

# SELECTMEN'S ANNUAL REPORT

—ON THE—

## FINANCES

—OF THE—

### TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN,

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1884,

—AND THE—

Reports of the Treasurer, Town Clerk, Auditor, Overseers of the  
Poor, Engineers and School Committee.

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# Annual Report of the Selectmen for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1884.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN :

Having been called to direct, and, in some measure, to control your public affairs, for the past municipal year, it may not be unprofitable nor amiss, that, at its close, we should cast a look behind, to discover if possible some good which may have resulted to the Town from ~~over~~ our administration.

Called to a position both honorable and responsible by our fellow citizens, we desire to gratefully acknowledge our obligations for such manifestations of their confidence and esteem. Not insensible of the fact that a successful administration depends much on experience and a just discrimination of Town affairs.

But having at the Annual Meeting of 1880 entered upon the trust with which we were charged, we dared its responsibilities, and with your indulgent kindness and assistance, have endeavored to perform our parts faithfully, if not acceptably to all, and to the best of our ability, knowing as we do that public service at best is thankless. The highest reward we have sought was a consciousness of honorable intentions and an honest discharge of duty.

At every step we have used the most vigilant and zealous care, and to every obligation we have exercised a scrupulous regard that when our official course was ended, our deeds might commend themselves to our consciences, and if it

might be, to the approbation of our fellow citizens. That the sharp eye of criticism would follow us, we surely expected; that we have made mistakes we frankly confess. But we do unhesitatingly declare that we look back upon the past with no desire to recall a single official act; that in no instance have we knowingly allowed the public good to be made subservient to private interests, and that in all of our doings we have been actuated by the single desire to accomplish the greatest good for the greatest number, *without the fear or favor of any man*. For any success in the attainment of such ends, we neither ask for nor are we entitled to any thanks. A plain honest discharge of duty is but the reasonable service of any public servant. It is needless to remark that the cares and labors devolving upon a Board of Selectmen are not a little perplexing, and fast multiplying. Unlike those exercising higher and more dignified administrative duties, the Selectmen of a small town like ours, find themselves brought into daily contact with those they represent, their friends and neighbors, whose diversified and often conflicting opinions, they are expected to reconcile and harmonize. The relation is direct and does not admit of mediation.

Within the scope of their legitimate duties is the protection of all good citizens in their social and business relations; the restraint and punishment of vice and crime; the promotion of a respect for law and order; and many other matters of common interest unnecessary to enumerate. All those ultimately concern the welfare and happiness of our people. But to be able to discharge these several relations satisfactorily to one's self and leave behind the greatest proofs of fidelity is no easy task. The path of duty is not always clear, obstacles and difficulties oftentimes embarrassing, obstruct the way. Failure rather than success will sometimes result, even though we be directed by the highest attainable wisdom. How imperative then the obli-

gation, that every public officer should carefully acquaint himself with the nature and requirements of the position he occupies, to the end that to every duty he may apply a correct judgment and be able to discharge the same in a thorough, punctual and intelligent manner.

### Street Lights.

Acting under your instruction, we have caused to be erected and maintained, 82 Street Lights. The following is the itemized cost of the same: We purchased March 15th, 31 Posts at \$1.45, \$44.95; 33 Lanterns and frames at \$4.15, \$136.95; April 24th, 46 Posts at \$1.45, \$66.70; 2 Posts at \$2.25, \$4.50; 39 Lanterns and frames at \$4.10, \$159.90; expenses to Boston and back, \$9.00; paid cash for labor on posts and setting, \$29.59; freight, \$25.37; ladders, \$6.50; teaming, \$14.50; faucets, \$1.40; measures and shears, \$2.07; glass, \$4.05; painting, \$17.36; expressage, \$1.50; extra lamps, chimneys, burners and wicks, \$49.35; two lamp lighters, \$4.00; cloth, \$3.50; salt, \$0.70; matches, \$0.49; oil, \$89.43; R. E. Mayo salary, \$175.00; R. E. Mayo, lighting, 5 extra nights, \$5.80, making a total amount of payments, \$852.61; less material sold: 10 posts, \$15.55; 2 lanterns, \$8.55; 1 reflector, \$2.75; 18 barrels, \$27.00; leaving a net expense for lighting the streets of \$798.76; being \$1.24 less than was appropriated.

Of the number of departments under the control of the Selectmen for which appropriations were made at the last annual meeting, only three show a deficiency and those are small, while a greater part show we have not exceeded your allowances.

### Memorial Day.

The sum of \$50.00 has been appropriated annually for the observance of this day. The Army and Navy association in the past have had funds in the Treasury and have expended it with that given by the town, until the year



just closed, they being without funds made it more expensive (\$10.00 deficiency) for the town.

Coming as this day does in the spring of the year, a legal Holiday for all our citizens, it seems a greater sum should be appropriated for a proper observance of the day.

### Cemeteries.

About 500 feet of fence was built on the back of the Cemetery during the year, thus completing all the broken down fence. The fences are now in good order and will need but small appropriations for years to come. We thought it better to complete the whole this year, building more than we anticipated at the annual meeting, hence the deficiency of \$7.94.

### Incidental Expenses.

This is a most uncertain and difficult appropriation concerning which to make an estimate for the future. At the last annual meeting we estimated there would be needed for this department \$2,000.00 with the ordinary incomes of licenses during the year. At that meeting it was voted that the subject matter of drainage on High and Lothrop's Hills be left with the Selectmen. We done the best we could in the matter by causing Reservoirs to be built to protect the citizens in that neighborhood, at an expense of \$132.17. By an act of the Legislature passed after the adjournment of our annual meeting, a Board of Registrars were appointed at a cost of \$75.00 to the town. Could these have been estimated, we should have a balance in this department.

In conclusion, we desire to urge your careful attention to the various wants of the town for the coming year. Mistakes, sometimes serious, are too often the result of a lack of that candid examination and reflection which alone will enable us to make correct estimates of our necessities. Knowing as you well do, the losses that have been made in

the fisheries during the year just closed, the poor prospect of the year to come, we think appropriations only should be made for the actual necessities of the town. And when you have done this, command that every Town Officer who disburses your money, shall be held to a strict accountability for the manner in which his service is performed. Insist upon such systematic business methods as will limit your expenditures to such amounts as you may designate. Our simple, plain duty in any and every sphere in which we may be called to act, is to labor diligently and honestly for the best interests of all our people, and with a determined effort that this town may become what we all most earnestly desire, a pleasant and happy home for all its citizens.

MARSHALL L. ADAMS,	} Selectmen of Provincetown.
C. H. DYER,	
B. O. GROSS,	



## Financial Statement, Dec. 31, 1884.

## VALUATION MAY 1, 1884.

Personal Estate,	\$1,039,713 00
Real Estate,	936,850 00
<b>Total Valuation,</b>	<b>\$1,976,563 00</b>
Total number of Polls,	1286
Register Voters, Oct. 29, 1884,	856
Tax on each Poll,	\$2 00
Total tax for State, County and Town purposes,	\$30,441 53
Rate per cent. on \$1000,	\$14 10
Total number of Horses,	86
“ “ of Cows,	41
“ “ of Dwellings,	913
“ “ of Acres of Land,	955

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1884.

Watch and police,	\$250 00
Temperance cause,	200 00
Interest on demand loans,	450 00
Abatement of taxes,	300 00
Decorating Soldiers' Graves,	50 00
Town Hill and fences,	100 00
Cemetery repairs,	75 00
New school-house loan and interest,	1325 00
Rail Road loan and interest,	2700 00
Support of poor and salary,	4000 00
Road and walks,	2500 00
Public Library,	300 00
Fire department,	2100 00
Public schools,	7600 00
School-house repairs,	400 00
School incidentals,	500 00
Boys' winter school,	200 00
Discount and collection of taxes,	700 00
Incidental expenses,	2000 00
Street lights,	300 00
Street lights additional, April 19th,	500 00
<b>Town expenses,</b>	<b>\$26550 00</b>
State tax,	2300 00
County tax,	1390 70
Overlayings,	200 83
Non-resident bank tax,	1823 30
<b>Total amount of Collector's warrant,</b>	<b>\$32264 83</b>
Rate per thousand, \$14.10.	
May 1st, Personal Estate, \$1,039,713.00 at \$14.10	
per thousand,	\$14659 95
Real Estate, \$936,850.00 at \$14.10 per thousand,	13209 58
1286 polls at \$2.00,	2572 00
Non-resident bank tax,	1823 30
<b>Total.</b>	<b>\$32264 83</b>

DR.	WATCH AND POLICE.	CR.
Feb. 12, 1884.	1884.	
To appropriation, \$250 00	Feb. 23, by payments, \$11 75	
	June 14, " 14 37	
	Sept. 27, " 17 00	
	Nov. 29, " 26 58	
	Dec. 31, " 166 49	
	Dec. 31, Bal. in treas. 13 81	
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	\$250 00	\$250 00
DR.	TEMPERANCE CAUSE.	CR.
Feb. 12, 1884.	1884.	
To appropriation, \$200 00	June 29, by payments, \$50 00	
	Dec. 31, Bal. in treas. 150 00	
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	\$200 00	\$200 00
DR.	INTEREST ON DEMAND LOANS.	CR.
Feb. 12, 1884.	1884.	
To appropriation, \$450 00	Jan. 26, by payments, \$11 00	
	Mar. 29, " 3 00	
	April 26, " 85 00	
	May 31, " 103 13	
	Aug. 30, " 32 62	
	Sept. 27, " 10 42	
	Oct. 25, " 112 85	
	Nov. 29, " 3 33	
	Dec. 31, " 88 06	
	Dec. 31, Bal. in treas. 59	
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	\$450 00	\$450 00
DR.	ABATEMENT OF TAXES.	CR.
Feb. 12, 1884.	1884.	
To appropriation, \$300 00	Feb. 29, by payments, \$19 12	
ec. 31, interest col-	Aug. 30, " 16 92	
lected, \$24 99	Sept. 30, " 11 28	
	Oct. 31, " 5 64	
	Nov. 29, " 10 46	
	Dec. 31, " 261 13	
	Dec. 31, Bal. in treas. 0 44	
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	\$324 99	\$324 99

DR.	MEMORIAL DAY.	CR.
Feb. 12, 1884.	1884.	
To appropriation, \$50 00	May 31, by payments, \$50 00	
June 7, deficiency, 10 00	June 7, " 10 00	
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	\$60 00	\$60 00
DR.	TOWN HILL AND FENCES.	CR.
Feb. 12, 1884.	1884.	
To appropriation, \$100 00	Feb. 23, by payments, \$1 00	
	May 31, " 1 38	
	July 26, " 50 40	
	Aug. 30, " 29 50	
	Sept. 27, " 1 45	
	Dec. 31, " 6 72	
	Dec. 31, Bal. in treas. \$9 55	
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	\$100 00	\$100 00
DR.	CEMETERIES.	CR.
Feb. 12, 1884.	1884.	
To appropriations, \$75 00	Aug. 5, by payments, \$1 50	
Dec. 31, to sale of	Dec. 27, " 84 44	
old lumber, 3 00		
Dec. 31, deficiency, 7 94		
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	\$85 94	\$85 94
DR.	RAILROAD LOAN AND INTEREST.	CR.
Feb. 12, 1884.	1884.	
To appropriation, \$2700 00	Jan. 26, by payments, \$350 00	
	July 26, " 2350 00	
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	\$2700 00	\$2700 00
DR.	RAILROAD LOAN.	CR.
Jan. 1, 1884.	1884.	
To amount of	Dec. 31, by payments,	
Bonds outstanding, \$14000 00	{ See Rail Road }	
Aug. 1, to interest	{ Loan and int. }	\$2700 00
to date, 700 00	Dec. 31, Amount	
	Bond outstanding, 12000 00	
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	\$14700 00	\$14700 00

DR.	PUBLIC LIBRARY.	CR.
Jan. 12, 1884.		1884.
To Dog tax received,	\$90 80	Mar. 29, by payments, \$58 50
Feb. 12, appropriation,	300 00	May 31, " 12 23
		June 30, " 61 57
		Aug. 30, " 12 60
		Sept. 30, " 58 50
		Nov. 29, " 5 00
		Dec. 31, " 174 16
		Dec. 31, Bal. in treas. 8 24
	<u>\$390 80</u>	<u>\$390 80</u>

DR.	NEW SCHOOL HOUSE LOAN AND INTEREST.	CR.
Feb. 12, 1884.		1884.
To appropriation,	\$1325 00	July 1, by payments, \$162 50
		Dec. 31, " 1162 50
	<u>\$1325 00</u>	<u>\$1325 00</u>

DR.	NEW SCHOOL HOUSE LOAN.	CR.
Jan. 1, 1884.		1884.
To amount of liabilities,	\$6500 00	Dec. 31, by payment
Dec. 31, interest to date,	325 00	See New School House Loan and interest, } \$1325 00
		Dec. 31, by bal. liabilities, 5500 00
	<u>\$6825 00</u>	<u>\$6825 00</u>

DR.	FIRE DEPARTMENT.	CR.
Feb. 12, 1884.		1884.
To appropriation,	\$2100 00	Apr. 26, payments, \$1613 20
		June 30, " 32 75
		Aug. 30, " 11 00
		Oct. 31, " 12 57
		Dec. 31, " 175 09
		Dec. 31, Bal. in treas. 255 39
	<u>\$2100 00</u>	<u>\$2100 00</u>

DR.	SUPPORT OF THE POOR.	CR.
Feb. 12, 1884.		1884.
To appropriation,	\$4000 00	Jan. 30, by paym'ts, \$520 28
Dec. 31, 1884.		Feb. 29, " 151 67
To cash received for insane persons,	391 28	March 31, " 479 29
To cash from Commonwealth,	227 04	April 26, " 311 01
To cash from town of Brewster,	79 46	May 31, " 176 77
To cash from town of Truro,	72 26	June 30, " 305 83
To cash for temporary aid,	44 45	July 26, " 402 39
To cash for Alms-house,	1 00	Aug. 30, " 163 33
To cash for Albert Smith,	1 30	Sept. 30, " 171 13
To cash for Eliza McCurdy,	1 25	Oct. 25, " 465 50
	<u>\$4818 04</u>	Nov. 29, " 241 05
		Dec. 31, " 398 21
		Dec. 31, Salaries, 450 00
		Dec. 31 Bal. in treas. 581 58
		<u>\$4818 04</u>

DR.	ROADS AND WALKS.	CR.
Feb. 12, 1884.		1884.
To appropriation,	\$2500 00	Jan. 30, by payments, \$27 98
Dec. 31, material sold,	44 55	Feb. 29, " 27 81
Dec. 31, deficiency,	669 79	March 31, " 132 34
		April 26, " 647 60
		May 31, " 694 20
		June 30, " 201 30
		July 26, " 388 95
		Aug. 30, " 278 97
		Sept. 27, " 483 80
		Oct. 25, " 109 28
		Nov. 29, " 56 08
		Dec. 31, " 166 03
	<u>\$3214 34</u>	<u>\$3214 34</u>



DR.	PUBLIC SCHOOLS.	CR.
Jan. 1, 1884,	1884.	
To balance in the	Feb. 29,	
treasury, \$364 39	By payments, \$2549 49	
Jan. 30. Mass.	May 31, "	10 84
school fund recd., 235 90	June 30, "	2521 81
Feb. 12, to appro-	July 26, "	3 00
priation, 7600 00	Sept. 30, "	110 00
	Nov. 22, "	2172 78
	Dec. 31, "	510 38
	Dec. 31, Bal. in treas. 321 99	
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	\$8200 29	\$8200 29

DR.	SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.	CR.
Feb. 12, 1884.	1884.	
To appropriation, \$400 00	Feb. 23, by payments, \$5 00	
Dec. 31, to deficiency, 15 35	June 28, "	2 50
	July 26, "	248 50
	Aug. 30, "	76 73
	Sept. 30, "	7 60
	Nov. 29, "	41 25
	Dec. 31, "	33 77
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	\$415 35	\$415 35

DR.	SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.	CR.
Feb. 12, 1884.	1884.	
To appropriation, \$500 00	Feb. 29, by payments, \$47 00	
Dec. 31, to deficiency, 787 45	May 31, "	2 50
	July 26, "	38 00
	Aug. 30, "	98 18
	Sept. 30, "	161 26
	Oct. 25, "	538 44
	Nov. 29, "	126 28
	Dec. 31, "	275 79
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	\$1287 45	\$1287 45

DR.	BOYS WINTER SCHOOL.	CR.
Jan. 1, 1884.	1884.	
To balance in the	Feb. 29, by payments \$262 50	
treasury, \$89 25	Dec. 31, " 26 57	
Feb. 12, appropria-	Dec. 31, Bal. in treas. 18	
tion, 200 00		
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	\$289 25	\$289 25

DR.	STATE AND MILITARY AID.	CR.
Dec. 16, 1884.	1884.	
To cash received from	Jan. 1, by balance due	
Commonwealth, \$376 00	from Common-	
Dec. 31, to discount	wealth, \$376 00	
one-half Military	Jan. 26, by payments, 38 00	
Aid, chap. 252, 25 00	Feb. 23, " 38 00	
Dec. 31 Bal. due from	March 29, " 38 00	
Commonwealth, 341 00	April 26, " 28 00	
	May 31, " 28 00	
	June 28, " 28 00	
	July 26, " 28 00	
	Aug. 30, " 34 00	
	Sept. 27, " 34 00	
	Oct. 25, " 24 00	
	Nov. 29, " 24 00	
	Dec. 27, " 24 00	
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	\$742 00	\$742 00

DR.	STREET LIGHTS.	CR.
Feb. 12, 1884.	1884.	
To appropriation, \$300 00	Mar. 29, by paym'ts, \$244 98	
April 9, to appropria-	Apr. 26, " 189 75	
tion, 500 00	May 31, " 149 78	
Dec. 31, to material	June 30, " 52 75	
sold, 53 85	July 26, " 55 98	
	Aug. 30, " 23	
	Sept. 30, " 62 10	
	Nov. 30, " .6 05	
	Dec. 31, " 90 99	
	Dec. 31, Bal. in treas. 1 24	
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	\$853 85	\$853 85

DR.	HEALTH DEPARTMENT.	CR.
Feb. 12, 1884.	1884.	
No appropriation.	May 31, by payments,	\$3 50
Dec. 31, to deficiency,	July 26, "	12 00
	Nov. 29, "	4 00
	Dec. 31, "	53 00
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	\$72 50	\$72 50

DR.	STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.	CR.
Jan. 30, 1884.	1884.	
To balance corporation tax, 1883,	Dec. 16, by State tax,	\$2300 00
Feb. 12, to appropriation,	Dec. 16, by County tax,	1390 70
Dec. 16, to corporation tax, 1884,	Dec. 16, by non resident bank tax,	1717 76
Dec. 16, to national bank tax,	Dec. 31, bal. in treas.	429 77
Dec. 16, tax on foreign ships,		
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	\$5838 23	\$5838 23

DR.	DISCOUNT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES	CR.
Feb. 12, 1884.	1884.	
To appropriation,	Aug. 30, by payments,	\$15 00
Dec. 31, to interest collected,	Dec. 31, "	717 80
	Dec. 31, Bal. in treas.	13 09
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	\$745 89	\$745 89

DR.	(COLLECTOR OF TAXES, 1881.)	CR.
	SETH SMITH.	
Jan. 1, 1884.	1884.	
To bal. taxes due,	Jan. 11, by cash,	\$3 95
	July 12, "	10 35
	Dec. 31, "	16 48
	Dec. 31, bal. taxes due,	466 44
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	\$497 22	\$497 22

DR.	(COLLECTOR OF TAXES 1882.)	CR.
	JOSEPH S. ATWOOD.	
Jan. 1, 1884.	1884.	
To bal. taxes due,	Jan. 5, by cash,	\$73 09
	Jan. 26, "	126 77
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	\$199 86	\$199 86

DR.	(COLLECTOR OF TAXES, 1883.)	CR.
	JOSEPH S. ATWOOD.	
Jan 1, 1884.	1884.	
To bal. taxes due,	Feb. 28, by cash to date,	\$4274 89
Dec. 31, to interest collected,	Mar. 31, by cash to date,	649 00
	April 30, by cash to date,	207 50
	June 30, by cash to date,	115 00
	Oct. 25, by cash to date,	600 00
	Nov. 30, by cash to date,	150 00
	Dec. 27, by cash to date,	262 89
	Dec. 31, by cash to date,	45 89
	Dec. 31, bal. taxes due,	415 98
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	\$6721 15	\$6721 15

DR.	(COLLECTOR OF TAXES, 1884.)	CR.
	JOSEPH S. ATWOOD.	
July 26, 1884.	1884.	
" To Town tax,	July 31, by cash to date,	\$4747 55
" To State tax,	Aug. 30, by cash,	5533 31
" To County tax,		

July, to overlayings, \$200 83	Sept. 30, by cash, \$1979 49
" Non-Resident	Oct. 25, " 1774 35
Bank tax, 1823 30	Nov. 29, " 2834 46
Dec. 31, Additional taxes Collected, 24 99	Dec. 31, " 5102 86
	" Discount of taxes, 356 61
	" Col. of taxes, 361 19
	" Bal. taxes due, 9600 00
\$32289 82	\$32289 82

DR.	DEMAND LOANS.	CR.
Jan. 1, 1884.	1884.	
To amount of liabilities, \$6700 00	Jan. 30, by payments, \$325 00	
Jan. 30, to loans, 300 00	March 8, " 50 00	
April 26, " 2500 00	May 17, " 1000 00	
May 31, " 2000 00	June 30, " 25 00	
June 30, " 3000 00	Aug. 30, " 4425 00	
July 8, " 500 00	Sept. 30, " 1100 00	
Nov. 22, " 1000 00	Oct. 30, " 1275 00	
Dec. 16, " 1000 00	Nov. 22, " 1000 00	
	Dec. 31, Balance liabilities, 7800 00	
\$17000 00	\$17000 00	

DR.	INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.	CR.
Feb. 12, 1884.	1884.	
To appropriation, \$2000 00	Feb. 23, By N. T. Freeman, printing Town Reports, \$125 00	
Dec. 31, to cash for Auctioneers' licenses, 11 00	Dec. 31, 1884.	
To cash for junk licenses, 12 00	N. T. Freeman, printing, 51 25	
To cash for weir licenses, 195 00	H. P. Harriman, legal advice, 19 00	
To cash for milk licenses, 27 00	H. P. Harriman, attending cases at Court, 75 00	
Deficiency, 65 29		

Masonic Building association, rents, .	\$27 00
Ward & Gay, books and stationery,	16 70
J. P. Johnson, services as moderator,	6 00
Soule & Bugbee, Law Books,	13 00
D. D. Smith, fixtures	3 90
Asa E. Lovell, records,	15 00
Freeman H. Lothrop, records,	4 00
James Gifford, records,	3 50
J. B. Cornish, records,	1 00
R. W. Swift, oaths,	7 00
Cleaning office,	2 52
J. A. West, for repairing furniture,	21 30
J. D. Hilliard, fuel,	16 70
Auditor's salary,	3 00
Milk Inspector's salary,	27 00
Instruments for milk Inspector,	15 15
A. L. Putman & Co., stationery,	4 88
M. L. Adam's expenses to Boston,	11 00
Expenses on ballot box,	10 90
G. H. Holmes, steps,	4 30
Keeper of Lockup, salary,	15 00
Stove pipe for Jail,	3 40
Buckets for Jail,	2 55
Glass for Jail,	40
Reservoirs,	132 17
Carriage hire,	4 25
H. J. Lancy, lettering,	1 00
Town Hall Committee,	20 00
Registrars' of voters salary,	75 00



1 registration book,	\$1 80
1 vote register,	1 08
Joseph Whitcomb; summons,	2 32
P. C. Young, box rent,	1 00
George F. Johnson, painting,	1 33
Office rent,	100 00
Selectmen's salary,	400 00
Assessing taxes,	630 00
Janitor's fees,	12 00
J. M. Crocker, re- turning 46 births,	11 50
A. H. Newton, re- turning 5 births,	1 25
W. W. Gleason, re- turning 4 births,	1 00
Jos. Whitcomb, re- turning 92 deaths,	23 00
Seth Smith, return- ing 16 births of 1883,	8 00
Seth Smith, services as Treasurer,	250 00
Services as sealer of weights and meas- ures,	20 00
Attending elections, Provincetown and Truro, and record- ing the same,	15 00
Recording 55 marriages,	8 25
Recording 20 deaths,	4 00
Recording 72 deaths,	7 20
Recording 101 births,	50 50
Postage and expressage,	7 69
Attending annual and special meetings and recording the same.	15 50

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## Report of the Treasurer.

DR.		CR.
Cash in the treas- ury Jan. 1, 1884,	\$86 71	The Treasurer has paid out upon vouchers the following sums:
Mass. school fund,	235 90	Support of poor,
County dog fund,	90 80	Incidentals,
Borrowed money,	10,300 00	Public schools,
Received on acc't of poor,	818 04	State and military aid,
Weir licenses,	195 00	Watch and police,
Auctioneer and other licenses,	23 00	Railroad loan and interest,
Sale of old plank, (Roads and walks),	27 55	Interest on demand loans,
Sale of clay, (roads and walks),	17 00	New school house loan and interest,
Milk licenses,	27 00	Boys' winter school,
State and Military aid for 1883,	376 00	School incidentals,
Taxes of 1881,	30 78	School house repairs,
Taxes of 1882,	199 86	Public library,
Taxes of 1883,	6,259 28	Cemeteries and fences,
Taxes of 1884,	22,664 83	Town Hill and fences,
Interest on taxes,	45 89	Decoration day,
Lamp department,	53 85	Health department,
Balance corporation tax for 1883,	1 85	Fire department,
Corporation tax for 1884,	1,354 93	Roads and walks,
National bank tax,	1,291 90	Temperance cause,
Foreign ship tax,	189 55	Town debt,
Additional taxes,	24 99	Street lights,
Sale of old fence, (Cemeteries),	3 00	State tax,
		County tax,
		Non-resident, bank tax,
		Abatement of taxes,
		Discount and collec- tion of taxes,
		Balance in the treas- ury, Dec. 31, 1884

\$44,317 71

\$44,317 71

## LIABILITIES, Dec. 31, 1884.

Railroad loan,	\$12,000 00
Interest on same to Jan. 1885,	250 00
New school-house loan,	5,500 00
Demand loans,	7,800 00
Interest on same to Jan. 1, 1885,	92 49
Public schools,	321 99
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	\$25,964 48

## ASSETS.

Due from the Commonwealth for State and Military aid,	\$341 00
Taxes of 1881, not collected,	466 44
Taxes of 1883, not collected,	415 98
Taxes of 1884, not collected,	9,600 00
Cash in the Treasury, Dec. 31, 1884,	505 37
Net liabilities,	14,635 69
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	\$25,964 48
Jan. 1, 1884, net obligations,	\$20,222 76
Jan. 1, 1885, net obligation,	\$14,635 69
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Reduction the past year,	\$5,587 07

Respectfully submitted,

SETH SMITH, TOWN TREASURER.

## Report of Auditor.

The Committee chosen by the Town to audit its accounts, having performed that duty would respectfully report :

The Book of General Orders, and Cash Book of Treasurer and Selectmen have been carefully examined and every thing found in a satisfactory condition. Every account entered upon Book of General Orders, was duly indorsed by accompanying voucher, and the accounts of the several departments were correctly balanced.

The tabular statement below shows the result of the examination :

Balance in treasury,		Paid out on proper	
Jan. 1, 1884,	\$86 71	vouchers,	\$43,812 34
Receipts of the		Balance in bank as	
year,	44,231 00	per deposit book,	505 37
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	\$44,317 71		\$44,317 71
Total number of bills audited,			903
Total amount of claims paid,			\$43,812 34

A. L. PUTMAN, AUDITOR.



## Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

In submitting our report for the year, we take pleasure in announcing a continued improvement in the financial aspect of the department. While keeping within the appropriation, we have been able to supply the needs of the poor, besides having a good balance in the Treasury at the end of the year.

Poverty we have with us always; and while the fact of its existence is beyond our control and will always largely command our sympathies, still no effort should be wanting and no pains spared to render this burden upon our citizens as light as possible consistent with our obligations to those less fortunate than ourselves. Poverty, although not in itself a crime, if not properly treated, often leads to it. It matters but little in the first instance from what source it springs, even though from the criminality of the sufferer, our charity is invoked all the same. In most cases it is enough to know that the need exists and to supply that need in a proper and legitimate manner. Age, misfortune, accident, or sickness may reduce any one of us to that extremity which shall call for the same charity we should extend to others.

The inmates of the Almshouse the past year as heretofore have been kindly and gently treated, well cared for and made comfortable.

MARSHALL L. ADAMS, } Overseers  
C. H. DYER, } of  
LUTHER NICKERSON, } the Poor.

## Support of the Poor in the Almshouse.

Salary of Superintendent,	\$260 00
Groceries and provisions,	394 58
Fuel and lights,	92 92
Clothing and bedding,	27 66
Boots and shoes,	15 30
Repairs,	81 37
Furniture and fixtures,	34 58
Medical attendance,	12 00
Medicine,	11 40
Nursing,	2 50
Burial expenses,	11 87
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	\$944 18
Less cash received,	1 00
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Net cost of the poor in the Almshouse,	\$943 18
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Remaining in the Almshouse, Jan. 1st, 1884,	11
Admitted during the year,	4
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Whole number supported,	15
Discharged,	6
Died,	3—9
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Remaining in the Almshouse, Dec. 31st, 1884,	6
Number of persons fully supported,	24
Number of families partially supported,	49
Number of dependents of families,	113
Number of tramps,	7



Inmates of the Almshouse from January 1, 1884, to January 1, 1885.

NAME.	AGE.	BIRTHPLACE.	NATURE OF SETTLEMENT.	WHEN REG.	REMARKS.
Lucy A. Hill.	69	Boston.	Marriage.	1851	
Zilla D. Howe.	54	Eastham.	Father.	1858	
Rebecca F. Hill.	37	Provincetown.	Father.	1868	Discharged Jan. 29, 1884.
Reuben A. Smith.	35	Provincetown.	Father.	1870	
Sarah Wareham.	69	Boston.	Marriage.	1873	
Joseph A. Hill.	41	Provincetown.	Mother.	1873	
Edward B. Lewis.	75	Maine.	Taxation.	1876	Died March 14, 1884.
Eliza McCurdy.	86	Liverpool, Eng.	Act 1874.	1880	Died Aug. 7, 1884.
Hannah E. McIntosh.	35	Provincetown.	Father.	1880	Discharged May 1, 1884.
James P. Smith.	11	Provincetown.	Mother.	1880	Discharged May 1, 1884.
Henry F. Smith.	4	Provincetown.	Mother.	1880	Discharged May 1, 1884.
Albert Smith.	17	Harbor de Bush, N.S.	None.	1884	State Pauper, died June 14, '84
Florence Scannell.	17	Provincetown.	Father.	1884	
Joshua Hutchins.	70	Boston.	Taxation.	1884	Discharged Oct. 9, 1884.
Patrick McCarty.	35	Boston.	Doubtful.	1884	Discharged Dec. 15, 1884.

## Support of the Poor out of the Almshouse.

Atkins, Henry,	\$16 39	McCurdy, Eliza,	12 60
Atwood, Samuel A.,		Marston, Leon C.,	46 35
Boston,	24 85	Mayo, Joseph A.,	167 69
Briggs, Mary A.,		Morris, Joseph, 2d,	
Boston,	19 00	and fam.,	78 50
Bush, Priscilla, wid.,	48 00	Newcomb, Ida	122 90
Children of John E.		Nickerson H. B. and	
Collins,	4 50	fam.,	13 59
Caton, Sarah, wid.,	60 55	Noons, Caroline	25 00
Caton, Mary J., wid.,	10 00	Paine, Elizabeth wid.,	21 85
Costa, Isabella, wid.,	37 48	Perry, Mary wid.,	6 96
Costa, Justine, wid.,	36 00	Pettis, Samuel E.	70 75
Dunham, Mary, wid.,	13 74	Powers, Julia wid.,	27 81
Enos, Mary, wid.,	173 64	Scannel, Dennis	29 86
Enos, John,	19 10	Scannel, Florence	22 70
Enos, John, 2d,	4 00	Silver, Mary wid.,	7 05
Fine, Ellen,	176 03	Smith, Walter T.	
Ferreida, Joseph,	9 95	state workhouse,	94 00
Freeman, F. Y. and		Smith, Hannah E.	7 50
fam.,	124 88	Stone, John	20 60
Frates, Flora, wid.,	18 34	Smith, James and	
Grassie, Amelia, wid.,	42 58	fam.,	3 29
Grassie, Manuel,	2 00	Smith, Joshua	43 85
Greeley children,		Smith, Chester A.	
Truro,	2 50	state reform school,	11 14
Hodgdon, Nancy T.,	10 75	Sullivan, Hannah wid.,	60 00
Hooton, Laura A.		Son of Manuel F. D.	
and fam.,	20 00	Avilla,	10 20
Holway, Ebenezer,		Terry, Susan	46 17
state reform school,	31 14	Williams, Marion wid.,	21 55
Hill, Lucy A., wid.,	0 95	Williams, Mary wid.,	15 94
Joseph, Amelia,	3 00	Poor of other towns,	
Kelley, George F.		(reimbursed)	151 72
and fam., Barn-		State paupers,	82 46
stable,	144 00	Insane persons, (re-	
Lewis, James M. and		imbursed)	307 92
fam.,	11 87	Temporary aid, (re-	
Lima, Mary and fam.,	77 98	imbursed)	44 45
McCarty, Thomas,		Tramps,	5 50
and fam.,	48 38	Traveling expenses,	57 28
McCarty, Patrick,	13 50		

Amount paid for support of the poor out of the house, including State paupers,	\$2842 28
Amount paid for support of the poor in the almshouse,	944 18
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	\$3786 46
Less cash received,	818 04
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Net cost of the poor past year,	\$2968 42
Salaries of Overseers,	450 00
Balance in the Treasury,	581 58
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	\$4000 00

## Report of the Board of Health.

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The Board of Health would respectfully report that the town has been spared from any severe epidemic during the past year. We trust that we shall continue to enjoy this immunity, but it is to be feared from the appearance of Asiatic cholera in Europe in 1884, that this country will be visited by that dreaded scourge during the present year. Experience and experiment have shown that the only sure preventive against the spread of this disease is *cleanliness*. *All filth must be removed and its sources carefully watched.*

In a circular issued by this Board Nov. 17th, 1884, entitled "Suggestions relating to Epidemic Cholera," the necessity of taking certain steps to improve the sanitary condition of the town was urged. That the subject may be kept prominently before the citizens we reprint from that circular the following:

By removing at once all filth and its sources and keeping our houses and surroundings perfectly clean, we shall adopt the best means known of preventing the spread of this fatal disease, should we be so unfortunate as to receive an imported case.

The Board would remind the householders that the free use of sifted coal ashes is an easy and cheap method of preventing the contents of vaults from becoming liquid. This is important, as wells can be easily poisoned by material of this sort leaking into them. Many an epidemic has been fed in this manner.

The free use of white wash in pig pens (which should be placed as far as possible from wells and dwellings,) Chlor-



ide of Lime, Copperas, etc., in privies and drains is recommended.

No offal should be allowed to lie upon the shores.

These matters should be attended to *now*, that the opening of spring and summer may find us fortified against an attack of this mortal foe. Let every householder first see that his own premises are safe and then insist upon his neighbors' being rendered so.

In this connection we desire to call attention to the following, which it is believed has been persistently disregarded, viz. :

LAWS AND RESOLVES, 1884.

*Chap. 98, Sec. 1.*

"When a householder knows that a person within his family is sick of small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, or any other disease dangerous to the public health, he shall immediately give notice thereof to the Selectmen or Board of Health of the town in which he dwells, and upon the death, recovery or removal of such person the rooms occupied and the clothing and articles used by him shall be disinfected by such householder in manner approved by the Board of Health. Any person neglecting or refusing to comply with either of the above provisions shall forfeit a sum not exceeding \$100."

Cow's milk is such a common and necessary article of diet, and so many young children are dependent upon its purity for health and life, it is to be hoped that its inspection will be continued.

Vaccination of school children has been greatly neglected. An epidemic of small-pox would find this community badly prepared to cope with it. Vaccination is the only preventive known against this terrible malady.

DAVID S. KELLEY, }  
JOSEPH WHITCOMB, } Board  
J. M. CROCKER, } of  
Health.

## Report of Milk Inspector.

*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the Town of Provincetown:—*

I herewith submit my report of Milk Inspection: Whole number of Licenses fifty-four. Licenses to run until April, 1885. This being the first attempt to enforce the provisions of the Milk Law in the town of Provincetown, it was strenuously opposed by many of the dealers in milk, and that same spirit has animated them up to this time.— The law requires the person taking out a license to have upon each side of his wagon, his name, number and place of residence, and although it does not express that he shall have the word milk upon the sign, yet, it was the evident intent of the framers of the statute, that it should be there, as it was a milk license they applied for, and it was a license to sell milk that was granted them. Yet, any day may be seen wagons being driven through our streets and no one can tell what they are licensed for. I have called their attention to the anomaly and some of them have complied with the evident spirit of the law; while others continue as from the first, knowing that the law is not mandatory enough to compel them. As regards the milk that is being sold in the town, I know it will compare very favorably with any milk being sold in any town or city, in the State. I have made many private tests, and, have found it satisfactory; some better than others; but none so poor as to cause an interference on my part. I have had no complaints from any one, that their milk had been adulterated,

but of late many complaints as regards the flavor of the milk, caused no doubt by the feeding to the cows the low grade hay cut from the meadows and runs of the marshes, called Sage hay, which impart to the milk the odious flavor so much complained of and while perhaps not deleterious, should be discontinued at once, and I would advise all dealers to reject in every case milk brought to them containing this flavoring. The law makes it the duty of the consumer of milk to complain to the Inspector whenever he thinks the milk sold to him is not what it should be. (For milk is a substance perhaps the most important article of food entering into daily use, since it forms the entire or almost the entire food for children at an age at which they are little able to withstand any tampering with their nourishment.) Vide, report of State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity.

Thanking you for your personal and official kindness,

Respectfully submitted,

WM. D. FOSTER,

MILK INSPECTOR.

## Report of the Town Hall Committee.

*To the inhabitants of Provincetown, in Annual Town Meeting assembled:*

In conformity to Article 16th of the warrant calling the annual town meeting February 11th, 1884, the undersigned were appointed a committee to consider the advisability of procuring a lot of land and of erecting there-upon a Town Hall and to report thereon at the next annual meeting.

In furtherance of this object your committee met March 1st, 1884, and effected a permanent organization of their Board by choice of James Gifford, Chairman, and James A. Small, Secretary.

A sub-committee, consisting of Lysander N. Paine, Wm. A. Atkins and Samuel S. Swift, was appointed at this meeting and instructed to examine eligible sites in this village for a Town Hall and to report at an adjourned meeting of the whole committee. In accordance therewith the sub-committee reported June 13 to the full board, they had examined the Pilgrim House lot and the Ryder Estate lot and gave their dimensions but did not make any recommendations as to their eligibility or purchase. Mr. L. N. Paine was thereupon instructed to ascertain if the Ryder estate lot could be bought for the contemplated Hall, and if so upon what terms. Having ascertained this estate was owned by Rev. Wm. H. Ryder, D. D., of Chicago, Mr. Paine addressed him a letter of inquiry upon the subject and



your committee were equally surprised and gratified with the very generous and important reply subjoined :

(Confidential.)

CHICAGO, July 14, 1884.

L. N. PAINE, Esq., Dear Sir :—Your letter of July 8th shows me that you understand what part of the Ryder estate I own, and it also informs me that it is possible you might make the portion I own serve your purpose as a site for the contemplated Town Hall even though you cannot obtain from Mrs. Ryder the remaining portion of the estate. Having obtained this information, I am prepared to state to you what my thoughts and purposes are as to the occupancy of the Ryder estate for the purpose named.

As you are aware, much of my life has been spent away from Provincetown, but I am not on that account indifferent to the welfare of the people, or the town. I am a Cape Cod boy, not only by birth but by sympathy as well. My father had a strong attachment to the family name and desired that the Ryder estate should, if practicable, be kept within the family. But at my mother's death, as neither of my brother's children, to whom the homestead passed under my mother's will, wished to occupy it, I purchased it, so the premises should not pass out of the family. My thought all along has been that I would control the premises so long as I lived, and, at my death, make some provision disposing of them for the good of the Town, or some organization in it. But now, in your request to sell for the honorable purpose you represent, the door of opportunity seems to be open, and I am moved to say :—

1. That I will give to the town for the purpose named in your letter, all that part of the Ryder estate which I now own, provided the Town shall accept the same for the purpose mentioned, and erect, during the year 1885, a suitable Town House thereon, and provided also, that no part of the premises which I now give or may hereafter give, shall ever be occupied by buildings other than those which are

needed for the corporate business of the Town : *i. e.* by buildings only for Town purposes.

2. While this part of the estate which I now offer you will, as you suggest, serve your purpose, it is manifestly desirable that you should have the entire premises from Bradford street to Commercial street. In view of this fact I make this further offer : If you can arrange with Mrs. Ryder for the sale of the Ryder Block and that part of the estate above Commercial street which she owns, I will pay that portion of the purchase which the land fairly represents—intending by this offer to give to the Town all the land of the Ryder estate from Commercial street to Bradford street.

The Town would pay the estimated value of the Ryder Block as the building now stands, and I would pay for the estimated value of the land under the building and by the side of it, the same as if no building were there. If this arrangement were made I should wish the title of the land from my brother's widow to pass to me so that I could convey all the land of the estate above the Main street, directly to the Town of Provincetown for the purpose and with the conditions specified.

I reserve the right to dispose of the house built and occupied by my parents and in which they both died, at my discretion ; my present impression being that I shall not remove it but take it down.

This letter, as you will see, is intended to be a frank statement to you and your associates of my wishes and purposes with regard to the occupancy by the Town of Provincetown of the Ryder estate. With these facts in mind you can understandingly proceed to complete your negotiations ; but quite urgently I have to request, that you and your associates shall regard my offer to make the Town a present of the land as entirely confidential, or at least until such time as the negotiations are completed. I wish my



brother's widow to be left wholly free in her action and to make her arrangements with you as to terms, entirely independent of my purposes. She has written me upon the general subject of the sale of the Block and land to you and I shall advise her to sell if the Town offers a fair price for the premises; but I shall not name a price as I cannot honorably do that since I am indirectly a party to a portion of the trade; neither shall I make any reference to my purpose to give the site for the new Town Hall to the Town.— As already said, I cannot consistently influence Mrs. Ryder's mind in regard to the terms of the sale, but wish her to be wholly free and unbiased so far as any purposes of mine are concerned.

You will naturally inform me as to the result of your negotiations.

Very truly and kindly yours,

Signed, W. H. RYDER.

Negotiations for the purchase of the Ryder Block estate having proceeded so far as to require action of the town for their final completion, your committee feel justified in no longer withholding this letter from your knowledge and gratification. The value of the gifts offered are enhanced both by the manner in which they are tendered and by the very honorable and considerate care expressed that the interests of other parties concerned should not be influenced by the action of the giver.

At a meeting of the general committee, July 26th, 1884, called to consider the contents of the foregoing letter, Mr. L. N. Paine was by vote instructed to answer it, and to convey to Dr. Ryder their appreciation of his generous and valuable offers. Mr. Paine was also authorized to continue the pending negotiations with Mrs. Godfrey Ryder for the purchase of the Ryder Block.

September 25th, 1884, a special meeting of the general committee was called for the purpose of holding an inter-

view with Dr. Ryder relative to the town's acquiring possession of the Ryder estate and to matters connected therewith. Dr. Ryder appeared at the meeting and, after a full explanation of his purposes and wishes relating to the gifts indicated and of the conditions upon which he designed to convey the estate to the town, he volunteered to supplement his first liberal propositions, as contained in his letter of July 14, 1884, by offering to pay, should the town buy the Ryder Block Estate, the sum of \$500 towards the purchase of the buildings. The entire gifts will therefore cover all the land between Commercial, Bradford and Ryder streets, and furnish a balance of \$500 as a contribution towards the purchase of the Ryder Block.

In consideration of these munificent offers by Dr. Ryder in behalf of his native town, of the increasing cost and difficulty, already great, of procuring a desirable site for a Town Hall, and also in consideration of the fact that the location of the estate designated is more central and accessible than any other known to your committee as available for the purpose, they therefore unanimously

Recommend that the propositions of Dr. Ryder be accepted by the Town and, excepting the stipulations, requiring the Town Hall to be built in 1885, upon the conditions stated by him in his letter of July 14, hereinbefore quoted.

Instead of the date named your committee

Recommend that the time of building the Town Hall shall not be postponed beyond the period when the finances of the Town shall justify its erection.

They further

Recommend that the Selectmen be authorized and instructed to purchase, if satisfactory terms can be secured, the Ryder Block estate during the current year.

Although the urgent want of a convenient and commodious public Hall is generally conceded and felt to be not only a public, but also a social and political deprivation of a privi-

lege generally enjoyed by much smaller communities, yet in view of the protracted and unprecedented depression of the fisheries, the chief resource of the place, and of the large burden of taxes now borne for other improvements and for current expenses, your committee do not feel justified in advising you to undertake the building of a Hall at the present time. At the interview with Dr. Ryder in September, he was made acquainted with these views and so far conceded their reasonableness as to inform the committee he should not insist upon the town's erecting the contemplated Hall upon his estate in 1885, but he at the same time did not disguise his wish and expectation that the enterprise should not be unnecessarily delayed. The undersigned fully concur with this wish and believe the Town Hall should be built at the earliest period the town can undertake it without serious embarrassment of its tax payers.

Geo. O. Knowles and James A. Small as sub-committee, visited and examined several town halls in this State during the summer and duly reported the result of their examinations to the general committee. They obtained valuable information and data which can be made available when the town shall determine to build.

In conclusion your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution to be entered upon the records of the town and a copy thereof to be forwarded by the Town Clerk to Dr. Ryder, viz:—

Resolved, That we, the inhabitants of Provincetown in Annual Town Meeting assembled, desiring to express our appreciation and gratitude to Rev. William H. Ryder, D. D., of Chicago, for the valuable and appropriate gift of his late parents' homestead for a site for a Town Hall, hereby cordially return him our hearty acknowledgements and thanks both for the proffered gift itself and for the interest

of the giver thus manifested in the welfare and prosperity of the place of his birth.

Provincetown, Dec. 31, 1884.

JAMES GIFFORD,  
L. N. PAINE,  
MARSHALL L. ADAMS,  
WILLIAM MATHESON,  
HENRY COOK,  
GEO. O. KNOWLES,  
JAMES A. SMALL,  
WM. A. ATKINS,  
SAMUEL S. SWIFT.



## Report of Trustees of Public Library.

Balance of donation in treasury last report,	\$428 90	
Received for fines and catalogues,	19 54	
Received dog fund, 1883,	90 80	
Received dividend, Seamen's Savings Bank,	12 95	
	\$552 19	
Paid Estes & Lauriat, books,	97 67	
A. L. Putman, bill magazines,	10 50	
Insurance books,	25 00	
Stationery and postage,	1 75	
	\$134 92	
Balance of donations on hand,	\$417 27	
The appropriation for the annual expenses of the Town Library is	\$300 00	
Paid W. R. Mitchell, librarian,	\$234 00	
Cleaning room,	3 07	
Whitney Bros., paper,	7 23	
Richard E. Lutz & Son, paper,	5 00	
O. C. book bindery,	12 60	
N. T. Freeman, printing,	5 00	
A. T. Williams, kerosene,	5 56	
James Engles, labor and stove furnish- ings,	2 55	
J. D. Hilliard, coal,	16 75	
Balance in Treasury,	8 24	
	300 00	\$300 00

## Condition of the Library.

Number of books purchased,	99
Number of books purchased to replace old,	7
Number of volumes received from State and United States,	6
Number of magazines purchased,	3
Number of books lost and not paid for,	1
Number of books lost and paid for,	1
Present number of volumes,	3147
Names in register, Dec. 31, 1885,	1,871
Added to 1884,	101
	1,972
Present number,	1,972
Aggregate circulation for the year,	13,354

E. P. McELROY, J. HERSEY DYER, E. N. PAINE, GEO. H. HOLMES, R. W. SWIFT, M. N. GIFFORD, A. T. WILLIAMS,	} Trustees.
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TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL

Report of the Fire Department

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1884.

Once more we record another year of very small fire loss.

But three alarms for the entire year and all of those in the month of November.

On November 10, at 6.30 P.M., an alarm was given for a fire on J. D. Hilliard's wharf; damage small; cause, carelessness of a smoker.

November 14, at 6.50 A. M., an alarm for a fire in Marcelline Silva's house, Franklin street; damage small; cause, careless use of matches in the hands of children.

November 16, at 6.45 P. M., an alarm for the partial destruction of tarred net in Solomon Bangs' store; loss small; cause, spontaneous combustion.

The apparatus and houses are in order, ordinary repairs only needed. The cotton hose is mostly in good order; the linen is beginning to show its age. At the close of another year an appropriation will be needed for a supply of this article. Should there happen a serious fire or a succession of working fires during the coming year, it may be necessary to make a purchase before the close.

The attention of horse owners and teamsters is called to the following notice which was first advertised in the Provincetown Advocate in 1883:

For the quicker moving of the fire apparatus *two dollars* will be paid for the use of any horse or team, day or night, first attaching to the rope of the Ladder truck, or any Engine, on an alarm of fire assisting such piece of apparatus to the fire and afterward returning the same to the house.

Financial.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries to May 1, 1884.

Chief engineer,	\$20 00
Clerk of engineers,	15 00
Five assistant engineers, each \$10,	50 00
Four engine companies, each \$250,	1,000 00
One engine company,	125 00
One truck company,	125 00
Stewards of four engines, each \$50,	200 00
Steward of one engine,	20 00
Steward of hook and ladder,	25 00
Steward of engine company No. 5,	5 00
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	\$1,585 00

The following, paid to Jan. 1, 1885:

Reservoir repairs,	\$26 52
Engine repairs,	6 62
House repairs,	38 91
Concrete front of engine house No. 3,	30 00
Fire cracker notices and posting,	3 25
Fuel, lights and stoves,	61 41
New flags and repairing old,	34 45

Other expenses,	\$58 95
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	\$260 11
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	\$1,845 11
Less bunting sold,	50
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	1,844 61
Balance in Town treasury,	255 39
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Appropriation at annual meeting, 1884,	\$2,100 00
The requirements for 1885 are :	
For salaries,	\$1,600 00
Repairs of houses and apparatus, fuel, lights, hose repairs, etc.,	500 00
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	\$2,100 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. HILLIARD,	} Engineers of the Fire Department.
CHARLES A. COOK,	
L. N. PAINE,	
GEO. O. KNOWLES,	
JOHN G. WHITCOMB,	
G. H. HOLMES,	

## IN MEMORIAM.

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For the first time in the history of this department, since its organization under a board of Engineers in 1859, we record the death of one of the Engineers in active service.

JONATHAN COOK, aged 59 years, the senior Engineer of this department, died December 6, 1884, of blood poisoning. He was the only active member of the original appointment of Engineers in 1859.

Always prompt to the call of duty, quick and positive to execute, reliable at all times. The town lose a faithful servant; the Engineers a valuable assistant; the firemen a true friend.

"The evil that men do lives after them, the good is oft interred with their bones."

## Report of the Road Surveyor.

The Road Surveyor herewith submits his annual report  
for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1884:

Appropriations,	\$2500 00
Material sold,	44 55
Deficiency,	669 79
	\$3214 34
Paid Ebenezer Cook, labor,	\$130 48
S. G. Cook, teaming,	326 90
Freeman M. Bowley, labor,	110 96
Cornwell Brothers, concreting,	155 00
Ephraim Cook, labor,	29 02
George Crosby, labor,	10 44
Benjamin Lancy, lumber,	369 97
George Allen, lumber,	480 93
William Carr and son, labor,	10 89
James Carr, labor,	21 95
William Setters, labor,	44 19
Nathaniel Atkins and son, labor,	108 45
Isaiah Young, teaming,	96 75
John W. Holway, labor,	39 61
Rufus Williams, labor,	3 76
Henry Atkins, labor,	12 58
Francis W. Cook, labor,	39 11
William Newcomb, labor,	7 34
Ebenezer Turner, labor,	22 54

Paid Barnabas Turner, labor,	\$1 00
Joseph H. Emery, labor,	7 85
Charles H. Holway, labor,	44 25
Joseph Mayo, labor,	8 30
Alexander Gayland, labor,	84 67
William R. Gayland, labor,	39 00
James F. Pratt, labor,	14 25
Josiah Swift, spikes,	24 57
N. C. Brooks, teaming,	43 42
James Fuller, labor,	20 40
William Matheson, clay,	92 60
S. S. Swift, clay and c.,	94 83
Michael Barnett and son, labor,	22 24
Gideon Bowley, labor,	1 75
Samuel Fisher, labor,	2 62
R. G. Alexander, labor,	1 31
Joseph Whitcomb, stones,	9 59
John Hill, labor,	15 45
Jared Hill, teaming,	7 25
James Campbell, teaming,	16 12
James Daggett, rent,	5 00
Estate of T. P. Johnson, rent,	10 00
Lombard Rich, teaming,	16 00
S. F. A. Atwood, teaming,	3 87
J. M. Graham, teaming,	4 20
B. H. Dyer & Co., spikes,	2 75
Harvey S. Cook, agent, lumber,	13 56
Joseph P. Bickers, labor,	31 50
William D. Foster, labor,	33 60
William H. Herbolt, bolts,	2 10
John McQuillan, labor,	2 50
George H. Cornell, labor,	3 50
George W. Standish, labor,	6 62
Alfred Cook, clay,	21 00
Francis A. Cook, labor,	2 50
Addison Nickerson, teaming,	11 00



Paid Owners Schr. G. W. Bently, clay,	\$30 80
Owners Schr. F. W. Alton, clay,	47 60
D. S. Carlow & Co., shells,	4 00
Lewis P. Morgan, labor,	1 12
Central Wharf Co., teaming,	10 13
Joseph Morris, labor,	10 67
William Whalen, labor,	3 25
Joseph Frank, labor,	3 25
Thomas Weeks, labor,	1 12
Stephen Bennett, teaming,	28 50
A. T. Williams, wharfage,	12 50
Charles Welch, labor,	3 12
Seth P. Snow, labor,	31 31
David Smith, 2d, labor,	3 25
Owners Schr. Lawrence N. McKenzie, clay,	18 90
Owners Schr. Mayor Jones, clay,	44 80
Frank Hill, teaming,	1 87
H. & S. Cook & Co., spikes,	4 95
David Conwell, teaming,	13 50
Owners Schr. Ada K. Damon, clay,	27 20
Frank Barnett, teaming,	15 75
Owners Schr. Allie B. Dyer, clay,	48 00
Owners of schr. Clara L. Sparks, clay,	72 00
Perez Bangs, labor,	1 37
Clarence A. Cook, labor,	2 25
Charles C. Atkins, labor,	1 38
Samuel Hatch, clay,	20 50
Archibald McCurdy, labor,	6 43
James V. Bowley, labor,	1 57
William Young, labor,	1 18

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Respectfully submitted,

EBENEZER COOK.

# ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

—OF THE—

## TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN,

—FOR THE—

YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1884.

## Present Corps of Teachers.

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### HIGH SCHOOL.

Frank Wiggin,	-	-	-	-	Principal.
Emma N. Baxter,	-	-	-	-	Assistant.
Lucinda W. Whorf,	-	-	-	-	Assistant.

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Charles H. Bates,	-	-	-	-	Principal.
Alice M. Shortle,	-	-	-	-	Assistant.

### HIGHER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

Rebecca D. Sparks,	-	-	-	Ella A. Small,
				Emma L. Chapman.

### INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

Abbie C. Sparks,	-	-	Sara Cavanagh,
			Mary E. Williams.

### PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Nellie B. Hilliard,	-	-	-	Mary E. Dyer,
Clara L. Smith,	-	-	-	Edith Small,
Clara A. Ryder,	-	-	-	Angie F. Blake,
				Besse Lyford.

### THE YOUNG MEN'S SCHOOL.

Frank Carter,	-	-	-	-	Principal.
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## Report of the School Committee.

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The Committee feel that, so far as the general interest is concerned, they might with propriety rewrite the most of the report of eighty-three, as it would perfectly state the present wants as well as the present condition of the several schools under their charge. This, however, would be only a waste of time and money, as that report is, we trust, still fresh in the minds of our citizens.

On the first of May, there were eight hundred and sixty children belonging in town between the ages of five and fifteen; we have, the present term, nine hundred and three pupils, enrolled and during the school year, nearly one thousand have been registered in our schools. One hundred and thirty-one of these scholars are over fifteen years of age, or in other words above the school age. There are many things which the Committee would be pleased to have different yet they are glad to be able to report that the means have been provided for all, of whatever age, who desire an education.

We have seven Primary schools, in which are now gathered more than four hundred pupils and during the year upwards of five hundred and twenty children have been registered, whose ages have varied from five to twelve years. The most of these schools are doing remarkably well, and nothing is risked when we say that they compare very favorably with any schools, of similar grade, in the

State. Some of the children perform, with ease, work which only a few years ago could not be found in any grade below the Grammar department. The reason why all of them are not accomplishing as much and as good work, is the fact that so many are crowded into some of the rooms that it is simply impossible for any one teacher to do them justice. The Center, No. 1, at the West end and the Conant street schools have one-third more than the teachers can successfully teach or manage. Your committee have for a long time been of the opinion that the best possible thing to do with these schools, is to have half-day sessions; one portion of the pupils attending in the forenoon and the others in the afternoon. More attention could be given to the lessons and it would be better for the children mentally, morally and every other way. If we dispense with the Winter School, so called, it will give us one more room which could be used for the little folks, but the great difficulty is at the West end and the distance is too great for the most of them to walk. The plan suggested above, has been successfully adopted in other towns, and is highly recommended by some of the best educators in the State.

There is no occasion to be ashamed of the Intermediate and Higher Intermediate Schools. We are satisfied with their work. There are six of these schools, three Intermediates and three Higher Intermediates, so called; in these have been registered, during the year, three hundred and eighty-six pupils. The work in these departments is most faithfully performed, and we are always glad to have it examined by the parents of the pupils or any others who may feel any interest in education.

The teachers in charge of these schools must not only be able to instruct but must have the ability to manage and govern. The ages of the pupils vary from seven to fifteen years, requiring a good degree of executive ability to successfully govern and at the same time be successful as in-



structors. The Grammar School occupies an important place in our system of public instruction. Many pupils never go beyond it before leaving school altogether, for the more active duties of life. This school therefore, should be so conducted that the scholars, while passing through it, may get as much practical knowledge as possible. The course of study, in this school, is as good and as comprehensive as the circumstances will admit. Arithmetic, Geography, English Grammar, United States History, Reading, Writing and Spelling are taught; seven studies, and every one of them very important. There are more than one hundred pupils in the school, there are more than fifty in each class and only two teachers to hear and instruct them. Now it is very easy to see that the attention and time given to each must, of necessity, be very limited. If there could be three teachers instead of two, very much more time could be given to each class and very much better results would follow. For the accomplishment of this desirable object, the committee would suggest that the Winter School be discontinued, in its present form, and another teacher be employed for the Grammar School. The services of such a teacher could be procured, for the entire year, for about what the Winter School now costs. We do not suggest this course with the idea of excluding the young men from the benefits of the schools in winter, but with an extra teacher many of the boys could be accommodated in this department, and others could find places in other schools. The interest and character of this school has been well maintained during the year, under the energetic management of Mr. Bates and his faithful assistant, Miss Addie S. Mitchell. There are at present one hundred and three pupils and during the year one hundred and forty-five different names have been registered. The High School is under the same industrious and faithful teachers as when we made our last report, no changes having oc-

curred this year. Eighty-nine is the highest number enrolled at any one time, though there have been one hundred and fifteen different pupils registered this year, or only about ten per cent. less than the membership of the Grammar School; showing that the people have not lost their faith or interest in our High School. Failing to make arrangements with Capt. C. K. Sullivan, for a number of years the principal of the Winter School, we employed Mr. Frank Carter of Woburn to take charge of the school this winter. Mr. Carter, though a graduate of Harvard University and having taught High and other schools, has the ability to adapt himself to any position; he seems to be as much interested in the work of this school, as he could possibly be in a higher department. The work accomplished is as good as could be expected, when we take into account the fact that the boys who attend are out of school forty weeks in the year and the large majority of them have made but very little advancement in the past. We noticed a lack of interest, last year, on the part of the young men; some of them entering late in the session and leaving some time before the close. This Winter three or four weeks had passed before some of them came in and for very trifling reasons absent themselves for days at a time. In view of these facts and the urgent needs of the Grammar School the committee are of the opinion that the money expended for this school could be better applied and accomplish more for those who are seeking an education, if used in the Grammar department.

CHANGES.—These have not been so numerous this year. Mr. H. W. Harrub, principal of the Grammar School, resigned last Spring and Mr. Charles H. Bates accepted the position and is still in charge of the school. Soon after the beginning of the present term, the assistant Grammar School teacher, Miss Addie S. Mitchell, asked for and was granted a furlough and Miss Alice M. Shortle was appointed to fill



the vacancy, as substitute, until Spring. At the close of last Spring term, the teacher in the Center Higher Intermediate School resigned and Miss Emma L. Chapman was promoted from the Center Intermediate to fill the vacancy. Miss Mary E. Williams was given the Center Intermediate and Miss Clara L. Smith of the Western Primary No. 1 was given the Western Primary School No. 2. Miss Angie F. Blake was appointed to fill the vacancy at the Western Primary No. 1. At the Eastern Primary No. 2 the teacher resigned at the close of the Spring term and Miss Alice M. Shortle was chosen to fill the vacancy. Miss Bessie H. Lyford is now temporarily in charge of this school.

INCIDENTALS.—Besides the ordinary incidental expenses and repairs; the new school house and fence surrounding it was painted two coats, last summer, in a satisfactory manner at a cost of \$229. The walls of the entry-ways and ante-rooms were also painted at an expense of \$66.73 making in all two hundred and ninety-five dollars and seventy-three cents, (\$295.73). We did not purpose painting inside, but the plastering was so badly broken, and in some places crumbling away, that it was deemed best to fill the cracks and broken places and make it more secure by a thorough coat of paint.

There is a matter, under the head of incidentals, of considerable expense not anticipated one year ago; the result, to say the least, of very hasty Legislation which, it is hoped, will be repealed during the present session of the Legislature. We refer to the "Free Book Act" of last winter. It has, since the first of September, cost the town more than seven hundred dollars, which sum will be increased, during the year, to ten or twelve hundred, besides making a great deal of extra work for the teachers and agent. In some towns the officers have refused to pay the bills, but such a course is perfectly senseless, as the law is imperative and must be obeyed. The old law was good enough and covered

every case where parents or children were unable to purchase books and materials. The committee do not think it right to reckon this large expenditure of money among the ordinary school incidentals and, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the law, would recommend that a separate appropriation be made from which the agent may draw as circumstances require.

SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS.—It has been a pet theory of our excellent State Secretary of Board of Education since an early period of his administration that the system of common school education in Massachusetts would not give the desired results in so full measure as expected from free schools, until text books were made free to all pupils, thereby making them veritably free schools. This theory—whether true or not—he has lost no occasion to advocate during several years past with varying success in different localities. He has been persistent in his efforts to bring it before several Legislatures, but it has been uniformly rejected until last year when it met a better fate at the hand of the Legislature and passed both houses, thereby becoming a law, and taking effect Aug. 1, 1884.

Whether this much vaunted improvement be indeed what it is claimed by its advocates is still an open question. But it is now a law and from its requirements there is no escape. The terms of the law are such that it is imperative upon school committees to appoint an agent, whose duty it shall be to purchase at as low a price as possible all text books, stationery and supplies of whatever nature, needed by the schools in their work, and deliver free of charge to all pupils. This, however, does not preclude the purchase of books by any pupils desiring so to do, and an amount between thirty and forty dollars has been received in this way and due to the Town Treasurer as per accompanying report.

## Course of Study in the High School.

### FIRST YEAR.

Classical Course---4 Years.	English Course---3 Years.
Fall Term.—Algebra, Physical Geography and Book-keeping.	Fall Term.—Algebra, Physical Geography and Book-keeping.
Winter Term.—Algebra, Physical Geography and Latin or French.	Winter Term.—Algebra, Physical Geography and Arithmetic.
Spring Term.—Algebra, Physiology and Latin or French.	Spring Term.—Algebra, Physiology and Arithmetic.

### SECOND YEAR.

Fall Term.—Geometry, Physiology and Latin or French.	Fall Term.—Geometry, Physiology and Commercial Arithmetic with Eng. Composition.
Winter Term.—Geometry, Outlines of History and Latin or French.	Winter Term.—Geometry, Outlines of History and Commercial Arithmetic with Eng. Composition.
Spring Term.—Surveying with Outlines of History, Philosophy and Latin or French.	Spring Term.—Surveying with Outlines of History, Philosophy and one or more Eng. studies.

### THIRD YEAR.

Fall Term.—Philosophy or Greek, Outlines of History, Chemistry and Latin.	Fall Term.—Philosophy, Outlines of History, Chemistry and Com. Arithmetic.
Winter Term.—Philosophy or Greek, Outlines of History, Chemistry with Government and Latin.	Winter Term.—Philosophy, Chemistry with Government and Com. Arithmetic.
Spring Term.—Rhetoric, Government, Latin and Astronomy or Greek.	Spring Term.—Rhetoric, Government, Com. Arithmetic and Astronomy.

### FOURTH YEAR.

Fall Term.—Astronomy or Greek, English Literature, Virgil and review of Mathematics.

Winter Term.—Mental Philosophy or Greek. English Literature, Virgil and review of Mathematics.

Spring Term.—Mental Philosophy or Greek, English Literature, Virgil and Botany.



## By-Laws.

ARTICLE 1. The Town of Provincetown hereby avails itself of the several provisions of the statutes of this Commonwealth now in force relating to habitual truants and absentees from school, and in pursuance of authority conferred thereby, adopts the following by-laws:

ARTICLE 2. All children between the ages of seven and fifteen years, residing in said town, and who may be found wandering about in the streets or public places of said town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance, shall be committed to any institution which has been provided by this Commonwealth, or may hereafter be provided by the State, or the County of Barnstable, or the Town of Provincetown, for confinement, instruction, and discipline.

ARTICLE 3. Two or more truant officers shall be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to inquire into all violations of the truant laws, and of the law relating to compulsory education, and to do all the acts required of them by the laws of the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE 4. It shall be the duty of every truant officer, previous to making any complaint under these laws, to notify the truant or absentee from school, also his parent or guardian, of the offence committed and of the penalty therefor; and if the truant officer can obtain satisfactory pledges for the restraint and reformation of the child, he may, at his discretion, forbear to prosecute, so long as such pledges are faithfully kept.

ARTICLE 5. It shall be the duty of the School Committee, the teachers of the public schools, and the citizens generally, to aid the truant officers as far as possible in the discharge of their duties.

ARTICLE 6. It shall be the duty of the truant officers to keep a full record of all their official acts, and make an annual report thereof to the School Committee, who shall publish the same with their own report.

ARTICLE 7. Nothing in these by-laws shall be so construed as to alter or impair the obligation and duty of teachers to enforce punctuality and regularity of attendance, and to preserve good order and discipline.

## Attendance in 1884.

Total number, Spring term,	870
Total number, Fall term,	841
Total number, Present term,	903

Distributed as follows:

## PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Spring term,	411
Fall term,	386
Present term,	402

## INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

Spring term,	148
Fall term,	144
Present term,	147

## HIGHER INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

Spring term,	119
Fall term,	120
Present term,	116

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Spring term,	103
Fall term,	103
Present term,	103

## HIGH SCHOOL.

Spring term,	89
Fall term,	88
Present term,	85

## YOUNG MEN'S SCHOOL.

Present term,	50
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## Programme of Class '84.

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 12th, 1884.

MARCH.	
PRAYER.	
SINGING, Trio,	Misses Cooke, Taylor and Nickerson.
ORATION, Moral Heroism, Salutatory,	Wm. M. Newton.
ESSAY, The Empress Josephine,	Fannie S. Crocker.
ORATION, Why and How We Pay Taxes,	Edwin H. Rich.
ESSAY, The Ocean,	Annie W. McKennon.
SONG,	Tinnie P. Cooke.
ORATION, Duties of American Citizens,	Robert S. Atkins.
CLASS POEM,	Nellie H. Nickerson.
ORATION, Patriotism,	Henry P. Nickerson.
ESSAY, Refinement,	Lizzie K. Cooke.
SONG,	Annie W. McKennon.
ORATION, Education,	Frederick W. Crocker.
CLASS PROPHECY,	Carrie E. Mayo.
ORATION, Wendell Phillips,	John Adams.
VIRTUS SOLA NOBILITAT, Valedictory,	Phebe E. Freeman.
SINGING, Class Ode,	Composed by Annie M. Bangs.
ESSAY, Incentives to Study,	Nellie N. Powe.
ORATION, Invention of Printing,	John S. Lavender.
ORATION, Economy of Time and Money,	Philip D. Chisholm.
ESSAY, Methods of Education,	Lizzie A. Nickerson.
ESSAY, The Signal Service,	Nellie G. Whalen.
ORATION, Elements of Success,	Walter Welsh.
ORATION, Inventions and Patents.	John E. Corea.
ESSAY, Countries and Present Sovereigns of Europe,	Edith W. Smith.
ESSAY, Music,	Tinnie P. Cooke.
ORATION, Necessity of Reform in Public Life,	Joshua Paine, Jr.
ESSAY, History of the Post Office System,	Lou C. Taylor.

## School Incidentals.

N. T. Freeman, printing,	\$14 50
Maria Harvender, cleaning Center School House,	19 00
Mary Williams, cleaning Johnson St. School House,	8 00
J. H. Dearborn, cleaning outbuildings High School House,	3 00
Louise P. Smith, cleaning Conant St. School House,	8 00
Samuel Taylor, cleaning Western School House,	19 00
Samuel Taylor, labor sawing wood,	7 00
J. H. Dearborn, cleaning High and Grammar School House,	35 00
Mrs. Henry Atkins, cleaning Eastern School House,	19 00
Henry Shortle, Expense paid procuring Teachers,	35 00
Geo. W. Ellis, labor,	3 00
H. H. Dearborn, labor,	1 50
J. F. Lacount, labor,	10 00
J. H. Dearborn, taking census,	12 00
R. G. Alexander, labor,	1 68
J. W. Beaty, returned truants,	1 50
H. Holmes, furnishings and labor,	7 73
J. H. Dearborn, returned truants,	8 50
F. A. H. Gifford, chemicals,	3 95
J. A. West, furnishings and labor,	79 35
James Engles, " "	7 17
A. L. Putman & Co., books and school furnishings,	46 97
S. G. Cook, furnishings,	30
J. D. Hilliard, " "	6 46
H. O. Sparrow, furnishings and labor,	12 65
A. T. Williams, furnishings and paid labor,	17 04
A. L. Putman & Co., paid Knight, Adams & Co.,	151 26
A. L. Putman & Co., book del'd at expense of Town,	49 66
G. F. King & Morrill, books,	22 10
Ginn, Heath & Co., " "	56 71
Chas. H. Whiting, " "	9 72
Boston School Supply Co., books,	106 30



Harper Brothers, books,	\$28 70
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., "	247 10
Knight, Adams & Co., "	167 05
A. L. Putman & Co., Commission as } agents for sale of Books and supplies, }	61 55

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\$1287 45

Appropriation,	500 00
Deficiency,	787 45
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	1287 45 \$1287 45

### School House Repairs.

Henry Atkins, labor,	\$5 00
N. T. Freeman, printing,	2 50
Geo. Ellis, sods,	17 50
Tillson Cook & Co., painting,	231 00
Geo. Cornell, labor,	10 00
Tillson Cook & Co., paints and labor,	.66 73
J. W. Snow, labor,	3 60
John W. Holway, labor,	4 00
Frank Wiggin, slating,	20 00
Geo. C. Hill, labor,	15 00
John W. Beaty, "	6 25
Geo. Allen, lumber,	25 12
H. Holmes, stock and labor,	1 28
S. D. Nickerson, labor,	1 22
J. W. Snow, "	2 95
Tillson Cook & Co., glass and setting,	3 20

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\$415 35

Appropriation,	\$400 00
Deficiency,	15 35
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	415 35 \$415 35

### Teacher's Salaries.

WINTER TERM, 1883 AND 1884.

	Number of Weeks.	Salary per Week.	Amount per year of 38 weeks.	Amount per Term.
Frank Wiggin, Principal High School,	13	\$26 31	\$1000 00	\$342 11
Hattie F. Weeks, 1st Asst. " "	4	10 00	380 00	40 00
Emma N. Baxter, 1st " " "	8 1/2	12 50	475 00	106 25
Lucinda W. Whorf, 2d " " "	13	9 00	342 00	117 00
Henry W. Harrub, Prin. Gram. " "	13	20 00	76 00	260 00
Addie S. Mitchell, Asst. " " "	13	9 00	342 00	117 00
Ella A. Small, Prin. Higher Inter. School	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Annie B. Frelleck, Prin. " " "	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Rebecca D. Sparks, " " " "	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Sarah Cavanagh, " Inter. " "	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
Emma L. Chapman " " " "	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
Abbie C. Sparks, " " " "	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
Nellie B. Hillard, " Primary " "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Mary E. Dyer, " " " "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Irene P. Bush, " " " "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Marv E. Williams, " " " "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Clara L. Smith, " " " "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Clara A. Ryder, " " " "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Edith Small, " " " "	13	6 50	247 00	84 00
Phebe E. Freeman, Extra Service,				10 50
			\$6795 00	\$2188 36



## SPRING TERM, 1884.

	Number of Weeks.	Salary per Week.	Amount per year of 38 weeks.	Amount per Term.
Frank Wiggin, Principal High School,	13	\$26 31	\$1000 00	\$342 10
Emma N. Baxter, 1st Asst. " "	13	12 50	475 00	162 50
Lucinda W. Whorf, 2nd Asst. " "	13	9 00	342 00	117 00
Charles Bates, Principal Gram. " "	13	20 00	760 00	260 00
Ad-lie S. Mitchell, Asst. " "	13	9 00	342 00	117 00
Rebecca D. Sparks, Prin. H. Int. " "	13	8 5	323 00	110 50
Emma L. Chapman, " " " "	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Ella A. Small, " " " "	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Abbie C. Sparks, " " " "	13	7 0	266 00	91 00
Mary E. Williams " " " "	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
Sarah Cavanagh, " " " "	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
Clara A. Ryder, " Primary " "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Edith Small, " " " "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Angie F. Blake, " " " "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Clara D. Smith, " " " "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Irene P. Bush, " " " "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Nellie B. Hilliard, " " " "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Mary E. Dyer, " " " "	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
			\$6415 00	\$3194 60

## FALL TERM, 1884.

Frank Wiggin, Principal High School,	12	\$26 31	\$1000.00	318 78
Emma N. Baxter, 1st Asst. " "	12	12 50	475 00	150 00
Lucinda W. Whorf, 2d " "	12	9 00	342 00	108 00
Charles Bates, Principal Gram. " "	12	20 00	760 00	240 00
Addie S. Mitchell, Asst. " "	12	9 00	342 00	108 00
Rebecca D. Sparks, Prin H Inter. " "	12	8 50	323 00	102 00
Emma L. Chapman, " " " "	12	8 50	323 00	102 00
Ella A. Small, " " " "	12	8 50	323 00	102 00
Abbie C. Sparks, " " " "	12	7 00	266 00	84 00
Mary E. Williams, " " " "	12	7 00	266 00	84 00
Sarah Cavanagh, " " " "	12	7 00	266 00	84 00
Clara A. Ryder, " Primary " "	12	6 50	247 00	78 00
Angie F. Blake, " " " "	12	6 50	247 00	78 00
Mary E Dyer, " " " "	12	6 50	247 00	78 00
Edith Small, " " " "	12	6 50	247 00	78 00
Nelle B. Hilliard, " " " "	12	6 50	247 00	78 00
Alice M. Shurtle, " " " "	12	6 50	247 00	78 00
Clara L. Smith, " " " "	12	6 50	247 00	78 00
Nettie Freeman, Extra Service,				10 00
Addie S. Mitchell, " " " "				6 00
			\$6415 00	\$2044 78

JANITOR'S SALARIES.

	BUILDING.	NUMBER OF WEEKS.	PRICE PER WEEK.	AMOUNT.
WINTER TERM.				
J. H. Dearborn,	High and Grammar,	13	\$3 50	\$45 50
Geo. A. Beaty,	Western and Conant St.,	13	3 00	39 00
Henry Harvender,	Center,	13	2 00	26 00
Geo. C. Hill,	Johnson St.,	13	1 00	13 00
J. H. Dearborn,	Eastern,	13	2 00	26 00
				\$149 50
SPRING TERM.				
Geo. A. Beaty,	Western and Conant St.,	13	3 00	39 00
J. H. Dearborn,	High and Grammar,	13	3 50	45 50
Henry Harvender,	Center,	13	2 00	26 00
Geo. C. Hill,	Johnson St.,	13	1 00	13 00
J. H. Dearborn,	Eastern,	13	2 00	26 00
				\$149 50
FALL TERM.				
Geo. A. Beaty,	Western and Conant St.,	12	3 00	36 00
J. H. Dearborn,	High and Grammar,	12	3 50	42 00
Henry Harvender,	Center,	12	2 00	24 00
Geo. C. Hill,	Johnson St.,	12	1 00	12 00
J. H. Dearborn,	Eastern,	12	2 00	24 00
				\$138 00

## Boys Winter School.

J. D. Hilliard coal,	\$26 57
C. K. Sullivan, teaching,	262 50
Balance in Treasury Jan. 1, 1884,	\$89 25
Appropriation,	200 00
Balance in Treasury, Jan. 1, 1885,	18
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	\$289 25 \$289 25

## School Book Account.

## DR.

Stock on hand, Jan. 1884,	\$335 29
Books and supplies purchased since Aug. 1,	614 95
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	\$950 24

## CR.

Stock on hand, Jan., 1885,	\$401 11
Books and supplies, del'd schools since Aug. 1,	514 76
Amount due Treasurer for Books sold,	34 37
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	\$950 24

## Fuel.

J. D. Hilliard, 46 9-10 tons coal, at \$6 17,	\$289 34
J. D. Hilliard, 60 505-2000 tons coal at \$5 84,	351 87
A. T. Williams, wood and kindlings,	19 35
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	\$660 56

## Advertising.

N. T. Freeman, proposals,	\$3 00
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## Superintendent's Salary.

H. Shortle, salary as Superintendent,	\$350 00
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## Recapitulation:

Balance in Treasury, Jan. 1, 1884,	\$364 39
Massachusetts School Fund,	235 90
Appropriation,	7600 00
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	\$8200 29

## DEDUCT:

Teachers' Salaries,	\$6427 74
Janitors' Salaries,	437 00
Fuel,	660 56
Advertising,	3 00
Superintendent's Salary,	350 00
Balance in Treasury,	321 99
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	\$8200 29 \$8200 29

## Recommendations.

For salaries of teachers, janitors and fuel,	\$7700 00
Incidental expenses,	500 00
School house repairs,	400 00
Boys' winter school, present term,	250 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY SHORTLE,	} School Committee.
A. L. PUTNAM,	
A. T. WILLIAMS,	



## Town Clerk's Report.

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### Marriages Registered in Provincetown, in 1884.

- Jan. 1. Edward T. Starr and Lorinda P. Pelham, both of Provincetown.
- Jan. 3. Joseph W. Sears and Maggie M. McNably, both of Provincetown.
- Jan. 3. John Tarvis and Louisa Joseph, both of Provincetown.
- Jan. 20. Antone Jones and Mary Jason, both of Provincetown.
- Jan. 20. Frank Rogers and Roseanna Carr, both of Provincetown.
- Jan. 24. Joseph Tarvis and Maggie J. Welch, both of Provincetown.
- Jan. 29. Ebenezer Cahoon of Hyannis, and Rebecca F. Hill of Provincetown.
- Feb. 17. Bartholomew Sowza and Ann Jones Lima, both of Provincetown.
- Mar. 12. Warren B. Smith and Estella F. Fish, both of Provincetown.
- Mar. 17. William Hatch and Laura E. Harris, both of Boston, married in Provincetown.
- Apr. 19. Joseph Barns, Jr., and Phebe W. C. Valentine, both of Provincetown.
- March 29. Charles Foster and Lizzie Williams, both of Provincetown.
- March 30. Elisha Smith Newcomb and Hattie West, both of Provincetown.
- Apr. 3. Charles E. Nickerson of Eastham and Minnie L. Cornell of Provincetown.

- Apr. 6. Willis O. Sawin of Gardner, Mass., and Annie B. Frellick of Provincetown.
- Apr. 27. Manuel Andrew Frances and Minnie Silver, both of Provincetown.
- May 1. John L. Cole of Provincetown and Mary P. Small of Truro.
- May 7. Charles H. Holbrook of Boston and Emma B. Cook of Provincetown.
- May 15. Joseph Mayo, 2d, and Mary Engelca, both of Provincetown.
- May 25. Charles H. Sprague of Provincetown and Elizabeth A. Yore of Orleans.
- May 25. William Otis Manuel and Katie K. Nickerson both of Provincetown.
- May 27. John E. Mouil and Mamie E. Setters, both of Provincetown.
- June 4. Henry F. Pierce 2d and Mary Quillare, both of Provincetown.
- June 8. James P. Worth and Nellie P. Lewis, both of Provincetown.
- July 3. George W. Ellis and Francis Louisa Davy, both of Provincetown.
- Aug. 13. Duncan Alexander Matherson and Irene Perry Bush, both of Provincetown.
- Sept. 27. Alexander McLean and Belle Campbell, both of Provincetown.
- Oct. 9. Antone P. Lucas and Rebecca Doyle, both of Provincetown.
- Oct. 9. Joshua G. W. Winslow and Emma F. Lewis, both of Provincetown.
- Oct. 9. Arthur P. Smith of Newbury, N. H., and Martha P. Dyer of Provincetown.
- Oct. 16. Joseph Enos Silver and Mary Silver, both of Provincetown.
- Oct. 25. Joseph M. Avelae and Angeline J. Swartz, both of Provincetown.
- Oct. 24. Antone Joseph Thomas and Mary Glory Grassie, both of Provincetown.
- Oct. 24. Willard Howard of West Bridgewater and Mary Dunham of Provincetown.
- Oct. 25. Manuel Rose and Mary Fretile, both of Provincetown.

- Nov. 7. William F. Henry of Provincetown and Mary A. Grassie of Cohasset.
- Nov. 4. Nathaniel T. Burch and Katie McDonald, both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 6. Manuel Fratus Sowza and Zennis Lopes, both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 8. Joseph S. Silver of Truro and Ellen L. Abner of Provincetown.
- Nov. 9. Eugene W. Watson and Effie Y. Snow, both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 9. Simeon Sands and Mary Brown, both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 12. Albert J. Lester of Binghamton, N. Y., and Mabel F. Roseuthal of Provincetown.
- Nov. 13. Joseph F. Rogers, Jr., and Francia Avilla Rose, both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 13. Charles H. Hooton of Provincetown and Margie Mendon Campbell of Providence, R. I.
- Nov. 13. James P. Holmes and Sadie C. Lewis, both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 16. Joseph Cabiel and Mary Tarvis, both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 16. Fredrick M. Cosmon and Julia A. Ellis, both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 22. George Joseph of Provincetown and Julia Silver of Truro.
- Nov. 26. Sherman F. Bassett of Harwich and Mamie Louisa Lee of Provincetown.
- Nov. 25. John W. Davis and Ida B. Burch, both of Provincetown.
- Dec. 7. Charles Williams and Katie Oliver, both of Provincetown.
- Dec. 14. Nathan S. Smith of Provincetown and Eldora E. Batchelder of Chatham.
- Dec. 25. William Warren Redfern of Providence and Cora Belle Ewell of Provincetown.
- Dec. 25. Charles Havender and Lizzie Hill, both Provincetown.
- Dec. 25. Joseph Elwood Crowell of Provincetown and Ellen May Snow of Wellfleet.

## Births Registered in Provincetown, 1884.

DATE.	NAMES.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Jan. 1,	Lizzie Atkins Jennings,	Frank A. & Jennie B.
" 1,	John J. Alexander,	John J. & Mary A.
" 9,	Willie Auther Williams,	Jackson & Minnie F.
" 17,	Addie J. Healy,	Willis C. & Addie J.
" 19,	Martha E. Oneal,	George R. & Abbie S.
" 19,	Cardosh,	Jos. F. & Frazana F.
" 22,	Frank Verer,	Manuel & Caroline E.
" 22,	Scissone,	Joseph & Mary A.
" 24,	Hatch,	Luther & Mercy C.
" 26,	Duncan M. Morrison,	Murdock & Annie B.
" 29,	Herman Augustus Perkins,	Hallis M. & Bessie S.
" 31,	Josephine Orrock Atkins,	Russell J. & Hope E.
Feb. 1,	Joseph Jesse Roderick,	John J. & Mary J.
" 13,	Sadie A. Hoddan,	George A. & Nancy T.
" 22,	Mary Lucas,	John & Mary.
" 22,	Morris,	Joseph & Louisa.
" 29,	Earl Reed,	James A. & Addie E.
Mar. 4,	Josephine Frances Caton,	Joseph and Sarah.
" 12,	Frank Silver,	Frank & Phebe.
" 12,	Lauranea W. Bowley,	Gideon J. & Mary W.
" 26,	Nellie Davis,	John & Mary,
" 29,	Manuel Davis,	Antone & Mary,
Apr. 18,	Stephen Churchel Smith,	Benj. F. & Rebecca A.
" 18,	Mamie Costa,	Manuel & Mary,
" 22,	Georgie Enos,	Frank & Mary,
May 1,	Frank Lothrop Mayo,	Reuben & Selina,
" 6,	Eddie Wager,	Antone D. & Louisa,
" 10,	Joseph Crowley,	Joseph & Mary,
" 10,	Antone Jacint Diaz,	Manuel & Mary,
" 16,	Saddie May Lothrop,	Howard B. & Mary E.
" 19,	Minnie Silver,	John & Frances,
" 20,	Nellie Thomas,	Frank & Frances,
" 24,	John Marshall,	Antone and Mary N.
" 27,	John Francis,	Manuel & Amelia.
" 28,	Mary Verer,	Manuel J. & Mary J.
June 1	Jason,	& Joanna.
" 2,	Manuel Prader,	Manuel & Laurena.
" 6,	Daniel Cobb Quinn,	Waterman & Ada.
" 7,	Thos & Mamie Gerry, twins,	Antone and Mary.
" 9,	Battles,	



DATE	NAMES.	NAME OF PARENTS.
June 10,	John Marks,	Manuel & Frances. ♀
" 23,	Emmie Cook,	Frank and Amelia.
" 23,	Lillian Mary Ferreria,	Joseph A. & Mary.
" 24,	Henderson,	James T. & Anna M.
" 26,	Eli Wm. McKay,	Eli & Mamie W.
" 27,	Carrie Reba Cook,	Clarence A. & Carrie C.
July 2,	Effie W. Forest,	William H. & Ida B.
" 7,	Kelley,	Benjamin & Susie C.
" 8,	Georgianna Cadoes,	Manuel & Mary L.
" 13,	Mamie Perry,	George & Alice.
" 15,	Sadie Laura McLeod,	Alexander & Annie.
" 19,	Minnie Francis,	Joseph & Retta.
" 20,	John Wager,	Manuel & Virginia.
" 21,	John Barnes,	Joseph & Rosa.
" 21,	Frank Cable,	Frank & Rosa.
" 24,	Olive Eveline Snow,	Manuel & Matilda.
" 26,	Miller,	& Eva.
" 28,	Bessie Williard Cowing,	William E. & Mary E.
" 31,	Annie Souza,	Manuel & Mary.
" 31,	Carter,	Manuel & Mary.
Aug. 7,	Annie Bell Foster,	Charles & Lizzie.
" 7,	Tabon,	Victor & Abbie C.
" 10,	Mary Silver,	Lizant & Louisa.
" 10,	Annie Francis,	Joseph & Mary J.
" 20,	Manuel Souza,	Joseph & Mary.
" 20,	Frank Silver,	Frank & Mary.
" 24,	John Tawes,	Manuel & Willmenia.
" 25,	Nathaniel Edwin Lewis,	Isaac W. & Laura M.
" 27,	John Swett,	Antone & Rosa.
" 29,	John Loring,	Joseph V. & Carrie.
Sept. 6,	Leon Whitman Cook,	Frank F. & Lydia H.
" 8,	McPhee,	Malcolm & Jessie.
" 12,	Mary White,	Jesse & Jennie V.
" 14,	Olivia Louisa Lewis,	John & Helena A.
" 14,	Mary Thomas,	Antone & Mary J.
" 18,	Mamie Fratus,	Jule & Josephine.
" 22,	Ferry,	Joseph & Caroline.
" 23,	Cummings,	James & Mary.
" 24,	McKay.	Angus & Lottie B.
" 24,	Alice Manuel Burch,	Chas. W. & Elizabeth.

DATE.	NAMES.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Sept. 24,	Joseph Silver,	Joseph and Amelia.
" 24,	Matilda Fratus,	Manuel and Mary.
" 25,	William John,	Joseph and Mary.
" 27,	Mary Emma Welsh,	James and Annie.
Oct. 1,	Mamie Perry,	Manuel and Mary.
" 12,	Joseph P. Martin,	Joseph P. and Julia.
" 14,	John Silver,	John and Retta.
" 16,	Mary Louisa Nickerson,	Chas. E. & Minnie L.
" 18,	William Warren Sears,	Jos. W. & Margaret.
" 19,	Frank R. Facha,	Joseph R. and Julia.
" 20,	Lizzie M. Abbott,	Edwin and Abbie A.
" 20,	Manuel Facha,	Manuel and Caroline.
" 26,	Rich,	Allen W. & Eunice S.
" 28,	Frank Almeda,	Oliver and Mary.
Nov. 6,	Mamie Cabra,	Jesse and Nellie.
" 7,	Seneigo,	Bernard and Maria.
" 7,	Mary Taska,	Manuel and Mary.
" 9,	Annie Wiley Worth,	James E. and Nellie P.
" 12,	Roberts,	James C. & Cinderilla.
" 13,	Lizzie Morill,	John and Mary E.
" 15,	Annie Almenia Newcomb,	Thomas C. & Melissa.
" 20,	Louisa Cabra,	Joseph and Rosa.
" 25,	Ambrozina Woods,	Stephen M. & Francis.
" 25,	Mary George,	Joseph and Mary.
" 25,	Cobb,	Abbot L. and Etta.
" 26,	Raymond,	Lewis and Ellen.
" 28,	Joseph,	Victorene and Retta.
" 30,	Williams,	Justin P. and Lizzie E.
Dec. 2,	Emmie Casilda Marshall,	Alexander and Sarah.
" 5,	John Fratus,	Manuel and Zena.
" 15,	Smith, twins,	Joseph C. & George L.
" 16,	Lizzie Silver,	Frank M. and Mary.



## Deaths Registered in Provincetown, 1884.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Y	M.	D.	
Jan. 1,	John Williams,	38			drowned at sea.
" 1,	Laura E. Williams,	31			drowned at sea.
" 1,	Alzina E. Williams,	7	2		drowned at sea.
" 1,	Daniel C. Cobb, Jr.,	32			drowned at sea.
" 4,	Willie F. McKay,	23	5	17	gastric fever.
" 9,	Ann Butler,	69	0	0	disease of heart, etc.
" 13,	Mary J. Caton,	92	0	0	old age.
" 16,	John M. Winslow,	73	5	22	pleura pneumonia.
" 18,	Addie J. Healey,	0	0	1	unknown.
" 24,	Hatch,	0	0	1	unknown.
" 25,	Jane S. Knowles,	83	9	27	pleurisy fever.
" 27,	Mabel Osborn Knowles	4	2	29	capillary bronchitis.
" 30,	Manuel Rogers,	2	6	4	poisoning.
Feb. 22,	Silver,	0	1	10	infantile fever.
" 22,	Morris,	0	0	1	unknown.
" 27,	Rebecca T. Watson,	62	6	15	gastro eutuitis.
Mar. 2,	Joshua P. Atkins,	48	2	20	phthisis.
" 5,	Paul L. Dyer,	26	0	18	accidental.
" 10,	Lucy A. Small,	81	9	17	paralysis, old age.
" 14,	Edward B. Lewis,	75	2	5	valvular dis. heart.
" 18,	Whorf,	0	0	0	unknown.
" 23,	Ruth Small,	88	1	15	old age.
" 26,	Orenza Covill,	72	5	0	disease of heart.
" 26,	Mercy Rich,	70	6	22	phthisis pulmonalis.
Apr. 10,	Edith Lewis,	2	6	4	phthisis pulmonalis.
" 12,	Lydia Mack,	76	0	11	disease of throat.
" 13,	Weeks,	0	0	0	unknown.
" 13,	Rufus Williams,	68	10	22	general debility.
" 16,	Frank Chase,	65	7	16	paralysis.
" 21,	Joseph Brown,	58	1	8	phthisis pulmonalis.
" 27,	Rebecca A. Smith,	26	4	14	puerperal fever.
May 4,	Katie N. Smith,	6	7	15	meningitis.
" 7,	Hannah S. Cook.	69	4	16	insanity.
" 9,	Enos,	0	0	0	unknown.
" 10,	Joseph Silver,	0	9	4	disease of brain.
" 11,	Sibyl M. Freeman,	57	3	2	apoplexy, paralysis.
" 11,	Katie Lavender,	75	7	25	dis. of heart, para.
" 23,	Mary Enos,	29	0	0	phthisis pulmonalis.

## Summary.

The following are the statistics of births, marriages and deaths registered in Provincetown for the year ending December 31, 1884:

## Births.

Number of births registered in 1884,	114
Males,	49
Females,	65

The parentage of the children is as follows:

Both parents American,	30
" " British Provinces,	7
" " Portuguese,	57
Mixed, one parent American,	16
Mixed, other nationalities,	4

## Marriages.

Number of marriages registered in 1884,	55
Both parties born in United States,	29
" " " British Provinces,	1
" " " Western Islands,	9
Mixed, one American,	15
" other nationalities,	1

## Deaths.

Number of deaths registered in Provincetown in 1884, ninety-two, four of which were drowned at sea.

Males,	44
Females,	48
Born in United States,	76
Born in Western Islands,	6
Born in British Provinces,	4
Born in Ireland,	4
Born in England,	2

## Dog Licenses.

Number of dogs licensed in Provincetown in 1884,	64
Paid County Treasurer,	\$134 40

SETH SMITH, TOWN CLERK.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Y.	M.	D.	
May 23,	Ruth Wareham,	64	7	29	cancer.
" 27,	Duncan M. Morrison,	0	4	1	scrofula.
" 28,	Susan C. Fish,	62	9	3	apoplectic paralysis
" 31,	Lydia Atkins,	69	6	9	organic dis. heart.
June 4,	Hannah M. Lewis,	29	3	29	consumption.
June 13,	Sadie A. Hodgden,	0	3	26	phthisis pulmonalis.
" 14,	John Ghen,	77	8	5	anaemia.
" 14,	Albert Smith,	17	0	0	typhoid fever.
" 17,	Ellen Rivers,	55	0	0	cancer of stomach.
" 18,	John Marshall,	0	0	24	erysipelas.
" 23,	Nellie B. Chute,	4	9	13	meningitis.
July 2,	Coleman Cook,	81	0	28	acute nephritis.
" 6,	Joshua R. Paschall,	76	0	14	paralysis.
" 18,	Fannie B. Coleman,	0	11	5	unknown.
" 18,	Mary J. Fratus,	28	0	0	convulsions.
" 20,	Aphia C. Freeman,	48	6	20	dis. of liver.
" 25,	Dannie A. McLeod,	2	6	0	convulsions.
" 27,	Zedekiah Higgins,	75	11	15	dis. heart, paralysis.
" 31,	Paul E. Babbett,	0	2	21	whooping cough.
" 31,	Carter,	0	0	3	unknown.
Aug. 2,	Belle Silver,	6	5	26	phthisis.
" 3,	Ann A. Nickerson,	60	7	8	epelepsy.
" 3,	Antone Perry,	0	1	27	cholera infantum.
" 4,	Caton,	0	0	0	unknown.
" 5,	Jennie Swasy,	2	8	16	convulsions.
" 7,	Eliza A. McCurdy,	86	6	21	old age.
" 9,	Brown,	0	0	0	unknown.
" 16,	Nabby Y. Gifford,	71	7	1	ulceration of bowels.
" 17,	Mary Lucas,	0	5	25	cholera infantum.
" 25,	Elisha T. Cushman,	83	0	0	old age, paralysis.
" 27,	Margaret McKinnon,	44	0	0	suicide by hanging.
Sept. 1,	Daniel McKinnon,	49	0	0	drowned at sea.
" 4,	Dutea,	0	0	0	unknown.
" 10,	Charles B. Schubert,	26	4	17	drowning.
" 16,	Eliphalet H. Whelden,	56	7	10	anaemia.
" 17,	Annie Fratus,	15	7	14	phthisis pulmonalis.
" 20,	Henry Blundell,	68	2	12	dis. heart, men'g's.
" 25,	Benjamin Lewis,	67	6	18	dry mortification.
" 27,	Genie C. Atkins,	31	6	14	consumption.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Sept. 30,	Manuel Antone,	22	6	18	scurvy, dis. heart.
Oct. 12,	Nellie C. Mack,	17	2	15	typho mal. fever.
" 21,	Reuel Atkins,	78	6	20	dis. of spinal cord.
" 21,	Hannah L. Rich,	38	4	4	cancer.
" 26,	Jared Hill,	76	11	3	em colism.
" 27,	Mary Carr,	73	6	10	dis. of heart.
Nov. 3,	Nehemiah Y. Higgins,	56	0	22	rupture of heart.
" 3,	Charles F. Fishburn,	1	0	8	cholera infantum.
" 8,	Joseph M. Silver,	10	7	0	rheumatic fever.
" 10,	Betsey N. Pierce,	58	11	1	cancerous humor.
" 11,	Martha R. Ghen,	42	1	22	marasmus.
" 22,	John Connelly, Jr.,	38	0	0	pneumonia.
" 30,	Emily Mayo Dyer,	25	2	23	consumption.
Dec. 6,	Rebecca F. Cutter,	22	1	16	consumption.
" 27,	George Chamberlin,	57	3	25	organic dis. heart.



## Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

BARNSTABLE, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Provincetown, in said County :

### GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Masonic Hall in said Provincetown, on Monday the ninth day of February, A. D. 1885, at nine o'clock in the forenoon; to act on the following articles of this Warrant :

ART. 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk and Treasurer.

ART. 3. To hear the annual report of the Selectmen, and other Town Officers, who are to report at this meeting, and act on the same.

ART. 4. To hear the report of the Committee appointed at the annual meeting of February 11th, 1884; to consider the advisability of procuring a lot of land, and erecting thereon a Town Hall; and to authorize the Treasurer to hire such sums of money as may be required, agreeable to the report of said Committee; also to appropriate what money may be deemed advisable for such purpose the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money for current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 6. To take action on the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen and posted according to law.

ART. 7. To see if the town will authorize the Collector of Taxes to use all means of collecting the same, which a Town Treasurer, when appointed collector, may use.

ART. 8. To see what rate of discount the town will allow for the prompt payment of taxes, and what rate of interest they will charge delinquents, the current year.

ART. 9. To see what sum of money the town will appropriate for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

ART. 10. To see what action the town will take in regard to the collection of taxes.

ART. 11. To see what action, if any, the town will take towards accepting the provisions of sections sixty-five, sixty-six, sixty-seven and sixty-eight, of Chapter twenty-seven of the Public Statutes, and the provisions of Chapter two hundred and three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-three.

ART. 12. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing, also to vote by ballot "Yes" or "No" in answer to the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town."

ART. 13. To raise such sums of money as may be thought necessary for town charges the current year and appropriate the same.

ART. 14. To see what action the town will take in regard to the bulkhead on Tremont Street adjoining the land of Joshua Nickerson.

ART. 15. To see what action the town will take to prevent the water running from Center Street, from overflowing the premises owned by the heirs of Francis Chase.

ART. 16. To see what action the town will take concerning the matter of drainage on Alden Street.

ART. 17. To see what action the town will take in regard to drainage at the corner of Bradford and Pearl Streets.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up an attested copy thereof, at the Post Office in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-seventh day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

MARSHALL L. ADAMS, } Selectmen.\*  
C. H. DYER, } of  
B. O. GROSS, } Provincetown.