

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1880.



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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of Provincetown in presenting to the town the following statement of the receipts and expenditures for the financial year ending December 31st, 1880, would state that we have endeavored to avoid any outlay in excess of the appropriation which has come under our control, and as will appear, have in the main been successful.

SCHOOLS.

The management of the Schools and School Buildings is wholly in charge of the School Committee whose report will be found elsewhere.

ROADS AND WALKS.

By a vote of the town at the Annual Meeting in February last, it was voted that the manner of repairing the Roads and Walks be left in the hands of the Road Surveyor. For detailed account, we refer you to his report. Your Board has had presented to them a claim for damages for severe injuries received upon the side-walks of the town, Sept. 30, 1880, by Mrs. Nancy Walker, which claim will probably be brought to your notice at the Annual Meeting.

TOWN LANDINGS.

On March 6th, 1837, there was laid out by the Selectmen and accepted by the town, five Town Landings, for the use and benefit of the citizens. At present these landings are used partially by private individuals for storage purposes and hauling up of vessels. There being no bounds to designate the property of the town we would recommend that a committee be appointed to bound these landings with stones according to the records of the town.

WATCH AND POLICE.

Four Constables were elected at the annual meeting. Mr. N. P. West, one of the constables, resigned April 27th, and

Mr. Daniel F. Lewis was appointed May 1st in his place. The Constables have attended to their duties at a very small expense to the town. The frequent violations of the liquor law occurring the past year has rendered it necessary for officers to be detailed to look after this business. Of the small amount appropriated your Board have expended a part of the appropriation in enforcing the law as rigidly as possible. Messrs. Dearborn and Lewis, assisted by Deputy Sheriff Whitecomb, have had charge of this business and attended to it faithfully. Much credit is due ex-Chief of Police Whitecomb in spending much time and labor gratuitously in bringing these violators of the law to justice.

A Night Watch has been put on in windy weather during the Fall months, but owing to causes spoken of above we have omitted having a full Watch.

We would recommend for the present year an appropriation of \$300.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Our Fire Department is in good condition and the prompt manner in which all alarms have been responded to the past year, can but inspire confidence in this branch of the service.

It is composed of men who shrink from no duty and we are glad to know that our citizens fully appreciate their services. Much ill feeling has been occasioned by the collector stopping from the firemen taxes due him from some of the men signing the pay rolls.

WHO ARE THE FIREMEN OF PROVINCETOWN.

All Firemen to be exempted from military duty must place on file with the Selectmen, a certificate that they are members of the Fire Department (Genl. Stat. Chap. 13, Sec. 11). These are the Firemen of the town and as such should receive the pay voted to them. Such certificates until this year are not on file in the office. A list of the Firemen has been given to the Engineers, and at the end of their term of service, names other than those reported as Firemen, have been substituted to receive the pay. Each company shall establish such rules, regulations, and by-laws, as may be approved by the Board of Engineers, (Gen. Stat. Chap. 24, Sec. 27). In the by-laws of each company, which has been approved by the Board of Engineers, each member is required to assign his pay to the Treasurer of the company, thus mak-

ing it a company fund. He is not a member of the Fire Department until he first signs the constitution and by-laws of the company, assigning to the Treasurer his pay due him from the town. (Gen. Stat. Chap. 24, Sec. 18) says, members of the Fire Department who have done duty as such, for one year preceding the first of May, shall be entitled to receive a sum equal to the poll tax and such further compensation as the town may determine. Until the year 1868, our Firemen received for their services, their poll tax or its equivalent, \$2.00. At the Annual Meeting of that year the town increased the compensation, \$3.00, making their pay at the present time \$5.00 per annum. For a number of years past there has been signed by the Firemen a pay roll, to receive their money; on this pay-roll are names of men who have never been assessed or paid a poll tax in our town. The object of the pay-roll no doubt is to secure the town against any demands to be made by the Firemen. We have confidence enough to believe, that having once assigned their pay to their respective Treasurers, our Firemen will not again make a demand on the town. We would recommend that the system of pay-rolls be abolished, and the Town Treasurer be authorized to pay the Treasurers of the respective companies, the amount due each according to the number required by law.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

In the payment of monies in this department there is great need of a change. In estimating the expenses for the year ensuing by taking out of this department the salary of Superintendent of Schools, and placing it in the School Fund, where it is placed in other towns, the same with the Engineers' salaries and Overseers of the Poor, placing each to their respective departments, by making a department of Collection and Discount of Taxes instead of Discount of Taxes, and appropriating accordingly the amount needed for collecting and discount of Taxes, the citizens will thus know what it cost for each department.

If the views of your Board are complied with in this matter there will be needed in this department for the present year \$2,200, which sum we recommend to be appropriated.

DISCOUNT OF TAXES.

The amount appropriated for this department the past

year with the interest collected, shows a deficiency of \$1.84.

If the recommendations in Incidentals are accepted, we recommend that there be an appropriation for this department of \$1,050.

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

For estimates for the Support of the Poor, we have to report the Almshouse on the outside is suffering for want of painting and some alterations are needed in the kitchen to make it convenient and healthy. A large new stove is required in place of the two small old ones now in use. By looking at the financial statement you will notice that in Sept. and Oct. the payments of these months were large in comparison to other months. The reason for this was an old settlement claim of George F. Kelley of Barnstable, the sickness of John Greeley of Truro, sickness of Mrs. Hannah G. Holway in town and the expense of an insane person committed to Taunton, afterwards reimbursed to the town.

We would recommend for the present year, if the suggestions in Incidentals meet your approval, the following sums for support of the Poor :

For Support of the Poor, \$3,600; for salaries, \$450; for painting, repairing and new stove, \$350; total estimates, \$4,400.

For details of the support of the Poor we refer you to the report of the Overseers of the Poor.

TOWN HILL AND FENCE.

Feb. 10, 1880, Mr. John Young was appointed Superintendent of this property. A trouble of a personal nature occurring in October, he resigned his position on the 19th of that month. The financial statement of his department shows him to have been a faithful and economical officer.

We would recommend an appropriation of \$25.

INTEREST ON DEMAND LOANS.

You will notice that in this department there is reported a deficiency of \$422.79. The reason for this will be seen in looking at the financial statement where the outstanding liabilities on Jan. 10th were \$17,821; the amount outstanding Jan. 1st was \$11,821. This difference of \$6,000 was money paid December 31st, 1879 and loaned back again as soon as the accounts of that year was closed, making a difference in interest of \$334: adding to this the interest

of the School House Loan \$200, shows \$534 expended that was not taken into consideration when the estimates were made.

We would recommend there be appropriated for this department for the present year, if the recommendations of the new School House Loan are adopted, \$450.

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

There will be needed in this department, by estimates received from the Governor's address and County Commissioners, the sum of \$3,000, which we recommend for the ensuing year.

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

You will notice by the Financial Statement that \$265.17 have been abated and \$115.65 additional taxes collected for the year 1880. In the reports of 1879, \$619.00 was abated and \$449.71 reported received for additional taxes collected. This is not a true statement. Of the \$449.71 additional taxes and interest reported collected. \$313.29 was one individual tax left off of the Collector's warrant purposely, to use in this department; the Collector's warrant of that year instead of representing \$31,044.94, should have been \$31,358.23. The appropriation for this department in years past has not been enough to meet the expenditures. We recommend an appropriation of \$300.

DECORATION DAY.

Of the money appropriated at the last Annual Meeting, no money has been more judiciously expended and given better satisfaction, than the amount of \$42.18 expended by the Army and Navy Association. We recommend an appropriation of \$50 for the observance of this day.

CEMETERY REPAIRS.

Mr. John Young, the Superintendent, has attended to the duties of this department. Complaint having been made of injuries received, by malicious persons defacing the monuments, a notice of reward for conviction of the parties has been placed in the Cemeteries. Many of the posts and rails are poor and need replacing, and the fence needs painting which will require more appropriation than that of last year. We would recommend an appropriation of \$75 for this department.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Owing to the number of whale carcasses during the past year the expenses of this department show an increase of the expenses of former years. On making the first payment we opened a department by itself, thinking the members of the Board of Health would collect from the owners of the whales the amount of expenses incurred, but the difficulty of getting information in regard to this matter has caused a loss to the town.

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE LOAN.

According to the vote of the town at the Special Meeting, March 22d, 1880, the Treasurer, May 17th, 1880, loaned from Boston parties \$8,000, the interest on which was paid to Nov. 17th; Dec. 21st, loaned from First National Bank \$1,500, by a vote of the town Dec. 3, making a total loan of \$9,500. The interest due on both Loans Dec. 31st, was \$51.19; interest to Jan. 1st, 1882, will be \$475, making a total of \$526.19. We do not think it advisable for the town the present year to pay upon this Loan over \$500 and the interest to Jan. 1st, 1882.

We would recommend an appropriation of \$1,026.19 to cover this expense for the present year.

Although we have a new High and Grammar School House the town still owes the amount it cost. The insurance on the building expires in Jan. and if you deem it advisable to reinsure it will call for additional appropriation for that purpose.

EAST HARBOR CAUSEWAY.

The amount of payments for the Causeway since its acceptance by the County Commissioners, exclusive of the amount paid by the town, for building the same are: amount of payments in 1878, \$358.15; in 1879, \$119.90; in 1880, \$339.84; making a total of \$817.89.

We have called the attention of the Selectmen of Truro to this matter, hoping to report a settlement of the matter at our next Annual meeting. As we have received no decisive answer in regard to it, we bring the matter before you for your consideration.

DEMAND LOANS.

The amount of outstanding liabilities for the current ex-

penses of the town, is \$5,400.00. All the taxes of 1877, '78 and '79 have been collected, and only \$1,390.54 of 1880 remains unpaid. The small balance of \$390.43 in the treasury will necessitate a loan in anticipation of the taxes, to pay the Schools and Fire Department in March and May.

ACCOUNTS.

We would recommend for your consideration that an Auditor be appointed to examine on the first of Jan. of each year the accounts of the town.

THE SUNDAY LAWS.

WHAT THESE LAWS ARE.

The Sunday Laws, occasionally modified to meet the changing conditions of society and differing in some details in the different states, are yet alike in their chief features from Maine to California. They forbid on Sunday common labor and traffic, public and noisy amusements, and whatever is likely to disturb the quiet and good order of the day. They make Sunday a non-legal day, so that ordinary processes of Courts are not served and contracts made on Sunday are void; the Courts and Legislatures do not sit; the public business is suspended. In brief, Sunday is taken out of the number of ordinary week days and, so far as possible, made free from secular engagements and disturbances.

LIBERTY IN LAW.

On such grounds as these the Sunday laws have uniformly been sustained by the highest Courts as in harmony with the principles of our government. They trespass on no just rights but are their best defence. They do not restrain one's personal freedom, except so far as to secure the rights of others. The Sunday laws do not interfere with the just rights of conscience, for they do not compel anyone to do anything against his conscience, nor do they forbid his doing what his conscience dictates, provided he does not trespass on others.

The disgraceful firing of cannon, blowing of whistles, ringing of bells, and frequent scenes of drunkenness calling for an additional police force, on the Sabbaths of 1879, disturbed the worship of our citizens. Fearing a repetition of the same in 1880, we notified parties coming here of the

wishes of the town as we believed it to be at the time. We have reason to believe it resulted in a general benefit to the town. We call your attention to this matter hoping you will instruct your Selectmen of the future what course to pursue.

Composed, as we are, mostly of men who follow the sea, we gratefully report prosperous voyages and but few disasters to Nov. 1st, 1880. On Nov. 30th three of our citizens were drowned and one disabled in rescuing the lives of others, leaving widows, children and parents to care for themselves. It seems to us a public calamity, and as such, we think it the duty of the town to memorialize Congress to pension these persons.

CONCLUSION.

In all our acts we have tried to work for the interest of the town, and we trust in looking over our departments the report will commend itself to your favorable consideration.

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

Selectmen of Provincetown.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, DEC. 31, 1880.

VALUATION MAY 1st, 1880.

Real Estate,	\$889,123 00
Personal estate,	712,069 00
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	\$1,601,192 00
Number of polls at \$2 each,	1152
“ of legal voters,	888
Rate of taxation on \$1000,	\$16 50
Number of dwelling-houses,	906
“ of horses,	70
“ of cows,	33
Acres of land,	892
Property exempt by Acts 1878, Chapter 206,	\$50,225 00
Property exempted by Gen. Stat. Chap. 11, Sec. 5, No. 13,	\$7,739 00
Number of bills audited,	1196
Amount of claims,	\$58,669 75

APPROPRIATIONS.

February 10, 1880.	\$4,000 00
Support of the poor,	6,500 00
Public schools,	300 00
School incidentals,	225 00
Rent of school rooms,	75 00
School house repairs,	2,000 00
Fire department,	300 00
Public library,	1,500 00
Roads and walks,	3,100 00
Railroad loan and interest,	800 00
Interest on demand loans,	150 00
Abatement of taxes,	500 00
Discount on taxes,	2,500 00
Incidentals,	2,800 00
State and County taxes,	50 00
Decoration day,	25 00
Town hill and fence,	100 00
Watch and police,	25 00
Cemeteries,	300 00
Boys winter school,	300 00
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	\$25,250 00
March 22d.	444 97
Abatement of taxes,	1,070 67
State and County taxes,	1,000 00
Incidentals,	111 25
Watch and police,	335 64
East harbor causeway,	335 64
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	\$28,212 53

Amount brought forward,	\$28,212 53
Non resident bank tax,	1,687 57
Overlying taxes,	511 98
Total amount of Collectors' warrant for 1880,	\$30,412 08

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Feb. 10, To appropriation, \$4,000 00	Feb. 10, By Payments, \$593 21
	Balance in Treasury, 3,406 79
<u>\$4,000 00</u>	<u>\$4,000 00</u>
Feb 10, To bal in the treasury, \$3,406 79	Feb 28, By payments, \$156 00
Mar 1, To cash, temporary aid, 11 60	Mar 30, " " 363 46
" " town of Dennis, 6 82	Apr 30, " " 278 79
Apr 1, " " 7 18	May 30, " " 250 65
June 3, " " Lincoln, 12 75	June 29, " " 249 81
June 24, " temporary aid, 7 94	July 31, " " 423 84
Sept 1, " " 8 00	Aug 31, " " 146 60
" " town of Dennis, 2 53	Sept 28, " " 444 96
Oct 26, " " 2 35	Oct 30, " " 566 59
" " for rents, 8 00	Nov 30, " " 325 43
Nov 13, " temporary aid, 25 29	Dec 31, " " 357 47
Dec 11, " state paupers, 19 85	Dec 31, Bal in treasury, 119 42
" 21, " rents, 26 25	
" 27, " temporary aid, 15 70	
" 29, " Est Sam'l Whorf, 111 39	
" 29, " town of Wellfleet, 10 58	
<u>\$3,683 02</u>	<u>\$3,683 02</u>
Amount cost of Poor, 1880,	\$3,890 58
Less Am't due for State paupers,	79 42
Cost of Poor, 1880.	\$3,811 16

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Jan 1, To bal in treas'y, \$2,179 87	Mar 2, By payments, \$2,185 89
Jan 31, Mass school fund 238 93	June 16, " " 2,184 19
Feb 10, Appropriation, 6,500 00	Oct 9, " " 50 00
	Nov 16, " " 1,943 00
	Dec 28, " " 349 39
	Dec 31, Bal in treasury, 2,206 33
<u>\$8,918 80</u>	<u>\$8,918 80</u>
Paid out for Schools, 1880,	\$6,712 47

RENT OF SCHOOL ROOMS.

Feb 10, To appropriation, \$225 00	Mar 2, By payments, \$116 35
Dec 31, To deficiency, 115 10	June 16, " " 116 35
	Nov 16, " " 107 40
<u>\$340 10</u>	<u>\$340 10</u>
Cost of School rent, 1880,	\$340 10

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

Feb. 10, To appropriation, \$75 00	Mar. 30, By payments, \$6 70
Dec. 31, Sale of lumber, 5 47	July 21, " " 33 15
" " deficiency, 39 66	Aug. 28, " " 5 46
	Dec. 31, " " 74 82
	<u>\$120 13</u>
Cost of School House repairs, 1880,	\$120 13

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Feb 10, To appropriation, \$300 00	Mar 2, By payments, \$14 50
Dec 31, To deficiency, 59 06	" 30, " " 39 50
	Apr 10, " " 12 00
	June 16, " " 9 00
	July 31, " " 37 00
	Aug 30, " " 35 00
	Oct 30, " " 27 40
	Nov 30, " " 4 70
	Dec 31, " " 179 96
	<u>\$359 06</u>
Cost for School Incidentals, 1880,	\$359 06

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Feb 10, To appropriation, \$2,000 00	Mar 1, By payment, \$19 78
	May 1, " " 1,400 00
	July 17, " " 6 81
	Sept 28, " " 58 54
	Dec 31, " " 362 74
	By bal in the treasury, 152 13
	<u>\$2,000 00</u>
Cost of Fire Department, 1880,	\$1,847 87

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Feb 10, To appropriation, \$300 00	Mar 30, By payments, \$45 00
" Dog tax, (1879), 81 77	Apr 24, " " 22 50
	June 28, " " 72 50
	Sept 25, " " 45 00
	Oct 30, " " 22 50
	Dec 31, " " 87 53
	Bal in treasury, 86 74
	<u>\$381 77</u>
Paid out for Public Library, 1880,	\$295 03

DISCOUNT OF TAXES.

Feb. 10, To appropriation, \$500 00	Dec. 31, Discount of taxes, \$551 38
Dec. 31, Interest collected on Taxes, 1878, '79, 49 54	
Dec. 31, Deficiency, 1 84	
	<u>\$551 38</u>
Paid for Discount of Taxes, 1880,	\$551 38

ROAD AND WALKS.

Feb. 10, To appropriation, \$1500 00	Mar. 1, By payments,	\$21 10
	" 30, " "	74 26
	May 31, " "	399 48
	June 28, " "	8 20
	July 31, " "	189 69
	Aug. 30, " "	237 47
	Sept. 25, " "	89 49
	Oct. 30, " "	82 84
	Nov. 30, " "	10 50
	Dec. 31, " "	350 76
	" " Balance in treasury,	36 21
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	\$1,500 00	\$1,500 00

Cost of Road and Walks, 1880, \$1,463 79

INTEREST ON DEMAND LOANS.

Feb 10, To appropriation, \$800 00	Jan 29, By payments,	\$78 05
Dec 31, To deficiency, 422 79	Feb 13, " "	12 42
	Mar 3, " "	18 00
	" 30, " "	48 60
	Apr 24, " "	84 00
	May 31, " "	129 62
	July 24, " "	45 00
	Aug 14, " "	33 33
	Sept 25, " "	113 67
	Nov 17, new school house loan,	200 00
	" 29, By payments,	80 49
	Dec 31, " "	379 61
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	\$1,222 79	\$1,222 79

Interest on Demand Loans, 1880, \$1,222 79

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Feb. 10, To appropriation, \$150 00	Feb. 4, By abatements,	\$246 78
" " Deficiency, 96 78		
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	\$246 78	\$246 78
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Mar. 22, To appropriation, \$444 97	Feb. 10, By deficiency,	\$96 78
Dec. 31, To additional taxes,	" 21, By abatements,	20 90
Collected, 115 65	Mar. 22, By abatements at	
	Special meeting,	198 19
	April 20, By abatements,	7 03
	July 31, " "	29 23
	Aug. 21, " "	13 37
	Sept. 30, " "	41 25
	Oct. 30, " "	28 30
	Nov. 30, " "	12 21
	Dec. 31, " "	112 88
	" " Balance in treasury,	48
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	\$560 62	\$560 62

Taxes abated to February 4th, 1880, \$246 78
 " " at Special Meeting, 198 19
 Taxes abated from March 22, to December 31, 1880, 265 17

Whole amount of Taxes abated, 1880, \$710 14

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Feb 10, To appropriation, \$2,800 00	Dec 11, By state tax,	\$1,650 00
Mar 22, " "	National Bank tax,	1,797 52
Dec 11, Corporation tax, 917 75	Dec 31, County tax,	2,770 53
National Bank tax, 1,503 11	" Bal in treasury,	73 48
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	\$6,291 53	\$6,291 53

TOWN HILL AND FENCE.

Feb. 10, To appropriation, \$25 00	Dec. 11, Cash paid B. Lancy,	\$3 35
	" 25, do. do. John Young,	6 85
	Superintendent,	14 80
	" 31, Balance in treasury,	
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	\$25 00	\$25 00
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Paid out for Town Hill and Fence,	\$10 20	

WATCH AND POLICE.

Feb. 10, To appropriation, \$100 00	Feb. 4, By payments,	\$111 25
Deficiency, 11 25		
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	\$111 25	\$111 25
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Mar. 22, To appropriation, \$111 25	Feb. 10, By deficiency,	\$11 25
	Mar. 30, By payments,	3 50
	May 31, " "	5 00
	July 31, " "	7 25
	Sept. 25, " "	11 07
	Oct. 30, " "	16 39
	Nov. 30, " "	32 06
	Dec. 31, " "	15 25
	By balance in the treasury,	9 48
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	\$111 25	\$111 25
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Cost of Watch and Police to Feb. 4, 1880,		\$111 25
" " " from Feb. 4, to Dec. 31, 1880,		90 52
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Whole cost of Night Watch and Police, 1880,		\$201 77

CEMETERY REPAIRS.

Feb. 10, To appropriation, \$25 00	Jan. 24, By payments,	\$8 00
	" Balance in treasury,	17 00
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	\$25 00	\$25 00
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Jan. 24, Balance in treasury, 17 00	July 24, By payment,	\$4 43
Dec. 31, To deficiency, 54	Nov. 16, " "	5 25
	Dec. 20, " "	2 16
	Dec. 31, Cash to John Young,	
	Superintendent,	5 70
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	\$17 54	\$17 54
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Cost of Cemetery repairs, 1880,	\$25 54	

DECORATION DAY.

Feb 10, To appropriation,	\$50 00	May 31, By payments,	\$42 18
		Dec 31, Bal in treasury,	7 82
	<u>\$50 00</u>		<u>\$50 00</u>

Cost of Decoration Day, \$42 18

BOY'S WINTER SCHOOL.

Jan 1, To bal in treasury,	\$275 48	Mar 1, By payments,	\$257 16
Feb 10, appropriation,	300 00	Mar 6, " "	14 00
Nov 27, To sale of stove,	8 00	Nov 27, " "	9 35
		Dec 31, " "	9 47
		" Bal. in treasury,	293 50
	<u>\$583 48</u>		<u>\$583 48</u>

Paid out for Boy's Winter School, \$289 98

EAST HARBOR CAUSEWAY.

Mar 22, To appropriation,	\$335 64	Jan 17, By payments,	\$335 64
Dec 31, To deficiency,	4 20	Apr 24, " "	4 20
	<u>\$339 84</u>		<u>\$339 84</u>

Amount paid out for East Harbor Causeway, \$339 84

STATE AID.

Dec 11, To cash from state of Mass.,	\$410 00	Jan 1, By am't due from state of Mass.,	\$410 00
Dec 31, To bal due from state of Mass.,	332 00	Jan 31, By payments,	24 00
		Feb 28, " "	28 00
		Mar 30, " "	28 00
		Apr 27, " "	28 00
		May 31, " "	28 00
		June 28, " "	28 00
		July 31, " "	28 00
		Aug 30, " "	28 00
		Sept 30, " "	28 00
		Oct 30, " "	28 00
		Nov 27, " "	28 00
		Dec 25, " "	28 00
	<u>\$742 00</u>		<u>\$742 00</u>

Amount of payments for State Aid, 1880, \$332 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Feb. 10, To appropriation,	\$2,500 00	Jan 15, George A Smith, stationery,	\$1 50
Mar 22, " "	1,000 00	" R. W. Swift, 3 oaths,	75
" Paper sold,	25	" Com of Mass,	26 00
Oct 4, Sale of old Burial Ground,	76 00	" Temp Com, (1879),	21 45
Oct 16, Town of Truro,	4 90	" W. H. Herbolt, repairs of Jail,	2 05
Dec 31, Book taxes collected,	69 92	H. H. Sylvester, printing Town By-laws,	8 00
" Junk licenses,	12 00	F. P. Goss, printing Town Reports, (1879),	85 00
" Auctioneer licenses,	6 00	" Collector's notices, (1879),	2 00
" Exhibition licenses,	14 00		
" J. P. Johnson, permits,	10 00		
" Deficiency,	1 10		

F. P. Goss, Print'g warrants,	\$5 00
" " Yea and nay votes,	75
" Printing orders and proposals,	4 00
Treasurer of Sinking Fund,	50 00
Use of Masonic Hall,	27 00
Henry Shortle bal salary, to March 5, 1880,	250 00
J. P. Johnson, Moderator's fees, (1880),	6 00
A. E. Lovell, records,	75
Engineers' salaries,	85 00
H. H. Sylvester, printing voting list,	10 75
James Gifford, Custom House returns,	5 00
A. E. Lovell, records,	17 13
Assessor's scale,	2 72
H. H. Sylvester, 1 check book,	10 00
Ward & Gay, stationery,	22 15
Advertising,	12 00
Walter Chipman, records,	5 00
M. L. Adams, expenses to Boston,	9 00
Herrick's, Town Officer,	2 50
P. C. Young, box rent,	1 00
Fixtures for office,	7 88
P. E. Freeman, transferring census,	10 00
Assessors of taxes,	660 00
E. Marston, crying,	2 00
H. J. Snow, use of team,	1 75
F. A. Atwood, use of team,	2 80
Asa Atkins, labor,	2 80
N. Y. Higgins, labor,	75
J. P. Johnson, sale of burial ground,	1 90
Services of Beach Grass com (1880),	15 00
G. H. Holmes, registration boards,	2 50
R. A. Daly, professional service,	5 00
F. Santors, detective service,	33 25
H. Shortle, on account of salary,	100 00
J. A. West, sundr's for office,	2 24
George Allen, lumber,	1 19
Isaac B. Lewis, shovel,	50
M. L. Adams, expenses to Boston,	13 00
Russell Atkins Jr, care of jail,	15 00
Fuel for office,	7 11
Samuel Knowles, use of team,	5 00
J. P. Johnson, rent of office,	100 00
" Services as State Agent,	35 00
James Engles,	1 15

A. L. Putnam & Co, station'y.	7 47		
A. L. Putnam & Co, school books,	82 86		
B. F. Hutchinson, leg'l advice,	50 00		
Joseph Whitcomb, returning deaths,	21 75		
Collecting taxes,	570 19		
H. H. Sylvester, printing,	17 00		
Overseers of Poor services,	450 00		
Selectmen services,	400 00		
Seth Smith, services as treas.	250 00		
" Sealer of weights and measures.	20 00		
" Attending annual meet'g & record'g,	12 00		
" Attending spec'l meet'g & record'g,	6 00		
" Attend'g election and recording & attend'g clerk's meet'g at Truro,	15 00		
" Recording 32 marriages,	3 20		
" Recording 86 deaths,	13 60		
" Collecting and record'g births,	43 00		
" Postage, expres- sage, stationery,	13 78		
Removing bodies from old burial ground,	20 00		
		<u>\$3,694 17</u>	
Cost of Salaries, Rents and Incidentals, 1880,	\$3,501 10		\$3,694 17
NEW HIGH AND GRAMMAR SCHOOL BUILDING.			
Mar 22, To am't authorized treasurer to loan,	\$8,000 00	Mar 27, By payments,	\$600 00
Dec 3, To am't authorized treasurer to loan,	1,500 00	May 31, "	139 60
		June 30, "	559 00
		Aug 25, "	537 00
		Sept 25, "	1600 00
		Oct 29, "	1255 80
		Nov 11, "	1016 25
		Dec 31, "	3790 00
		Bal. in treasury,	2 35
			<u>\$9500 00</u>
Amount paid out for new School House,		\$9497 65	
Interest paid Nov. 17th (See interest on demand Loans),		200 00	
Present Cost of new School House,		<u>\$9697 65</u>	
HEALTH DEPARTMENT.			
Dec 31, To deficiency,	\$217 80	May 31, By payments,	\$38 37
		June 30, "	38 75
		July 31, "	32 26
		Aug 28, "	18 50
		Nov 27, "	11 60
		Dec 31, "	78 32
	<u>\$217 80</u>		<u>\$217 80</u>

Removing whale carcasses,			\$147 20
Salaries of Board of Health,			15 00
Services of Board of Health,			52 80
Printing,			2 00
Rigging,			80
			<u>\$217 80</u>
Paid out for Health Department,			
(COLLECTOR OF TAXES 1877.) H. W. COWING.			
Jan 1, To bal. taxes due,	\$497 00	Jan 20, By cash,	\$7 00
		Sept 21, "	477 50
		Oct. 2, "	12 50
	<u>\$497 00</u>		<u>\$497 00</u>
(COLLECTOR OF TAXES 1878.) JONAH G. SMALL.			
Jan 1, To bal. taxes due,	\$1014 48	Mar 6, By cash,	\$238 58
		Mar 22, abatement at spec- ial meeting,	70 02
		May 11, cash,	27 24
		June 7, "	8 00
		July 24, "	22 50
		Aug 30, "	54 39
		Sep 21, "	515 52
		Nov 13, "	15 66
		Dec 18, "	62 57
	<u>\$1014 48</u>		<u>\$1014 48</u>
(COLLECTOR OF TAXES 1879.) JONAH G. SMALL.			
Jan 1, To bal. taxes due,	\$3652 22	Jan 26, By cash,	\$925 00
		Feb 21, "	533 90
		Mar 6, "	454 10
		Mar 22, abatement of taxes at spec. meeting,	128 17
		May 31, cash,	683 38
		June 7, "	187 77
		July 24, "	70 58
		Aug 17, "	33 00
		Aug 30, "	229 62
		Sep 18, "	117 17
		Oct 16, "	85 02
		Nov 27, "	160 74
		Dec 4, "	43 77
	<u>\$3652 22</u>		<u>\$3652 22</u>
(COLLECTOR OF TAXES 1880.) JONAH G. SMALL.			
July 10, To state tax,	\$1650 00	July 31, By cash,	\$10255 82
" county tax,	2770 58	Aug 30, "	2368 83
" town tax,	23791 95	Sep 30, "	3048 69
" non-resident b'k. tax,	1687 57	Oct 30, "	3070 89
" overlaying,	511 98	Nov 27, "	2517 18
Dec. 31, additional taxes, 1880,	115 65	Dec 31, " abatements,	45 23
" book taxes,	69 92	" disc't of taxes,	551 38
" interest on taxes of 1878-9,	49 54	" collection taxes,	570 19
	<u>\$30,647 19</u>	" bal. taxes due,	1390 54
			<u>\$30,647 19</u>

RAILROAD LOAN AND INTEREST.

Feb. 10, To appropriation, \$3100 00	Jan. 28, By payment, \$550 00
	July 31, " " 2550 00
<u>\$3100 00</u>	<u>\$3100 00</u>

DEMAND LOANS.

Jan. 1, To amt outstanding demand Loans, \$11821 00	Feb. 3, By demand Loans paid, \$1300 00
" 10, Loan, 6000 00	" 3, By bal. demand Loans unpaid, 16521 00
<u>\$17821 00</u>	<u>\$17821 00</u>
Feb. 3, To demand Loans unpaid, \$16521 00	Feb 13, By demand loan paid, \$50 00
Apr. 13, To Loan, 500 00	Mar. 30, " " 100 00
May 1, " " 2000 00	May 22, " " 2275 00
Dec. 30, " " 1000 00	June 4, " " 1000 00
" 31, " " 1000 00	Aug. 14, " " 2000 00
	Sept. 25, " " 2700 00
	Nov. 29, " " 1000 00
	Dec. 14, " " 6000 00
	" 29, " " 496 00
	" 31, By bal. demand Loans unpaid, 5400 00
<u>\$21021 00</u>	<u>\$21,021 00</u>

Amount of money loaned, 1880, \$10,500 00
 " " Loans paid, 1880, \$16,921 00

Of the amount of \$10,500.00 loaned in 1880 all are paid except \$2000 00 loaned Dec. 30, and 31 included in the above statement.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER,

Cash in treasury Dec 31, '79, \$1075 42	The Treasurer has paid out upon proper vouchers, the following sums:
Mass. school fund, 238 93	Support of poor, \$4156 81
County dog fund, 81 77	Schools, 6712 47
Borrowed money, 10,500 00	School incidentals, 359 06
Do. for new school house, 9500 00	School house repairs, 120 13
Town of Wellfleet, act. poor, 10 58	" " rent, 340 10
" " Dennis " 18 88	Boy's winter school, 289 98
" " Lincoln " 12 75	Public library, 295 03
Individuals " 83 38	Health department, 217 80
State " 5 00	Army and Navy Asso'n, 42 18
Widow H Ryder, house rent, 34 25	Town hill and fence, 10 20
Estate of Samuel Whorf, 111 39	Cemetery " 25 54
Auctioneers' licenses, 6 00	Watch and police, 201 77
Junk " 12 00	Roads and sidewalks, 1463 79
Other " 14 00	Fire department, 1847 87
Stationery, 25 00	New high and grammar school-house, 9497 65
Permits granted, 10 00	East harbor causeway, 339 84
School house material, 5 47	Demand loans, 16,921 00
Town of Truro, bound-stone, 4 90	Interest on demand loans, 1222 79
Old cemetery, Franklin st, 76 00	Incidental expenses, 3694 17
Stove, boy's winter school, 8 00	Sinking fund, 3100 00
H W Cowing, taxes 1877, 497 00	State aid, 332 00
J G Small, " 1878, 1014 48	
" " 1879, 3652 22	

J G Small, taxes 1880, \$29,021 54	County tax, \$2770 53
Additional taxes, 115 65	State tax, 1650 00
Book tax, 69 92	National bank tax, 1797 52
Interest on taxes, 49 54	Abatements on taxes, 710 14
State national bank tax, 1503 11	Discount on taxes, 551 38
Corporation tax, 1880, 917 75	Bal. in treasury Dec. 31, 390 43
Soldiers and sailors aid, '78, 20 00	
State aid, 1879, 390 00	
<u>\$59,060 18</u>	<u>\$59,060 18</u>

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Loans of Banks and individuals, \$5,400 00
Due Public Schools, 2,206 33
" " Library, dog tax of '79, 81 77
" " Boys Winter School, 293 50
<u>\$7,981 60</u>

ASSETS.

Due from the State for State aid, 1880, \$332 00
" " " " " " Poor, 79 42
Taxes of 1880 not collected, 1,390 54
Cash in the Treasury, December 31, 1880, 390 43
Liabilities not including New School House and Railroad loans, Dec, 31, 1880, 5,789 21
<u>\$7,981 60</u>

Dec. 31, 1879, Liabilities not including Railroad loan, \$7,627 23
 Dec. 31, 1880, Liabilities not including Railroad and new School House loans, 5,789 21

Decreased the past year, \$1,838 02

Total outstanding obligations of the town to date are :
 Jan. 1 1881, Railroad loan, \$20,000 00
 Interest due on same Jan. 1, 1881, 416 67
 New School House loan, 9,500 00
 Interest due on same Jan. 1, 1881, 51 19
 Individuals and Bank, Jan. 1, 1881, 5,400 00
 Interest on the same Jan. 1, 1881, 128 34
\$35,496 20

Respectfully submitted,
 SETH SMITH, TOWN TREASURER.

We have examined the Accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct.

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

Selectmen of Provincetown.

STATISTICS

OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

BIRTHS.

The whole number of births registered for the year 1880 was 86. Males, 50; females, 36.

Number born in January,	6	Number born in August,	10
“ “ February,	3	“ “ September,	8
“ “ March,	5	“ “ October,	9
“ “ April,	3	“ “ November,	9
“ “ May,	6	“ “ December,	9
“ “ June,	6		
“ “ July,	12		
			86
Both parents American,			24
“ Portuguese,			40
“ Irish,			1
“ British Provinces,			4
Mixed,			17
			86

MARRIAGES.

Whole number of Marriages,	33
Marrried in Provincetown,	31
In other towns,	2

DEATHS.

The whole number of deaths registered for 1880 was 86. Males, 37; females, 49.

Under one year, 11; from one to twenty years, 20; from twenty to forty years, 21; from forty to sixty years, 11; from sixty to eighty years, 15; over 80 years, 6.

Seven of the above number of deaths recorded were a part of the crew of schr. Arizona, who were supposed to have been lost at sea in August 1879.

SETH SMITH, *Town Clerk.*
Provincetown, Dec. 31, 1880.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

We can report to the Town that its poor at the Alms-house during the year that has just closed, have been kindly treated, have had faithful care and good food, shelter and clothing. The poor, not inmates have had their wants supplied, not scantily or grudgingly, yet with carefulness. The Overseers have exercised their best judgment in bestowing the alms of the Town. That they at times have made mistakes they are quite willing to admit. About the number of applications for assistance have been made during the year, as in former years, but as will be seen by the figures we have not exceeded our appropriation.

We may always learn something at present by what is recorded in the past. At the very beginning of our present system of supporting the poor, when the overseers of the poor were at their wits end in 1535 to find employment for the poor, under the reign of King Henry the eighth of England, the poor depended solely on voluntary charity, and at the dissolution of the monasteries something was to be done with the poor who had received alms at the religious houses. This was the occasion of the first poor law in A.D. 1535. It was here we derive the name of Overseers of the Poor, and it became one of their principal duties, after this deluge of pauperism was let loose in England, to find employment for these poor people. The derivation of the words Overseers of the Poor, would seem to imply that they were chosen to find employment for the poor, and oversee them; and it was thought that this duty should not be neglected but go hand in hand with other duties. Work was then the remedy for pauperism, and it is no less the same today.

We would here notice a few facts in regard to our poor

laws. They are limited by statute and are supposed to be founded on humane and moral obligations. They require overseers of the poor who are closely connected in some degree with the laws regulating the poor, to be in conformity to the said laws and relieve such poor persons as may call upon them for assistance, just so far as they may need aid and no longer than is necessary.

Farther than this they are not to go. They are not to furnish the poor with all they themselves may suppose they want, but what overseers suppose is sufficient to afford them relief, after investigating their circumstances. The overseer is not to let his sympathies override his judgment, and give more than is necessary to furnish relief. The law under which he acts is supposed to be in sympathy with the poor which it proposes to relieve. The overseer who is governed by the limited statute law under which he should act in relieving the poor, is frequently and unjustly accused of hard heartedness, when he is simply doing his duty under the law. Any assistance he may afford the poor more than is necessary, to relieve them, and which they could by their own labor or otherwise procure for themselves, was not contemplated by the laws regulating the poor, and tends to pauperism. Next to the understanding of the Poor laws and the decisions of the Courts, is the difficult duty of ascertaining the actual needs of the applicants for relief, when pleading their poverty. We should not fail to notice that one of the principal causes of the expense of the poor department is intemperance and its kindred vices and this fact should lead us to use our utmost efforts for its suppression.

THE ALMSHOUSE.

The good management of this institution by the present matron warrants us in saying that the inmates have been well cared for and the discipline has been good.

Under the Acts of Chap. 103 Statutes of 1879, we have procured homes for six children, who are now contented and happy.

Under the operation of the new Tramp Law we have had but five calls from these persons, whose welfare we have looked after—working them for their board.

At present we have no insane poor supported out of town. On the first of October we removed Ellen Fine to the almshouse, where most of the time she is peaceful, making quite a saving in expense to the town.

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

Overseers of the Poor.

SUPPORT OF POOR IN ALMSHOUSE. STATISTICS.

Salary of Superintendent,	\$286 00	House furniture and fixtures,	48 98
Groceries and provisions,	702 65	Repairs,	62 17
Fuel and lights,	101 08	Medical attendance,	13 00
Clothing and bedding,	98 55		
Boots and shoes,	46 60		
Cash received for wanderers from other towns,			4 20
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Total cost of the poor in the house,			\$1354 83
Cost per person for groceries and provisions per week,			\$0 85
“ fuel and lights			12
“ bedding and clothing			11½
“ boots and shoes			05½
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Cost per week for each person for the above,			\$1 14
Whole number supported the past year,			25
Remaining in the almshouse Dec. 31, 1880,			16
Average,			16
Discharged,			9
Admitted,			10
Number of tramps the past year,			5
“ persons fully supported,			25
“ families partially supported,			71
“ dependents of families,			103
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			177

Persons remaining in the Almshouse Dec. 31st, 1880, and their ages :

Avis J Crowell,	age 67 years	Ellen Fine,	age 38 years
Mary A Frances,	73 “	Joseph Ghen,	56 “
Zilla Howe,	51 “	Rebecca Hill,	34 “
Lucy A Hill,	64 “	Edward Lewis,	72 “
Eliza A McCurdy,	82 “	Hannah E McIntosh,	33 “
Lydia Nickerson,	73 “	George W Newcomb,	50 “
Mary S Nickerson,	76 “	Reuben A Smith,	31 “
Hannah Ryder,	78 “	Infant,	3 mos.

SUPPORT OF THE POOR OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

H. B. Nickerson & family,	\$18 45	Widow H. Sullivan & fam,	65 92
Widow Hannah G. Holway,	117 00	“ Sarah Caton & fam,	48 00
“ Mary Jason & fam,	60 50	“ Justine Costa,	36 00
Josiah Ghen and family,	159 51	Mrs. Ella F. Collins,	95 06
Mrs. Mary Marks & family,	9 38	Widow F. Thomas & family,	84 42
Widow Julia Powers,	33 25	Mrs. J. C. Roberts & family,	32 53
Francis Y. Freeman & fam,	102 58	Thomas McCarty & family,	44 72
Widow Priscilla Bush,	69 05	Widow H. D. Smith & fam,	93 97
Henry Atkins and family,	47 24	Samuel Whorf and family,	97 03
Laura A. Horton & family,	119 46	Widow F. Frates & family,	61 32
Peter Enos and family,	1 37	“ Hannah Ryder,	117 97
Joseph A. Smith & family,	13 56	“ Mary Silvia & fam,	19 04
Widow M. Powers & family,	11 25	Francis Loring and family,	6 61
Wm. Settes and family,	13 14	Widow Rose Martin & fam,	28 24
John Carr, (Blind Institute,)	17 15	James Smith and family,	6 89
Ellen Fine and children,	175 20	Widow Hannah M. Colburn,	1 47
Widow Isabella Costa,	11 85	J. S. Greely & fam, (Truro),	102 86
“ Elizabeth Smith,	5 10	Joseph Barnes and family,	8 15
“ Pamela Nickerson,	15 51	Mrs. Louisa D. Baxter,	5 34
“ Sally Wareham,	33 56	Mrs. Bridget Gillon & fam,	21 37
Andrew C. Cole, (deceased),	42 51	Wm. H. McCarty, (State Reform School),	39 00
James H. Burke, (State Reform School),	44 00	Ida Silvia, (State Industrial School),	21 00
Catharine Atwood, (Boston),	13 37	Martha Bailey, (Boston),	2 00
Mary A. Little, (Boston),	36 00	Jenette Mitchell, (Boston),	11 37
Charles H. Lewis, (Boston),	4 75	Mary A. Briggs, (Boston),	3 37
Johanna Jacint, (Boston),	3 35	Patrick Walls, (Boston),	1 00
T. F. Newcomb, (Barnstable),	5 78	Geo. W. Newcomb,	21 00
Lucy A. Hill,	21 50	Fam. of G. H. Terry, (Dennis),	33 43
Ida Newcomb, (Harwich),	117 00	David S. Kelly Jr and family,	14 58
Manuel Grassia & family,	25 04	John Stone,	2 25
James M. Lewis & family,	2 55	Maria Gross and child, (Gloucester),	42 15
George F. Kelley & family, (Barnstable),	86 00	Widow Eliza McCurdy,	5 05
One insane person in town,	12 25	Temporary aid furnished nine persons,	68 53
Poor of other towns,	42 21		
Medical attendance and medicine,	65 72		

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL
REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

For the year ending Dec. 31st, 1880.

Another year has passed and in that time there has been but two fire alarms, both occurring in one day, Oct. 8th, 1880. The first alarm was given at 12.15 P. M. because of burning brush, that, to those who were endeavoring to put out, seemingly threatened the new school building at the west of High Pole Hill. The apparatus was not called into active service. The second alarm sounded at 9.45 P. M., fire having been discovered in a small ice house situated in the extreme eastern part of the town, some distance from the water supply. The building was of but little value and was totally destroyed. Ulysses Engine No. 1 took position at the reservoir near John Swift's premises and after laying 1100 feet of hose succeeded in reaching the building with an effective stream, but not in season to be of much use, other than cool off the ruins. The Relief Hose furnished the extra hose required to make up this long line.

If this community will but stop and think, that these alarms were the first for sixteen months, a false alarm the night of June 24, 1879,—and then think of the patient, untiring vigilance of our firemen, who by law are obliged to assemble monthly at their respective head quarters; think of the prompt response given after sixteen months of quiet and be thankful that so many in this community are self sacrificing, patiently serving in this department with the alacrity that has always marked its movements. We feel safe in saying no other Fire Department in this state, seeing so little service as this department has for the past four year's can equal it in promptness and efficiency.

The apparatus is in good order. The houses were painted at each end; they will require painting on the sides the coming season.

To the Hook and Ladder truck there has been added a Bangor Extension ladder, a valuable addition to this branch of the service. At present it is only in use by the courtesy of the maker who placed it here on trial, by permission of the Board of Engineers, and as mentioned in our last annual report. We recommend that it be purchased. The price is \$150.00 less a discount of 10 per-cent.

There has been added to the department siamese connections and pipe, which by concentrating several engines a much more powerful and effective stream can be obtained.

There being a surplus in the Treasury at the close of the year your engineers thought best to retain \$150.00 and with the opening of spring, place a reservoir between No. 19 and 22 which we recommend be done.

The hose generally is in good order, the only depreciation being a steady decay that all material of like nature undergoes. A succession of fires, or one large fire would develop its weakness and doubtless require an additional supply for Engine No. 1, where the oldest hose is to be found in any quantity.

The Firemen's Mutual Life Insurance Association has paid, in the last twelve months, benefits amounting to \$2,003.00 for which each member has been assessed \$6.00. The Association now numbers 326.

FINANCIAL

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries one year to May 1, 1880.

230 members, at \$5.00,	\$1,150 00	
4 stewards, at \$50,	200 00	
1 steward,	25 00	
1 steward,	20 00	
1 steward,	5 00	
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Total salaries,		\$1,400 00

The following paid to Jan 1, 1881.

Reservoirs—repairs and clearing snow,	\$4 75
Engine—repairs,	21 75
Houses—repairs,	9 84
Houses—painting ends,	70 99

Hook and Ladder Truck—repairs,	\$13 86	
Flags—repairs,	9 00	
Hose—suction connections,	18 12	
Fuel, lights and stoves,	50 35	
Posting fire cracker notices,	1 25	
Badges,	16 25	
Siamese connections and pipe,	42 50	
Incidental charges,	40 10	
Reserved for new reservoir,	150 00	
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		\$1,848 76
Balance remaining in town treasury,		152 13
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		\$2,000 89
Appropriation,	\$2,000 00	
Received from sale of leather,	37	
“ “ “ “ bunting,	52	
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		\$2,000 89

APPROPRIATIONS.

For the payment of salaries, and the ordinary expenses and repairs of this department, there will be required the sum of	\$2,000 00
Bangor Extension Ladder,	135 00
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	\$2,135 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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

Engineers of the Fire Department.

PROVINCETOWN, DEC. 31, 1880.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP DECEMBER 31, 1880.

Apparatus.	Foremen.	Ass't Foremen.	Clerk.	Steward.	Paid Members.	Volunt'rs without pay.
ENGINE NO. 1.	E. Parker Cook	G C Rich Jos B Beckers	Aug M. Snow	Caleb Fisher	50	16
ENGINE NO. 2,	A P Hannum	Thomas Lowe Jas H Barnett	Joshua Cook, 2d	Phineas S Cutter	50	7
ENGINE NO. 3,	Ed A Dyer	Walter S Cook Wm H Forrest	Heman S Cook	Lemuel Cook, 2d	50	4
ENGINE NO. 4,	Geo H Holmes	Mich'l Bradshaw Stephen H Smith	Geo F Miller	Sumner Bragden	50	21
ENGINE NO. 5,	Ed N Paine	W R Mitchell G K Blake	H C Holmes	Jonathan Hill		83
HOOK & LADDER NO. 1.	James A Small	Joseph A West	A T Williams	Chas A Young	25	5
RELIEF HOSE NO. 1,	John D Adams				5	
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RESERVOIRS AND THEIR LOCATION.

- No. 1. Commercial street, near Stephen Nickerson's store.
 2. West Vine street, near Commercial street.
 3. Commercial street, opposite Nickerson street.
 4. " near house Engine No. 2.
 5. School street, near Western School House.
 6. Franklin street, near Parallel street, (tube).
 7. Commercial street, front of J. F. Hopkins' store.
 8. Off Pleasant street, near Brown and Watson's house.
 9. Commercial street, near J. F. Crocker's shop, (poor).
 10. " " "
 11. Parallel street, near Silas Atkins' house, (tube).
 12. Leverett street, near Parallel street.
 13. Head of Crocker & Atwood's wharf, (Nickerson's patent).
 14. Commercial street, near house Engine No. 4.
 15. Court street, near upper end G. Bowly's house, (poor).
 16. High street, on premises Horace Watson.
 17. Commercial street, front M. L. Adam's block, (tube).
 18. " near Jessie 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. Commercial St., near O. C. Railroad Crossing, (hydrant).
 25. " 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. " opposite John Swift's house.
 40. Court St., at junction of High St.
 41. Commercial St., at house Engine No. 1.

REPORT OF THE ROAD SURVEYOR.

The Road Surveyor herewith submits his annual report for
the year ending December 31st, 1880:

ROADS AND SIDEWALK.

Appropriation by Town,	\$1,500 00
Sale of plank,	54 75
	\$1554 75
Paid G. H. Holmes' bill,	\$4 30
Estate N. E. Lewis,	11 00
C. H. Holway,	19 62
H. B. Nickerson,	5 85
J. P. Lewis,	6 00
Joseph Baker,	9 07
Sylvanus Rich,	22 50
Edward Marston,	1 00
C. C. Atkins,	3 80
James Cook, 2d,	1 60
Michael Welsh,	72 19
Thomas Daggett,	21 00
C. W. Burkett,	15 00
Sch. Willie McKay and owners,	9 00
N. C. Brooks,	17 70
James M. Lewis,	6 45
Michael Bradshaw,	5 30
James Carr,	1 10
Sch. Belle Bartlett and owners,	15 00
Frank A. Atwood,	43 20
David Conwell,	32 97
Orin Cobb,	37 25
Wm. Matheson,	24 25
George Miller,	1 40

Paid Alfred Brown,	\$4 50
Sch. R. S. Newcomb and owners,	94 50
Barney A. Turner,	6 45
Wm. W. Bowley,	1 45
Dennis Scannel	22 05
Frank A. Cook,	23 90
Zedekiah Higgins,	2 85
Michael Barnett,	20 45
Solomon Mayo,	60
David Cook,	95
George Crosby,	1 50
Wm. Settes,	6 80
A. T. Williams,	6 05
Wm. Burkett.	7 20
M. G. Smith,	5 75
Central Wharf Co.,	3 58
George Allen,	295 11
Joseph Frellick,	11 32
Thomas R. Whorf,	78 00
Moses S. Turner,	2 00
John Pierce,	14 00
James Welsh,	31 05
H. J. Lancy,	3 87
A. McKenzie,	13 12
Wm. Carr,	1 60
Horace Watson,	6 30
Asa Atkins,	20 35
James Campbell,	3 15
Richard Barnett,	3 00
J. M. Graham,	20 20
George Johnson,	1 80
Joseph Whitcomb,	9 24
Ebenezer Turner,	2 50
H. and S. Cook & Co.,	2 40
Stephen Cook,	2 10
Jared Hill,	13 50
Mrs. Ann Nickerson,	1 50
Crocker & Atwood,	3 25
J. D. Hilliard,	12 55
J. P. Johnson,	2 50
J. E. Bowly,	1 70
J. M. Carnes,	6 40

Paid Benj. Lancy,	\$10 80
I. A. Small,	1 12
Samuel Knowles,	46 35
Wm. Newcomb,	17 00
John McKay,	14 00
John Powers,	17 00
Thomas Carr,	12 00
Thomas McCarty,	13 50
Wm. H. Herbolt,	3 98
Philip A. Whorf,	3 00
J. S. Atwood.	219 15
Ryder & Young,	3 00
Balance in treasury,	36 21
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	\$1,554 75

In issuing our Report, we wish to make a few statements in reference to the Roads and Sidewalk. We have nearly fifteen miles of road to maintain and three miles of plank walk to keep in repair. This, with all of the material imported at a large cost, needs more of an expenditure than is allowed, to meet the requirements of the town.

The sidewalk consumes nearly, or quite, one-half of the appropriation, leaving but a small sum for the maintainance of the highways. The roads will need the ensuing year, quite a quantity of hardening, and the sidewalk will require to be thoroughly renovated, some sections having to be laid entirely with new, which will demand a larger appropriation. We therefore respectfully recommend that the sum of two thousand dollars be raised for the repairs of the roads and sidewalk.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. ATWOOD.

Road Surveyor.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

The undersigned in accordance with legislative enactment, herewith respectfully submit their Annual Report.

Coupons maturing Feb. 1st and Aug. 1st, also Town Bonds Nos. 1 and 2 coming due Aug. 1st, were promptly paid and cancelled.

Treasurer's statement for the year ending Dec. 31, 1880:

RECEIPTS.

From Town, amount appropriated at annual meeting,	\$3,100 00
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Feb. 1, 6 mos., interest \$22,000 Loan,	\$550 00
Aug. 1, 6 mos., interest \$22,000 Loan,	550 00
“ 1, Redeemed bonds Nos. 1 and 2	
\$1,000, each falling due	
this day,	2,000 00
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	\$3,100 00

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

MUNICIPAL LOAN.

Five per-cent bonds, due Aug. 1, 1881,	\$2,000 00
“ “ “ “ “ 1882,	2,000 00
“ “ “ “ “ 1883,	2,000 00
“ “ “ “ “ 1884,	2,000 00
“ “ “ “ “ 1885,	2,000 00
“ “ “ “ “ 1886,	2,000 00
“ “ “ “ “ 1887,	2,000 00
“ “ “ “ “ 1888,	2,000 00
“ “ “ “ “ 1889,	2,000 00
“ “ “ “ “ 1890,	2,000 00
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	\$20,000, 00

In conclusion your Commissioners respectfully ask the following appropriations :

For bonds coming due Aug. 1, 1881,	\$2,000 00
interest 5 per-cent. Municipal loan, \$20,000,	1,000 00
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	\$3,000 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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

Sinking Fund Commissioners.

Provincetown, Dec. 31, 1880

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1880,

Balance of donations in treasury, last report,	\$519 96
Received for fines and catalogues,	24 65
Due from town treasurer for dog fund for 1879,	81 77
Dividend from Seamen's Savings Bank,	20 00
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	\$646 38

Paid Freight,	\$0 26
Wm. Allen's bill, binding,	15 95
Insuranee,	20 00
Estes & Lauriat, books,	69 56
Subscription Harper's Magazine,	4 00
“ American Bookseller,	1 00
A. L. Putnam & Co.'s bill,	1 09
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	111 86

Balance of donations on hand,	\$534 52
Deposited in Seamen's Savings Bank,	\$434 29
In hands of town treasurer,	81 77
“ “ trustees,	18 46
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	\$534 52

CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY.

Number of books purchased during the year,	60
“ magazines purchased during the year,	2
“ books lost during the year,	1
Present number of books,	2,802

CIRCULATION.

The aggregate circulation of the year has been,	15,697
Names in register Jan. 1, 1880,	1,581
Added in 1880,	75

Making the present number,	1,656
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The Trustees would recommend an appropriation of \$300 to meet the expenses of the coming year.

Appropriation for the annual expenses of the town library is	\$300 00
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Which town treas'r has paid out on proper vouchers,	295 03
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Balance,	\$4 97
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Miss Salome A. Gifford, having served as Librarian since the Library was opened, was compelled to resign her situation on account of ill health. The trustees have appointed Wm. R. Mitchell in her stead.

A comparison of last year's circulation with this year's shows a falling off in the number of books taken out.

This results largely from the fact that most of the books have been in the Library since it was opened to the public, and that the number of new volumes are but few for the number of readers. A larger annual outlay in current publications of the better class would increase the interest and usefulness of the Library. The demand for histories, books of travel, biographies, and for those not classed as fiction continues and should, it would seem, be encouraged.

While there is in the Library a fair proportion of the more common and less expensive books of reference, there is much needed Appleton's American Encyclopedia and the Encyclopedia Britannica. As they are somewhat costly and the funds of the trustees are limited, an opportunity is thus offered liberal citizens to make contributions of these works. Such a gift would be a lasting and inestimable benefit to the community.

Since the establishment of the Library, about six and a half years, there has been collected in fines for injuries to books and for keeping them over time, \$210.76. During this period five books taken from the Library were not returned. Two of these were paid for and three of them, for lack of means in possession of delinquents, were not col-

lected, thus leaving a net loss to the Library of three volumes. That the Public Library has thus far in a good degree subserved its objects; that it has been the source of knowledge, of intellectual and social enjoyment to very large numbers, as well as an object of interest and just pride to our citizens, must be conceded, and we bespeak for it the continued support, the interest and watchfulness of the entire community.

ISAIAH GIFFORD,
GEO. H. HOLMES,
J. D. HILLIARD,
R. W. SWIFT.
J. H. DYER,
E. N. PAINE,
A. T. WILLIAMS,

Trustees.

FINAL REPORT OF SPECIAL
COMMITTEE FOR BUILDING SCHOOL HOUSE

As was stated in the report made at the Special Meeting of the town, your committee, in pursuance of the authority in them vested by vote of the town at its annual meeting, purchased land and caused to be erected thereon, a building suitable to meet all demands for additional accommodation for the public schools of the town, so far as, in their judgment, it was either necessary or expedient. We do not wish it to be understood that we consider it perfect in all its parts, beyond question, or that we should not have done differently, had it appeared to us, that the best interest of the town required different provisions made for the young. What we wish to say is, that in all our acts, whatever was believed to be for the best interest of the parties concerned, has been the guiding and directing motive from first to last, and that whatever, in the matter of criticism, may be said upon our work, we claim to have acted free of any personal prejudice or favor, and ask that our endeavor to carry into effect, the intent of the town, be judged, and either approved or condemned, on its merits and not by the feeling which any may indulge toward the committee or any individual member thereof. It certainly would have given us great pleasure to have obtained all and even more than we have and left a surplus in the treasury, but it was impossible. The following is a full statement of the financial transactions of your Committee :

Special Committee on New School Building in account with the Town :

To amount of appropriation granted, \$9,500 00

Paid Thomas Lothrop for land,	\$600 00
Uriah Small, lime, cement and freight,	51 60
Alex Hamblin, labor on basement,	233 90
Samuel Knowles, grading & excavating cellar,	109 00
Geo. Allen, brick and lumber,	455 00
A. H. Vinal, architect,	450 00
Richardson & Young, as per contract,	5,648 00
“ “ extra labor,	130 83
Samuel Knowles, sodding and grading,	350 00
Geo. Allen, building fence,	185 79
Walker & Pratt, furnaces,	385 00
N. E. School Furnishing Co., furniture,	587 00
H. F. Pierce, moving sand.	7 00
Wm. Settes, “	9 00
S. P. Snow, “	12 00
Reuben Freeman, “	12 00
Joseph Frellick, “	10 00
J. Whitcomb, stone post for fence and steps,	30 60
Joseph A. West, chairs and curtains,	80 61
Daniel F. Lewis, pump and sink,	35 37
John Dyer, use of screws,	2 00
S. S. Gifford, insurance,	14 25
James Gifford, “	2 50
B. F. Hutchinson, cash paid and expenses,	13 42
John D. Hilliard, “ “	18 45
Dyer & Smith, cash paid, expenses and labor,	29 47
Joseph S. Atwood, labor,	2 50
Alfred Small, labor and material,	9 35
J. E. & G. Bowley, storage on lime,	3 60
J. A. Small, iron work,	2 60
Nathaniel Ayer, labor,	7 50
Chas. H. Holway, labor,	7 50
W. H. Herbolt, labor,	1 25
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	\$9,497 09
By balance in the treasury,	2 91
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	\$9,500 00

We have, as you will perceive, the sum of two dollars and ninety-one cents in the treasury. The wooden fence about the school-yard is not painted and no contract has been made for painting it; the stone posts for the fence, by the highway, are on the grounds and paid for, and a contract has been made for the iron rails and for setting the fence. If the town considers it expedient to paint the *wooden* fence and cause the *iron* fence to be erected, it will call for an additional sum of from seventy-five to one hundred dollars, which sum is recommended to be appropriated and the work completed.

Respectfully submitted,

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

FINAL REPORT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1879.

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

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

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

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

Whole number belonging to the High School, seventy-two; average attendance, seventy; per cent., ninety-eight.

Whole number attending Winter School for young men, forty-five; average attendance, thirty-eight; per cent., eighty-four and four-tenths.

Whole number attending school during the winter term, eight hundred and ninety-seven; average attendance, eight hundred and fifteen; per cent. of attendance, ninety and eight-tenths; number over fifteen years of age, one hundred and twenty-five.

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

PRESENT CORPS OF TEACHERS.

High School.

J. B. Hingeley,	<i>Principal.</i>
Hattie F. Weeks,	<i>Assistant.</i>
Nannie W. Paine,*	<i>Assistant.</i>

Grammar School.

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

Higher Intermediate Schools.

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

Intermediate Schools.

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

Primary Schools.

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

*Present Term.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

"Two divine ideas," said Horace Mann, "seem to have filled the great hearts of our Massachusetts fathers,—their duty to God, and their duty to their children."

Our school system is not, as many seem to think, a new thing, but was established more than two hundred years ago. Only twenty-two years after the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth, the General Court of the colony, by a public act, enjoined upon the municipal authorities the duty of seeing that every child within their respective jurisdiction should be educated. The authorities of every township were compelled to have a vigilant eye over their neighbors, and to see that none of them suffered so much "barbarism," as they were pleased to call it, in any of their families as not to teach, by themselves or others, their children and apprentices. For failure to comply with this requirement a heavy penalty was enacted, increasing from time to time to correspond with the increased number of families and wealth of the township. It has been well said, that to the foreseeing wisdom of the founders of the colony of Massachusetts Bay, the United States of America owe the grand idea of free common school education. The forefathers seemed to be imbued from the very beginning of the colony with the idea, that to them was committed the duty of laying the foundation of an independent christian nation, and foreseeing the dangers that would threaten it, they earnestly felt that, only in proportion as the people were educated would its success be established. Whoever deals with the school system of Massachusetts should feel that he is dealing with the foundation upon which rest the honor and glory of our Commonwealth, as well as

the hope and well-being of the nation. Every measure used to make efficient the instruction and to promote the good of the schools, therefore, becomes surrounded with an importance that demands the most careful thought, inasmuch as their value is beyond calculation. In view of such an inheritance, your committee are deeply conscious that the trusts committed to them are neither small nor unimportant.

Our schools are now so graded and our system so arranged and settled, that the teachers and pupils know just what is expected of them. The teachers of each department know how far they are expected to take their classes, and the members of the several classes know exactly what is expected of them, and how proficient they must be in order to enter the next higher, or to maintain their places in the same grade. As the Grammar pupils are influenced throughout the entire course by the expectation of entering the High School, so each school serves to raise the standard of the next lower; an influence which is felt even to the lowest Primary. We are happy to say, that in most of our schools there is more teaching and less hearing of recitations than formerly. Teachers are never successful who simply hear their pupils recite. Task-work is looked upon as drudgery, and no child likes it or loves it, or loves a teacher who exhibits the spirit of the task-master. An ability to interest is a grand requisite in the government of schools. Who ever is lacking in natural love of children, and a conscientious devotion to duty, will fail to win the love and confidence of his pupils, and must of necessity fail to succeed as a teacher, because wanting in the very elements of ability, in the matter of discipline as well as instruction.

More attention is given to primary teaching now than ever before. It has generally been supposed that almost any one was capable of taking charge of elementary schools. That notion is fast giving place to the nobler idea that the highest skill, the best and purest minds, should be employed in laying the foundation for a successful education; and the correct training and starting of our children on the road to an industrious and virtuous life. We believe, therefore, that the best teachers should have charge of our Primary Schools, and the compensation should be in proportion to their difficult work. Our Primary Schools, as a whole, will, we think, compare favorably with any of the same grade in the State.

The excellent work in the Primary Departments shows for itself, and also exhibits the devotion of the teachers.

No change has occurred in the arrangement of the Intermediate Department, excepting that, in arithmetic, the teachers are required to take the pupils as far as fractions. The numbers here are always in excess of statute limitations. There are more scholars than can be thoroughly instructed. The teachers are earnest and devoted to their work. In the center school-room, where Miss Frellick has charge, we have had to add four extra double desks this term, in order to accommodate the scholars. An excellent work is being done in our Higher Intermediate Department. These schools are very important, not only as the training ground for such as desire to enter the grade above, but, frequently, as furnishing the only school preparation for the business of life upon which many enter without further educational preparation. In view of these facts and, desirous of gaining time for more thorough work in the Grammar School, we have extended the course in arithmetic, so that the first classes can finish fractions, common and decimal, and have also introduced grammar this term, for the first time. This grade, therefore, requires teachers of a liberal culture, understanding human nature and possessed of a good share of common sense.

Perhaps we could do no better than to copy from our last year's report, to show our estimate of the Grammar School, and the work accomplished by its teachers. Its course has been steadily onward during the year. The system of written examinations, twice in each term, and the careful marking and recording of each recitation, serves to keep fresh in the minds of the pupils the subjects passed over, and also affects very favorably the attendance, so that the classes remain full up to the very last day of each term. The value and importance of grade cannot be too highly estimated.— While it tends to elevate the character of the lower grades, and serves as a preparatory school for those who wish to enter the High School; many complete here their education, so far as a systematic course of study is concerned, receiving their final school preparation for life's work. Such work should never be entrusted to careless hands or selfish hearts.

Heretofore the opinion has prevailed that the High School, with all its excellences, was not meeting the demands of the

community. The greatest objection urged against the school was, that the pupils who entered were required, without any regard to circumstances, to study Latin, or one or more of the modern languages. We think the difficulty is now overcome. To meet as far as we can, the wants of all, and to encourage as many as possible to avail themselves of the advantages of the High School, we adopted, at the commencement of the present school term two distinct courses of study, an English and a classical course; the pupils who enter the school are free to choose either. The first is a three years' course and purely English, enabling those who adopt it to advance right on from the Grammar School, and without any break continue the study of the English language and the higher mathematics, and at the same time obtain a good understanding of the sciences and the theory of business. Those who complete the entire course will receive diplomas, but the studies will be elective and so arranged that pupils who do not wish to complete the course, can pursue those branches which they may deem most advantageous. The second or classical course, requires the study of Latin and the teachers must, if any pupils desire, "be competent to give instruction in the Greek, French and German languages." It also includes all that is embraced in the first or English course. As a result of this re-arrangement of studies, we see quite a change in the method of teaching book-keeping. A bank has been established with cashier, teller and book-keeper chosen from the class.—Every scholar has an account with the bank, and bank-book; draws and deposits money regularly; writes checks and receipts; has notes discounted and receives interest on deposits. The money used has value, as it must be purchased by the scholar. With this money he buys a stock of goods which he sells as fast and as well as he can. The equivalents for goods are divided into eight classes, the percentage of which varies each day. The scholars trade with each other and according to their varying skill and experience, gain or lose. They keep all the various accounts and do all other work necessary in a business establishment. The result is, that book-keeping is not only a popular study, but, as now taught, gives the pupils of our High School practical work and materially shortens the gap between school and business. So popular has the study become, that twenty

from the higher classes have formed an independent class.

It is gratifying to report the Young Men's School as fully sustaining the good character gained by it last Winter. In general business it is admitted that the best workmen, at any price, are the cheapest, and our experience in the management of this school has convinced us that the principle here applies with peculiar force. We should have employed the same teacher, this Winter, who served so acceptably last year, had not a permanent position placed him beyond our reach. We have been fortunate, however, in obtaining the services of Capt. C. K. Sullivan, an experienced and successful teacher and a practical navigator, fitted every way for his peculiar position. There are fifty young men gathered in this school, who are doing a grand work. The general department and persistent application of most of them are highly commendable. In addition to the ordinary studies, twenty-five of the very best pupils have formed themselves into a class for the study of navigation, which they are pursuing with marked success.

In regard to promotions, we find it impossible to do complete justice to the schools and always satisfy the parents and friends of the pupils. The interests of the several schools demand that we deal with the scholars as we find them. The plea offered by some, that the child is "old" or "large," or has been in a certain school "a long time" presents a very poor qualification for promotion. There will always be found, in the different classes, pupils who cannot perform the work allotted them. There are many reasons for this. Some are detained from school at certain seasons to assist in the support of the family. There are others whose parents do not take interest in their progress, or are unable to assist it. Some lack the ability for mental application, while others, possessing the ability, are lacking in the disposition to exercise it. It is discouraging to the teacher, and almost fatal to the progress of a class to have a number of pupils who cannot keep up with the work. In several instances we have given a second examination in the course of a few weeks where extra effort has been made to reach the standard; but advancement to a class for which the pupil is not duly qualified must be regarded as a serious injury to him and an injustice to the school.

Your Committee have no longer cause to complain of the

lack of school-rooms. But we think there is just reason to congratulate the good citizens of Provincetown, who have always taken pride in the excellence of their schools, that their generosity in the midst of financial depression, has not only erected such a structure as the High and Grammar School building, but also provided ample school accommodation for all. We feel it our duty to call the attention of the citizens to the condition of the three buildings formerly known as the Grammar School buildings. The Center and Eastern buildings leak, especially, when the storms are from the east or south-east; and the Western building needs a good coat of paint and some other repairs.

CHANGES.

A change, of affecting interest, which we have to record is the removal, by death, of Miss Lizzie Starre, a young but devoted teacher, who, from the midst of a promising and already useful and honorable career, has early passed into rest from all life's labors.

Miss Sara Cavanagh was appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Miss Starre.

Miss Lizzie W. Clark having resigned her position in the Center Higher Intermediate School, Mrs. Abbie N. Hamblin was transferred from the Conant St. School to fill the vacancy. The vacancy in the Conant St. School has been filled by Miss Mary C. Richardson.

ATTENDANCE, 1880.

Total number, Spring term,	860
“ “ Fall term	861
“ “ Present term,	902
Distributed as follows:	
Spring term, Primary Departments,	390
Fall “ “ “	369
Present “ “ “	360
Spring term, Intermediate Department,	162
Fall “ “ “	166
Present “ “ “	167
Spring term, Higher Intermediate Department,	138
Fall “ “ “ “	149
Present “ “ “ “	149
Spring term, Grammar School,	105

Fall term Grammar School,	95
Present term, Grammar School,	93
Spring term, High School,	65
Fall “ “ “	82
Present “ “ “	84
Young Men's School, Present term,	50

COURSE OF STUDY IN THE HIGH SCHOOL.

FIRST YEAR.

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

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

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

SECOND YEAR.

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

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

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

THIRD YEAR.

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

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

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

FOURTH YEAR.

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

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

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

Compositions and Declamations every Friday afternoon during the course.

Practical Book-keeping twice a week during the 2d, 3d,

4th, 5th and 6th terms. This study is required of every scholar.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

SCHOOL-HOUSE REPAIRS.

John W. Beatty, labor,	\$0 75
B. H. Dyer, glass and setting,	1 00
J. G. Whitcomb, taking down and putting up bell, Eastern building,	4 95
Rufus Williams, labor,	10 00
Francis Hamilton, whitewashing fences,	3 15
James Campbell, sodding Conant St. school-yard,	20 00
Joseph W. Cook, paint and labor, Johnson St. house,	5 46
George Allen, lumber and lime,	9 03
S. D. Nickerson, labor & material, Western building,	5 16
Dyer & Smith, glass and setting,	10 88
Sparrow & Snow, iron thresholds,	5 20
George C. Hill, labor and material, Centre and Johnson St. buildings,	14 85
P. Crocker, labor on bell,	1 65
J. & L. N. Paine, brooms, pails, etc.,	2 16
J. D. Hilliard, nails, whitewash brushes, etc.,	3 90
Alfred Small, lumber,	39
J. A. West, glazing and repairs,	21 60
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	\$120 13

Appropriation,	\$75 00
Sale of lumber,	5 47
Deficiency,	39 66
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	\$120 13

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

James Engles, stove repairs,	\$4 70
J. Harvey Dearborn, census of school children,	12 00
Centenary Church, use of for graduating exercises,	15 00
A. H. Andrews & Co., blackboard erasers,	9 75
Sparrow & Snow, stove repairs,	14 50
Rufus Williams, cleaning privy,	3 50
Warren Fielding, water pails,	1 20

N. E. School Furnishing Co., settees,	\$22 96
J. D. Hilliard, supplies,	30 94
A. L. Putnam & Co.,	88 56
J. & L. N. Paine, supplies,	6 48
Josiah Snow, labor,	5 25
A. T. Williams, supplies,	83
Sparrow & Snow, supplies,	2 35
Chas. H. Holway, labor,	8 50
J. A. West, furniture and repairs,	34 04
H. H. Sylvester, advertising coal proposals and printing,	17 75
Samuel Taylor, cleaning Western school-rooms and outbuildings,	17 00
Mrs. L. P. Baxter, cleaning Conant St. rooms and outbuildings,	7 00
Mrs. Julia Ahearn, cleaning Eastern school-rooms and outbuildings,	17 00
Henry Harvender, cleaning Centre school-rooms and outbuildings,	17 00
Mrs. Geo. C. Hill, cleaning Johnson St. school- rooms and outbuildings and stove,	8 00
Truant Committee, D. F. Lewis,	7 00
J. W. Beatty,	7 75
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	\$359 06
Appropriation,	\$300 00
Deficiency,	59 06
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	\$359 06

RENTS.

Winter term, 1879 and 1880 :	
Vestry of Orthodox Church for High School, 13 weeks, at \$4.95,	\$64 35
Est. Jeremiah Stone, rooms in second story for Higher Intermediate School 13 weeks, at \$4.00,	52 00
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	\$116 35
Spring term, 1880 :	
Vestry of Orthodox Church, 13 weeks at \$4.95	\$64 35
Stone building rooms, 13 w'ks at \$4,	52 00
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	116 35

Fall term, 1880:
 Vestry of Orthodox Church, 12 weeks
 at \$4.95, \$59 40
 Stone building rooms, 12 w'ks at \$4, 48 00

107 40

\$340 10

Appropriation, \$225 00
 Deficiency, 115 10
 \$340 10

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Winter Term, 1879 and 1880.

	Number of Weeks.	Salary per Week.	Amount per Year of 38 Weeks.	Amount for the Term.
J B Hingeley, Prin. High School,	13	\$25 00	\$950 00	\$325 00
Hattie F Weeks, Ass't do,	13	10 00	380 00	130 00
H D Newton, Prin Gram. School,	13	20 00	760 00	260 00
Addie S Mitchell, Ass't do	13	9 00	342 00	117 00
Ella A Small, High. Intermediate,	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Lizzie W Clark, do	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Rebecca D Sparks, do	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
S Lizzie Starr, Intermediate,	6	7 00	266 00	42 00
Abbie N Abbott, do	7	7 00	266 00	49 00
Annie B Frellick, do	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
Lizzie P Chapman, do	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
M Jennie Keefe, Primary,	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Abbie C Sparks, do	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Isalinda Chapman, do	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Lucinda W Whorf, do	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Bessie G Wiley, do	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Emma L Chapman, do	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Abbie N Abbott, do	6	6 50	247 00	39 00
Emma L Paine, do	7	6 50	247 00	45 50
Total Yearly Salaries,			\$5,928 00	
Total Salaries for Winter Term,				\$20,28 00

Spring Term 1880.

	Number of Weeks.	Salary per Week.	Amount per Year of 38 Weeks.	Amount for the Term.
J B Hingeley, Prin. High School,	13	\$25 00	\$950 00	\$325 00
Hattie F Weeks, Ass't do,	13	10 00	380 00	130 00
H D Newton, Prin. Gram. School,	13	20 00	760 00	260 00
Addie S Mitchell, Ass't do,	13	9 00	342 00	117 00
Ella A Small, High. Intermediate,	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Lizzie W Clark, do	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Rebecca D Sparks, do	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Annie B Frellick, Intermediate,	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
Abbie C Sparks, do	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
Lucinda W Whorf, do	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
M Jennie Keefe, Primary,	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Bessie G Wiley, do	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Nellie B Hilliard, do	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Isalinda Chapman, do	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
S Lizzie Starr, do	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Emma Chapman, do	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Abbie N Abbott, do	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Total Yearly Salaries			\$5,928 00	
Total Salaries for Spring Term,				\$2,028 00

Fall Term.

J B Hingeley, Prin High School,	12	\$25 00	\$950 00	\$300 00
Hattie F Weeks, Assistant do	12	10 00	380 00	120 00
H D Newton, Prin Gram School,	12	20 00	760 00	240 00
Addie S Mitchell, Assistant do	12	9 00	342 00	108 00
Lizzie W Clark, High Intermed'e	12	8 50	323 00	102 00
Rebecca D Sparks, do	12	8 50	323 00	102 00
Ella A Small, do	11	8 50	323 00	93 50
Abbie N Hamlin, do	1	8 50	8 50	8 50
Annie B Frelleck, Intermediate,	12	7 00	266 00	84 00
Abbie C Sparks, do	12	7 00	266 00	84 00
Lucinda W Whorf, do	12	7 00	266 00	84 00
M Jennie Keefe, Primary,	12	6 50	247 00	78 00
Bessie G Wiley, do	12	6 50	247 00	78 00
Nellie B Hilliard, do	12	6 50	247 00	78 00
Isalinda Chapman, do	12	6 50	247 00	78 00
Emma Chapman, do	12	6 50	247 00	78 00
Sarah C Cavanagh, do	12	6 50	247 00	78 00
Abbie N Hamlin, do	11	6 50	247 00	71 50
Emily Ewell, do	1	6 50	6 50	6 50
Total yearly salaries,			\$5,928 00	
Total salaries for the term,				\$1,872 00

JANITOR'S SALARIES.

	Building.	No. of Wk's.	Price per Week.	Amount.
WINTER TERM.				
Paul Dyer, fires and sweeping,	Eastern,	13	2 00	26 00
George C. Hill, do	Johnson Street,	13	1 00	13 00
Henry Harvender, do	Centre and Stone	13	3 25	42 25
Chas. C. Atkins, do	High School,	13	1 25	16 25
C. A. H. Beatty, do	West'n & Conant	13	3 00	39 00
				\$136 50
SPRING TERM.				
Paul L Dyer, fires, sweeping,	Eastern,	13	2 00	26 00
George C Hill, do	Johnson Street,	13	1 00	13 00
Henry Harvender, do	Centre and Stone	13	3 25	42 25
Chas C Atkins, do	High School,	13	1 00	13 00
C A H Beatty, do	West'n & Conant	13	3 00	39 00
				\$133 25
FALL TERM.				
Geo A Beaty, fires, sweeping,	West'n & Conant	12	3 00	36 00
Henry Harvender, do	Centre and Stone	12	3 25	39 00
Geo C Hill, do	Johnson Street,	12	1 00	12 00
Caleb Fisher, do	Eastern,	1	2 00	2 00
J W Anthony, do	do	10	2 00	20 00
Chas C Atkins, do	High School,	12	1 00	12 00
				\$121 00

RECAPITULATION.

Balance in town treasury Jan. 1, 1880, \$2,179 87

Deduct :
Salaries, Winter term 1879 & 1880,
Teachers, \$2,028 00
Janitors, 136 50
2,164 50

Balance to new school year of 1880 and 1881, \$15 37
Town appropriation for 1880 and until the close
of the winter term of 1880 and 1881, \$6,500 00
Massachusetts school fund, 238 93
\$6,754 30

Deduct :
Salaries, Spring term 1880,
Teachers, \$2,028 00
Janitors, 133 25
\$2,161 25
Salaries, Fall term 1880,
Teachers, \$1,872 00
Janitors, 121 00
\$1,993 00

FUEL.

J. D. Hilliard, bal. contract
1879, 8 600-2000 tons
coal, \$5.16, \$42 83
A. T. Williams, as per con-
tract, 62 100-2000 tons
coal, \$5.35, 334 38
J. D. Hilliard, wood kind-
lings, 16 51
\$393 72
\$4,547 97

Jan. 1, 1881, balance in hands of town
Treasurer, \$2,206 33

At the close of the present term of 13
weeks there will be due, to be de-
ducted from the above balance :

Salaries of teachers,	\$2,112 00	
Salaries of janitors,	153 00	
Fuel,	50 00	
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	\$2,315 00	
School year, short of requirements,		\$108 67
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		\$2,315 00

BOY'S WINTER SCHOOL.

Salary of Seth S. Crocker, teaching 12 weeks, \$16.00,		\$192 00
Marshall L. Adams, rent,		50 00
John Adams, janitor,		10 00
James Engles, stove and pipe,		9 35
J. D. Hilliard, 1 ton coal,		5 16
A. H. Andrews & Co., reversible blackboard,		14 00
J. A. West, supplies,		9 47
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		\$289 98
Balance in treasury Jan. 1, 1880,	\$275 48	
Sale stove and pipe,	8 00	
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		\$283 48
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Balance charged to new year,		6 50
Appropriation, 1880,	\$300 00	
Balance in town treasury,		\$293 50
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		\$300 00

SCHOOL-BOOK ACCOUNT.

Dr.

Jan. 1, 1880, books and case,		\$351 32
Balance due A. L. Putnam & Co.,		16 03
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		\$335 29

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Jan. 1, 1881, books on hand,		\$346 76
Balance due A. L. Putnam & Co.,		11 47
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		\$335 29

RECOMMENDATIONS.

For salaries of teachers, janitors, and for fuel there will be required the sum of	\$6,700 00
For incidental expenses,	400 00
For school-house repairs,	300 00
For salary of teacher, fuel and other expenses,	300 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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

School Committee.

Provincetown, Dec. 31, 1880.