harbor,	2500 00
Night Watch and Police,	1000 00
Interest on Railroad Loan,	2600 00
Surplus Railroad Debt,	2000 00

Interest on Demand Loans,	\$2000 00	
Repairs on School Houses,	300 00	
Painting and Repairing Town House, and Repairing Hill and Fence,	300 00	
Abatement of Taxes,	200 00	
Discount of Taxes,	500 00	
School Incidentals,	700 00	
Incidental Expenses,	4000 00	
Public Library,	350 00	
State and County Taxes,	4000 00	
New Reservoirs,	500 00	
Decoration Day,	50 00	
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	\$38,550 00	
Amount Assessed to pay Law Suits,	4000 00	
Overlying on Taxes,	375 47	
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	\$42,925 47	
Non-Resident Bank Tax,	2,268 56	
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	\$45,194 03	
Amount Appropriated for Watch, but not Assessed,	500 00	
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Amount to be Collected,	\$44,694 03	

Support of the Poor.

Paid Orders of Overseers Poor,	\$4493 41	
Town Appropriation,	\$3800 00	
Rec'd. from State on acc't. Paupers,	56 83	
Deficiency,	636 58	
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	\$4493 41	\$4493 41

Public Schools.

Paid Orders School Committee,	\$7871 35	
Town Appropriation,	\$7600 00	
Massachusetts School Fund,	288 21	
Balance in Treasury Jan. 1, 1877,	2867 44	
Balance in Treasury Dec. 31, 1877,	2884 30	
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	\$10,755 65	\$10,755 65

Roads and Sidewalks.

Paid Orders Road Commissioners,		\$2578 82
Town Appropriation,	\$3000 00	
Rec'd. Sale of Old Plank,	6 50	
Balance in Treasury,	<hr/>	427 68
	\$3006 50	\$3006 50

Bridge Repairs.

Paid Orders Road Commissioners,		\$160 86
Town Appropriation,	\$150 00	
Rec'd. Sale Old Bridge Plank,	20 00	
Balance in Treasury,	<hr/>	9 14
	\$170 00	\$170 00

Town House, Hill and Fence.

Paid Z. Higgins, labor on bricks,		\$11 50
George Allen, lumber,		5 94
Benjamin Dyer, labor, etc.,		6 48
Freeman & Hilliard, teaming,		2 33
J. A. West, glass and setting,		1 80
John Young, care of Hill and labor,		21 56
Rec'd. from sale Armory Room,	\$8 00	
Rent of Keys for 1876,	5 00	
From remains Town House,	296 87	
Town Appropriation,	300 00	
Balance in Treasury,	<hr/>	560 25
	\$609 87	\$609 87

Public Library.

Paid Orders Trustees,		\$421 33
Rec'd. from Dog Fund,	\$98 94	
Town Appropriation,	350 00	
Balance in Treasury,	<hr/>	27 61
	\$448 94	\$448 94

Fire Department.

Paid Orders of Engineers,		\$3543 57	
Town Appropriation,	\$3000 00		
Deficiency,	543 57		
	<u>3543 57</u>	<u>3543 57</u>	

Watch and Police.

Paid Night Watch and Police to Dec. 31, 1877		\$943 86	
Town Appropriation,	\$1000 00		
Balance in Treasury Dec. 31, 1877,		56 14	
	<u>1000 00</u>	<u>1000 00</u>	

Lewis' Tubular Reservoir.

Paid Orders of Engineers,		\$436 75	
Town Appropriation,	\$500 00		
Balance in Treasury,		63 25	
	<u>500 00</u>	<u>500 00</u>	

Discount on Taxes.

Paid H. W. Cowing Discount on Taxes 1877,		\$546 02	
Town Appropriation,	\$500 00		
Deficiency,	46 02		
	<u>546 02</u>	<u>546 02</u>	

Interest on Railroad Loans.

Paid to Sinking Fund Commissioners,		\$2600 00	
Town Appropriation,	\$2600 00		

Interest on Demand Loans.

Paid Individuals and Banks,		\$1489 38	
Town Appropriation,	\$2000 00		
Balance in Treasury,		510 62	
	<u>2000 00</u>	<u>2000 00</u>	

School Houses.

Paid Orders School Committee,		\$464 56	
Town Appropriation,	\$300 00		
Deficiency,	164 56		
	<u>464 56</u>	<u>464 56</u>	

*Loans
Town Debt.*

Demand Loans unpaid Dec. 30, '76,	\$21582 00		
" " in 1877,	14200 00		
Paid on Demand Loans in 1877,		\$6050 00	
Demand Loans unpaid Dec. 31, '77,		29732 00	
	<u>35782 00</u>	<u>35782 00</u>	

School Incidentals.

Paid Orders School Committee,		\$1371 68	
Town Appropriation,	\$700 00		
Deficiency,	671 68		
	<u>1371 68</u>	<u>1371 68</u>	

State and County Taxes.

Paid State Treasurer,		\$1650 00	
County " "		1878 34	
Town Appropriation,	\$4000 00		
Balance in the Treasury Dec. 31, 1877,		471 66	
	<u>4000 00</u>	<u>4000 00</u>	

Abatement on Taxes.

Paid Orders of Assessors,		\$206 88	
Rec'd. for Extra Taxes,	\$61 49		
Town Appropriation,	200 00		
Balance in the Treasury,		54 61	
	<u>261 49</u>	<u>261 49</u>	

State Aid.

Paid Aid for the year ending Dec. 31, '77,		\$500 00
Rec'd. from State for Aid of '76,	\$600 00	
Balance in Treasury,	100 00	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	\$600 00	\$600 00

Decoration Day.

Paid Treasurer Army and Navy Association,		\$50 00
Town Appropriation,	\$50 00	

East Harbor Causeway.

Town Appropriation,	\$2500 00	
Cash in the Treasury,		\$2500 00

Surplus Railroad Debt.

Paid Sinking Fund Commissioners,		\$2000 00
Town Appropriation,	\$2000 00	

Special Repairs on Eastern & Centre School Houses

Paid Orders Committee on School Houses,		\$6919 91
Special Appropriation of town,	\$7000 00	
Received for Insurance on School Houses,	10 90	
Balance in Treasury,		90 99
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	\$7010 90	\$7010 90

Incidental Expenses.

Paid Joseph P. Johnson, supplies to wrecked seamen,	\$9 20
Joseph P. Johnson, Moderator's Fees,	15 00
" " selling remains Town House,	1 00
" " office rent,	100 00
" " State Agent,	25 00
Joseph Whitcomb, Constable fees for 1876,	10 00
" " " " 1877,	10 00
Seth Smith, passages and expense of sinking fund,	35 00

Paid Seth Smith, services as Town Treasurer,	\$250 00
" attending meeting and recording,	33 50
" " " at Truro,	5 00
" recording and returning marriages,	7 80
" " " births,	59 50
" " " deaths,	11 40
" postage, and stationary,	16 97
" Sealer of weights and Measures,	20 00
Edward Marston, crying tax notice,	1 00
Nancy S. Walker, award for injuries received from defect of sidewalk,	250 00
Lemuel Cook, 2d, services as Beach Grass Com.,	5 00
Goss & Richards, printing Town Reports,	193 00
" " " "	7 75
" " " "	10 75
" " " "	24 00
" " " "	41 00
Jabez W. Atwood, services as Beach Grass Committee for 1876-7,	10 00
Charles C. Atkins, Constable Fees 1876,	10 00
Joshua Cook, Lockup keeper 1876,	10 00
" boarding sundry persons in Jail '77,	6 40
J. H. Dearborn, numbering school children,	20 50
" " for truant returns,	1 00
Mrs. H. F. Mitchell, services as School Com.,	95 00
J. W. Beatty, truant returns,	7 50
" " Constable Fees,	10 00
Geo. A. Smith, stationary,	13 50
" " " "	8 25
" " " "	7 25
" " " "	9 00
Temperance Committee, sundry expenses,	81 32
" " " "	96 96
" " " "	78 59
R. W. Swift, School Committee services,	40 00
John L. Eldridge, services in Snow case,	218 00
Benj. Dyer, expense to Gloucester,	14 20
" " New Bedford,	11 12
" " Worcester,	25 00
" stationary for Town Office,	2 06
J. S. Atwood, services as School Committee,	27 50
Mrs. A. J. Hutchinson, services as School Com.,	120 00

Paid Elizabeth Hudson, cleaning Town Office,	\$3 00
Engineers' salaries for 1876,	85 00
Mrs. Mercy M. Lewis, services as School Com.,	26 25
Josiah Snow, building stage for High School graduating class,	3 00
Leonard Cook, services and labor as Beach Grass Committee for 1876,	7 50
Leonard Cook, services and labor as Beach Grass Committee for 1877,	5 00
Thomas Groom & Co, stationary,	3 25
Francis Joseph, paint and labor,	1 56
L. H. Cook, picture frame,	5 00
B. F. Hutchinson, services and expense, Barn- stable,	10 00
B. F. Hutchinson, " legal advice for the year 1877,	50 00
B. F. Hutchinson, services and expense, Barnstable,	20 00
A. E. Lovell, list of records from Barnstable, Assessors of taxes for 1877,	5 00 650 00
Commonwealth, for Voting Register,	1 60
J. M. Day, services as Counsel in Bridge case,	50 00
I. Q. Bradish, stationary,	4 89
Hatch Lithograph Co., blank bonds,	61 90
" " "	20 00
H. A. Jennings, labor on Monument,	2 20
Rent of Masonic Hall,	15 00
L. N. Paine, services as School Committee, '76,	35 00
Edmund Smith, Sinking Fund expenses,	105 40
R. G. Alexander, services as Fence Viewer,	5 00
R. D. Baxter, Constable fees, posting warrant, etc,	12 12
County of Barnstable, rent of Jail,	40 00
Samuel Knowles, use of teams for County Commissioner, &c.,	8 50
D. F. Lewis, services as Truant Committee and Constable,	19 00
J. D. Hilliard, sundry bill to sinking fund,	5 19
Freeman & Hilliard, coal for office,	6 00
A. L. Putnam & Co., books for poor from '74 to '77,	54 58
" " " " in 1877,	108 13
Board of Health, services for 1877,	40 00
" " fees for 1877,	15 00

Paid Robert Knowles, recording deaths,	\$12 00
" " care of Town Tomb,	10 00
" " repairs on Burying Ground fence,	1 25
" " pump and pipe,	9 25
J. A. West, door, labor for office,	8 65
B. A. Lewis, services as Fence Viewer,	5 00
Overseers of Poor for 1877,	425 00
Selectmen's services for 1877,	450 00
H. W. Cowing, collecting taxes,	391 07
" " expressage,	75
John Young, labor on Burying Ground fence,	1 22
" services and fee as Truant Com.,	7 00
Henry Atkins, services as Beach Grass Com.,	5 00
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	\$4870 78
Town Appropriation,	\$4000 00
Assessed to pay law suits of '76	4000 00
Balance in Treasury Dec. 31, 1877,	3129 22
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	\$8000 00 \$8000 00

*Treasurer's Account for the year ending Decem-
ber 1877.*

We have examined the Town Treasurer's account and find that there have been received into the Treasury the following amounts, to wit :

Massachusetts School Fund,	\$288 21
County Dog Fund,	98 94
Borrowed Money,	14200 00
Humphrey Winslow's Estate,	322 35
" " Taxes 1876,	27 34
John Swift, Taxes 1876,	2287 29
Material from the Armory,	8 00
J. & L. N. Paine, Road bill 1876,	38 07
Rent of Keys to Cupola 1876,	5 00
Material from remains of Town House,	296 87
Town of Truro on Bridge, account 1876,	70 58
Junk Licenses,	10 00
Corporation Tax 1876,	97
State on account of Paupers,	56 83

Insurance on Eastern and Centre School House,	\$10 90
Fine for fast Driving,	2 00
Corporation Tax 1877,	719 50
National Bank Tax 1877,	1059 57
State Aid,	600 00
Sale of Old Bridge Material,	20 00
Sale of Old Sidewalk Plank,	6 50
H. W. Cowing, Taxes 1877,	34065 30
Cash in Treasury Jan., 1877,	2204 82
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	\$56389 04

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

Support of Poor,	\$4494 85
Schools,	7871 35
Roads and Sidewalks,	2578 82
Bridge,	160 86
Town House, Hill and Fence,	49 62
Public Library,	421 33
Fire Department,	3581 68
Night Watch and Police,	943 86
School Houses,	464 56
School Incidentals,	1371 68
Special repairs to Centre and Eastern School Houses,	6919 91
Memorial Day,	50 00
Surplus Railroad Debt,	2000 00
Interest on Railroad Loan,	2600 00
Interest on Town Debt,	1489 38
Incidental Expenses,	4870 78
State Aid,	500 00
Abatement on Taxes,	206 88
Discount on Taxes,	546 02
Demand Loans,	6050 00
State and County Tax,	3528 34
Bank Tax, non-resident,	2192 10
Lewis' Tubular Reservoir,	400 00
Cash in the Treasury, Dec. 31, 1877,	3097 02
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	\$56,389 04

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Individuals and Banks,	\$29732 00
Public Schools,	2884 30
Public Library,	21 04
Causway at East Harbor,	2500 00
Awards on Roads,	346 30
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	\$35483 64

THE FOLLOWING ARE REPORTED AS THE ASSETS OF THE TOWN :

Due from the State for Aid 1877,	\$500 00
“ Lewis A. Smith,	146 74
“ Town of Truro on account of Bridge 1877,	80 43
“ Taxes of 1877 not collected,	10628 73
Cash in the Treasury,	3097 02
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	\$14452 92
Town Debt December 31, 1877,	\$21030 72
“ “ “ 1876,	19456 10
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Increased the past year,	\$1574 62

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. COWING,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
BENJAMIN DYER,	
D. C. COOK,	

of
Provincetown.

Provincetown Dec. 31, 1877.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Provincetown submit the following Report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1877:

Support of Poor in the Alms House.

Paid Salary of Superintendent,	\$260 00
Groceries and Provisions,	988 10
Fuel and Lights,	100 25
Clothing and Bedding,	182 88
Boots and Shoes,	39 69
House Furniture and Fixtures,	37 53
Stoves and Repairs,	53 75
Medicine and Medical Attendance,	85 00
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	\$1747 20

Statistics of the Alms House.

Whole number supported the past year,	16
Admitted,	3
Discharged,	5
Remaining in the Alms House Jan. 1, 1878,	11
Average,	13
Number of Tramps the past year,	87

WHEN ADMITTED, AND AGE AT THIS DATE.

Zilla Howe,	April 1851,	Age 48 years.
Joseph Ghen,	" 1861,	" 53 "
Lucy A. Hill,	" 1851,	" 62 "
George W. Newcomb,	July 1870,	" 48 "
Lydia Nickerson,	September 1870,	" 70 "
Rebecca Hill,	December 1869,	" 31 "
Michael Whelding,	January 1871,	" 90 "
Reuben A. Smith,	December 1873,	" 28 "
Joseph A. Hill,	October 1873,	" 5 "
Willie C. Curren,	May 1873,	" 13 "
Mary A. Frances,	April 1876,	" 68 "
Edward Lewis,	October "	" 68 "
Louisa Fine,	April "	" 5 "
Hannah Days,	September "	" 24 "
Edward J. Smith,	April 1877,	" 40 "
George W. Newcomb, Jr.,	October 1877,	" 16 "

Support of Poor Out of Alms House.

Francis Hamilton and Wife, Melrose,	\$249 63
S. S. Gross, Worcester Hospital,	166 12
Theodore Newcomb, Barnstable,	17 25
Joseph A. Mayo,	2 00
Prissilla Bush,	71 22
Hannah G. Holway and Son,	89 79
Ellen Fine and Children,	445 04
Thomas McCarty and Family,	73 26
Jack Burke and Family,	32 67
Dora Haynes and Children, Lynn,	12 00
Hannah Days,	16 00
Edward J. Smith,	5 00
Mary Brady and Children, Boston,	16 30
Ellen Haynes " " "	59 95
Mary A. Little, Boston,	36 00
George W. Freeman and Children, Boston,	6 20
Mary A. Briggs " "	13 63
Martha Bailey " "	14 00
Catherine Atwood " "	5 82
Jennett Mitchell " "	2 00

Mary Jason, Provincetown,	125 08
Thomas Carroll, State Pauper,	39 00
Susan Terry and Child, Dennis,	65 25
Widow Helen Oliver and children, New Bedford,	111 90
Herbert Newcomb, Fall River,	6 50
Manuel F. Avela and Family, Provincetown,	71 88
Daniel Smith “	79 27
Laura A. Houghton and Family, “	154 71
Ida Newcomb, Harwich,	117 00
Hiram B. Nickerson, Provincetown,	11 85
Widow Flora Frates and Family, Provincetown,	24 95
Lucy A. Hill, Brewster,	35 00
Widow Mary Silver and Children,	14 50
Julia Carr,	52 71
Ella F. Collins “	77 72
Bridget Wilson and child,	23 70
Widow Joanna Jason and Children,	12 50
“ Margaret Hill,	11 04
“ Anna Sidney and Chidren,	7 00
“ Mary Ellis “	18 20
Francis Wareham,	125 80
Maria Gross and Child, Gloucester,	29 50
Widow Wm. Mayo, “	8 82
George W. Newcomb, Brewster,	19 00
Samuel Whorf, Provincetown,	19 32
John F. Hutchins, Wife and Children, Brewster,	22 81
John Dolman, State Pauper,	6 75
Mary E. Patterson, Hamden, Me.,	14 75
William Smith, Provincetown,	76 25
Joseph A. Smith, “	5 09
Jesse Vere and Family, Provincetown,	7 88
Travellers,	6 60
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	\$2746 21
Add Expense in the House,	1747 20
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	\$4493 41

Amount brought forward,	\$4493 41
Less amount paid for Poor by the State,	56 83
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Cost of Poor to this Town the past year,	\$4436 58

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN DYER, } *Overseers of Poor*
H. W. COWING, } *of*
DANIEL C. COOK, } *Provincetown.*

Provincetown, Dec. 31, 1877.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

The undersigned Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, in accordance with legislative enactment, herewith respectfully submit their second Annual Report.

The 452 shares of stock in the Old Colony Railroad, unsold at last report, have been disposed of at various prices, ranging from 102 1-4 to 93 3-4, the average price per share being a fraction less than \$96.50. Of the 452 shares 156 were sold above par and 296 below.

For the interest of the Town it is to be regretted earlier sales had not been made, but your Commissioners may be pardoned for entertaining hopeful feelings, with regard to the future, of the stock when it was a question upon which parties of sound judgment differed, who were unwilling to believe that the stock of a corporation, which showed a good balance sheet and paid regular and fair dividends, could greatly or rapidly depreciate without adequate cause. Had sales, however, been made at a time when the stock was high, the advantages, perhaps, to the Sinking Fund would have been more apparent than real, for the proceeds would probably have been invested in United States' Bonds which have declined quite as much as the stock.

The depression may be attributed to a variety of causes, but chiefly to a general feeling of distrust throughout New England against certain leading railroads, extending among others to the Old Colony. As an evidence of the extent of the decline, it may be said that before the close of February it had fallen below par, where it continued until March 1st

when it rallied to above par, remaining at these figures until about April 1st, from which time it gradually declined, with a single exception, until July 25th, when it touched 84 and probably sales were made for less.

Sales from stock have invariably, as soon as collected, been invested in securities of a sound character, paying a fair rate of interest, and in some instances, in order to do this, high premiums have been paid. At this day it is questionable whether it would not have been a wiser policy, at the outset, to have deposited the funds in some institution, drawing a low rate of interest, where the principal would be safe from depreciation and secure against payment. On the whole it is safe to say there will not be a large depreciation in the securities of the Sinking Fund except in U. S. Bonds, which, though considered the strongest to hold, from the agitation of the Silver Bill and other causes, have declined the most.

The following statement from the Treasurer's books shows the transactions of the Commissioners for the year ending Dec. 31, 1877:

Receipts.

Cash on hand last Report,	\$197 50
Sale 156 Shares Old Colony Stock,	\$15,789 25
“ 296 “ “ “ “	27,825 50
	\$43,614 75
Interest from Bonds,	\$2679 07
Accrued interest from Bonds sold,	373 55
“ “ “ Municipal Loans,	381 95
Interest from Deposits,	17 65
Town Appropriation, acc't. Interest,	2600 00
	\$6052 22
Sale Bonds par value,	\$29,000 00
Premium on “	1073 75
	30,073 75
Town Appropriation “Surplus Debt.”	2000 00
Sale Municipal Loan \$22000 at par,	22,000 00
	\$103,938 22

Disbursements.

Commissions selling Railroad Stock 452 shares,	\$113 00
Paid Loan due at last Report,	3499 38
Interest Railroad Loan to 1st National Bank of Provincetown,	\$3500 00
Seamen's Savings Bank, Provincetown,	3381 00

	6881 00
Paid Interest on Call Loans,	78 14
Accrued interest Bonds purchased,	252 79
Commissions selling Bonds,	70 00
Bonds purchased par value,	\$39,000 00
Premium on Bonds,	2,697 50

	41,697 50
Town Loan to First National Bank of Provincetown,	50,000 00
Cash on hand,	1346 41

	\$103,938 22

Trial Balance Dec. 31, 1877.

	Dr.	Cr.
727 shares Old Colony Railroad Stock cost the Town,	\$98,300 00	
Less paid note to First National Bank of Provincetown,	\$50,000 00	48,300 00
Dividend and Interest account, Bond account:	1701 21	
\$39,000, Bonds in hands Commissioners and deposited in Vault Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co., costing,	43,535 63	
Surplus Railroad Debt or deficiency ac't., 727 shares Stock cost,	\$98,300 00	
Less sales averaging \$100.08-684-727,	\$72,765 00	
Commission paid 25cts. share,	181 75	

Balance averaging \$99.83 684-727 per share,	\$72,583 25	
	\$25,716 75	
Deduct Town Appropriation for "Surplus Debt,"	\$2000 00	

	23,716 75	22,000 00
Municipal Loan, sold at par, Cash on hand,	1,346 41	

	70,300 00	70,300 00

The Funds of the Commission are invested as follows :

U. S. 6s of 1881, par value,	\$8000 00
" 5s " " "	13,000 00
" 4 1-2 of 1891, par value,	4000 00
Bonds of the city of Boston, par value,	8000 00
" " " Providence, par value,	1000 00
" " " Chelsea, "	2000 00
" " " Portland, "	3000 00

As a question of expediency it was determined to sell the Bonds of the Town in November and use the funds thus obtained, in part payment of the notes for \$50,000.00, maturing at the First National Bank, Nov. 26th, the balance to be received from the Sinking Fund. Accordingly the Secretary issued proposals for the whole or any part of the five per cent. currency loan of \$24,000.00 authorized by the Town, having previously printed the bonds in small denominations and made the interest payable at home with the hope of creating a popular feeling, but at the expiration of the time, having received unsatisfactory bids for only a part, they were all declined and the loan withdrawn. New Bonds for \$22,000.00 of larger denomination, bearing the same interest, were readily taken in Boston, where the interest and principal were now made payable, at par, all by one party, and taken before the bonds were ready for delivery. The notes falling due before the bonds were finally delivered Dec. 10th, a call loan was made for a few days to anticipate their payment.

Two thousand dollars of the loan placed, matures August 1. 1879, and \$2000.00 each year thereafter at a same date until the whole amount is paid, the last bonds running to 1889. Two thousand dollars of the amount authorized were not funded, because it was found impossible to comply strictly with the vote of the Town, limiting the bonds to run not more than twelve years. There is no reason why this amount may not be funded the coming year.

The Commissioners are well aware that had the loan been first offered abroad, with suitable bonds, it would have sold at least for one to two per cent. premium; but notwithstanding the consequent loss, the additional expense and failure, the attempt to place the loan or any part of it in Town, has never been regretted by them, inasmuch as they acted in good faith and courtesy to the inhabitants of this Town, by giving

them the first and amplest opportunity to subscribe to a loan whose details were arranged for their especial convenience.

The interest upon Call Loan, before mentioned, may not be considered an additional expense, as it ceased the moment interest upon the bonds,—in the place of which the loan was running,—commenced.

It will be perceived from the trial balance herewith presented that the Deficiency from the sale of stock is now \$23,716.75, exclusive of the Town Appropriations of \$2,000.00. This sum, together with the Deficiency of the Interest and Bond account, less the cash on hand, represents the "Surplus Debt" or that part of the railroad liabilities to be provided for by appropriation.

It is to be regretted the "Surplus Debt" has been increased by the shrinkage of interest. A favorable balance in this account would have strengthened the Fund and not postponed to the future what should have been paid to-day. High priced investments, yielding low rates of interest, are among the immediate causes of the deficit.

The liabilities of the Town at the First National Bank have been discharged, and in August next the balance of the railroad obligations become due at the Seamen's Savings Bank, and should the available funds, in the hands of the Commissioners, be insufficient to meet this demand, authority is asked either to borrow temporarily, whatever sum may be necessary, to cover this deficiency, if any, or issue bonds for the same payable in 1891. It is difficult to estimate, with any degree of certainty, what the deficiency may be, as it is contingent upon the prices realized for the securities, but is not expected to exceed \$2,000.00.

The amounts to be paid out the coming year are :

Savings Bank Loan,	\$48,300 00
Interest on Savings Bank Loan,	3381 00
" " Town Loan,	1100 00
	<hr/> \$52,781 00

Estimated available Assets in hand of Commissioners at present prices, \$42,931 41

Amount brought forward,		\$52,781 00
" " "	\$42,931 41	
To be received :		
Interest from Funds,	\$1457 50	
" Town Appropria-	2600 00	
tion,		
"Surplus Debt" Appropria-	2000 00	
tion,		
Town Loan unsold,	2000 00	8057 50 50,988 91
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Estimated Deficiency,		\$1792 09

Under the method proposed by your Commissioners to pay off a certain portion of the debt annually, in preference to creating a fund for its ultimate payment, the operations of the Sinking Fund have been simplified and economized, and the credit of the Town advanced by immediately entering upon the discharge of its obligations.

The benefits derived from funding will not be gained so long as any portion of the outstanding railroad notes remain. Your Commissioners therefore respectfully ask an appropriation for the coming year of the sum of \$2600.00 for excess of interest on the "Railroad Loan" and the sum of \$2000.00 to be applied to the payment of the "Surplus Debt" or "Deficiency."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDMUND SMITH,
J. D. HILLIARD,
ATKINS NICKERSON, } *Sinking
Fund
Commissioners.*

Provincetown Dec. 31, 1877.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

230 paid members. 239 Volunteers without pay.

Disbursements.

SALARIES ONE YEAR TO MAY 1, 1877.

230 Members at \$5 00,	\$1150 00	
4 Stewards at \$50 00,	200 00	
1 Steward,	20 00	
1 " "	18 33	
1 " "	5 00	
		\$1393 33
Badges,	\$17 25	
Repairing Engines,	108 66	
1 piece new Suction Hose,	28 00	
Engine House repairs,	267 56	
Repairing and raising Hook and Lad- House,	147 50	
Fuel, Lights, repairs to Stoves, Lamps &c., including 10 gallons Sperm Oil on hand,	114 94	
Sods around reservoir No. 8, on Pleasant Street,	8 80	
Clearing snow from reservoirs,	1 40	
Expenses Town House fire,	61 99	
1 dozen Brass Lanterns,	60 35	
504 feet new Hose,	554 40	
Finishing Engine rooms, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4,	\$584 80	
Less retained last year,	150 00	
		\$434 80

Amount brought forward,	\$434 80	\$1393 33
Oil for inside of Engines last winter, including a supply now on hand for this winter,	37 54	
Printing,	16 50	
Repairing Flags,	14 07	
Incidentals,	276 48	2150 24
		\$3543 57
Appropriation,		3000 00
Deficiency,		\$543 57

Tube Reservoirs.

Appropriation,		\$500 00
Paid D. F. Lewis for 5 reservoirs, complete with covers,	\$400 00	
5 connecting nipples at \$5.75, ;	28 75	
J. D. Hilliard, bill material and labor,	8 00	436 75
Surplus in the Town Treasury,		\$63 25

Reservoirs.

In accordance with the vote of the Town at the last annual meeting and for which an appropriation of five hundred dollars was especially made, we have caused to be placed five Tube Reservoirs; one on Franklin St., near Parallel St.; on Parallel St., one near the residence of Silas Atkins, one near the residence of C. B. Snow and one at the junction of Pearl St.; and on Commercial St., one near the store of B. A. Lewis & Co. These reservoirs have strainers six feet long and six inches in diameter, each one having six hundred thousand perforations in the strainer. So far as used they have worked satisfactorily.

We would recommend the placing of five more of this kind the coming year, with such improvements as experience suggests, either in such localities as the Town may instruct or in such neighborhood as may be left with the board of Engineers to select.

Houses.

Agreeably to the recommendation made in our Report of 1875 we have finished the Engine Rooms and in such a manner as the Board of Engineers at a regular meeting instructed; also have repaired and raised the Hook and Ladder House the cost of which will be found in the financial report. The cost of this work on the Engine and Hook and Ladder Houses has been more than was supposed it would be, because of the material and labor required to replace that which was found decayed. To the Hook and Ladder House, new front and side sills; the House of Engine No. 1, front and one-half side sills; No. 2, end sill; No. 4, end sill, the floor timbers, posts, studding, etc., were more or less decayed and repaired where necessary.

We again call your attention to the mention made in our last report as to the location of the House of Engine No. 1.

Engines.

The Engines are in good working order. The standard of No. 3 has been taken out, was very much decayed, and has been replaced by a new one.

Hose.

During the year there has been purchased 500 feet of 2 1-2 inch rubber lined cotton hose, giving us now on hand,

150 feet poor Leather,
300 feet Cotton, condemned,
2250 feet 2 inch Rubber lined, Linen,
700 feet 2 1-2 in. " " "
1000 feet 2 1-2 in. " " Cotton.

Engines Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, are now well supplied with this item, but Engine No. 5 is not, and as this company is prompt and can do good service, if fully equipped, we suggest that five hundred feet more hose be purchased so that this Engine may have a needful supply, and would place the department where it would not be necessary to make any further addition of this item for several years unless our department is repeatedly called into active service.

Fires.

The only fire, for the year, at which this Department has worked was that by which the Town House was destroyed.

The Department was promptly on hand at the sound of alarm but the fire had gained such headway and was at such an elevation that before an effective stream could be brought to bear the building was past recovery and the attention of the firemen were given to protecting the buildings endangered by fire brands.

The same old story has here to be repeated: "A delay in giving the alarm." The history of all great fires that have melted away thousands of dollars of property, have the same verdict of a delay in the alarm. Situated as we are, the time may come when this very delay may be the occasion of laying waste our homes, our business and prospects. We have, in years past, called your attention to this fact, and again urge upon all the necessity of a quick call. Better that the Town should be aroused every week than that one single fire should gain a foothold from neglect. We are now so arranged that however cold the weather may be a return from one fire with an immediate call to another will find our Engines coming from warm rooms in good working order, and the facilities for placing wet and frozen hose in dry and serviceable condition are very much better than has ever been before.

Below is a list of fires as they have occurred:

Feb. 16. 8.25 P. M. Total destruction of the Town House. Loss estimated at \$5000. No insurance. The last Engine was relieved from the fire at 6.30 A. M. the next morning.

Feb. 20. No alarm. 6.10 A. M. Isaiah Gifford's house, occupied by John Kendall. Damage \$100. Insured.

Feb. 20. No alarm. 7.40 A. M. Burning chimney W. R. Lavender's house. No damage.

Feb. 29. Alarm 4.30 P. M. Burning grass near Western Cemetery. No damage.

Nov. 25. Alarm 5.30 P. M. Burning chimney Antone Francis' house. No damage.

Dec. 3. Alarm 5.55 P. M. Burning chimney Ebenezer W. Holway's house. No damage.

Dec. 14. Alarm 7.30 P. M. Burning grass in Old Cemetery, Leverett St. Damage trifling.

Permanent Ladders on Churches.

We have previously called the attention of the proprietors of the several churches to the necessity of having permanent roof, connected by side ladders, extending to within twenty or thirty feet of the ground, and will again urge upon them, for their own protection, the necessity of supplying these ladders.

Appropriation.

We respectfully ask for an appropriation of twenty-five hundred dollars to meet the salaries and current expenses of this department for the coming year.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. D. HILLIARD,
JONATHAN COOK,
CHARLES A. COOK,
L. N. PAINE,
ENOS N. YOUNG,
GEO. O. KNOWLES,
J. WHITCOMB,

} *Engineers
of the
Fire Department.*

Provincetown Dec. 31, 1877.

Reservoirs and Their Locations.

- No. 1 Commercial St., near Stephen Nickerson's store.
- 2 West Vine St., near Commercial St.
- 3 Commercial St., opposite Nickerson St.
- 4 " near house Engine No. 2.
- 5 School St., near Western School House.
- 6 Franklin St., near Parallel St., (Tube).
- 7 Commercial St., front of J. F. Hopkins' store.
- 8 Off Pleasant St., near Brown & Watson's house.
- 9 Commercial St., near J. F. Crocker's shop, (poor).
- 10 " " " "
- 11 Parallel St., near Silas Atkins' house, (Tube).
- 12 Leverett St., near Parallel St.
- 13 Head of Crocker & Atwood's Wharf (Nickerson's pat.)
- 14 Commercial St., near house Engine No. 4.
- 15 Court St., near upper end G. Bowley's house, (poor).
- 16 High St., on premises Horace Watson.
- 17 Commercial St., front M. L. Adams' block, (Tube).
- 18 " near Jesse Cook's house, (poor).
- 19 " " " "
- 20 Parallel St., near C. B. Snow's house, (Tube).
- 21 " head Forrest St.
- 22 Commercial St., opposite Ryder St.
- 23 Parallel St., near Centre School House.
- 24 Com'l St., near O. C. Railroad Crossing, (Hydrant).
- 25 Commercial St., front Alex Gaylon's house, (poor).
- 26 " head Freeman & Hilliard's Wharf.
- 27 " under Isaiah Gifford's barn.
- 28 " near house Engine No. 3, (Tube).
- 29 " opposite Pearl St.
- 30 Head Stephen Cook's Wharf, (poor).
- 31 Parallel St., junction of Pearl St., (Tube).
- 32 Head of Daniel Small's Wharf.
- 33 Commercial St., near Reuben Ryder's house.
- 34 " front Solomon Adams' barn.
- 35 " near S. S. Swift's shop.
- 36 " near Eastern School House,
- 37 " opposite Edwin Mayo's house.
- 38 " near B. A. Lewis & Co.'s shop, (Tube)
- 39 Commercial St., opposite John Swift's house.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Trustees of the Town Library herewith submit their Annual Report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1877.

Receipts.

Balance in Treasury last report,	\$657 05
Received from Dog Fund 1876,	98 94
“ “ J. D. Hilliard, Treasurer, \$30, less paid balance bill for painting room, \$8.99,	21 01
“ from Dividend Seamen's Savings Bank, July,	12 66
“ from “ “ “ “ “	12 92
“ January,	28 15
“ from Fines and Catalogues,	
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	\$830 73

Expenditures.

Paid Messrs. Estes & Lauriat for Books,	\$169 25
Express and Freight,	2 19
F. P. Goss, Printing,	6 00
Wm. Allen, re-binding,	22 72
James Gifford, Insurance,	20 00
Subscription to Library Journal,	5 00
Postal Cards and Stationery, '76 and '77,	1 79
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	\$227 13
Cash on hand,	603 60
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	\$830 73

Cash on hand is deposited in Seamen's Savings Bank,	\$570 20
“ in Librarian's hands,	28 15
“ “ Treasurer's hands,	5 25
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	\$603 60

There is on hand an available balance of \$603.60, being a diminution of only \$53.45 from last year's balance, thus insuring the Town against the necessity of any appropriation for the purchase of books for two or three years to come.

Condition of Library.

Number of Books in Library at last report,	2416
“ purchased during the year,	142
“ presented “ “	2
“ Public Documents from State,	14
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Making the present number	2574

We take great pleasure in placing upon the permanent record of the Town the significant fact, that every volume issued during the year has been returned, and in no instance so injured as to require compensation from the borrower. It is safe from these premises to conclude that the reading public gratefully appreciate the privileges of the Library, and that the Librarians recognize fully the grave responsibilities of their office, and discharge their duties with the most scrupulous care.

Circulation.

The aggregate circulation of the year has been 19,879, which is equivalent to more than eight times the number of volumes in the Library at the commencement of the year; a higher rate of circulation than in any library of which we have knowledge.

Names in the Register Jan. 1, 1877,	1217
Added in 1877,	141
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Making the present number	1358

We recommend the usual appropriation of \$350 to defray the annual expenses of the Library.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ISAAH GIFFORD, Pres.	}	<i>Trustees.</i>
ANDREW T. WILLIAMS, Treas.		
AUGUSTUS MITCHELL,		
JOHN W. DAVIS,		
EDMUND SMITH,		
HORACE A. FREEMAN,		
R. W. SWIFT,		

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE.

In pursuance of a vote of the Town the Chief of Police herewith presents his First Annual Report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1877.

Whole number of Arrests exclusive of liquor cases,	14
Males,	11
Females,	3
Residents,	14
Adults,	12
Juvenile offenders,	2
Native born,	8
Foreign born,	6

The following table will show for what offences arrests were made :

Assault and Battery,	3
Breaking and Entering,	1
Disturbance of Peace,	3
Unlicensed Dealing in Junk,	1
Keeping unlicensed Dogs,	3
Fast Driving,	1
Larceny from Vessel,	2
Amount of Fines imposed,	\$67 00
“ “ Costs collected,	75 16

The two Juvenile Offenders complained of for larceny, were brought before a member of the Board of State Charities, and under his recommendation their sentence was suspended and they were placed upon probation for six months.

Miscellaneous work performed by the department as follows:

Reported twenty-four cases of larceny on account of which stolen property has been recovered at various times to the value of	\$50 00
Dogs killed,	2
Disturbances suppressed,	11
Intoxicated persons assisted home,	4

Members of the department have been present at fires, to render such services as may be required to the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, and on public occasions to perform escort duty.

A force was detailed while the "fleet" was in the harbor to do police duty and preserve the peace, but as soon as the necessity passed the extra force was removed. The general good order which prevailed upon the street and in the town while such a large body of strangers were on shore and the immunity enjoyed by the citizens must more than compensate for the comparatively small sum expended.

For obvious reasons much or nearly all the active work heretofore done by the Temperance Committee, has been performed by the police. For this reason the report of that Committee, with their consent, is introduced here.

This change has not been produced by any system of rivalry on the part of this department, between whom and the "Committee" the most friendly sentiments and entire unanimity of action have prevailed, but is due to the fact that no step can be taken towards enforcing any provision of the law, making arrests or seizures, unless it be done by police or corresponding authority. From this union,—the Committee with its conservative influence and counsel, and the police with their official aid,—the most efficient results have followed.

Statement showing the results accomplished by this branch of the police force:

Whole number of arrests,	11
Males,	6
Females,	5
Residents,	10
Non-residents,	1
Adults,	11
Native born,	4
Foreign born,	7

Above arrests made for the following offences:

Selling without License,	6
Keeping Common Nuisance,	1
Drunkenness.	4

Results of the arrests:

Fined for keeping a Common Nuisance,	1
“ “ and selling without License,	6
In default of payment of fine sent to House of Correction,	4
Cases carried to the Superior Court by appeal,	1

Miscellaneous work:

Places searched and liquor found,	7
“ “ “ no liquor found,	3
Gallons seized,	33
“ forfeited by order of Court,	59
Lots “ “ “ “	6
Gallons returned “ “ “	10
Lots returned “ “ “	1
Gallons forfeited, seized last year from Club Room,	36

Imposed and immediately collected:

	Fines.	Costs.	Total.
For Intoxication,	\$17 00	\$36 95	
“ selling without License,	150 00	19 45	
	—————	—————	\$223 40

Imposed and finally collected:

For selling without License,	\$150 00	31 55	
	—————	—————	\$181 55

Imposed and remitted by placing on good behavior:

For selling without License,	\$50 00		
	—————		50 00

Imposed and appealed from:

For selling without License,	\$50 00	\$10 05	
	—————	—————	60 05

Imposed and in default of payment sent to House of Correction:

For keeping a Common Nuisance,	\$50 00	\$14 75	
	—————	—————	\$579 75

Of the above arrests for selling without license, three of the cases were for first and second sales, for both of which offences the parties received sentence at one sitting of the

court. Two of the remaining three was of a single party, arrested twice.

The condemned liquor, consisting of about 150 gallons of various grades and kinds which had been accumulating from seizures made during the previous year, has been on two different times, handed over to the Chief of the State Detective force, at Boston, to be disposed of as the law directs.

In April, at the Superior Court at Barnstable, the two seizure cases, the Commonwealth vs. Cape Cod Express Co., were postponed by the district attorney, but at the October term, amicable arrangements were made with the defendants and the further prosecution of these cases ceased, the officers retaining possession of the liquor, as this was not the point in dispute but the right to seize in transit.

It is gratifying to record the generally temperate condition of this community. During the autumn when experience has taught us to expect much inebriety, there have been but a few isolated cases, though as usual, our streets were thronged with seamen from the vessels. Whether this state of things was owing to a scarcity of money, it is impossible to tell, but the numbers which frequented suspected places was as great as during any former year. Much of the absence of intoxicated people upon the streets is due to the vigilance of the proprietors of the liquor resorts, who have learned, by experience, that it does not pay to have parties abroad who may be arrested and betray the author of their misfortunes.

No licenses have been granted by the Town authorities during the past year for the sale of liquor, and I know of no place in town where it is sold with any degree of openness; and where it is sold, it is sold more in defiance of law and the authorities than for the mere purpose of gain.

There are no doubt many "Kitchen Bar-rooms," in which a bottle is secreted in the clothing, or hid away in some corner, its contents only to be delivered to be drank upon the premises to those well known to the proprietor or to some well known agent if wanted by unknown parties. These places are difficult to find out, but there is no doubt this business restricted as it is, is still carried on.

It is not unreasonable to suppose there are those in town whose profits are quite large as "Liquor Brokers" or "Pocket Pedlars."

Until within a short time, comparatively, a large quantity

of liquor was brought into town to be re-sold to dealers, but this source of supply has been stopped at least for a few months. The proprietor of this establishment had been repeatedly warned that his business was well known and might be interrupted at any time, but in defiance of law he persisted until he was finally convicted of keeping a common nuisance.

The cost of maintaining police scrutiny over the liquor business has been light, compared to the preceding year when much of the expense was disbursed to non-resident detectives, who generally require to be well paid for their services. It is not doubted there are individuals among us who can now perform the duties of detectives with as much efficiency and far less cost.

It is impossible to predict what the ultimate effect would be, but it is believed this community would suffer less from a stringent prohibitory law, than from the present license system. The advocates of the former may never hope that the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage will entirely cease; but they may reasonably infer if some law were framed restricting the rights of common carriers, preventing the introduction of liquor into communities that have not granted licenses for the sale thereof and giving the authorities the right to seize in transit, the traffic in liquors would be greatly diminished.

My thanks are hereby extended to the officers of this department for their ready compliance with my orders and faithful discharge of the duties entrusted to their care and to all citizens who have aided by their counsel.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH WHITCOMB, *Chief of Police.*

December 31, 1877.

REPORT OF THE ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

The Road Commissioners herewith submit their Annual Report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1877:

Roads and Sidewalks.

Appropriation by Town,	\$3000 00
Old plank sold,	6 50
	\$3006 50
Balance not expended,	434 18
	\$2572 32
Paid Wm. Hammond, labor,	\$8 06
Wm. Matheson, clay,	31 25
Owen Collins, “	927 50
F. T. Daggett, “	25 00
Daniel Scannell, labor,	5 13
J. P. Johnson, wharfage on plank, &c.,	7 50
J. M. Graham, labor,	177 01
James Cook 2d, oyster shells,	3 60
Asa Atkins, labor,	68 57
C. C. Atkins, labor,	4 25
H. Arey & Co., concrete walk,	111 31
Rufus Williams, sods,	32 84
Central Wharf Co., wharfage,	17 35
Benjamin Lancy, lumber,	23 85
J. S. Atwood, labor,	73 30
Geo. Allen, lumber,	398 84
J. E. & G. Bowly, wharfage and labor,	23 35
John McKay, labor,	17 56
Jabez Atwood, “	18 00

Paid J. B. Dyer, labor,	\$2 08
C. Fisher, “	16 50
J. & L. N. Paine, clay,	35 35
J. M. Carnes, labor,	155 71
D. S. Kelley, “	22 20
Samuel Knowles, labor,	44 50
Joseph Frélick, labor,	34 32
Samuel F. Nickerson, labor,	10 87
Frank Cook, “	2 25
Frank A. Cook, “	6 63
A. Gayland, “	28 50
Reuben Freeman, “	1 75
Ryder and Young, sods,	13 00
Paul Dyer, “	19 37
Freeman & Hilliard, wharfage and labor,	22 60
H. & S. Cook & Co., labor,	2 00
John Pierce, “	9 75
Geo. Standish, material and labor,	19 27
Clearing sidewalks of snow,	131 00
Union Wharf Co., wharfage, &c.,	16 00
N. D. Freeman, clearing roads of snow,	4 40
	\$2572 32

Bridge.

Appropriation by Town,	\$150 00
Old plank sold,	20 00
	\$170 00
Balance in Treasury,	9 14
	\$160 86
Paid J. M. Graham, labor,	\$40 00
W. W. Small, lumber,	16 10
Benjamin Lancy, lumber,	82 51
Alexander Gayland, labor,	9 00
Asa Atkins, “	12 25
N. D. Freeman,	1 00
	\$160 86

It will be seen by the foregoing report that the appropriation is not all expended. The reason why it is not perhaps needs a little explanation. It is apparent to those who have had occasion to travel the road leading from the terminus of the sidewalk to the bridge, that it is in a somewhat bad condition, and needs to be hardened with clay and gravel. This balance which is left we have intended to apply to that use, but as the tides were very low which prevented the landing of material at the east part of the town from vessels, and the transportation from wharves at the center or upper part being so expensive we deemed it expedient, for the present, to patch it up as best we could with sods and other material. We think, however, this part of the road should receive more attention the ensuing year.

Sidewalk.

This we have endeavored to keep in as good repair as possible under the circumstances. It is evident that we shall have to resort to some kind of walk besides plank. Travel has increased so much and the difficulty in procuring plank is so great that we must turn our attention to something more permanent.

We have taken the liberty to employ Messrs. Arey & Co., of Yarmouth Port, to put down, as an experiment, a piece of concrete walk at a trifle more than the cost of plank. We cannot praise it as we wish we might, (although the parties agree to keep it in repair for five years) yet we feel confident that concrete put down in the right manner will give satisfaction and be a great saving of expense in the end.

An appropriation of \$3000 is recommended for repairs on Roads and Sidewalks for the ensuing year.

J. S. ATWOOD,
JOHN M. CARNES, } *Road Commissioners.*
JOHN M. GRAHAM, }

REPORT OF SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The Committee to whom was assigned the duty of special repairs on Eastern and Centre School Houses submit the following report:

Paid Snow & Clapp, Builders,	\$6130 00
Poor, Towne & Co., Lead and Oil,	219 18
Elisha F. Cook, Painting and Glass,	85 00
Geo. F. Fuller, Plans and Specifications,	76 00
Dyer & Smith, Painting and Glass,	75 00
Isaiah Gifford, Superintending of Job and Labor,	60 00
John Dyer, Raising Building,	56 00
Francis Joseph, Services as Committee, Labor and Stock,	53 40
Johnson & Thomas, Building Foundations,	51 75
Isaiah Gifford, expense at Boston twice,	20 00
Benjamin Dyer, Services as Committee,	15 00
Thos. F. Lewis, " " "	15 00
A. L. Putnam, " " "	15 00
D. F. Lewis, Pumps &c.,	17 25
Boston Journal, Advertising Proposals,	4 50
Yarmouth Register, " "	1 75
Goss & Richards, " "	3 75
A. L. Putnam & Co., Express, Stationery and Postage,	1 20
J. A. West, Hooks and Screws,	2 78
E. F. Cook, Extra Painting,	3 00
Thomas Mayo, Ladder,	1 65
Freeman & Hilliard, Padlocks,	1 80

Appropriation by Town,	\$7000 00	\$6909 01
Balance remaining in Treasury,		90 99
		\$7000 00

ISAIAH GIFFORD,
BENJAMIN DYER,
A. L. PUTNAM,
FRANCIS JOSEPH,
THOMAS F. LEWIS, } *Committee.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF PROVINCETOWN :

The undersigned hereby respectfully submit their Annual Report :

Your Board of Health have not been called upon during the past year to provide against the ravages of any infectious disease. The health of the town has been comparatively good. Notwithstanding this fact, your Board are of the opinion that the death rate in this community is considerably greater than it would be if sanitary conditions and laws were better understood by certain portions of the inhabitants of this Town.

There has been but small demand for the services of the Board during their term except in those cases wherein ordinary care in the removal of filth has been neglected. Requisition upon them in such cases have been more numerous than heretofore. This circumstance has arisen mainly from two causes; the keeping of swine in small pens near dwellings in thickly settled neighborhoods and the absence of care in cleansing privies. In these respects there is unjustifiable and frequent neglect. The atmosphere in whole neighborhoods is thus contaminated, and especially in moderate, damp weather, is rendered offensive and injurious. Should there be no improvement in these respects and other circumstances concurring to produce disease, there is just ground to apprehend that there may break out at any time serious and wide spread epidemics. These considerations are suggested by the fact that the people themselves, if so minded, may be their own best board of health; the most efficient guardians

of their own interests in this as in other matters. In one instance in which there had been long continued sickness in a house very near to which was a hog-pen—the disease disappeared on the removal of the pen under the orders of the Board.

The Board would recommend the adoption of efficient measures for the prevention of disease from the keeping of hogs in pens in close proximity to dwellings and from the accumulation of filth in privies.

They would also repeat their recommendation of last year in relation to the Pest House, viz: That the building should be destroyed and another erected in a more healthy location.

Expenses :

For labor in removing filth,	\$40 00
Services of the Board,	15 00
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Total,	\$55 00

DAVID KELLEY, }
E. W. HOLWAY, } *Board of Health.*
B. A. LEWIS, }

STATISTICS

Of Births, Marriages and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

The whole number of Births registered for the year 1877 was 117. Males, 57; Females, 60.

Number born in January,	4
February,	5
March,	6
April,	4
May,	5
June,	7
July,	19
August,	23
September,	9
October,	14
November,	9
December,	12

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Both parents Americans,	39
Portuguese,	53
British Provinces,	6
Father American and Mother Nova Scotian,	5
“ “ “ Irish,	1
“ Portuguese “ “ “	5
“ “ “ British Province,	1
“ “ “ Irish,	1
“ Nova Scotian and Mother American,	2
“ Spanish “ “ Portuguese,	1
“ Scotch “ “ British Province,	1
“ French “ “ Irish,	1
“ Irish “ “ American,	1

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MARRIAGES.

The whole number of Marriages,	48
Married in Provincetown,	46
In other Towns,	2

DEATHS.

The whole number of Deaths registered for 1877, was 62. Males, 32; Females, 30.

AGES.—Under 1 year, 15; from 1 to 20 years, 17; from 20 to 40 years, 10; from 40 to 60 years, 4; from 60 to 80 years, 14; over 80 years, 2.

SETH SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

Provincetown, Jan. 15, 1878.

FINAL REPORT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1876.

The whole number of scholars belonging to the Winter School sixty-nine; average attendance forty-one and six-tenths; number over fifteen years of age fifty-six.

The whole number belonging to High School forty-one; average attendance thirty-nine—over fifteen years of age thirty-seven.

The whole number belonging to the Grammar School eighty-four; average attendance seventy-seven and one-tenth; number over fifteen years twenty-eight.

The whole number in Western High Intermediate fifty-nine; average attendance fifty-four and seven-tenths.

The whole number in Center High Intermediate fifty-two; average attendance forty-five and six-tenths.

The whole number in Eastern High Intermediate fifty; average, forty-five and six-tenths.

The whole number in Western Intermediate forty-eight; average attendance forty-one and five-tenths.

The whole number in Center Intermediate fifty-eight; average attendance fifty-four and three-tenths.

The whole number in Eastern Intermediate fifty-four; average attendance forty-nine.

The whole number in Eastern Primary fifty-seven; average forty-one and one-tenth.

The whole number in Johnson Street Primary seventy-seven; average number sixty-four and five-tenths; over 15 years one.

The whole number in Center Primary fifty-six; average forty-four and nine-tenths.

The whole number in Conant Street Primary sixty-three; average number fifty-one and four-tenths.

The whole number in Western Primary No. 1 fifty-nine; average number forty-eight and six-tenths.

The whole number in Western Primary No. 2 sixty-two; average number fifty-four and six-tenths.

The whole number of scholars attending school during the Winter term were 889; average attendance 774.5; number over fifteen years of age 122; per cent. of attendance 87.23.

Balance in Treasury Jan. 1, 1877,		\$2867 44
Paid for teaching,	\$2498 30	
“ “ fires and sweeping,	230 00	
	<hr/>	2728 30
Balance in Treasury,		<hr/> \$139 14

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. ATWOOD,
H. F. MITCHELL,
R. W. SWIFT,
A. J. HUTCHINSON,
L. N. PAINE.

Organization of the School Committee for 1877.

HENRY SHORTLE, Chairman.

ANNA J. HUTCHINSON, Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON HIGH SCHOOL :

LYSANDER N. PAINE, HENRY SHORTLE,
ANNA J. HUTCHINSON.

COMMITTEE ON GRAMMAR SCHOOL :

NATHANIEL H. DILL, REUBEN W. SWIFT,
AUGUSTUS MITCHELL.

COMMITTEE ON HIGH INTERMEDIATE :

HENRY SHORTLE, LYSANDER N. PAINE,

COMMITTEE ON INTERMEDIATE :

AUGUSTUS MITCHELL, NATHANIEL H. DILL.

COMMITTEE ON PRIMARY :

ANNA J. HUTCHINSON, REUBEN W. SWIFT.

The regular meetings of the Board are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Town Rooms at half past 7 o'clock P. M.

Present Corps of Teachers.

HIGH SCHOOL :

A. G. FISHER, A. B., Principal.
SARA A. HAMLIN, Assistant.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL :

H. A. FREEMAN, Principal.
MARY E. EMERY, Assistant.

HIGH INTERMEDIATE :

REBECCA D. SPARKS, *Eastern*.
LIZZIE W. CLARKE, *Center*.
ELLA A. SMALL, *Western*.

INTERMEDIATE :

LIZZIE P. CHAPMAN, *Eastern*.
ADDIE S. MITCHELL, *Center*.
S. LIZZIE STARR, *Western*.

PRIMARY :

M. JENNIE KEEFE, *Eastern No. 2*.
ABBIE C. SPARKS, *Johnson Street*.
BESSIE G. WILEY, *Eastern No. 1*.
MARY E. RYDER, *Center*.
ANNIE B. FRELICK, *Conant Street*.
LOIS B. HAMLIN, *Western No. 1*.
LUCINDA W. WHORF, *Western No. 2*.

WINTER SCHOOL :

WALTER HERBERT SMALL.

Incidentals.

Notwithstanding the fact, that our report comes to you in the midst of a period when our citizens have to practice self-denial, and rigid economy has to be enforced upon every branch of their industries, the Committee (their servants) have been forced to act in a manner which would appear, without some explanation, extravagant. It will be noticed, by refering to our financial report, that the incidental expenses of the year are uncommonly large. The burning of the Town House and High School room last Winter (regarded by so many as a matter of small account) proved to be a great loss to the school and a very expensive affair to the Town. The school lost all of its apparatus, maps, text and reference books, and is now struggling without apparatus; but could not get along without maps and books, and though we purchased only those which were absolutely needed, the expense proved to be considerable. The most serious loss, financial and otherwise, by the fire, was the burning of the pleasant High School room; the loss of which made it necessary for the Committee to hire and fit up a room for the accommodation of the school, which not only added greatly to our present expenses, but is likely to be a constant source of expense in the future unless a suitable building is provided by the Town. Early in the Spring, at a meeting called for that purpose, the Town voted to remodel the Center and Eastern School Houses, and appropriated money enough (as was supposed) to carry into effect their vote, and leave the school rooms and their surroundings ready for the use of the School Committee; but upon inquiry it was found that the remodeling of the buildings, painting of the same, and the students desks had consumed the entire appropriation. We found the new rooms without recitation seats, closets or curtains; all of which had to be supplied at no small cost. The surroundings of these re-constructed buildings, which were in a very bad condition before, appeared much worse after

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FELLOW CITIZENS:

Time, in its hurried flight, brings us to the close of another year, and according to law and custom, we present to you our Annual Report:

To carry into effect the vote of the town, at its last Annual Meeting, your Committee at their first meeting (after organization) spent much time in trying to choose a Superintendent, without success. At an adjourned meeting, one week from that time, the Committee made choice of Mr. A. L. Putnam to fill the office of Superintendent. That gentleman, when notified of his election, informed the Committee that he would not accept the situation under any consideration. We therefore sub-divided the Committee, and the special care and oversight of the several schools was left with them as follows: For the Primary Schools, A. J. Hutchinson and R. W. Swift; for the Intermediate Schools, N. H. Dill and Augustus Mitchell; for the Higher Intermediate Schools, L. N. Paine and H. Shortle; for the Grammar, A. Mitchell, R. W. Swift and N. H. Dill; and for the High School, A. J. Hutchinson and L. N. Paine. The following gentlemen, Mr. L. N. Paine, N. H. Dill and R. W. Swift, were appointed to act as Prudential Committee, and to have the general oversight and care of the school property belonging to the Town.

the repairs upon these buildings had taken place. So, in harmony with the action of the Annual Town Meeting, the yards were graded and hardened and the fences repaired.

There is one item of expense caused by the fire that we nearly lost sight of. It will be remembered that the young men's school held its sessions in the Town Hall; that room was comfortably fitted for the purpose, but the fire consumed everything. The Town having no other building, a room had to be hired and fitted for the school this Winter. While it will appear, when we take the ordinary, with the extraordinary expenses of 1877 together that our bills are large, it will also be seen that the ordinary expenditures of the past year have been less than they were last year.

School Buildings.

The school buildings belonging to the Town are now in good repair, well lighted, and the most of them well ventilated. We think our citizens have reason to congratulate themselves upon the fact that they have fourteen (14) school rooms which they need not be ashamed for a stranger to visit, or afraid for their children to enter. While we speak with pleasure of the school buildings owned by the Town, we regret that the Town does not own buildings enough to accommodate all of her children. We have to hire rooms for three of our schools, namely: The High, one Higher Intermediate and the Young Men's Winter school, at a cost of about four hundred and sixty dollars (\$460) per year; interest on \$7500. The mere fact that we are at this extra expense for accommodations outside of our own buildings would not (perhaps) be considered so very unfortunate if suitable rooms could be obtained; but this cannot be done at present. The room now occupied by one of the Higher Intermediate schools has been considered, for a long time, unsuitable for such a school. It has but few conveniences inside, and no accommodations at all outside. The scholars cannot step out of

the building without trespassing on some one, and it is unfortunate to have a school regarded as a nuisance by the community where it happens to be located. Taking everything into account, the health, as well as the convenience of the children attending the school, we regard the room now occupied by the High School as one of the worst school rooms in Town. The room answered well enough for the purpose for which it was built; where the children went once a week in the most pleasant part of the day to spend about two hours and then return; but where children have to spend five or six hours a day, five days in a week, for forty weeks in a year, we regard it a very unsuitable place. These are the best rooms we can procure. We very much need a building for our High and Grammar Schools. With such a building we should be able to accommodate our children without hiring, and thereby add greatly to the comfort of the scholars and avoid much trouble and expense.

Tardiness and Truancy.

The most expensive things the community can foster are ignorance and vice; and among the greatest obstacles in the way of their final overthrow are tardiness and truancy. It is a fact that seven-eighths of the juvenile offenders in our State are truants from school. In our own Town nearly all cases of lawlessness brought to the notice of the public have been committed by boys who spend but a small portion of their time in the school room. Truancy has caused the Committee more trouble this year, in the management of the schools, than any other evil. What can be done? If the parents would take this matter into serious account, we think the greater part of the trouble in this direction might be overcome. Too many of the children in our schools are given to understand that to be late at or absent from school whenever they feel disposed amounts to but very little. Now if this error could be corrected at home, we should soon find a won-

derful improvement in our scholars. Tardiness leads to truancy, and truancy to vice and real crime.

It has been truthfully said, that the parent who trains to habits of study at home and warns the lingerer of the approaching school hour, is a great moral teacher and stands between the child and ruin.

Discipline.

The past year has been unusually free from serious cases of corporal punishment. The most of the schools have been comparatively quiet and free from insubordination—a few instances have occurred in our Intermediate Schools. We have to educate, or attempt to educate many children in our schools who are subject to bad influences at home, or (what amounts to about the same) no influence at all. How to deal with such children is a difficult question. They monopolize much of the teacher's time at the expense of the majority of the school, besides, the influence of vulgar and deceitful children in a school room, is poisonous and demoralizing in the extreme. Perhaps some plan may be devised in the future to correct this evil, but so far, it is a blot upon our school system. The future welfare and character of our Town depend much upon the manner in which the children are educated who are now passing through our schools. For our estimate of the teachers, and the work done by them, we refer you to the special reports upon our several schools.

Primary.

At the commencement of the school year there were six Primary schools. The Johnson Street Primary, containing the largest number of pupils, required the services of an assistant teacher during the Spring term. During the Summer the remodelling of the Eastern School House gave an additional room, and Miss Bessie G. Wiley, the assistant teacher, at the Johnson Street School, was elected to the Eastern Primary, No 1., which place she has filled to the satisfaction

and acceptance of the Committee. There has been a degree of interest manifested by the teachers of this department to advance the pupils which has been praiseworthy and commendable. During the year the teaching of the alphabet has been superseded by the word method, with the most pleasing and satisfactory results. The teacher has selected some visible or tangible object and written or printed its name upon the black-board, (for the child as easily learns the script as the printed words) when the attention of the whole class has been called to the object and then to the written or printed word, which stood for its name. In this manner an idea, a thought was conveyed to the child's mind and was easily memorized. The children have manifested more interest, given closer attention and learned to read with greater facility and in much less time than by the former method of a—e, b—e, c—e, which has but little meaning, because the elements are mere abstractions. Sensible objects and their pictures are the best incentives for the young pupil's mind; perception and imagination the principal faculties to be addressed. There is no teaching that impresses like the object itself, or its best representative.

We see a marked change in those rooms that during the Summer were belted with black-boards, the utility of which to the pupils in learning to write, print and draw cannot be estimated. We have often seen written upon the black-board of the several Primary Schools the capital letters and sentences in a manner which would be a credit to some pupils in the more advanced grades. We find many very good readers in the several classes. Spelling, Arithmetical Tables, Roman and Arabic characters have received much attention. Notation, Numeration, Addition and Subtraction, have been well and accurately taught. The same corps of teachers have been employed throughout the year and have proved themselves faithful, industrious teachers—zealous to promote the interest and secure the progress of their schools.

Variety of exercise with frequent resort to oral and object teaching should never be dispensed with in this department. The intelligent teacher can accomplish much, in this manner, to break up the dull, daily routine by making the exercises and recitations attractive, and awakening that vivacity and enthusiasm so delightful in a school of young children.

The sub-committee cordially commend these schools,—the

base on which all others are raised, to their successors in office, to whom it will belong to foster and nurture them in moral, physical and intellectual growth. Indifference to this department will seriously impair our school system. No other can so well reward your watchful care and sympathy. Encourage both teachers and pupils by your frequent visits, kindly interest and disinterested counsel.

The whole number of scholars during the Spring term, three hundred and fifty-three; average number, three hundred; per cent. of attendance, eighty-three and eighty-five one hundredths. Fall term, three hundred and eighty-five; average, three hundred thirty-four and six-tenths; per cent. eighty-six and six-tenths.

Whole number present term Jan. 1, 1878, three hundred and eighty-two.

Intermediate.

These schools have been in charge of the same teachers, all of whom have been faithful in the discharge of their duties, and their labors have been, for the most part, followed by excellent results in the progress of their pupils. In some of these schools, the worst evil with which teachers have been obliged to contend, has been that of truancy. Although the Truant Officers have been attentive to their duty, this evil has not been overcome; and without the co-operation of parents, a punctual and constant attendance cannot be had, that it is a great disadvantage to the school and a damage to scholar no one can deny. It is to be hoped that parents having the welfare of their children at heart will see that they are in school as promptly and as regularly as circumstances will admit.

At the Western School the whole number during the Spring term was sixty; average attendance, forty-eight and four-tenths; per cent., seventy-four and eight-tenths. Whole number Jan. 1, 1878, fifty-two.

At the Center. Whole number Spring term was forty-eight; average attendance, forty-six and six-tenths; per cent., ninety-seven.

Fall term, whole number, fifty-two; average, forty-seven; per cent., of attendance, ninety; whole number Jan. 1, 1878, fifty-four.

At the Eastern. Whole number Spring term, sixty-one; average attendance, fifty-four; per cent., eighty-eight and eight-tenths.

Fall term, whole number, fifty-six; average, forty-nine; per cent., eighty-seven and five-tenths; whole number Jan. 1, 1878, fifty-seven. Making total in the three Jan. 1, one hundred and sixty-three.

High Intermediate.

These schools have been continued through the year under the same teachers as last year. Miss Ella A. Small having charge of the Western, Miss Lizzie W. Clarke, the Center, and Miss Rebecca D. Sparks the Eastern school. The teachers in this grade of schools have been faithful and efficient in their work—impressing upon the minds of the pupils the necessity of co-operation of teachers and scholars in order to insure satisfactory results. The scholars have shown a marked improvement, and the desire for knowledge among the pupils is constantly increasing. Corporal punishment has been an exception and not a rule in these schools.

The Center school, taught by Miss Clarke, labors under many disadvantages, compared with the other schools, on account of the ill-adaptation of the building and its local surroundings. It is hoped the citizens will give it their consideration and provide rooms for this school that will compare favorably with the other schools.

Whole number of scholars belonging to these schools Spring term, one hundred and fifty-nine; average attendance, one hundred and thirty-three and seven tenths; per cent., eighty-two and seven tenths.

Fall term, whole number, one hundred and fifty; average, one hundred and twenty-nine and seven tenths; per cent., eighty-eight and seven-tenths.

Present term, one hundred and fifty.

Grammar School.

This school has been under the same able management as for several years past. It is in good condition, and the pupils bear the marks of careful and thorough teaching.

There has been no change in text books during this year.

The same system of monthly examinations, with daily records of proficiency, have been continued, and have proved of great value as an index of the attainments of each scholar, also as incentives to each pupil to make due efforts to secure an honorable position in the school.

During the Spring term the whole number in this school was one hundred and fifteen; average, one hundred and four and eighty-four one hundredths; per cent. of attendance, ninety-one and two tenths; over fifteen years of age, sixteen.

Fall term, whole number, ninety-six; average, eighty-five and seven-tenths; per cent. of attendance, eighty-nine and three-tenths; over fifteen years of age, 14; whole number belonging to the school Jan. 1, 1878, one hundred and four.

High School.

This school has been continued through the year under the same instructors as last. Mr. A. G. Fisher, principal, and Miss Sara A. Hamlin, assistant.

The worth of this school is manifest, perhaps, more than any other, inasmuch as it elevates and gives character to the Town and makes it attractive to the better class of people who appreciate the worth of a good education for their children, thereby serving both an educational and pecuniary resource.

During the present year this school has been steadily progressing, and much thorough work has been done. Most of the pupils have been industrious, earnest and enthusiastic in their work. The teachers have been conscientious and devoted on their part, laboring for the best interests of the school.

At the close of the last school year, twelve pupils who had successfully completed their course of study, were awarded diplomas. At the commencement of the Spring term a class of forty-three were admitted from the Grammar School.

The school has labored under many disadvantages during the year in consequence of having its apparatus, books and charts burned. Nevertheless, it has been a success, and the citizens should, for obvious reasons, encourage and maintain the high grade of the school.

The school has been continued through the year in the vestry of the Congregational church. The room is pleasant

and comfortable in pleasant weather, but in dull, cloudy weather, it is insufficiently lighted, thereby causing serious injury to the eyes of the pupils.

Whole number of scholars Spring term, seventy-two; average attendance, sixty-eight and eight-tenths; per cent. of attendance, ninety-five and sixty-six hundredths; number over fifteen years of age, forty-six.

Fall term, whole number, fifty-nine; average attendance, fifty-four and six-tenths; per cent. of attendance, ninety-two and fifty-four hundredths; over fifteen years of age, forty-three.

Present term, fifty-five.

Winter School.

The Committee were most fortunate in securing the services of Mr. W. H. Small, who had charge of the school last winter. Being acquainted with most of the pupils, he understands the capacity and needs of each. The discipline has been good; no case of insubordination has occurred. The pupils, with few exceptions, have been industrious and attentive. We do not find as many in attendance as last winter, owing in part to the pleasant weather, many finding employment. Arithmetic, Book-keeping, Algebra, Geography, Physiology and History are taught—also reading from Munroe's Fourth and Fifth Reader, with Spelling and Penmanship. The teacher has manifested an interest, endeavoring to inspire the pupils with a desire for improvement, been patient, courteous and self-sacrificing.

Whole number of scholars in attendance, forty-two; average age, over sixteen years. This school cannot well be dispensed with without serious injury to the other schools and a disadvantage to the classes which are accustomed to attend, on account of classification.

Financial Statement.

School Department to the Town of Provincetown,	<i>Dr.</i>
To balance in Treasury Jan. 1, 1877,	\$2867 44
Town Appropriation,	7600 00
Mass. School Fund,	288 21
	————— \$10,755 65

Credit by cash paid for Teaching winter term,	\$2458 50	
“ For Spring term,	2140 11	
“ For Fall term,	2149 99	
“ For Present term,	280 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,028 60
Credit by fires and sweeping Winter term,	\$235 78	
“ “ “ Spring “	161 75	
“ “ “ Fall “	120 75	
	<hr/>	\$518 28
Credit paid Fuel,	\$324 60	324 60
Total Expenditures for 1877,		<hr/>
		\$7871 48
Balance in Treasury Jan. 1, 1878,		2884 17
Estimated expense for balance of winter term's teaching,	\$2325 17	
Do. fires and sweeping,	228 50	
	<hr/>	\$2553 67
Balance end of school year,		<hr/>
		\$330 50

Town School Book Account Jan. 1, 1878.

<i>Dr.</i>		Jan. 1st, 1877.
Books and Case,	\$311 29	
Balance due Town,	24 00	
	<hr/>	\$335 29
<i>Cr.</i>		Jan. 1st, 1878.
Books and Case,	\$304 23	
Balance due Town,	31 06	
	<hr/>	\$335 29

School Incidentals.

Paid Estate of late Dr. J. Stone for rent,	\$48 00
A. G. Fisher for 12 copies of Cæsar and 1 copy of Ovid,*	4 20
A. G. Fisher, incidentals for High School,*	3 95
Judith Ellis for cleaning,	2 00
C. H. Hill, cleaning stoves at Johnson Street school,	1 00

Paid Thos. Mullen for services and expense for use of the C. M. E. church for graduating exercises,	\$15 00
Estate of late Dr. Stone for rent,	54 00
Goss & Richards for printing Diplomas for Grammar School,	26 00
Tables for High School,*	42 95
Estate of late Dr. Stone for rent,	52 00
rent for vestry of Congregational Parish,*	68 75
books for use of High School,*	6 65
Samuel Taylor for cleaning school houses,	41 50
T. D. Garrick “ “ Johnson Street school house,	11 00
O. B. Conant “ “ Eastern school house,	10 00
Lydia Worth “ “ Dr. Stone's room,	11 00
Samuel Knowles for labor,	4 20
Henry Shortle for printing,	20 00
C. A. H. Beatty, labor on coal for W. School,	1 80
Dr. Shortle for books of reference and maps for High School and erasers for schools,*	40 43
H. Holmes for stoves, pipe and labor,*	149 65
Goss & Richards for printing,	4 00
Congregational vestry 12 weeks' rent at \$6.25 per week,*	75 00
N. Hopkins for desks for High School,*	6 00
C. H. Walker for labor and material,*	3 00
Estate of late Dr. Stone,	48 00
rent of Marine Hall for High School,*	9 50
J. A. West, lock and key for W. school house,	80
“ settees, table, curtains, closets, chairs, &c., for furnishing Eastern school rooms,*	109 66
J. A. West, desks for Boys' school room,*	39 50
“ for furnishing Center school rooms,*	90 89
“ “ Johnson Street, in- cidental,	4 14
J. A. West for furnishing Dr. Stone's building, incidentals,	2 65
J. A. West for furnishing High School,*	46 63
W. H. H. Weston, rent of stove, pipe and labor,	8 30