

# SELECTMEN'S ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE

## FINANCES

OF THE

### TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1887,

AND THE

Reports of the Treasurer, Auditor, Overseers of the Poor, Town Clerk,  
Milk Inspector, Road Surveyor, Trustees of the Public Library,  
Board of Engineers, Board of Health, Town Hall  
Committee, and School Committee.

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# REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen respectfully submit the following report for the year ending December, 31, 1887:

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

VALUATION MAY 1, 1887.

|   |                           |                        |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Personal estate,                                  | \$1,024,150 00            |                        |
| Real estate,                                      | 980,550 00                |                        |
| Total valuation,                                  | <u>                  </u> | \$2,004,700 00         |
| Total number of polls,                            |                           | 1346                   |
| Tax on each poll,                                 |                           | \$2 00                 |
| Registered voters, November, 1887,                |                           | 789                    |
| Total tax for State, County, and Town purposes,   | \$37,172 84               |                        |
| Rate per cent on \$1000,                          |                           | \$17 20                |
| Total number of horses,                           |                           | 88                     |
| “ “ cows,   |                           | 48                     |
| “ “ dwellings,                                    |                           | 918                    |
| “ “ acres of land taxed,                          |                           | 1015                   |
| “ “ tax payers,                                   |                           | 1662                   |
| “ “ persons paying tax on property,               | 974                       |                        |
| “ “ “ “ a poll tax only,                          | 688                       |                        |
|   |                           | <u>          </u> 1662 |
| Value of personal estate, excluding               |                           |                        |
| Resident Bank Shares,                             | \$859,575 00              |                        |
| Resident Bank Shares,                             | 164,575 00                |                        |
| Total personal estate,                            | <u>                  </u> | \$1,024,150 00         |
| Value of real estate exclusive of build-<br>ings, | \$294,533 00              |                        |
| Value of buildings exclusive of land,             | 686,017 00                |                        |
| Total real estate,                                | <u>                  </u> | \$980,550 00           |

DR. APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1887. CR.

| Feb. 15, 1887.        |           | May 1, 1887.        |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|
| Watch and police,     | \$200 00  | By 1346 polls at    |           |
| Temperance cause,     | 50 00     | \$2.00,             | \$2692 00 |
| Memorial Day,         | 100 00    | \$1,024,150.00 per- |           |
| Town Hill and fences, | 25 00     | sonal estate at     |           |
| Cemeteries,           | 25 00     | \$17.20,            | 17,615 38 |
| Health department,    | 50 00     | \$980,500.00 real   |           |
| Support of the poor   |           | estate at \$17.20,  | 16,865 46 |
| and salaries,         | 3,600 00  | Non-resident bank   |           |
| Roads and walks,      | 2,000 00  | tax.                | 2,157 31  |
| Public library,       | 300 00    |                     |           |
| Fire department,      | 2,000 00  |                     |           |
| Public schools,       | 7,500 00  |                     |           |
| School house re-      |           |                     |           |
| pairs,                | 500 00    |                     |           |
| School incidentals,   | 400 00    |                     |           |
| Free text-books and   |           |                     |           |
| supplies,             | 1,000 00  |                     |           |
| Street lights,        | 600 00    |                     |           |
| Interest on demand    |           |                     |           |
| loans,                | 400 00    |                     |           |
| Discount and collec-  |           |                     |           |
| tion of taxes,        | 600 00    |                     |           |
| Abatement of taxes,   | 350 00    |                     |           |
| Incidental expenses,  | 1,800 00  |                     |           |
| Article 17, warrant   |           |                     |           |
| of Feb. 1887.         | 50 00     |                     |           |
| April 4th. Repairs to |           |                     |           |
| County road,          | 500 00    |                     |           |
| Town expenses,        | 22,050 00 |                     |           |
| New school house      |           |                     |           |
| loan and interest,    | 1,175 00  |                     |           |
| Railroad loan and     |           |                     |           |
| interest,             | 2,400 00  |                     |           |

|                      |             |  |             |
|----------------------|-------------|--|-------------|
| Funded loan Town     |             |  |             |
| Hall,                | \$4,600 00  |  |             |
| Interest on funded   |             |  |             |
| loan,                | 1,725 00    |  |             |
| State tax,           | 2,745 00    |  |             |
| County tax,          | 1,620 49    |  |             |
| April 4th. Heating   |             |  |             |
| high and grammar     |             |  |             |
| school building,     | 800 00      |  |             |
| Overlayings,         | 57 35       |  |             |
| Total tax for State  |             |  |             |
| County and Town      |             |  |             |
| purposes,            | 37,172 84   |  |             |
| Non Resident         |             |  |             |
| Bank tax,            | 2,157 31    |  |             |
| Total amount collec- |             |  |             |
| tor's warrant,       | \$39,330 15 |  | \$39,330 15 |

| DR.               | WATCH AND POLICE. | CR.                     |          |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Feb. 15, 1887     |                   | 1887.                   |          |
| To appropriation, | \$200 00          | Jan. 29, by payments,   | \$4 00   |
|                   |                   | Feb. 26, " "            | 6 75     |
|                   |                   | June 27, " "            | 7 52     |
|                   |                   | Aug. 27, " "            | 18 39    |
|                   |                   | Sept. 24, " "           | 5 50     |
|                   |                   | Nov. 26, " "            | 34 92    |
|                   |                   | Dec. 31, " "            | 117 88   |
|                   |                   | " Bal. in treas.        | 5 04     |
|                   | \$200 00          |                         | \$200 00 |
| DR.               | TEMPERANCE CAUSE. | CR.                     |          |
| Feb. 15, 1887.    |                   | 1887.                   |          |
| To appropriation, | \$50 00           | Dec. 31, Bal. in treas. | \$50 00  |
|                   | \$50 00           |                         | \$50 00  |

| Dr.                  | MEMORIAL DAY.                      | Cr.                               |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Feb. 15, 1887.       | 1887.                              |                                   |
| To appropriation,    | \$100 00                           | June 27, by payment, \$90 85      |
|                      |                                    | Dec. 31, Bal. in treas. 9 15      |
|                      | <u>\$100 00</u>                    | <u>\$100 00</u>                   |
| DR.                  | TOWN HILL AND FENCES.              | Cr.                               |
| Feb. 15, 1887.       | 1887.                              |                                   |
| To appropriation,    | \$25 00                            | July, 30, by payments, \$3 00     |
| Deficiency,          | 22 89                              | Sept. 29. " 34 10                 |
|                      |                                    | Dec. 31, " 10 79                  |
|                      | <u>\$47 89</u>                     | <u>\$47 89</u>                    |
| DR.                  | CEMETERIES.                        | Cr.                               |
| Feb. 15, 1887,       | 1887.                              |                                   |
| To appropriation,    | \$25 00                            | Oct. 29, by payment, \$8 25       |
|                      |                                    | Nov. 25, " 2 00                   |
|                      |                                    | Dec. 24, " 10 16                  |
|                      |                                    | Dec. 31, Bal. in treasury, 4 59   |
|                      | <u>\$25 00</u>                     | <u>\$25 00</u>                    |
| DR.                  | NEW SCHOOLHOUSE LOAN AND INTEREST. | Cr.                               |
| Feb. 15, 1887.       | 1887.                              |                                   |
| To appropriation,    | \$1175 00                          | June, 25, by payment, \$87 50     |
|                      |                                    | Dec. 31, " 1087 50                |
|                      | <u>\$1175 00</u>                   | <u>\$1175 00</u>                  |
| DR.                  | NEW SCHOOLHOUSE LOAN.              | Cr.                               |
| Jan. 1, 1887.        | 1887.                              |                                   |
| To am't outstanding  | \$3500 00                          | Dec, 31, by payment,              |
| liabilities,         |                                    | [see new school house             |
| Dec. 31, interest to |                                    | loan and interest], \$1175 00     |
| date,                | 175 00                             | Dec. 31, net liabilities, 2500 00 |
|                      | <u>\$3675 00</u>                   | <u>\$3675 00</u>                  |

| Dr.                   | RAILROAD LOAN AND INTEREST. | Cr.                               |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Feb. 15, 1887.        | 1887.                       |                                   |
| To appropriation,     | \$2400 00                   | Jan. 29, by payment, \$200 00     |
|                       |                             | July, 30, " 2200 00               |
|                       | <u>\$2400 00</u>            | <u>\$2400 00</u>                  |
| DR.                   | RAILROAD LOAN.              | Cr.                               |
| Jan. 1, 1887.         | 1887.                       |                                   |
| To amount of out-     |                             | Aug. 1, by payment,               |
| standing liabilities, | \$8000 00                   | see railroad loan                 |
| Aug. 1, interest to   |                             | and interest, \$2400 00           |
| date,                 | 400 00                      | Dec. 31, net liabilities, 6000 00 |
|                       | <u>\$8400 00</u>            | <u>\$8400 00</u>                  |
| DR.                   | HEALTH DEPARTMENT.          | Cr.                               |
| Feb. 15, 1887.        | 1887.                       |                                   |
| To appropriation,     | \$50 00                     | July, 30, by payments, \$1 25     |
|                       |                             | Sept. 24, " 40                    |
|                       |                             | Oct. 22, " 14 75                  |
|                       |                             | Dec. 31, " 9 81                   |
|                       |                             | " Bal. in treasury, 23 79         |
|                       | <u>\$50 00</u>              | <u>\$50 00</u>                    |
| DR.                   | PUBLIC LIBRARY.             | Cr.                               |
| Feb. 15, 1887.        | 1888.                       |                                   |
| To appropriation,     | \$300 00                    | Mch. 26, by payment, \$58 50      |
| Dec. 31, 1887.        |                             | April, 16, " 7 35                 |
| Cash for licensed     |                             | May, 28, " 8 00                   |
| dogs,                 | 219 60                      | June, 25, " 61 00                 |
|                       |                             | Sept. 24, " 58 50                 |
|                       |                             | Nov. 26, " 10 00                  |
|                       |                             | Dec. 31, " 304 22                 |
|                       |                             | " Bal. in treasury, 12 03         |
|                       | <u>\$519 60</u>             | <u>\$519 60</u>                   |

| DR.                    | SUPPORT OF THE POOR. | CR.                  |                  |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Feb. 15, 1887.         | 1887.                |                      |                  |
| To appropriation,      | \$3600 00            | Jan. 29, by paym'ts, | \$892 40         |
| Cash received for      |                      | Feb. 26,             | " 130 25         |
| insane                 | 376 76               | Mch. 26,             | " 193 51         |
| Temporary aid,         | 41 00                | April 30,            | " 599 24         |
| Poor of other towns,   | 148 99               | May 28,              | " 189 59         |
| Estate of Julia        |                      | June 25,             | " 210 55         |
| Powers,                | 294 00               | July 30,             | " 561 84         |
| Commonwealth,          | 36 75                | Aug. 27,             | " 116 03         |
| Estate of D. Scannell, | 1 04                 | Sept. 24,            | " 164 97         |
| Dec. 31, deficiency,   | 239 42               | Oct. 29,             | " 598 28         |
|                        |                      | Nov. 26,             | " 281 93         |
|                        |                      | Dec. 31,             | " 349 37         |
|                        |                      | Dec. 31, Salaries,   | 450 00           |
|                        | <u>\$4,737 96</u>    |                      | <u>\$4737 96</u> |

| DR.                 | ROADS AND WALKS. | CR.                  |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Feb. 15, 1887.      | 1887.            |                      |                  |
| To appropriation,   | \$2000 00        | Jan. 29, by paym'ts, | \$56 61          |
| Sale of old plank,  | 21 45            | Feb. 26,             | " 40 88          |
| Sale of gravel,     | 65               | Mch. 26,             | " 108 25         |
| Rebate on gravel,   | 10 00            | April 30,            | " 288 73         |
| Dec. 31, deficiency | 5 53             | May 28,              | " 240 84         |
|                     |                  | June 25,             | " 308 31         |
|                     |                  | July 30,             | " 116 27         |
|                     |                  | Aug. 27,             | " 180 14         |
|                     |                  | Sept. 24,            | " 119 63         |
|                     |                  | Oct. 29,             | " 152 02         |
|                     |                  | Nov. 26,             | " 277 69         |
|                     |                  | Dec. 31,             | " 148 26         |
|                     | <u>\$2037 63</u> |                      | <u>\$2037 63</u> |

| DR.               | FIRE DEPARTMENT. | CR.                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Feb. 15, 1887.    | 1887.            |                       |                  |
| To appropriation, | \$2000 00        | Feb. 26, by payments, | \$19 50          |
|                   |                  | April 30,             | " 1571 44        |
|                   |                  | July 9,               | " 20 75          |
|                   |                  | Sept. 10,             | " 8 00           |
|                   |                  | Oct. 8,               | " 11 44          |
|                   |                  | Dec. 31,              | " 333 54         |
|                   |                  | " Bal. in treasury,   | 35 33            |
|                   | <u>\$2000 00</u> |                       | <u>\$2000 00</u> |

| DR.                   | PUBLIC SCHOOLS.  | CR.                  |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Jan. 1, 1887, balance |                  | 1887.                |                  |
| in treasury,          | 385 65           | Feb. 26, by payment, | \$289 48         |
| Jan. 25, Mass. school |                  | Mar. 5,              | " 2355 08        |
| fund,                 | 204 38           | April 30,            | " 126 31         |
| Feb. 15, 1887.        |                  | June 18,             | " 2540 88        |
| To appropriation,     | \$7500 00        | Oct. 29,             | " 221 05         |
| Dec. 31, 1887,        |                  | Nov. 19,             | " 2240 02        |
| Deficiency,           | 138 23           | Dec. 31,             | " 455 44         |
|                       | <u>\$8228 26</u> |                      | <u>\$8228 26</u> |

| DR.               | SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS. | CR.                  |                 |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Feb. 15, 1887.    | 1887.                |                      |                 |
| To appropriation, | \$500 00             | Feb. 26, by payment, | \$1 00          |
|                   |                      | April 30,            | " 4 50          |
|                   |                      | Aug. 27,             | " 12 02         |
|                   |                      | Sept. 24,            | " 184 25        |
|                   |                      | Nov. 19,             | " 15 70         |
|                   |                      | Dec. 31,             | " 199 69        |
|                   |                      | " Bal. in treasury,  | 82 84           |
|                   | <u>\$500 00</u>      |                      | <u>\$500 00</u> |

| DR.                        | SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.   | CR.      |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Feb. 15, 1887.             | 1887.                 |          |
| To appropriation, \$400 00 | Feb. 12, by payments, | \$6 00   |
|                            | Mar. 5, " "           | 7 75     |
|                            | April 30, " "         | 85       |
|                            | May 28, " "           | 3 50     |
|                            | July 30, " "          | 118 00   |
|                            | Aug. 27, " "          | 7 25     |
|                            | Sept. 24, " "         | 27 68    |
|                            | Nov. 19, " "          | 5 75     |
|                            | Dec. 31, " "          | 137 56   |
|                            | " Bal. in treasury,   | 85 66    |
|                            | <hr/>                 | <hr/>    |
|                            | \$400 00              | \$400 00 |

| DR.                         | FREE TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES. | CR.       |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Feb. 15, 1887.              | 1887.                         |           |
| To appropriation, \$1000 00 | April 30, by payment,         | \$175 98  |
| " rebate on books, 41 17    | May 28, " "                   | 46 60     |
| " sale of books, 20 67      | July 30, " "                  | 36 00     |
| Dec. 31, deficiency, 7 89   | Sept. 24, " "                 | 429 39    |
|                             | Dec. 31, " "                  | 381 76    |
|                             | <hr/>                         | <hr/>     |
|                             | \$1069 73                     | \$1069 73 |

| DR.                     | SPECIAL REPAIRS TO BULKHEAD AT EAST END. | CR.      |
|-------------------------|--|----------|
| No appropriation,       | 1887.                                    |          |
| Dec. 31, 1887.          | Dec. 31, by payment                      | \$110 87 |
| To deficiency, \$110 87 |  |          |
|                         | <hr/>                                    | <hr/>    |
|                         | \$110 87                                 | \$110 87 |

| DR.                         | REPAIRS TO COUNTY ROAD. | CR.      |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| April 4, 1887.              | 1887.                   |          |
| To appropriation, \$500 00  | May 28, by payments,    | \$164 02 |
| Dec. 31, deficiency, 107 89 | June 25, " "            | 170 67   |
|                             | July 30, " "            | 273 20   |
|                             | <hr/>                   | <hr/>    |
|                             | \$607 89                | \$607 89 |

| DR.                        | HEATING HIGH AND GRAMMAR SCHOOLHOUSE. | CR.      |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| April 4, 1887.             | 1887.                                 |          |
| To appropriation, \$800 00 | Aug. 27, by payments,                 | \$7 08   |
|                            | Sept. 24, " "                         | 127 18   |
|                            | Oct. 29, " "                          | 41 08    |
|                            | Dec. 31, " "                          | 525 00   |
|                            | " Bal. in treas.                      | 99 66    |
|                            | <hr/>                                 | <hr/>    |
|                            | \$800 00                              | \$800 00 |

| DR.                       | ARTICLE 17, WARRANT, FEB. 1887. | CR.     |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| Feb. 15, 1887.            | 1887.                           |         |
| To appropriation, \$50 00 | Nov. 26, by payments,           | \$6 00  |
|                           | Dec. 31, Bal. in treas.         | 44 00   |
|                           | <hr/>                           | <hr/>   |
|                           | \$50 00                         | \$50 00 |

| DR.                        | STREET LIGHTS.        | CR.      |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Feb. 15, 1887.             | 1887.                 |          |
| To appropriation, \$600 00 | Jan. 29, by payments, | \$56 39  |
| " barrels sold, 26 60      | Feb. 26, " "          | 31 25    |
|                            | Mar. 26, " "          | 107 96   |
|                            | April 30, " "         | 22 50    |
|                            | May 28, " "           | 42 97    |
|                            | June 25, " "          | 19 50    |
|                            | July 30, " "          | 47 65    |
|                            | Aug. 24, " "          | 39 40    |
|                            | Sept. 24, " "         | 48 98    |
|                            | Oct. 29, " "          | 19 50    |
|                            | Nov. 26, " "          | 85 49    |
|                            | Dec. 31, " "          | 65 68    |
|                            | " Bal. in treas.      | 39 33    |
|                            | <hr/>                 | <hr/>    |
|                            | \$626 60              | \$626 60 |

| DR.   | MILITARY AID.                                 | CR.             |
|---|---|-----------------|
| Sept. 30, 1887.                                       | 1887.   |                 |
| To cash from commonwealth, \$276 00                   | Jan. 1, by balance due from the commonwealth, | \$276 00        |
| To discount one half Military aid, Chapter 252, 28 00 | Jan. 29, by paym'ts,                          | 19 00           |
| Dec. 31, to balance due from commonwealth, 304 00     | Feb. 26, "                                    | 19 00           |
|   | Mar. 26, "                                    | 19 00           |
|   | April 30, "                                   | 23 00           |
|   | May 28, "                                     | 31 00           |
|   | June 25, "                                    | 31 00           |
|   | July 30, "                                    | 31 00           |
|   | Aug. 27, "                                    | 31 00           |
|   | Sept. 24, "                                   | 31 00           |
|   | Oct. 29, "                                    | 31 00           |
|   | Nov. 26, "                                    | 31 00           |
|   | Dec. 31, "                                    | 35 00           |
|   |   | <u>\$608 00</u> |

| DR.   | DEMAND LOANS.        | CR.               |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|
| Jan. 1, 1887.                                   | 1887.                |                   |
| To amount of outstanding liabilities, \$8600 00 | Jan. 30, by paym'ts, | \$2500 00         |
| April 30, Loan 3000 00                          | April 30, "          | 500 00            |
| May 28, " 2000 00                               | Sept. 30, "          | 7500 00           |
| June 25, " 3000 00                              | Oct. 29, "           | 2550 00           |
| July 29, " 3700 00                              | Dec. 31, "           | 1000 00           |
| Aug 27, " 1000 00                               | " net liabilities,   | 7800 00           |
| Oct. 29, " 550 00                               |                      |                   |
|   |                      | <u>\$21850 00</u> |

| DR.                        | INTEREST ON DEMAND LOANS. | CR.             |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Feb. 15, 1887.             | 1887.                     |                 |
| To appropriation, \$400 00 | Jan. 31, by paym'ts,      | \$26 81         |
| Rebate, 50 00              | April 30, "               | 135 00          |
| Dec. 31, deficiency, 19 52 | June 27, "                | 15 00           |
|                            | July 30, "                | 15 00           |
|                            | Sept. 30, "               | 199 66          |
|                            | Oct. 29, "                | 44 72           |
|                            | Dec. 31, "                | 33 33           |
|                            |                           | <u>\$469 52</u> |

| DR.                                | STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.               | CR.              |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Feb. 15, 1887.                     | 1887.                                 |                  |
| To appropriation, \$3000 00        | Nov. 30, by county tax,               | \$1620 49        |
| Dec. 10, Corporation tax, 1556 45  | Dec. 10, " state tax,                 | 2745 00          |
| Dec. 10, National bank tax, 944 50 | Dec. 10, Non Resident Nat'l bank tax, | 2134 45          |
| Dec. 10, Foreign ships, 69 19      |                                       |                  |
| Dec. 31, deficiency, 929 80        |                                       |                  |
|                                    |                                       | <u>\$6499 94</u> |

| DR.                                 | DISCOUNT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES. | CR.             |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Feb. 15, 1887.                      | 1887.                             |                 |
| To appropriation, \$600 00          | Aug. 20, by paym'ts,              | \$10 00         |
| Dec. 31, interest collected, 233 10 | Sept. 24, "                       | 8 25            |
|                                     | Dec. 31, "                        | 781 54          |
|                                     | " Bal. in treas.                  | 33 31           |
|                                     |                                   | <u>\$833 10</u> |

| DR.                  | ABATEMENT OF TAXES. |                      | CR.             |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Feb. 15, 1887.       |                     | 1887.                |                 |
| To appropriation,    | \$350 00            | Jan. 29, by paym'ts, | \$25 00         |
| Dec. 31, additional  |                     | Feb. 26, "           | 15 96           |
| taxes collected,     | 46 70               | Mch. 26, "           | 2 30            |
| Rebate,              | 4 30                | April 30, "          | 3 06            |
| Dec. 31, deficiency, | 94                  | May 30, "            | 7 65            |
|                      |                     | June 27, "           | 17 65           |
|                      |                     | July 30, "           | 3 06            |
|                      |                     | Sept. 24, "          | 48 42           |
|                      |                     | Oct. 31, "           | 4 30            |
|                      |                     | Nov. 30, "           | 6 87            |
|                      |                     | Dec. 31, "           | 267 67          |
|                      | <u>\$401 94</u>     |                      | <u>\$401 94</u> |

| DR.                | (COLLECTOR OF TAXES, 1881.) |                     | CR.             |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
|                    | SETH SMITH.                 |                     |                 |
| Jan. 1, 1887.      |                             | 1887.               |                 |
| To bal. taxes due, | \$466 44                    | Dec. 31, by balance |                 |
|                    |                             | taxes due,          | \$466 44        |
|                    | <u>\$466 44</u>             |                     | <u>\$466 44</u> |

| DR.                 | (COLLECTOR OF TAXES, 1885.) |                          | CR.              |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
|                     | JOSEPH S. ATWOOD.           |                          |                  |
| Jan. 1, 1887.       |                             | 1887.                    |                  |
| To bal. taxes due,  | \$1318 14                   | Feb. 23, by cash to date | \$720 88         |
| " additional taxes, | 12 93                       | Sept. 1, " "             | 469 38           |
| " interest,         | 48 38                       | Dec. 31, " "             | 189 19           |
|                     | <u>\$1379 45</u>            |                          | <u>\$1379 45</u> |

| DR.                 | (COLLECTOR OF TAXES, 1886.) |                          | CR.               |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
|                     | JOSEPH S. ATWOOD.           |                          |                   |
| Jan. 1, 1887.       |                             | 1887,                    |                   |
| To bal. taxes due,  | \$12252 63                  | Jan. 29, by cash to      |                   |
| Dec. 31, additional |                             | date,                    | \$1975 45         |
| taxes,              | 12 89                       | Feb. 21, by cash to      | •                 |
| Dec. 31, interest,  | 184 72                      | date,                    | 820 00            |
|                     |                             | Mar. 12, by cash to      |                   |
|                     |                             | date,                    | 312 00            |
|                     |                             | April 30, by cash to     |                   |
|                     |                             | date,                    | 687 75            |
|                     |                             | May 31, by cash to       |                   |
|                     |                             | date,                    | 1013 00           |
|                     |                             | July 16, by cash to      |                   |
|                     |                             | date,                    | 305 00            |
|                     |                             | Sept. 10, by cash to     |                   |
|                     |                             | date,                    | 300 00            |
|                     |                             | Oct. 5, by cash to       |                   |
|                     |                             | date,                    | 1090 72           |
|                     |                             | Nov. 30, by cash to      |                   |
|                     |                             | date,                    | 650 00            |
|                     |                             | Dec. 31, by cash to      |                   |
|                     |                             | date,                    | 2321 86           |
|                     |                             | Dec. 31, bal. taxes due, | 2974 46           |
|                     | <u>\$12450 24</u>           |                          | <u>\$12450 24</u> |

| DR.                 | (COLLECTOR OF TAXES, 1887.) |                       | CR.                |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
|                     | JOSEPH S. ATWOOD.           |                       |                    |
| Sept. 1, 1887.      |                             | 1887                  |                    |
| To State Tax,       | \$2,745 00                  | Sept. 29, by paym'ts, | \$12,348 87        |
| County tax,         | 1,620 49                    | Oct. 31, " "          | 3,248 61           |
| Town tax,           | 32,750 00                   | Nov. 29, " "          | 4,800 60           |
| Overlays,           | 57 35                       | Dec. 31, " "          | 6,830 95           |
| Non-resident        |                             | " " discount,         | 341 60             |
| bank tax,           | 2,157 31                    | " " collecting        | 439 94             |
| Dec. 31, additional |                             | " " balance taxes     |                    |
| taxes collected,    | 20 88                       | due,                  | 11,340 46          |
|                     | <u>\$39,351 03</u>          |                       | <u>\$39,351 03</u> |



| DR.   | TOWN HALL.—FUNDED LOAN. | CR.  |
|---|-------------------------|--|
| Jan. 1, 1887.                               |                         | 1887.  |
| To amount of<br>outstanding<br>liabilities, | \$46,000 00             | Mar. 26, by paym'ts, \$862 50                  |
| April*7, interest<br>to date,               | 862 50                  | Oct 6, " 5,462 50                              |
| Oct. 7, interest,<br>to date,               | 862 50                  | Dec. 31, amount<br>outstanding<br>liabilities, |
|   | \$47,725 00             | 41,400 00                                      |
|   |                         | <hr/> \$47,725 00                              |

| DR.                                  | TOWN HALL.      | CR.  |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Mch. 1, 1887.                        |                 | 1887.  |
| To cash for Mills'<br>house,         | \$1250 00       | By estate, T. P. John-<br>son, extra land for<br>Mills' house, |
| To cash D. F. Lewis,<br>empty bbls.  | 2 24            | \$200 00   |
| To cash for sale of<br>safe,         | 25 00           | B. Lancy, 25 tons of<br>coal, at \$4.85,                       |
| To cash for jail fees,<br>" rentals, | 10 00<br>537 20 | 121 25   |
| Dec. 31, deficiency,                 | 758 53          | Five spruce poles,<br>Wm. H. Ayers, labor<br>on coal,          |
|                                      |                 | 75   |
|                                      |                 | 6 25   |
|                                      |                 | Juror's award, Dyer<br>case,                                   |
|                                      |                 | 419 21   |
|                                      |                 | Interest on same,  |
|                                      |                 | 6 31   |
|                                      |                 | F. W. Mozart, scenery,   |
|                                      |                 | 870 59   |
|                                      |                 | Howard F. Hopkins<br>printing by-laws,                         |
|                                      |                 | 3 00   |
|                                      |                 | Mitchell, Woodberry,<br>& Co.,                                 |
|                                      |                 | 8 90   |
|                                      |                 | Joseph Breck & Son,<br>grass seed,                             |
|                                      |                 | 3 66   |
|                                      |                 | Shreve, Crump & Low,<br>lanterns,                              |
|                                      |                 | 70 45  |
|                                      |                 | Forbes Lithograph Co.,<br>printing,                            |
|                                      |                 | 20 00  |

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|--|----------|
| Walworth M'fg Co.,<br>gasoline, piping and<br>labor, | \$125 05 |
| Josiah Swift, 1 snow<br>shovel,                      | 45       |
| George H. Holmes,<br>labor and fixtures,             | 11 55    |
| Hiram Holmes, stock<br>and labor,                    | 1 11     |
| Steamer Longfellow,<br>freight,                      | 3 95     |
| Old Colony Railroad,<br>freight,                     | 8 12     |
| Wm. W. Smith, labor,                                 | 50       |
| Philip R. Howes, glass<br>ware,                      | 75       |
| M. L. Adams, travel,                                 | 8 40     |
| James A. Small, travel,                              | 7 35     |
| Joseph W. Cook,<br>painting,                         | 23 60    |
| R. E. Mayo, teaming,                                 | 1 45     |
| Jesse Nickerson, labor,                              | 1 30     |
| J. F. Small, trees,                                  | 7 50     |
| Hannah M. Colburn,<br>cleaning,                      | 2 50     |
| Estate Isaiah A.<br>Small, iron work,                | 3 39     |
| James H. Hopkins, 1<br>deed,                         | 1 50     |
| John H. Livermore,<br>iron work,                     | 4 95     |
| W. H. Griffith, fixtures,                            | 4 00     |
| James Carr, labor,                                   | 1 80     |
| James Fuller, repairs,                               | 3 48     |
| George O. Knowles,<br>parafine wax,                  | 5 00     |

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|--|-----------|
| R. W. Hilliard, insurance,               | \$100 00  |
| Cook and Lewis, 10 tons coal, at \$4.77, | 47 70     |
| G. W. Ready, labor on coal,              | 2 50      |
| O. L. Story, curtain roll,               | 15 50     |
| N. C. Brooks, teaming,                   | 75        |
| George Allen, lumber,                    | 4 87      |
| J. A. West, fixtures,                    | 36 86     |
| A. T. Williams, slabs,                   | 7 00      |
| W. C. Healey, labor on clock,            | 1 00      |
| J. D. Hilliard, 16 loads dressing,       | 24 00     |
| Slabs,                                   | 4 00      |
| Oil and matches,                         | 1 95      |
| Alfred Small, carpenter work,            | 117 35    |
| Mary Bowering, cleaning,                 | 4 10      |
| John Adams, soap, pearline, etc.,        | 2 34      |
| Lewis A. Smith, labor,                   | 23 50     |
| N. W. Ayers, salary as janitor,          | 200 00    |
| Salary as keeper of lockup,              | 14 38     |
| Extra labor,                             | 17 10     |
| <hr/>                                    |           |
| \$2582 97                                | \$2582 97 |

| DR.                           | INCIDENTAL EXPENSES. | CR.   |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Feb. 15, 1887.                | 1887.                |   |
| To appropriation,             | \$1,800 00           | By Howard F. Hopkins, printing town reports,          |
| Copy of deeds,                | 1 92                 | \$158 60  |
| Sealing weights and measures, | 16 73                | Auditor,  |
| D. Ryder, permits,            | 5 00                 | 3 00  |
| Weir licenses,                | 130 00               | J. P. Johnson, services as moderator,                 |
| Milk “                        | 35 50                | 6 00  |
| Auctioneer licenses           | 10 00                | P. C. Young, envelopes,                               |
| Junk “                        | 8 00                 | 21 80   |
| Billiard “                    | 4 00                 | Hooper, Lewis, & Co., stationery,                     |
| Pedlers' licenses,            | 10 00                | 12 60   |
|                               |                      | Lewis Nickerson, insurance,                           |
|                               |                      | 18 75   |
|                               |                      | A. P. Hannum, expense to Boston, case Public Library, |
|                               |                      | 6 75  |
|                               |                      | Committee investigating electric fire alarm,          |
|                               |                      | 29 58   |
|                               |                      | Central Whf. Co. ink,                                 |
|                               |                      | 1 00  |
|                               |                      | E. C. Norris, records,                                |
|                               |                      | 15 00   |
|                               |                      | A. F. Sherman “                                       |
|                               |                      | 2 81  |
|                               |                      | F. H. Lothrop “                                       |
|                               |                      | 1 00  |
|                               |                      | James Gifford “                                       |
|                               |                      | 3 00  |
|                               |                      | R. E. Mayo, use of teams,                             |
|                               |                      | 4 50  |
|                               |                      | Assessing taxes,                                      |
|                               |                      | 630 00  |
|                               |                      | Posting notices,                                      |
|                               |                      | 50  |
|                               |                      | H. J. Lancy, guide board,                             |
|                               |                      | 1 50  |
|                               |                      | M. L. Adams, expense to Boston,                       |
|                               |                      | 8 50  |
|                               |                      | Howard F. Hopkins, printing,                          |
|                               |                      | 48 05   |
|                               |                      | Samuel Knowles, use of teams,                         |
|                               |                      | 4 25  |

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|---|---------------|
| A. L. Putnam & Co.,<br>stationery,                        | \$3 10        |
| D. Ryder, State agent,<br>Board of registrars,<br>salary, | 7 50<br>75 00 |
| Smith K. Hopkins,<br>clerk's fees for town<br>By-laws,    | 2 40          |
| H. P. Harriman, legal<br>advice,                          | 54 00         |
| Selectmen's salary,                                       | 400 00        |
| Mary Silver, return-<br>ing 21 births,                    | 5 25          |
| W. S. Birge, return-<br>ing 17 births,                    | 4 25          |
| Mary Tarvers, return-<br>ing 13 births,                   | 3 25          |
| Hannah S. Jones,<br>returning 7<br>births,                | 1 75          |
| A. H. Newton, return-<br>ing 5 births,                    | 1 25          |
| W. W. Gleason, re-<br>turning 7 births,                   | 1 75          |
| E. C. Peck, returning<br>3 births,                        | 75            |
| E. C. Newton, return-<br>ing 3 births,                    | 75            |
| Mary Perry, return-<br>ing 2 births,                      | 50            |
| Mary Francis, return-<br>ing 2 births,                    | 50            |
| H. E. Hall, returning<br>2 births,                        | 50            |
| Seth Smith salary<br>as treasurer,                        | 250 00        |

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|--|-----------|
| Attending annual<br>meeting and re-<br>cording same,                           | \$10 00   |
| Attending special<br>meetings,   | 6 00      |
| Sealer of weights and<br>measures,   | 20 00     |
| Milk inspector,  | 20 00     |
| Attending election<br>Provincetown and<br>Wellfleet and<br>recording the same, | 15 00     |
| Recording 108 births,  | 54 00     |
| " 37 marriages,  | 5 55      |
| " 20 deaths,   | 4 00      |
| " 97 "   | 9 70      |
| Box rent,  | 1 00      |
| Postage and express-<br>age,   | 13 86     |
| Official oaths,  | 6 00      |
| Joseph Whitcomb,<br>returning 117 deaths,                                      | 29 25     |
| Dec. 31, Bal. in treas.  | 37 10     |
|  | <hr/>     |
| \$2021 15  | \$2021 15 |

|  | Appropriations,<br>Feb. 15, 1887. | Net<br>Expenditures,<br>Dec. 31, 1887. |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| Watch and Police,  | \$200 00                          | \$194 96                               |
| Memorial Day,  | 100 00                            | 90 85                                  |
| Town Hill and Fences,  | 25 00                             | 47 89                                  |
| Temperance Cause,  | 50 00                             | 00 00                                  |
| Cemeteries,  | 25 00                             | 20 41                                  |
| New Schoolhouse Loan and Interest,                           | 1175 00                           | 1175 00                                |
| Railroad Loan and Interest,                                  | 2400 00                           | 2400 00                                |
| Health Department,   | 50 00                             | 26 21                                  |
| Support of the Poor,   | 3600 00                           | 3849 42                                |
| Public Library,  | 300 00                            | 287 97                                 |
| Roads and Walks,   | 2000 00                           | 2005 53                                |
| Fire Department,   | 2000 00                           | 1964 67                                |
| Public School and Bal. in Treasury,                          | 7885 65                           | 8023 88                                |
| Schoolhouse Repairs,   | 500 00                            | 417 16                                 |
| Free Text-books and Supplies,                                | 1000 00                           | 1007 89                                |
| Street Lights,   | 600 00                            | 560 67                                 |
| Article 17, Warrant 1887,                                    | 50 00                             | 6 00                                   |
| Special Repairs to Bulkhead East End,<br>(no appropriation), | 0 00                              | 110 87                                 |
| School Incidentals,  | 400 00                            | 314 34                                 |
| Repairs to County Road,                                      | 500 00                            | 607 89                                 |
| Heating High and Grammar School-<br>house,                   | 800 00                            | 700 34                                 |
| Interest on Demand Loans,                                    | 400 00                            | 419 52                                 |
| Discount and Collection of Taxes,                            | 600 00                            | 566 69                                 |
| Abatement of Taxes,  | 350 00                            | 350 94                                 |
| Town Hall, (no appropriation,)                               | 0 00                              | 758 53                                 |
| Incidental Expenses,   | 1800 00                           | 1762 90                                |
|  | <hr/>                             | <hr/>                                  |
|  | \$26810 65                        | \$27670 53                             |

ESTIMATED EXPENSES, 1888, FOR THE FOLLOWING  
DEPARTMENTS :

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Watch and Police,                  | \$200 00 |
| Memorial Day,                      | 100 00   |
| Town Hall and Fences,              | 50 00    |
| Cemeteries,                        | 25 00    |
| New Schoolhouse Loan and Interest, | 1125 00  |
| Railroad Loan and Interest,        | 2300 00  |
| Health Department,                 | 25 00    |
| Support of Poor and Salaries,      | 3600 00  |
| Street Lights,                     | 600 00   |
| Interest on Demand Loans,          | 350 00   |
| State and County Taxes,            | 3000 00  |
| Discount and Collection of Taxes,  | 600 00   |
| Abatement of Taxes,                | 350 00   |
| Incidental Expenses,               | 1800 00  |

Respectfully submitted,

MARSHALL L. ADAMS,  
JAMES A. SMALL,  
CHARLES H. DYER,  
*Selectmen of Provincetown.*

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

### RECEIPTS.

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Cash in the treasury, Jan. 1, 1887,        | \$2,646 32 |
| Mass. school fund,                         | 204 38     |
| County dog fund,                           | 219 60     |
| Received on account of poor,               | 604 54     |
| Sale of Julia Powers' house,               | 270 00     |
| Received rents, etc., Julia Powers' house, | 24 00      |
| Sale of Mills' house,                      | 1,250 00   |
| Rent of Hall,                              | 537 20     |
| Sale of barrels,                           | 2 24       |
| “ “ oil barrels,                           | 26 60      |
| “ “ safe,                                  | 25 00      |
| Rebate on gravel,                          | 10 00      |
| Sale of gravel (roads)                     | 10 45      |
| “ “ old planks “                           | 11 65      |
| “ “ text books,                            | 20 67      |
| Rebate on text books,                      | 41 17      |
| Weir licenses,                             | 130 00     |
| Auctioneer licenses,                       | 10 00      |
| Junk “                                     | 8 00       |
| Billiard “                                 | 4 00       |
| Milk “                                     | 35 50      |
| Pedlers “                                  | 10 00      |
| Copy of deeds,                             | 1 92       |
| Jail fees,                                 | 10 00      |
| Fees for sealing weights and measures,     | 16 73      |
| Demand loans,                              | 13,250 00  |
| Rebate on interest,                        | 50 00      |

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| David Ryder, permits granted, | \$5 00      |
| Corporation tax, 1887,        | 1,556 45    |
| National Bank tax,            | 944 50      |
| Foreign ships,                | 69 19       |
| State Aid,                    | 276 00      |
| Interest on taxes,            | 233 10      |
| Additional taxes collected,   | 46 70       |
| Rebate on “                   | 4 30        |
| Taxes of 1885,                | 1,318 14    |
| “ 1886,                       | 9,278 17    |
| “ 1887,                       | 27,989 69   |
|                               | \$61,151 21 |

### EXPENDITURES.

The treasurer has paid out upon vouchers the following sums:

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Support of poor,                          | \$4,737 96 |
| Incidental expenses,                      | 1,984 05   |
| Roads and walks,                          | 2,037 63   |
| Public schools,                           | 8,228 26   |
| Schoolhouse repairs,                      | 417 16     |
| School incidentals,                       | 314 34     |
| Free text-books and supplies,             | 1,069 73   |
| Public library,                           | 507 57     |
| Truant children, Act. 17,                 | 6 00       |
| New schoolhouse loan and interest,        | 1,175 00   |
| Demand loans,                             | 14,050 00  |
| Interest on demand loans,                 | 469 52     |
| Military aid,                             | 332 00     |
| Railroad loan and interest,               | 2400 00    |
| Heating High and Grammar school building, | 700 34     |
| Town Hall loan and interest,              | 6,325 00   |
| Town Hall,                                | 2,582 97   |
| Town Hill and fences,                     | 47 89      |
| Watch and police,                         | 194 96     |
| Memorial Day,                             | 90 85      |
| Fire Department,                          | 1,964 67   |

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|---|----------|
| Street lights,                          | \$587 27 |
| Special repairs, County road,           | 607 89   |
| Bulkhead, east end,                     | 110 87   |
| Health department,                      | 26 21    |
| Cemeteries,                             | 20 41    |
| County tax,                             | 1,620 49 |
| State tax,                              | 2,745 00 |
| National Bank tax,                      | 2,134 45 |
| Abatement of taxes,                     | 401 94   |
| Discount and collection of taxes,       | 799 79   |
| Balance in the treasury, Dec. 31, 1887. | 2,460 99 |

\$61,151 21

LIABILITIES, DEC. 31ST, 1887.

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| New Town Hall (funded loan) | \$41,400 00 |
| Interest to Jan. 1, 1888,   | 362 30      |
| Railroad loan,              | 6,000 00    |
| Interest on same,           | 125 00      |
| New Schoolhouse loan,       | 2,500 00    |
| Demand loans,               | 7,800 00    |
| Interest on same,           | 193 84      |

\$58,381 14

ASSETS

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Due for military aid, | \$304 00         |
| Taxes of 1881,        | 466 44           |
| “ 1886,               | 2,974 46         |
| “ 1887,               | 11,340 46        |
| Cash in the treasury, | 2,460 99         |
| Net liabilities,      | 40,834 79        |
|                       | <u>58,381 14</u> |

|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Dec. 31, 1886. Net liabilities, | \$50,720 65 |
| Dec. 31, 1887. “ “              | 40,834 79   |

Decrease past year, \$9,885 86

Respectfully submitted,  
SETH SMITH, *Town Treasurer.*

## REPORT OF AUDITOR.

The Auditor of Accounts for the Town respectfully submits the following report for the year ending December, 31, 1887:—

The Ledger, Cash Book, and Book of General Orders have been carefully examined and everything found in excellent condition.

Every account was represented by a voucher duly received.

### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

|                                     |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Balance in treasury, Jan. 1, 1887,  | \$2,646 32         |
| Receipts of the year,               | 58,504 89          |
|                                     | <u>\$61,151 21</u> |
| Paid out on proper vouchers,        | \$58,690 22        |
| Balance in treasury, Dec. 31, 1887, | 2,460 99           |
|                                     | <u>\$61,151 21</u> |
| Total number of orders paid,        | 1,131              |
| Total amount of claims paid,        | \$58,690 22        |

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. PUTNAM, *Auditor.*

## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The undersigned, Overseers of the Poor, submit the following report : —

### SUPPORT OF POOR IN ALMSHOUSE.

|                                  |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Salary of superintendent,        | \$260 00  |
| Groceries and provisions,        | 502 76    |
| Fuel and lights,                 | 62 05     |
| Clothing and bedding,            | 83 58     |
| Boots and shoes,                 | 24 89     |
| Furniture and fixtures,          | 24 91     |
| Repairs,                         | 24 13     |
| Sanitary purposes,               | 9 00      |
| Dressing for land,               | 5 00      |
| Medical attendance and medicine, | 17 85     |
| Burial expenses,                 | 13 60     |
|                                  | <hr/>     |
|                                  | \$1027 77 |

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|--|-------|
| Remaining in the almshouse, Dec. 31, 1886, | 9     |
| Admitted during the year,                  | 10    |
|  | <hr/> |
| Whole number supported,                    | 19    |
| Discharged,                                | 6     |
| Died,                                      | 2     |
|  | <hr/> |
|  | 8     |
|  | <hr/> |
| Remaining in almshouse, Dec. 31, 1887,     | 11    |

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Number of persons supported at almshouse, | 19    |
| “ “ “ hospital for insane,                | 9     |
|   | <hr/> |
| Total number persons fully supported,     | 28    |
| Number of families partially supported,   | 42    |
| Number of dependants of families,         | 113   |
| Number of tramps,                         | 4     |

INMATES OF THE ALMSHOUSE FROM DECEMBER 31, 1886, TO DECEMBER 31, 1887.

| NAME.               | AGE. | BIRTHPLACE.         | NATURE OF SETTLEMENT. | WHEN REG. | REMARKS.                   |
|---------------------|------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| Lucy A. Hill.       | 72   | Boston.             | Marriage.             | 1851      |                            |
| Zilla D. Howe.      | 57   | Eastham.            | Father.               | 1858      |                            |
| Reuben A. Smith.    | 38   | Provincetown.       | Father.               | 1870      |                            |
| Joseph A. Hill.     | 14   | Provincetown.       | Mother.               | 1873      |                            |
| Ida Newcomb.        | 35   | Harwich.            | Father.               | 1877      |                            |
| Hannah E. McIntosh. | 40   | Provincetown.       | Father.               | 1879      |                            |
| James P. Smith.     | 14   | Provincetown.       | Mother.               | 1879      |                            |
| Henry P. Smith.     | 6    | Provincetown.       | Mother.               | 1881      |                            |
| Joshua Hutchins.    | 73   | Boston.             | Taxation.             | 1884      | Discharged June 9, 1887.   |
| John Stone.         | 78   | Provincetown.       | Taxation.             | 1882      |                            |
| Reitta Louise.      | 64   | Pico, W. Islands.   | Acts, 1874.           | 1887      | Died November 14, 1887.    |
| Joseph Marshall.    | 44   | Fayal " "           | Taxation.             | 1887      | Died May 19, 1887.         |
| Mary Marshall.      | 42   | " " "               | Husband.              | 1887      | Discharged May 21, 1887    |
| E. Thomas Smith.    | 52   | Provincetown.       | Father.               | 1887      |                            |
| Joseph Costa.       | 51   | Flores, W. Islands. | None.                 | 1887      | Discharged July 26, 1887.  |
| Patrick McCarthy.   | 40   | Boston.             | Military.             | 1884      | Discharged Dec. 15, 1887.  |
| Mary McCarthy.      | 30   | Boston.             | Husband.              | 1887      | Discharged Dec. 15, 1887.  |
| Charles Kirby.      | 44   | Concord, N. H.      | Military.             | 1887      |                            |
| Pedro Roman.        | 32   | Spain.              | None.                 | 1887      | Discharged April 20, 1887. |



## SUPPORT OF THE POOR OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Atkins, Henry,                | \$29 30 |
| Avella, Manuel D.,            | 9 00    |
| Briggs, Mary A., Boston,      | 1 50    |
| Colburn, Hannah M.,           | 4 88    |
| Costa, Justine, widow,        | 36 00   |
| Corea, Mary, and family,      | 56 88   |
| Collins' children, Salem,     | 2 32    |
| Davis, Louise, widow,         | 94 44   |
| Enos, Gertrude, widow,        | 22 50   |
| Enos, Mary,                   | 74 57   |
| Freeman, F. Y. and family,    | 64 77   |
| Fine, Ellen, insane,          | 190 86  |
| Grassie, Manuel,              | 2 50    |
| Hamilton, Francis, insane,    | 196 11  |
| Holway, Charles H.,           | 13 36   |
| Hutchins, Joshua, insane,     | 52 92   |
| Jason, Johanna, widow,        | 88 45   |
| Joseph, Mary, widow,          | 60 00   |
| Joseph, Amelia,               | 10 00   |
| Kelley, James F., Barnstable, | 144 00  |
| Kenney, Annie,                | 17 15   |
| Kirby, Charles,               | 3 75    |
| Lewis, James N., and family,  | 28 21   |
| Lurten, Wm. J., Boston,       | 7 70    |
| Lima, Mary, widow,            | 25 00   |
| Mayo, Joseph A., insane,      | 195 29  |
| Martin, Rosa, widow,          | 30 00   |
| Marshall, Joseph,             | 170 98  |
| McCarthy, Patrick,            | 19 80   |
| McQuillan, John, Lowell,      | 44 25   |
| Paine, Elizabeth, widow,      | 10 40   |
| Powers, Julia, widow,         | 70 29   |

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Rich, Obed S.,            | \$34 93   |
| Roberts, James C.         | 25 88     |
| Rogers, Manuel, 3d,       | 55 15     |
| Scannel, Dennis,          | 138 58    |
| Stone, John,              | 97 07     |
| Smith, Joseph A.          | 3 89      |
| Smith, Thomas E.          | 2 00      |
| Smith, Margaret, insane,  | 182 51    |
| Snow, George B,           | 14 80     |
| Smith, Joshua,            | 18 43     |
| Taylor, Samuel.           | 59 72     |
| Winslow, James, insane,   | 175 56    |
| Wareham, Sarah, widow,    | 20 18     |
| Williams, Marion, widow,  | 28 89     |
| Poor of cities and towns, | 170 12    |
| Insane persons,           | 366 76    |
| Temporary aid,            | 41 00     |
| Commonwealth of Mass.     | 50 79     |
| Tramps,                   | 1 75      |
|                           | <hr/>     |
|                           | \$3260 19 |

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Appropriation,                    | \$3600 00 |
| Rec'd for Insane,                 | 376 76    |
| Poor of other towns,              | 148 99    |
| Temporary aid,                    | 41 00     |
| Rec'd from Commonwealth of Mass., | 36 75     |
| Estate of Julia Powers,           | 294 00    |
| "    D. Scannell,                 | 1 04      |
| Deficiency,                       | 239 42    |
|                                   | <hr/>     |
|                                   | \$4737 96 |

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| Support of the poor in almshouse, | \$1027 77 |
| Persons partially supported,      | \$1505 46 |
| Support of insane,                | 1492 82   |
|                                   | <hr/>     |
|                                   | 2998 28   |
| Support of poor of other towns,   | \$170 12  |
| Temporary relief,                 | 41 00     |
| Commonwealth cases,               | 50 79     |
|                                   | <hr/>     |
|                                   | 261 91    |
| Salaries of Overseers,            | 450 00    |
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|                                   | \$4737 96 |

Respectfully submitted,

MARSHALL L. ADAMS,  
CHARLES H. DYER,  
JAMES A. SMALL,

*Overseers of the Poor.*

## REPORT OF THE ROAD SURVEYOR.

The Road Surveyor herewith submits his annual report for the year ending December 31, 1887 :

|                                      |            |  |
|--------------------------------------|------------|--|
| Feb. 15, 1887 appropriation,         | \$2,000 00 |  |
| Material sold,                       | 22 10      |  |
| Rebate,                              | 10 00      |  |
| Deficiency,                          | 5 53       |  |
|                                      | \$2,037 63 |  |
| Paid Frank Chase, Surveyor,          | 300 79     |  |
| Parker J. Hall, gravel,              | 307 50     |  |
| Luther P. Hatch, clay,               | 14 50      |  |
| Solomon T. Hatch, shells,            | 2 00       |  |
| David Rich, shells                   | 9 20       |  |
| N. C. Brooks, teaming                | 6 50       |  |
| William H. Settes, labor,            | 14 45      |  |
| Henry Atkins, labor,                 | 11 80      |  |
| Thomas Welch, teaming and labor,     | 22 20      |  |
| Nathaniel Atkins, labor,             | 3 35       |  |
| A. T. Williams, wharfage and spikes, | 9 20       |  |
| James Welch, labor,                  | 3 72       |  |
| Augustus E. Rich, labor,             | 33 10      |  |
| James H. Carr, labor,                | 5 33       |  |
| John E. Rich, labor,                 | 2 40       |  |
| R. G. Tarrant, labor,                | 2 00       |  |
| Thomas E. Carr, labor,               | 1 40       |  |
| George Crosby, labor,                | 8 85       |  |
| Frank Barnes, labor,                 | 10 07      |  |
| S. Bennett, teaming,                 | 9 32       |  |

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|----------------------------------|--------|
| Paid James Carr, 2d, labor,      | \$4 40 |
| Walter Welch, teaming and labor, | 12 56  |
| B. A. Lewis, labor,              | 1 77   |
| W. H. Herbolt, Stock labor,      | 9 15   |
| James S. Dill, labor,            | 3 56   |
| E. E. Emery, labor,              | 2 20   |
| Charles W. Burkett, labor,       | 8 63   |
| Ebenezer Turner, labor,          | 4 50   |
| William H. Carr, labor           | 12 10  |
| F. M. Bowley, labor,             | 17 00  |
| Manuel Williams, labor,          | 3 37   |
| R. Frank Barnett, teaming,       | 4 00   |
| William H. Hammond, labor,       | 5 20   |
| Benj. W. Atkins, labor,          | 23 26  |
| Arch. McCurdy, labor,            | 9 90   |
| Geo. H. Cornell, labor,          | 7 63   |
| Barney A. Turner, labor,         | 1 90   |
| William R. Gayland, labor,       | 1 95   |
| James Carr, 1st, labor,          | 21 00  |
| Henry B. Gayland, labor,         | 4 00   |
| Frank D. McKay, labor,           | 30     |
| Leon C. Marston, labor,          | 93     |
| William E. Silver, labor,        | 80     |
| James M. Lewis, labor,           | 57     |
| Lewis A. Smith, labor,           | 2 25   |
| J. H. Little, labor,             | 3 85   |
| Manuel W. Frances, labor,        | 62     |
| Peter Carr, labor,               | 60     |
| Joseph E. Weeks, labor,          | 3 90   |
| Ephraim Bailey, labor,           | 5 20   |
| Manuel Sears, labor,             | 1 25   |
| James M. Downer, labor,          | 1 80   |
| Joseph L. Morrill, labor,        | 8 85   |
| Josiah G. Whorf, labor,          | 1 80   |
| S. S. Smith, Jr., Teaming,       | 10 00  |
| John Burke, labor,               | 8 10   |

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| Paid Thomas Welch, Jr., labor,          | \$2 35 |
| Henry F. Pierce, labor,                 | 11 75  |
| James Campbell, teaming,                | 7 00   |
| Joseph Ferry, labor,                    | 1 80   |
| Isaiah Young, teaming,                  | 4 80   |
| Samuel Chapman, labor,                  | 1 60   |
| John W. Holway, labor,                  | 7 32   |
| Gideon Bowley, labor,                   | 80     |
| Eugene E. Franzen, labor,               | 1 32   |
| Jesse Nickerson, labor,                 | 50     |
| Charles Cole, labor,                    | 50     |
| S. F. A. Atwood, teaming,               | 45     |
| Isaac B. Lewis, labor,                  | 20     |
| S. G. Cook, teaming,                    | 9 70   |
| Alfred Cook, clay,                      | 20 00  |
| James H. Barnett, teaming,              | 1 60   |
| Charles L. West, ties,                  | 10 00  |
| D. F. Lewis, lumber,                    | 7 21   |
| Central Wharf Co. wharfage and teaming, | 21 65  |
| David Ryder, labor,                     | 37 75  |
| Alfred N. Brown, labor,                 | 31 00  |
| J. Paine, Jr., lumber,                  | 125 29 |
| Joseph A. West, spikes,                 | 4 05   |
| J. D. Hilliard, tar and spikes,         | 3 66   |
| David Conwell, teaming,                 | 1 93   |
| Josiah Swift, spikes,                   | 1 80   |
| George W. Tuttle, labor,                | 60     |
| George Brazil, labor,                   | 1 83   |
| J. L. Chase, teaming,                   | 292 14 |
| George Allen, lumber,                   | 13 07  |
| E. D. Cook, labor,                      | 3 20   |
| William Newcomb, labor,                 | 3 80   |
| George O. Smith, labor,                 | 83     |
| E. & M. Nickerson, sods,                | 3 85   |
| Stmr. Longfellow, freight,              | 1 85   |
| Geo. W. Ellis, sods,                    | 10 00  |

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| Paid John F. Snow, tar,                | \$20 75 |
| Benj. Lancy, lumber,                   | 79 56   |
| R. G. Alexander, labor,                | 3 00    |
| W. L. Freeman, labor,                  | 34 60   |
| B. H. Dyer, tools,                     | 1 55    |
| N. P. West, labor,                     | 1 40    |
| Henry Harvender, labor,                | 2 50    |
| R. Nickerson, labor,                   | 1 00    |
| James Fuller, labor,                   | 6 30    |
| F. C. Miller, rent of land,            | 5 00    |
| Adam Macool, stock, labor,             | 2 76    |
| W. W. Small, loam,                     | 1 50    |
| M. Freeman, labor,                     | 1 28    |
| A. Frank Rich, labor,                  | 1 28    |
| Reuben E. Rich, labor,                 | 1 28    |
| Benj. T. Benson, labor,                | 1 08    |
| Frank F. Silver, labor,                | 1 27    |
| Joe Silver, labor,                     | 1 40    |
| George F. Johnson, labor,              | 4 90    |
| Harvey A. Cook, cargo of clay,         | 156 80  |
| Antone Silver, labor,                  | 12 80   |
| Geo. O. Knowles, teaming and wharfage, | 13 92   |
| Heman S. Cook, teaming,                | 6 85    |
| James T. Henderson, teaming,           | 2 27    |
| D. S. Matheson, labor,                 | 3 60    |
| George Ford, labor,                    | 2 70    |
| Gilbert Adams, labor,                  | 70      |
| Chas. N. Taylor, labor,                | 1 30    |
| Old Colony Railroad, wharfage,         | 9 00    |
| S. S. Swift, teaming,                  | 70      |
| Ebenezer Cook, labor,                  | 11 86   |
| Charles W. Burch, labor,               | 1 50    |
| Michael Barnett, labor,                | 90      |
| Elisha S. Newcomb, labor,              | 1 90    |
| Daniel McCarthy, labor,                | 30      |
| Robert H. Sparrow, labor,              | 65      |

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|----------------------------|------------|
| Paid Edwin Abbott, labor,  | \$0 40     |
| Caleb Fisher, labor,       | 1 40       |
| Isaac Tyler, labor,        | 1 10       |
| William M. Wareham, labor, | 1 10       |
| John Dolan, labor,         | 80         |
| John O. Newcomb, labor,    | 1 10       |
| John McFayden, labor,      | 37         |
| John L. Smith, labor,      | 80         |
| S. F. Newcomb, labor,      | 1 10       |
| Joseph A. Wolfe, labor,    | 1 10       |
| M. L. Reed, labor,         | 80         |
| Joseph H. Settes, labor,   | 1 65       |
|                            | <hr/>      |
|                            | \$2,037 63 |

An appropriation of two thousand dollars is needed for roads and walks for the ensuing year, and for the County road sodded last year an appropriation of three hundred dollars should be made to clay the same, making a total appropriation of twenty-three hundred.

I also call your attention to condition of the Bulkhead at the east end of the town, as I think something should be done immediately for the protection of the County road.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK CHASE, *Road Surveyor.*

## REPAIRS TO COUNTY ROAD.

|  |          |          |
|--|----------|----------|
| To appropriation,                          | \$500 00 |          |
| Deficiency,                                | 107 89   |          |
|  | <hr/>    | \$607 89 |
| Paid H. F. Hopkins, advertising proposals, | \$2 00   |          |
| George W. Ellis, moving sand,              | 95 00    |          |
| Samuel A. Bennett, " "                     | 95 00    |          |
| Thomas Welch, sodding road,                | 179 00   |          |
| Daniel F. Lewis, lumber,                   | 34 98    |          |
| Frank Chase, superintending,               | 46 37    |          |
| Joseph L. Chase, teaming,                  | 54 70    |          |
| William Settes, labor,                     | 43 28    |          |
| William H. Settes, labor,                  | 16 30    |          |
| David Conwell, teaming,                    | 15 60    |          |
| George H. Lewis, labor,                    | 1 50     |          |
| J. H. Little, labor,                       | 2 40     |          |
| Augustus E. Rich, labor,                   | 7 00     |          |
| Ryder & Young, sods,                       | 10 80    |          |
| E. & M. Nickerson, sods,                   | 3 96     |          |
|  | <hr/>    | \$607 89 |

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK CHASE, *Road Surveyor.*

TWENTY-EIGHTH  
ANNUAL REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1887.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries to May, 1, 1887:

|  |         |           |
|--|---------|-----------|
| Chief engineer,                                | \$20 00 |           |
| Clerk of engineers,                            | 15 00   |           |
| Three assistant engineers, each \$10,          | 30 00   |           |
| Engine Company, No. 1,                         | 250 00  |           |
| “ “ No. 2,                                     | 250 00  |           |
| “ “ No. 3,                                     | 250 00  |           |
| “ “ No. 4,                                     | 250 00  |           |
| “ “ No. 5,                                     | 125 00  |           |
| Hook and Ladder company, No. 1,                | 125 00  |           |
| Stewards of engine Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, each \$50, | 200 00  |           |
| Steward of engine No. 5,                       | 25 00   |           |
| Steward of hook and ladder No. 1,              | 25 00   |           |
|  | <hr/>   | \$1565 00 |

The following paid to December 28, 1887 :

|                                      |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Engine and truck repairs,            | \$6 56 |
| House repairs,                       | 125 45 |
| Fire-cracker notices and posting,    | 3 75   |
| Fuel, lights, and stoves,            | 76 99  |
| Flagstuffs repaired,                 | 44 86  |
| Horse hire at fire alarms,           | 35 00  |
| Reservoir repairs and cleaning snow, | 8 23   |
| Bell ringers,                        | 20 00  |
| Refreshments at fires,               | 5 10   |

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|---|--------|-----------|
| Hose repairs,                               | \$4 10 |           |
| Night watch in engine houses,               | 31 00  |           |
| Chimney repairs,                            | 2 00   |           |
| Spanners, belts, sockets, and wash leather, | 25 85  |           |
| Expense maintaining alarm boxes,            | 6 00   |           |
| Watching at fires,                          | 75     |           |
| Other expenses,                             | 4 03   |           |
|   | <hr/>  | \$399 67  |
|   |        | \$1964 67 |
| Balance in the town treasury,               |        | 35 83     |
|   |        | <hr/>     |
| Appropriation at annual meeting, 1887,      |        | \$2000 00 |

RECORD OF FIRES IN 1887.

Feb. 22, alarm at 11.40 o'clock P. M. Total destruction of James Lecount's small barn situated out of the village on the road running from the western side of Town Hill to Webber's Pond. Loss on building, \$75.00; on contents, \$25.00, no insurance. The building was almost destroyed before the fire was discovered. The indications strongly point to an incendiary as the cause of the fire. No use for apparatus.

June 30, alarm at 1.10 o'clock P. M. Slight fire on the outside of dwelling owned by widow Flora Fratus, situated in the rear of Samuel H. Ghen's house, occupied by the owner and one tenant. Damage, \$10.00. Cause, setting fire by children to chips piled against the house. No use for apparatus.

July 6, alarm at 9.40 A. M. Fire in house owned by F. Y. Freeman situated on Tremont street, occupied by William H. Forrest and Michael O'Donnell. Damage \$100.00. No insurance. Cause bursting of a kerosene stove in the second story occupied by O'Donnell. The tenants lost by breakage caused by the removal of their furniture. Engine No. 2 only used. This was an extra hazardous day; the entire department responded promptly.

July 14, alarm at 2.10 o'clock P. M. Burning brush grass on the western side of Town Hill. A part of hill fence damaged. Engine No. 4 used.

Sept. 10, alarm at 1.15 o'clock A.M. for the partial burning of Alexander Gayland's barn situated on Commercial St. near the railroad crossing. Damage \$50.00. No insurance. Cause, carelessness. Engines 3, 4, and 5 used. What promised when discovered to be a very serious fire was by the promptness of the firemen confined to the building in which it originated, burning only the roof.

Visiting firemen from Marblehead assisted materially in the working of the engines. The barn was occupied by the owner. His horse was rescued with difficulty.

Dec. 13, alarm at 12.45 o'clock P. M. for a slight fire in John W. Myrick's barber shop, cause explosion of a kerosene lamp under a water kettle. Damage to building, owned by the Est. of Jesse Small, \$15.00, insured. Damage to Myrick's stock and furniture \$10.00. The rooms in the second story occupied by John Whelden filled with smoke but no damage. Engines not used.

A few fires have been discovered by the occupants of buildings who have extinguished such without alarm.

The Engine and Ladder houses will need some painting the coming season.

The hose of this department is in main good, some, however, has shown weakness; to keep this branch of the service up a purchase of 500 feet will be necessary which we recommend.

The alarm boxes on the churches and school-houses have worked well; but very few mistakes have been made, and the alarms are given with promptness.

RESERVOIRS. The erection of buildings in some localities since the placing of the last reservoir makes a demand for a better water supply. We recommend the placing of a tube with hydrant post at each of the following places: One on Prince street one at the upper end of Centre or Johnson street or in the most available place in the vicinity for obtaining a supply of water, and one near the junction of Bradford and Howland streets. The first to better cover the buildings in the vicinity of the shirt factory and the Catholic Church; the second to cover buildings near the locomotive and car houses; the last to supplement

the small brick reservoir near the eastern school house which from a very little use the past season settled endangering the foundation of S. S. Swift's building, also to better protect the school house.

A committee from Engine Co. No. 5, waited upon the Engineers of this department requesting an increase in their salary. This company is now receiving \$125 annually. The young men forming this company are taking an active part in fire business. Since their salary was fixed at the figures above named they have become older, have had experience, and are a reliable branch of the fire service. They are prompt, quick, and good workers. We respectfully ask that their request be granted; that their pay be increased to two hundred dollars per annum after May 1, 1888, but if at any time the company numbers less than fifty than the pay shall be decreased by four dollars each for every member less than fifty.

The financial requirements for the year will be for

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Salaries,             | \$1565 00 |
| New hose,             | 500 00    |
| Three new reservoirs, | 300 00    |
| Other expenses,       | 385 00    |
|                       | <hr/>     |
|                       | \$2750 00 |

In conclusion we again call your attention to the pertinent inquiries in last year's report, adding, How much better protection if a system of water works is introduced? At how much less expense to maintain the Fire Department with such a system? Which is the best, a hand department, a steam and chemical department, or water works and chemical? How much revenue will this town receive if water works are built?

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. HILLIARD,  
L. N. PAINE,  
GEO. O. KNOWLES,  
JOHN G. WHITCOMB,  
GEO. H. HOLMES,

*Fire Department Engineers.*

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

|  |       |    |
|--|-------|----|
| Balance of donation in treasury last report, | \$504 | 22 |
| Received for fines and catalogues,           | 27    | 63 |
| "    dog fund for 1887,                      | 219   | 60 |
| "    dividend Seamen's Saving Bank,          | 10    | 99 |
| Paid Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books,         | \$26  | 00 |
| Estes & Lauriat, books,                      | 167   | 77 |
| A. L. Putnam & Co., magazines,               | 10    | 75 |
| Old Colony Book Bindery,                     | 21    | 40 |
| James Gifford, insurance,                    | 25    | 00 |
| Balance of donations on hand,                | 511   | 52 |
|  | \$762 | 44 |
|  | \$762 | 44 |

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| The appropriation for the annual ex-<br>penses of the town library is |       | \$300 |
| Paid James Engles' Estate, chimneys,                                  |       |       |
| wicks, &c.,   | \$2   | 62    |
| A. T. Williams, coal and oil,   | 23    | 50    |
| Howard F. Hopkins, printing,  | 18    | 00    |
| Whitney & Bros., paper,   | 7     | 35    |
| Cleaning room,  | 2     | 50    |
| W. R. Mitchell, librarian,  | 234   | 00    |
| Balance in treasury,  | 12    | 03    |
|   | \$300 | 00    |
|   | \$300 | 00    |

### CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY.

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Number of new books purchased,                   | 175      |
| "    "    books purchased to replace old,        | 20       |
| Books received by donation,                      | 1        |
| "    "    from State,                            | 5        |
| "    "    "    United States,                    | 26       |
| Subscriptions received by donations,             | 1        |
| Present number of books,                         | 3,802    |
| Number of periodicals subscribed for,            | 3        |
| Number of names on register, December 31, 1886,  | 2,178    |
| Number of names added during 1887,               | 79       |
| Present number of names,                         | 2,257    |
| Circulation for the year,                        | 12,668   |
| The Trustees would recommend an appropriation of | \$300 00 |

MOSES N. GIFFORD,  
 REUBEN W. SWIFT,  
 GEO. H. HOLMES,  
 E. N. PAINE,  
 A. P. HANNUM,  
 S. S. SWIFT,  
 A. T. WILLIAMS,  
*Trustees.*



## COMMITTEE ON HEATING HIGH AND GRAMMAR SCHOOL BUILDING.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the heating of the High and Grammar School building contracted with the Magee Furnace Co. of Boston to furnish two of their largest heaters for the sum of four hundred and seventy-five dollars, they to remove the old furnaces in exchange.

Numerous changes were made in air boxes and flues, making additional expense for carpenter and mason work. The result of the trial of these new furnaces fully comes up to the written agreement furnished by the Magee Co., now on file in the Selectmen's office. The building is now kept warm in the coldest weather. The situation of the building is very exposed, therefore as an additional precaution against northerly winds we caused to be placed on the building sixteen outside windows at an expense of fifty dollars.

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| The appropriation was                            | \$800 00 |
| Paid Magee Furnace Co. for furnaces in exchange, | \$475 00 |
| Alfred Small, carpenter work,                    | 57 43    |
| James Fuller, mason       “                      | 41 55    |
| Benj. Lancy, bricks,                             | 27 00    |
| Geo. Allen, lumber,                              | 34 64    |
| Str. Longfellow, freight,                        | 5 88     |
| E. N. Sumner, labor,                             | 5 30     |
| Lewis A. Smith, labor,                           | 2 40     |
| M. G. Gaspey       “                             | 1 14     |

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| Paid B. H. Dyer, outside windows, | \$50 00  |          |
| Balance unexpended,               | 99 66    |          |
|                                   | \$800 00 | \$800 00 |

MARSHALL L. ADAMS,  
JAMES A. SMALL,  
CHARLES H. DYER,  
HENRY SHORTLE,  
A. L. PUTNAM,  
A. T. WILLIAMS,  
*Committee on Heating High and Grammar School Building.*

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

### MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN PROVINCETOWN IN 1887.

- Jan. 6. Herman L. Mayo and Annie McKenzie, both of Provincetown.
- Jan. 8. Antone Avellar, Jr., and Mary Silva, both of Provincetown.
- Jan. 8. Antone Joacquine and Mary F. Ferreira, both of Provincetown.
- Jan. 10. Antone Cordose Silva and Mary Delphine Brazil, both of Provincetown.
- Jan. 22. Joseph P. Dutra and Jesse Silva, both of Provincetown.
- March 1. William Allen and Carrie H. Nickerson, both of Provincetown.
- March 20. William A. Card and Sadie F. Baxter, both of Provincetown. Married in Charlestown.
- April 2. Nelson Lawson Peterson and Amelia Joseph, both of Provincetown.
- May 13. Richard Edward Bond and Mary Jane McMaster, both of Provincetown.
- May 29. Moses H. Handy of Harwich and Lois E. Terry of Provincetown.
- June 8. Charles S. Hudson and Hattie B. Geissler, both of Provincetown.
- June 17. Frederick W. Daggett and Nettie B. Freeman, both of Provincetown.
- June 29. Charles S. Hopkins and Charlotte S. Tarrant, both of Provincetown.

- Aug. 1. Daniel M. McKay and Louise P. Snow, both of Provincetown.
- Aug. 25. William A. Nickerson of Lynn and Margaret Welch of Provincetown. Married in Lynn.
- Sept. 1. George F. Miller and Ada H. Dyer, both of Provincetown.
- Sept. 7. Ferdinand de Souza and Maria M. Jason, both of Provincetown.
- Sept. 22. Porter M. Vinton and Rebecca D. Sparks both of Provincetown.
- Sept. 29. John C. Weeks, Jr., and Annie McDonald both of Provincetown.
- Oct. 26. Justin Jason and Minnie Marks, both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 3. Joseph Steel and Mary Brown both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 3. Joseph Bent Perry and Mary Perry both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 11. Jule Enos and Flossy de Glory Caton, both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 13. John Francis Cadosh and Josephine Frances Serpa, both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 13. Joseph Mary Pershake, and Jacintho Souza, both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 20. Antone Perry Silva and Mary Silva Francis, both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 21. Frank N. Day and Annie W. Lewis, both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 24. Manuel Morris and Annie Julia Woods, both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 24. William T. Atkins and Bessie Ellsworth Beaver, both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 30. Frank D. Baker and Jennie W. Dyer, both of Provincetown.
- Dec. 1. James Wesley Edwards of North Kingston, R. I., and Sarah Elletha Lucas, of Provincetown.

- Dec. 3. Frank A. Silva and Julia A. Lemons, both of Provincetown.  
 Dec. 3. John Roderick and Virginia Vincent Cabrille, both of Provincetown.  
 Dec. 7. Edward S. Berry and Minnie C. Taylor, both of Provincetown.  
 Dec. 19. Isaac E. Smith and Minnie S. Mott, both of Provincetown.  
 Dec. 31. Manuel Vera and Maria Hortenesa Correa, both of Provincetown.  
 Dec. 31. Joseph Souza Entree, and Tomaza Tarvers Souza, both of Provincetown.

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN PROVINCETOWN IN 1887.

| DATE.   | NAMES.                 | NAMES OF PARENTS.        |
|---------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Jan. 1  | Jessie Pershake,       | Manuel and Jessie.       |
| 1       | Annie E. Morris,       | Peter and Mary E.        |
| 4       | John Simmons,          | Manuel and Mary.         |
| 5       | Joseph Enos,           | Joseph and Ellen.        |
| 6       | John Lial,             | Manuel and Mary.         |
| 11      | Joseph Mathias Morris, | Joseph and Louise.       |
| 26      | Taylor,                | Marietta.                |
| Feb. 5  | Mary Taves,            | Jesse and Jessie.        |
| 7       | Jennie Davis,          | Maunel and Jennie S.     |
| 13      | Julia Ann Rogers,      | Frank and Rosanna.       |
| 21      | Alice Davy Ellis,      | George W. and Frances L. |
| 22      | Alton Mace Cook,       | Joseph W. and Mary A.    |
| 27      | Flora Mason Holmes,    | James P. and Sarah E.    |
| Mar. 10 | George Pierce,         | Henry F. and Mary.       |
| 10      | Joseph P. Joacquin,    | Herman P. and Julia H.   |
| 16      | Mary Lewis,            | John and Mary.           |
| 22      | Joseph Agnea,          | Edward and Julia C.      |
| Apr. 1  | Albert Roderick,       | Albert and Marianna S.   |
| 2       | Joseph Souza,          | Albert and Lucy.         |
| 3       | Virginia White,        | Frank and Jessie.        |
| 8       | Joseph Marshall,       | Alvin and Lucy.          |
| 24      | Nellie Cabrille,       | Antone and Jessie.       |
| 24      | Oren Lewis Caton,      | Manuel and Philomena.    |
| 28      | Mary G. Avelar,        | Manuel F. and Mary G.    |

| DATE.   | NAMES.                    | NAMES OF PARENTS.          |
|---------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| May 6   | Marion V. Buckingham,     | Herbert G. and Alice S.    |
| 9       | Stephen Smith,            | Isadore and Margaret.      |
| 12      | Nora Bell Cowing,         | William E. and Mary E.     |
| 13      | Lottie May Wood,          | John P. and Mary.          |
| 16      | Edith May Silva,          | Joseph S. and Louisa R.    |
| 19      | Sadie H. Hill,            | Clarence H. and Mary L.    |
| 22      | Eva Myrtle Baker,         | Sharonton H. and Alice G.  |
| 25      | Georgie White Alves,      | Antone and Mary A.         |
| June 3  | Mary Willis Matheson,     | Alexander J. and Maggie N. |
| 3       | Joseph Souza,             | Jesse and Gertrude.        |
| 4       | O'Donnell,                | Michael and Ada O.         |
| 15      | Angeline Souza,           | Antone and Rosa.           |
| 16      | Julia Tarvers,            | John and Emily.            |
| 19      | Annie L. Cook,            | Herbert and Mary H.        |
| 22      | Joseph Arthur Nickerson,  | Joseph A. and Mary A.      |
| 25      | Jennie Cook,              | Frank and Amelia.          |
| 26      | Marion Ella Newcomb,      | Thomas C. and Melissa.     |
| July 1  | Edward J. Ferry,          | Joseph and Caroline.       |
| 2       | John David Hammond,       | William and Mary E.        |
| 4       | Florence Linwood Wareham  | William N. and Jessie C.   |
| 10      | Joseph Cook,              | Manuel F. and Mary.        |
| 14      | Annie Perry,              | Manuel and Mary D.         |
| 14      | John Marks,               | Antone and Hannah.         |
| 15      | Manuel Cabrille,          | Joseph and Mary.           |
| 15      | Manuel Vincent,           | Joseph and Mary.           |
| 20      | Clyde Ellsworth Worth,    | James and Nellie.          |
| 23      | Antone Joseph,            | Emili and Mary.            |
| 25      | William Warren Smith,     | Manuel and Mary D.         |
| 26      | Margaret Gardner Kenney,  | Benjamin and Mary J.       |
| 27      | Justine Vera,             | Manuel and Mary.           |
| Aug. 6  | Edwin Hibbard Lloyd,      | George H. and Salome L.    |
| 6       | Ernest Moore Collins,     | Thomas H. and Ella F.      |
| 8       | Mamie Loring,             | Joseph and Louisa.         |
| 10      | Charles Alexander Martin, | Henry M. and Ann R.        |
| 13      | Nellie Alves,             | Manuel J. and May A.       |
| 19      | Frank Dutra,              | John J. and Esponela J.    |
| 21      | Charles Silva,            | William B. and Mary.       |
| 23      | Henry Warren Forrest,     | William H. and Ida B.      |
| 27      | Gracie May Henry,         | William and Mary A.        |
| 29      | Snow,                     | Manuel and Tillie A.       |
| Sept. 2 | George Prader,            | Joseph and Louisa.         |
| 9       | Annie O'Donnell,          | William and Ann.           |
| 11      | Amos Augustus Chapman,    | Amos and Clara T.          |
| 12      | John Parker Jennings,     | Richard J. and Jennie B.   |
| 17      | Margaret Rogers,          | Manuel and Mary A.         |
| 21      | Lillian Williams Sparrow, | William C. and Mary E.     |
| 26      | Johanna Filceanna Moore,  | John B. and Catherine.     |
| 28      | Manuel Joseph,            | Manuel and Nancy.          |

| DATE.    | NAMES.                   | NAMES OF PARENTS.        |
|----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sept. 29 | Mamie Woods,             | Stephen M. and Frances.  |
| 30       | William Jones,           | Antone and Mary.         |
| Oct. 1   | John Costa,              | Manuel and Jennie.       |
| 7        | Bennett,                 | Samuel and Irene.        |
| 10       | Marianna Alves,          | Frank and Mary.          |
| 11       | Mamie Vera,              | Antone and Mary F.       |
| 13       | Joseph Davis,            | Antone and Mary.         |
| 13       | Georgie Francis,         | Joseph and Mary J.       |
| 21       | Rose Lewis Perry,        | John and Mary.           |
| 25       | Virginia Souza,          | Antone and Mary.         |
| 25       | George Leonard,          | Victor J. and Henrietta. |
| 26       | Ella Christin Snow,      | Daniel V. and Hannah C.  |
| 27       | John de Sands,           | Joseph and Emily.        |
| 27       | Charles Davis Alexander, | John J. and Mary A.      |
| 28       | Joseph Dutra,            | Joseph and Jessie.       |
| Nov. 1   | Marion Bowley,           | Gideon Jr. and Mary W.   |
| 2        | William Enos Lucas,      | Antone and Rebecca E.    |
| 7        | Mamie Souza,             | Peter and Lucy.          |
| 10       | Manuel Rogers,           | King and Julia.          |
| 13       | Frank Perry,             | Joseph and Mary J.       |
| 15       | George Lewis,            | Joseph and Mary M.       |
| 15       | Silva,                   | Martin and Lucy.         |
| 26       | Joseph Enos,             | Joseph and Mary.         |
| 28       | Joseph Sereigo,          | Bernard and Maria.       |
| 28       | Lovett,                  | Amos D. and Sara A.      |
| Dec. 4   | Bessie Cora Tarvera,     | Manuel and Mary C.       |
| 5        | Olevia May Lopez,        | Thomas and Louisa.       |
| 7        | Sarah Matheson,          | Angus and Rebecca S.     |
| 9        | Antone Gusp,             | Antone and Retta.        |
| 9        | King,                    | John and Mary.           |
| 10       | Mayo,                    | Herman L. and Annie.     |
| 11       | John Gracie, } Twins     | Manuel and Frances.      |
| 11       | Sereigo Gracie, }        | Manuel and Frances.      |
| 12       | Hall,                    | Herbert E. and Carrie.   |
| 16       | Harold Woodbury Cobb,    | Abbott L. and Etta S.    |

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN PROVINCETOWN IN 1887.

| DATE.  | NAME.                 | AGE. |    |    | CAUSE OF DEATH.        |
|--------|-----------------------|------|----|----|------------------------|
|        |                       | Y.   | M. | D. |                        |
| Jan. 8 | Louisa Rogers.        | 50   | 0  | 0  | Ovarian dropsy.        |
| 9      | Lizzie E. Knowles.    | 27   | 4  | 13 | Phthisis pulmonalis.   |
| 10     | Julia M. Chamberlain. | 44   | 7  | 3  | Tumor.                 |
| 16     | Pamelia S. Francis.   | 60   | 5  | 5  | Apoplexy.              |
| 18     | Elijah D. Bangs.      | 13   | 10 | 12 | Eucto carditis.        |
| 20     | Annie Francis.        | 0    | 6  | 5  | Capillary bronchitis.  |
| 23     | Tamsin Young.         | 88   | 0  | 2  | Old age.               |
| 24     | Joseph Collins.       | 75   | 2  | 12 | Heart disease.         |
| 27     | Delia P. Hopkins.     | 70   | 8  | 26 | Paralysis of heart.    |
| 27     | William F. Hill.      | 49   | 4  | 19 | Catarrhal tuberculosis |
| Feb. 3 | Ancil L. Rich.        | 0    | 2  | 21 | Unknown.               |
| 8      | Rebecca S. Paine.     | 51   | 1  | 3  | Gastro.                |
| 14     | William R. Frank.     | 3    | 8  | 0  | Meningitis.            |
| 15     | Martha McIntosh.      | 44   | 3  | 15 | Cancer. [stomach.      |
| 17     | Edwin Sears.          | 47   | 1  | 1  | Disease of heart and   |
| 19     | Antone M. Wood        | 0    | 7  | 14 | Capillary bronchitis.  |
| 27     | Charles H. Crichtett. | 79   | 9  | 4  | General debility.      |
| Mar. 5 | Manuel John.          | 0    | 5  | 20 | Influenza.             |
| 9      | Austin W. Rich.       | 16   | 0  | 14 | Bright's disease.      |
| 11     | Hannah E. Edmunds.    | 30   | 3  | 26 | Catarrhal bronchitis.  |
| 15     | Willie John.          | 2    | 5  | 18 | Cerebral anaemia.      |
| 17     | John Brazil,          | 0    | 10 | 27 | Influenza.             |
| 24     | Sarah R. Cook.        | 68   | 8  | 9  | Carcinoma.             |
| 25     | Collen McDonald.      | 45   | 9  | 20 | Phthisis.              |
| 26     | Joseph Sears.         | 30   | 3  | 4  | Drowned at sea.        |
| 31     | Lillian M. Kennedy.   | 16   | 7  | 5  | Peritonitis.           |
| 31     | Georgie I. Facha      | 0    | 8  | 0  | Influenza.             |
| Apr. 2 | Albert J. Roderick.   | 0    | 0  | 3  | Convulsions.           |
| 5      | Jordan.               | 0    | 0  | 0  | Still birth.           |
| 11     | Nellie V. Simmons     | 0    | 7  | 26 | Acute bronchitis.      |
| 16     | John Simmons.         | 0    | 3  | 12 | Purulent ophthalmia.   |
| 21     | Justine E. Bush.      | 32   | 8  | 0  | Cerebral apoplexy.     |
| May 3  | Lewis C. Adams.       | 0    | 10 | 15 | Enteritis.             |
| 4      | Annie E. Morris.      | 0    | 4  | 4  | Oedema glottidis.      |
| 5      | Joseph Vierra.        | 0    | 6  | 24 | Pneumonia.             |
| 13     | Jasinto S. de Costa.  | 77   | 7  | 20 | Bright's disease.      |
| 14     | Manuel Victorine.     | 62   | 3  | 0  | Mitral insufficiency.  |
| 19     | Mary A. Thomas.       | 18   | 10 | 28 | Pulmonary phthisis.    |
| 19     | Joseph Marshall.      | 44   | 0  | 0  | Pneumonia.             |
| 19     | Joshua Follinsbee.    | 67   | 1  | 19 | Intermittent fever.    |
| 20     | Jennie Davis.         | 0    | 4  | 13 | Tuberculosis           |
| 28     | Isaiah A. Small.      | 62   | 3  | 2  | Angina Pectoris.       |
| 29     | Charles Nickerson.    | 79   | 9  | 24 | Bright's disease.      |
| June 1 | Tamsin Smith.         | 62   | 9  | 0  | Consumption.           |
| 1      | James E. Dill.        | 3    | 6  | 2  | Congestion of lungs.   |

| DATE.   | NAMES.                  | AGE. |    |    | CAUSE OF DEATH.        |
|---------|-------------------------|------|----|----|------------------------|
|         |                         | Y.   | M. | D. |                        |
| June 2  | Oren Lewis Caton.       | 0    | 1  | 6  | Congestion of lungs.   |
| 2       | Mamie Joseph.           | 0    | 6  | 0  | Whooping cough.        |
| 8       | Julia Powers.           | 67   | 0  | 0  | Disease liver.         |
| 18      | George W. White.        | 22   | 11 | 25 | Phthisis.              |
| 19      | Antone Tarvers.         | 0    | 6  | 16 | Inflammation bowels.   |
| 21      | Wilfred Brown.          | 1    | 9  | 11 | Acute bronchitis.      |
| 23      | Elizabeth S. Nickerson. | 58   | 0  | 14 | Angina Pectoris.       |
| 24      | John Marshall.          | 0    | 9  | 18 | Meningitis.            |
| 28      | Joseph Marshall.        | 0    | 2  | 20 | Tuberculosis.          |
| July 2  | Thomas S. Hopkins.      | 78   | 5  | 22 | Chronic nephritis.     |
| 2       | John Rabbit.            | 0    | 7  | 10 | Acute bronchitis.      |
| 2       | Joseph Agnea.           | 0    | 3  | 10 | Tuberculosis.          |
| 7       | Chloe B. Holway.        | 0    | 8  | 21 | Congestion of lungs,   |
| 12      | Alexander Marshall.     | 24   | 4  | 21 | Consumption.           |
| 14      | Nettie E. Gill.         | 28   | 3  | 1  | Typhoid pneumonia      |
| 17      | Amelia A. Almada.       | 25   | 0  | 0  | Consumption            |
| 20      | Frankie Davis           | 0    | 8  | 25 | Congestion of brain.   |
| Aug. 3  | Sarah K. Collins.       | 73   | 4  | 20 | Cholera morbus.        |
| 4       | Julia Ann Rogers.       | 0    | 5  | 21 | Cholera infantum.      |
| 5       | Henry Atkins.           | 79   | 5  | 10 | Cholera morbus.        |
| 12      | Edward E. Emery.        | 50   | 5  | 5  | Typhoid pneumonia      |
| 14      | Manuel Valentine.       | 0    | 9  | 2  | Cholera infantum.      |
| 15      | Joseph Ferreria.        | 0    | 9  | 17 | Inflam't'n of bowels.  |
| 15      | Edward J. Ferry.        | 0    | 1  | 14 | Cholera infantum.      |
| 15      | Nellie V. Silva.        | 14   | 7  | 9  | Typhoid fever.         |
| 23      | Mamie Souza.            | 1    | 10 | 6  | Congestion of lungs.   |
| 25      | Joseph Enos             | 0    | 7  | 5  | Convulsions.           |
| 26      | Annie L. Cook.          | 0    | 1  | 7  | Cholera infantum.      |
| 26      | William C. Powe.        | 65   | 9  | 4  | Cancer.                |
| 29      | Frank Oliver.           | 1    | 0  | 4  | Measles.               |
| Sept. 7 | Thomas R Whorf.         | 71   | 11 | 6  | Disease of heart.      |
| 8       | Lewis M. Freeman.       | 26   | 11 | 26 | Phthisis pulmoralis.   |
| 10      | Archibald Campbell      | 42   | 0  | 0  | Dropsy and accident.   |
| 11      | Margaret Ryan.          | 75   | 2  | 0  | Apopletic paralysis.   |
| 12      | Mary Lewis.             | 0    | 7  | 28 | Convulsions.           |
| 12      | Willie Rose.            | 1    | 11 | 1  | Convulsions.           |
| 12      | Mary Rose.              | 21   | 2  | 14 | Consumption.           |
| 18      | Edward G. Loring.       | 77   | 0  | 19 | Paralysis. [der        |
| 23      | Silas S Young.          | 72   | 10 | 18 | Inflammation of blad-  |
| 25      | Mary A. Wager.          | 15   | 11 | 21 | Typhoid fever          |
| Oct. 8  | Ann J. Fisher.          | 61   | 8  | 29 | Nemosasthenia.         |
| 14      | Willie Rose.            | 0    | 0  | 11 | Convulsions.           |
| 18      | James Engles.           | 60   | 3  | 22 | Heart disease.         |
| 19      | Frank C. Silva.         | 0    | 9  | 21 | Congestion of brain.   |
| 19      | Elizabeth Smith.        | 89   | 10 | 16 | Paralysis.             |
| 25      | Elijah Bangs.           | 49   | 1  | 21 | Fistula and heart dis. |
| 28      | Sadie H. Hill.          | 0    | 5  | 8  | Tuberculosis.          |
| Nov. 5  | John E. Lucas.          | 5    | 3  | 19 | Congestion of brain    |

| DATE.   | NAME.                  | AGE. |    |    | CAUSE OF DEATH.      |
|---------|------------------------|------|----|----|----------------------|
|         |                        | Y.   | M. | D. |                      |
| Nov. 13 | Avaler.                | 0    | 0  | 0  | Still birth.         |
| 14      | Ritta Louisa.          | 64   | 0  | 0  | Chronic diarrhoea.   |
| 17      | Ann Nickerson.         | 78   | 10 | 23 | Gastietis.           |
| 18      | Abbie H. Smith.        | 34   | 3  | 19 | Arthenia.            |
| 22      | Insley A Francis.      | 10   | 10 | 4  | Typhoid fever.       |
| 23      | John Connelly, 2d.     | 48   | 5  | 0  | Pericacditis.        |
| 24      | Mary G. Avelar.        | 0    | 6  | 26 | Convulsions.         |
| Dec. 6  | Harriett Cook          | 70   | 4  | 8  | Plura pneumonia.     |
| 11      | Mehitable H. Stafford. | 85   | 10 | 11 | Chronic cystitis.    |
| 20      | Ritta Francis.         | 70   | 0  | 0  | Cancer.              |
| 21      | Manuel F. Oliver.      | 53   | 7  | 9  | Phthisis pulmoralis. |
| 24      | Laura C. Williams.     | 44   | 1  | 8  | Apoplexy.            |
| 26      | Maria M. Souza.        | 24   | 1  | 3  | Consumption.         |
| 26      | Deborah B. Turner.     | 70   | 1  | 0  | Hemiplegre.          |
| 31      | Joseph D Tarvers.      | 0    | 2  | 18 | Jaundice.            |
| Aug. 20 | George W. Dyer.        | 43   | 1  | 11 | *Drowned.            |
| 20      | John W. Atkins.        | 44   | 8  | 11 | *Drowned.            |
| 20      | Antone F. Cadosh.      | 34   | 6  | 0  | *Drowned.            |
| 20      | Joseph F. Cadosh.      | 45   | 0  | 0  | *Drowned.            |
| 20      | William H Dyer         | 29   | 10 | 19 | †Drowned.            |
| 20      | Simon Sands.           | 29   | 0  | 0  | †Drowned.            |
| 20      | Antone D. Fields.      | 47   | 0  | 0  | †Drowned.            |
| Sept. 3 | William Allen          | 29   | 6  | 0  | †Drowned.            |
| 3       | Daniel M. Allen        | 24   | 6  | 0  | †Drowned.            |

\* Crew of Sch. Mary G. Curren, supposed to have been lost on Hatteras, in the hurricane of Aug. 20, 1887.

† Crew of Sch. Ellen Rizpah, supposed to have been lost on Hatteras, in the hurricane of Aug. 20, 1887.

‡ Crew of Sch. Rebecca R. Nickerson, supposed to have been lost on the Grand Bank, in the gale of Sept. 3, 1887.

## SUMMARY.

The following are the statistics of births, marriages and deaths registered in Provincetown for the year ending December 31, 1887.

*Births.*

|                                      |     |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Number of births registered in 1887, | 108 |
| Males,                               | 56  |
| Females,                             | 52  |

The parentage of the children is as follows:

|                             |    |
|-----------------------------|----|
| Both parents American,      | 20 |
| “ “ British Provinces,      | 6  |
| “ “ Portuguese,             | 52 |
| Mixed, one parent American, | 25 |
| Mixed, other nationalities, | 5  |

*Marriages.*

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Number of marriages registered in 1887, | 37 |
| Both parties born in the United States, | 13 |
| “ “ “ British Provinces,                | 1  |
| “ “ “ Western Islands,                  | 13 |
| Mixed, one American,                    | 10 |

*Deaths.*

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Number of deaths registered in Provincetown in 1887 | 117 |
| Males,  | 66  |
| Females   | 51  |
| Born in United States,                              | 94  |
| Born in British Provinces,                          | 6   |
| Born in Western Islands,                            | 14  |
| Born in Ireland,                                    | 3   |

*Dogs Licensed.*

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Number of dogs licensed in Provincetown in 1887. | 119      |
| Paid County Treasurer,                           | \$246 80 |

SETH SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

## REPORT OF MILK INSPECTOR.

The following persons have procured license to sell milk in the town of Provincetown the past year :

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| N. C. Brooks (2), Provincet'n. | Manuel Rogers, Provincetown.  |
| Jerome S. Smith (3), “         | Salathiel Hamilton, “         |
| James E. Rich (3), “           | Peter Ferrea, Wellfleet,      |
| R. S. Lavender (2), “          | Joseph Mathews, Provinceto'n. |
| Ira K. Small (2), “            | Francis Dears, “              |
| James Rich & Co., (2), “       | John Adams, “                 |
| L. F. Nickerson(2), “          | Francis G. Cook, “            |
| L. Jane Dyer (2), “            | Francis J. Corea, “           |
| Sarah G. Cook “                | David Conwell, “              |
| T. W. Sparks, “                | John M. Carnes, “             |
| J. A. Rich, “                  | Gideon Allen, “               |
| Charles A. Cook, “             | Joseph L. Chase, “            |
| Antone Silva, “                | Selina Mayo, “                |
| R. B. Dyer, “                  | Isaiah Young, “               |
| J. T. Small, “                 | Isabella Costa, “             |
| John Brown, “                  | Thomas Welch, “               |
| Mary J. Ellis, “               | Charles Loring, “             |
| A. G. Small, “                 | G. W. Osgood, “               |
| Lombard Rich, “                | Moses S. Turner, “            |
| S. D. Fish, “                  | A. F. Silva, “                |
| F. C. Miller, “                | E. W. Watson, “               |
| George W. Ellis, “             | Samuel S. Smith, Jr., “       |
| Byley Lyford, “                | Manuel Silva, Truro           |
| Ephraim Cook, “                | W. W. Small, “                |
| Antone J. Rollins, “           | M. A. Rich, “                 |

|                   |        |                  |        |
|-------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| Samuel Small,     | Truro. | T. K. Small,     | Truro. |
| S. W. Small,      | "      | Joseph Francis,  | "      |
| William Holden,   | "      | C. K. Sullivan,  | "      |
| William Chandler, | "      | Joseph King,     | "      |
| D. D. Stocker,    | "      | John F. Grozier, | "      |
| Frank Small,      | "      |                  |        |

During the past year I have tested twenty samples of milk obtained from different parties. In only two cases have I found the standard below that fixed by law. These two samples were forwarded to the State inspector.

Respectfully submitted,

SETH SMITH, *Milk Inspector.*

## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

Another year has passed and our town, with the exception of a few sporadic cases of scarlet fever, has been free from any epidemics. The labor and responsibilities of the Board are constantly increasing. We pride ourselves, as citizens, upon our exemption from any miasmatic diseases and on our general good fortune in natural sanitary qualifications. The action of the Board has been mainly that of complaints of alleged violations of regulations and nuisances. We recommend as a safe guard to the people, that all persons be prohibited from keeping any swine within 300 or 400 feet of a dwelling house, as many of the complaints of the past year were from such a cause. We wish to call the attention, more closely, of the citizens to the necessity of cleanliness about their houses, stables, and out-buildings, and the immediate removal of deposits on the shore and flats. Our streets for the past year have been in excellent condition and to maintain the same high standing for them each individual must exercise great care in the deposit of house and shop sweepings, nor is it a receptacle for garbage. Again the attention of physicians are called to Sect. 78, Chap. 80, of the Public Statutes and they are reminded that it is the duty of the Board to see that the law is enforced. We thank the citizens for their willingness and ready response to the rules and regulations of the Board and would also remind them of the obligations to the Giver of all good things and for our exemption from all fatal maladies or public accidents or calamities.

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. MILLER, Chairman,  
A. H. NEWTON, M.D., Secretary,  
B. A. LEWIS,

*Board of Health.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

OF THE

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1887.

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PROVINCETOWN, MASS.:

*The Advocate Press: Howard S. Hopkins.*

1888.



## PRESENT CORPS OF TEACHERS.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| S. H. Baker, . . . . .   | Principal. |
| Emma Gardner, . . . . .  | Assistant. |
| Tina W. Whorf, . . . . . | Assistant. |

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| George H. Knowlton, . . . . . | Principal. |
| Addie S. Mitchell, . . . . .  | Assistant. |

## HIGHER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

|                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Sara Cavanagh, . . . . . | Nellie B. Hilliard. |
| Lottie D. Frellick.      |                     |

## INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Abbie C. Sparks, . . . . . | Clara L. Smith. |
| Clara A. Ryder.            |                 |

## PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

|                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Mary E. Dyer, . . . . .     | Minnie Hamblin.    |
| Angie F. Blake, . . . . .   | Annie W. McKennon. |
| Bessie Lyford, . . . . .    | Julia C. Knowles.  |
| Carrie A. Cowing, . . . . . | Ella M. Mayo.      |

## REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee of Provincetown respectfully submit the following report:

The schools during the year have enjoyed their usual degree of prosperity. There have been no special changes in methods of instruction or of administration. It may seem to many of our citizens an useless expense and a waste of time to write and print so fully the school report year after year, when, of necessity, a single year witnesses but little change in their work or government. This matter, however, is not left optional with the committee. The Statutes of the Commonwealth demand that "the School Committee shall annually make a detailed report of the condition of the several public schools, which report shall contain such statements and suggestions in relation to the schools as the committee deem necessary or proper to promote the interests thereof." To avoid making their report uselessly long, and save repeating the same thing many times, the committee deem it best to speak of the schools below the Grammar grade as departments or grades and not deal with each individual school in the same department; excepting in a few instances where the conditions are such as to demand special notice.

We have, as last year, eight primary schools, in which during the present year have been enrolled five hundred children whose ages have varied from five to fifteen years. We urged our citizens, especially, the parents of these little folks, in our last report, to spend a little time, from their less important duties, in visiting the children in their school rooms. By so doing

they would greatly encourage the teachers and please the children, while at the same time they could see the work the children have to do and how well they do it. Thus far, we are sorry to say that very little improvement has been made. Only a very few of our citizens are in the habit of visiting these schools or of showing by any manifested interest, that they regard the education of their children as of the first importance. Parents who never visit schools must, of necessity, be ignorant of the difficulties with which the teachers have to contend, the great forbearance and patience constantly demanded of them; and must depend upon outside reports for their knowledge of school work and practice, as well as the real standing of the children. Notwithstanding this neglect the work in most of the primary schools is such as to please us very much. In fact, they are among our most interesting schools. We regret that all of them cannot be so favorably reported. It is simply impossible for one teacher, what ever her ability, to manage and instruct eighty-five little children, with all sorts of home influences, and show work that is satisfactory to themselves or the committee. Primary No. 1. in the Western district, and the Conant St. school are altogether too large for successful management; one numbering eighty-seven and the other seventy-five pupils and some of them unable to speak or understand English. The condition of these schools has been reported several times, and special attention was called to them last year. It is true, the actual number in all the schools does not much exceed those who have been accommodated for several years past; but for some reason our Portuguese citizens have settled in greater numbers in the Western than in any other part of the town, the result being the overflow of the primary schools in those districts. Many of these children are too small to be sent to other districts and the parents very seriously object to having those who are old and large enough to walk the distance sent away from the the school that happens to be in their own neighborhood; though in many cases it would be far better for them.

Only one new teacher has been employed in this department

since our last report, Miss Ella M. Mayo having been employed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the promotion of Miss Lottie D. Frellick.

The Intermediate Department has not been interrupted during the year; no changes of teachers, or in the course of study having occurred. The work is faithfully and well performed. The schools are not over crowded, though there are as many pupils in each as one teacher can successfully manage. The same course of study having been adopted for each school and the same tests being required from all the pupils before promotion, annoyance occasioned by the lack of uniformity in other years has been entirely overcome. A few years ago, when it was suggested that the pupils in these schools should receive some knowledge of fractions before entering a higher department, it was considered impossible that such young children should accomplish such work. A trial was made, however, and the results have justified the attempt; for now the first classes are able, easily, to master common fractions, and thus save one year's time in the next higher grade. Reading, Writing, Spelling and Arithmetic, with Geography the second year, are the branches taught. More than two hundred pupils have been enrolled in this department the present year.

No changes have taken place in the arrangement or work of the Higher Intermediate department. Miss Rebecca D. Sparks, a very acceptable teacher, for many years in charge of the school in the Eastern district, resigned the position last summer, and at the beginning of the Fall term Miss Lottie D. Frellick was promoted from the Centre Primary No. 2 to fill the vacancy. Though Miss Frellick doubted her ability to manage such large scholars as are usually found in these schools, she has fully justified the action of the committee and they have no occasion to regret their choice. Here is where classes are trained for the Grammar school. It is a very important work and is being well performed. While we are always desirous that pupils should go as far as possible in our schools, we feel that if they are faithful and thorough in this department they have a

chance, with the many outside helps, to work their way if circumstances prevent further systematic work in the schools. Arithmetic and Geography are thoroughly taught, while Reading, Writing, and Spelling have their full share of time and attention. The pupils are required to test their knowledge by written examinations twice in all of their studies each term; they have two years drill in Arithmetic and Geography and one year in U. S. History before being admitted to the Grammar school. One hundred and eighty-five pupils have been enrolled in these schools the present year.

We have once more to report a change in the principalship of our Grammar school. Mr. Walter F. Sayward, who had faithfully served the school for nearly two years, resigned his position the day before the Fall term should have commenced, for better pay in another field of labor, making it a necessity for the committee, at a very short notice, to fill the vacancy. Mr. George H. Knowlton, a teacher of many years experience in school work, was engaged as principal, and the work of the school went on with the loss of only one day and a half. Mr. Knowlton's stay with us has been too short, at this writing, to enable the committee to judge fully of his ability to manage and successfully instruct this large school; though he appears to have his charge well in hand and will doubtless succeed well. Miss Addie S. Mitchell is still with us as the assistant in this very important school where she has, for many years, rendered a very important service. This is the largest school we have and in some respects, perhaps, the most important. While it serves to prepare pupils for the High school, and their success there depends in a great degree upon the preparation received here, it renders a most important service to those who never go beyond this school, but end here their education so far as a systematic course of study is concerned. Written examinations are continued in all the studies, twice in each term, which serve to show the proficiency of all the scholars and determines the qualification of the members of the first class for promotion, without further examination, to the High school. Those

branches which are considered of the most importance are taught. There are daily recitations in Arithmetic, Grammar, Political Geography and the United States History, and a full share of time is given to the very important matters of Reading, writing and spelling. With this array of studies, it does not require a school man to see that only a very small portion of time can be given to each pupil, when only two teachers are employed to do the work. In order to make this school what it should be, and to have ample justice done to each scholar, the employing of another teacher is a necessity. The matter of a three years course of study for this department has been quite seriously thought of by the committee and others interested in the work of the school. The children would not be any too well prepared for the more advanced work of the High school, should this plan be adopted; but the difficulty would occur in the lower grades. Our schools are so arranged and graded that a change in one necessitates a corresponding change in the others.

Some of our lower grades are so crowded now, that to hold the pupils back from promotion one year and at the same time admit the children as fast as they become of school age would greatly increase our present difficulty. About one hundred and forty names have been enrolled the present year in this school, and thirty-five have been passed from this for the High school. At or near the beginning of the Fall term an experienced teacher in Physical training, Reading and Elocution, Miss Anna B. Snow, offered her services at such a reasonable figure that the committee deemed it advisable to employ her for one term. Miss Snow rendered very valuable services in this, as well as in the High school, at a cost, for the term, of only seventy-five dollars.

The interests of the High school have been fully maintained. This is a very important part of our school system. The advance reported at our last writing has, we are glad to say, continued through this year. No changes have taken place in the arrangement or the work of this department. The same faithful and successful teachers are employed as last year, of

whom mention was then made. An excellent work is being done in this school and we are happy to report a decided improvement, both in scholarship and deportment. Every provision is made for those who wish to lay the foundation for a classical education and fit themselves for higher schools, while English branches are by no means neglected, as there is a full four years' course that is purely English for those who do not wish to study the languages. While we do not claim perfection for the school, we do claim that it compares favorably with the High schools of the State; and those who honestly pursue either the English or Classical course will have fitted themselves for the common duties and exigencies of life. The most of the children in the lower grades are stimulated to better work and greater exertions by the hope of sometime entering this school, and here the great majority of those who do enter will finish their education. It becomes a question therefore of vast importance to determine how it shall best fit its students to meet the practical duties of life.

If it is the supreme duty of the school to inculcate the principles of a noble manhood and womanhood, and to lay the foundation of that broad culture and upright character which makes good citizens and true men, and no one will say that it is not, then it becomes a very important matter and the duty of every citizen, especially of every parent, to be deeply interested in the education of the children. The character of the town and State depend upon the character of the school and the character of the schools is, in a large measure, in the hands of the citizens. Now we have a good High school, but how much better it might be if every citizen was deeply interested in its welfare. If even the parents and guardians of the pupils attending the school would interest themselves enough to visit their children in the schoolroom once a term and look after their work and progress it would be a great blessing to the school and a tasting benefit to the children. Nothing speaks so well for a community as the interest in the public schools shown by frequent visits and words of encouragement to those to whom the

future welfare of the young is, in a great measure, intrusted. Let the people take hold of this subject and make our High school an institution such as every citizen may point to with a degree of honest pride.

Since the fire of February, 1877, which destroyed the old High school building and its contents, the school has been struggling along with very little apparatus to illustrate the principles involved in the study of Chemistry and Philosophy. It gives us pleasure to report other things this year. Valuable additions have been made to our Chemical and Philosophical Apparatus so that, while we are not fully equipped, we can make quite a fair showing, and the work in these branches is made very much more interesting and instructive. The school is well sustained as to numbers, falling only a little below the Grammar in this respect, there being a difference, on an average, of only seven or eight pupils, showing that nearly all of those who pass successfully through the Grammar school enter the High. More than one hundred pupils have been enrolled the present year.

COURSE OF STUDY IN THE HIGH SCHOOL.

|                         | LATIN.  | GREEK.  | FRENCH.  | HISTORY.                       | MATHEMATICS.  | SCIENCE.   | ENGLISH.  |
|-------------------------|---|---|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| 1st year,<br>4th class, | Grammar.<br>Translate English into Latin, orally and in writing.<br>Special attention to etymology and syntax.                  | History of Greece and Rome.<br><br>3 terms.   |  | Greek and Roman.<br>3 terms.   | Arithmetic and Book-keeping.<br><br>3 terms.        | Physiology.<br>1-2 year.<br><br>Physical Geography.<br>1-2 year. | Grammar, with text books, to include parsing and analysis.<br>Grammar Con. with written exercises to teach punctuation, use of capitals, possessives & plurals.<br>Grammar with parsing from difficult authors. Written exercises to teach forms of letters, business communications, bills, receipts, etc. |
| 2d year,<br>3d class,   | Grammar con. Caesar's Gallic War, I.-IV.<br>Sight reading of easy Latin.<br>Eng. into Latin<br>Special attent'n to Gram'r work. |   | Grammar. Prose composition.<br>LaFontaine's Fables.  | Mediaeval.<br><br>3 terms.     | Algebra.<br><br>3 terms.                            | Geology.<br><br>Botany.  | Dictation exercises to familiarize class with common forms of language and rapid writing, paraphrases of poetry and prose.<br><br>Rhetoric following text-book.<br>Dictation exercises continued.<br>Rhetoric Con. with reference to figures, style, etc., requiring abstracts from standard authors.       |
| 3d year,<br>2d class,   | Prose composition.<br>Cicero.<br>Sight reading.<br>Etymology and syntax.  | Grammar and reader.<br>Eng. into Greek orally and in writing.<br>Attent'n to etymology & syntax     | Grammar continued<br>Paul et Virginie.<br>Telemaque.<br>Conversation   | English.<br><br>3 terms.       | Geometry.<br><br>3 terms.                           | Natural Philosophy.<br><br>3 terms.                              | History of English language to age of Wickliffe.<br>English literature to close of Elizabeth's reign, 1603.<br>English literature from 1603 to present time.  |
| 4th year,<br>1st class, | Prose composition.<br>Æneid, I.-VI.<br>Prosody.<br>Review of Grammar.   | Grammar con. Xenophon's Anabasis, I. III.<br>Prose composition.<br>Att't'n to forms and construct'n | 2 classic pl'ys Moliere's or Racine's.<br>2 md'rn plays<br>Att'tn to formation & use of verbs, compo. conver'n | U.S. History<br><br>Geography. | Review of Arithmetic or Trigonometry and Surveying. | Chemistry.<br><br>Astronomy.                                     | Study of English authors with reference to thought, style, rhetoric, etc.<br><br>Study of authors continued.<br><br>Study of American authors, prose and poetry.  |

## COURSE OF STUDY IN THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Declamations and compositions throughout the course. At the beginning of the course pupils (with the approval of parents) will select four lines of study, requiring sixteen recitations per week (Mathematics to the end of the third year being a required line) and this shall constitute the course of study for the pupil. A pupil having selected a line of study will not be allowed to change it except at the beginning of a school year. The completion of the course of study for four years will entitle the pupil to a diploma of graduation, provided the pupil has taken continuously Latin, English, or the Sciences as part of the course, and provided the average rank of the pupil for the course is not less than 70 per cent.

Pupils intending to enter college may take such studies as are necessary in preparing for entrance, and shall be entitled to a diploma upon completion of the course, provided they have taken an average of fourteen recitations per week.

Pupils completing a three years' course and leaving the school will receive a certificate thereof on the same condition which entitle a four years' pupil to a diploma.

## CLASS OF 1887.

## CLASSICAL COURSE.

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Lizzie L. Atkins,  | Myra C. Mayo,       |
| Susie E. Bowley,   | Lillie R. McKenzie, |
| Sadie S. Bradshaw, | Dedie M. Nason,     |
| Lilie P. Conwell,  | Abbie C. Putnam,    |
| Crissie K. Dyer,   | Lizzie E. Ryder,    |
| Addie M. Gifford,  | Helen F. Ryder,     |
| Sarah M. Hatch,    | Annie Y. Shortle.   |

## ENGLISH COURSE.

|                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| John Connelly, | Annie A. Rich. |
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## GRADUATION EXERCISES.

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 16, 1887.

## MARCH.

## PRAYER.

PIANO SOLO. Polonaise by Leybach,

THIRD HONOR. The Study of Literature,

The Archery Contest (*From the Æneid*),

Our Aim in Life,

VOCAL DUETT "When Life is Brightest,"

"No Work, No Rest,"

Independence,

"Beyond the Alps Lies Italy,"

VOCAL DUETT. "Like the Lark,"

Phidias (*From the French*),

"Worth makes the man,"

Our Era of Progress,

CLASS HISTORY,

VOCAL SOLO "Just as of Old,"

SECOND HONOR. Reading vs. Observation,

The Elements of Success,

CLASS PROPHECY.

INSTRUMENTAL DUETT. "Torpedo "

FIRST HONOR Character-making.

FAREWELL SONG.

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS.

BENEDICTION.

|                               |
|-------------------------------|
| Myra C. Mayo.                 |
| Abbie C. Putnam.              |
| Crissie K. Dyer.              |
| Myra C. Mayo.                 |
| Misses Dyer and Rich.         |
| Sadie S. Bradshaw.            |
| Lizzie L. Atkins.             |
| Susie E. Bowley.              |
| Misses Conwell and Rich.      |
| Addie M. Gifford              |
| Lizzie E. Ryder.              |
| Sarah M. Hatch.               |
| Lillie P. Conwell.            |
| Crissie K. Dyer.              |
| Helen F. Ryder.               |
| Lillie P. Conwell.            |
| Dedie M. Nason.               |
| Misses Bradshaw and Gifford.  |
| Annie Y. Shortle.             |
| By the School.                |
| By Superintendent of Schools. |

The means placed at our disposal for schoolhouse repairs and incidental expenses, we have tried to apply judiciously, and as economically as the circumstances would allow. At the Eastern building there have been new steps placed at the western entrance and other repairs which were absolutely needed. All of the old walks at the Centre building have been replaced by new ones, and new steps have been placed at the eastern entrance. The walks and fences have been repaired at the Western house. The Primary school buildings on Conant and Johnson streets, have had only a very little expended on them the present year.

Considerable expense was occasioned at the High and Grammar schoolhouse by putting in new furnaces. The committee talked over the matter of painting the building last spring and came to the conclusion that it would be well to wait until another year. At the close of the long vacation, however, it was found that the summer's sun had told so fearfully upon the house that it would be unwise to leave it exposed to the storms of another winter without a coat of paint; the roof also, especially that part of it which is covered with tin, was in such a condition that it would have been folly to have waited until another summer. We therefore had the clapboards scraped, the house and out-buildings painted, and the roof securely repaired and painted. All of the window sashes were also painted on the outside and oiled on the inside.

The building ought to have another coat of paint next summer. Sixteen outside, or storm windows, have been purchased and put on the northwest side of the building as ordered by special town meeting, the account of which will be found in the report of the special committee to whom the matter was referred.

The means of heating the High and Grammar school building were so wretchedly inadequate to answer the purpose for which they were intended, that the committee, deeming it their duty so to do, made a special plea last year for better heating apparatus. After the matter had been discussed, it was referred to a special committee with instructions to put in new furnaces of

the most improved style, providing that bonds, guaranteeing complete satisfaction, should be given.

The furnaces have been placed in the building and have, up to the present writing, given satisfaction; though thus far the winter has been very mild. A full account of the business relating to this subject will be found in the special committee's report on that business.

Quite a liberal appropriation will be needed for schoolhouse repairs, as nearly all of the buildings will need repairing, and there must be a new fence built at the Eastern house. Some of the buildings have not been shingled for more than forty years.

EXTRACTS FROM THE STATUTES OF THE COMMONWEALTH RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The School Committees shall annually, in the month of May, ascertain, or cause to be ascertained, the names and ages of all persons belonging to their respective towns and cities on the first day of May, between the ages of five and fifteen years, and make a record thereof.

No child under the age of ten years shall be employed in any manufacturing, mechanical, or mercantile establishment in this Commonwealth, and any parent or guardian who permits such employment, shall for such offence forfeit a sum of not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars, for the use of the public schools of the city or town.

No child under the age of fourteen years shall be so employed, unless during the year next preceding such employment he has attended some public or private day school, under teachers approved by the School Committee of the place where such school is kept, at least twenty weeks, which time may be divided into two terms, each of ten consecutive weeks, as far as the arrangement of school terms will allow; nor shall such employment continue, unless such child shall attend school as herein provided, in each and every year; and no child shall be so employed who does not present a certificate made by or under the

direction of said School Committee, of his compliance with the requirements of this act.

On and after the first day of May, eighteen hundred and eighty, no child under fourteen years of age shall be employed in any manufacturing, mechanical or mercantile establishment while the public schools in the city or town where such child lives are in session, unless such child can read and write.

That all may know the law in regard to truants, and that arrangements have been made for carrying out its provisions, it is deemed best to publish the State law, as well as the by-laws of the town.

FROM THE PUBLIC STATUTES, IN REGARD TO TRUANTS.

CHAPTER 48, SECTION 10.—Each town shall make all needful provisions and arrangements concerning habitual truants, and children between seven and fifteen years of age, who may be found wandering about in the streets or public places therein, having no lawful occupation or business, nor attending school, and growing up in ignorance, and shall make such by-laws as shall be most conducive to the welfare of such children, and to the good order of such town, and shall provide suitable places for the confinement, discipline, and instruction of such children

In accordance with the above statute, the School Committee and Selectmen have provided a suitable place for the confinement, discipline, and instruction of such truant children, and give this public notice of the same pursuant to vote of the last annual town meeting in February, 1887.

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, nor 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 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 to 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.

Teachers are required to be in their respective schoolrooms at least fifteen minutes before the morning and afternoon session. There shall be a recess of ten minutes sometime during the forenoon session.

No pupil affected with any contagious or infectious disease, or coming from a house in which such disease exists shall be allowed to attend the public schools.

Pupils may apply, at any time, for promotion and if found qualified shall be promoted to a higher class by consent of the school committee or superintendent. But regular promotions shall be made only at the end of the school year.

Books are loaned to pupils on the following conditions :

They are not to be taken from the schoolroom without the consent of the teacher. They are to be carefully used and not marked or defaced. If lost or injured they are to be paid for by the pupil using them.

## FINANCIAL REPORT.

### SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

|   |         |          |
|---|---------|----------|
| Appropriation,  |         | \$400 00 |
| H. O. Sparrow, supplies,                                | \$13 13 |          |
| A. L. Putnam & Co., supplies,                           | 12 71   |          |
| James Engles,   | 4 40    |          |
| J. D. Hilliard,   | 13 30   |          |
| Andrew Kennedy,   | 18 07   |          |
| A. T. Williams,   | 14 07   |          |
| J. A. West,   | 35 60   |          |
| Hiram Holmes,   | 28 66   |          |
| F. A. H. Gifford,                                       | 85      |          |
| H. F. Hopkins, printing and advertising,                | 8 25    |          |
| Thomas Welsh, carting,                                  | 3 80    |          |
| J. W. Beaty, returning truants,                         | 13 50   |          |
| J. H. Dearborn, returning truants,                      | 25 00   |          |
| Nathan S. Hudson, cleaning Conant St. building,         | 10 50   |          |
| Mary Burkett, cleaning Johnson St. building,            | 10 50   |          |
| J. Harvey Dearborn, cleaning High and Grammar building, | 40 00   |          |

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|---|----------|----------|
| John W. Holway, cleaning Eastern building,  | \$19 00  |          |
| Henry Harvender, cleaning Center building,  | 19 00    |          |
| Marion Williams, cleaning Western building, | 19 00    |          |
| John W. Holway, labor,                      | 5 00     |          |
| Balance in treasury,                        | 85 66    |          |
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|   | \$400 00 | \$400 00 |

## SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS.

|  |          |          |
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| Appropriation,                               |          | \$500 00 |
| Geo. F. Johnson, labor,                      | 1 00     |          |
| Josiah Snow, labor,                          | 46 50    |          |
| J. Paine, Jr., lumber,                       | 12 02    |          |
| James Fuller, labor,                         | 1 25     |          |
| H. Merrill Smith, labor and stock, painting, | 115 86   |          |
| Geo. W. Ellis, sods,                         | 12 50    |          |
| Chas. W. Burkett, labor,                     | 1 75     |          |
| Alfred Small, labor,                         | 16 75    |          |
| J. W. Beaty, labor,                          | 4 00     |          |
| E. N. Sumner, labor,                         | 7 60     |          |
| A. Hamlen, labor,                            | 4 10     |          |
| B. H. Dyer, windows,                         | 2 00     |          |
| Geo. Allen, lumber,                          | 57 66    |          |
| Thos. W. Dyer, shellac and labor,            | 81 92    |          |
| A. T. Williams, nails,                       | 80       |          |
| Geo. C. Hill, labor,                         | 6 00     |          |
| Wm. H. Hedge, labor,                         | 34 50    |          |
| J. A. West, supplies,                        | 11 45    |          |
| Balance in treasury,                         | 82 84    |          |
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|  | \$500 00 | \$500 00 |

## FREE TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

|  |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|
| Appropriation,                                 | \$1,000 00 |            |
| Rebate,  | 41 17      |            |
| Received for books sold,                       | 20 67      |            |
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|  |            | \$1,061 84 |
| Educational Supply Co.,                        | 130 00     |            |
| Adams & Ingraham,                              | 339 87     |            |
| Copperthwait & Co.,                            | 118 30     |            |
| D. Appleton & Co.,                             | 58 92      |            |
| Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.,                      | 115 70     |            |
| J. L. Hammett,                                 | 51 25      |            |
| F. M. Ambrose,                                 | 13 75      |            |
| J. R. Spaulding & Co.,                         | 12 00      |            |
| Harper Bros.,                                  | 17 50      |            |
| Warren P. Adams,                               | 73 83      |            |
| Chas. H. Whiting,                              | 24 45      |            |
| A. L. Putnam & Co., commission handling books, | 114 16     |            |
| Deficiency,                                    |            | 7 89       |
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|  | \$1,069 73 | \$1,069 73 |

## AGENT'S ACCOUNT TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

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| Estimated value books and maps in use, | \$1200 00 |
| Value of stock in hands of agents,     | 700 00    |
| Cash due treasurer for books sold,     | 9 27      |
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|  | \$1909 27 |

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

WINTER TERM, 1886 and 1887.

|   | Number of Weeks. | Salary per week. | Amount per Year. | Amount per Term. |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| S. H. Baker, Principal High School . . . . .      | 14               | \$26 31.7        | \$1,000 00       | \$368 43         |
| Emma Gardner, Assissant " . . . . .               | 14               | 14 47.4          | 550 00           | 202 63           |
| Lucinda W. Whorf " " . . . . .                    | 14               | 9 00             | 342 00           | 126 00           |
| Walter F. Saywood, Principal Grammar School       | 14               | 20 00            | 760 00           | 280 00           |
| Addie S. Mitchell, Assisstant " . . . . .         | 14               | 9 00             | 342 00           | 126 00           |
| Sara Cavanagh Principal Higher Intermediate       | 14               | 8 50             | 323 00           | 119 00           |
| Nellie B. Hilliard " " " . . . . .                | 14               | 8 50             | 323 09           | 119 00           |
| Rebecca D. Sparks " " " . . . . .                 | 14               | 8 50             | 323 00           | 119 00           |
| Clara L. Smith, Principal Intermediate School     | 14               | 7 00             | 266 00           | 98 00            |
| Clara A. Ryder " " " . . . . .                    | 14               | 7 00             | 266 00           | 98 00            |
| Abbie C. Sparks " " " . . . . .                   | 14               | 7 00             | 266 00           | 98 00            |
| Angie F. Blake Principal Primary School . . . . . | 14               | 6 50             | 247 00           | 91 00            |
| Carrie A. Cowing " " " . . . . .                  | 14               | 6 50             | 247 00           | 91 00            |
| Minnie Hamblin " " " . . . . .                    | 14               | 6 50             | 247 00           | 91 00            |
| Annie McKennon " " " . . . . .                    | 14               | 6 50             | 247 00           | 91 00            |
| Lottie D. Frellick " " " . . . . .                | 14               | 6 50             | 247 00           | 91 00            |
| Edith Small " " " . . . . .                       | 3                | 6 50             | 247 00           | 19 50            |
| Julia Knowles " " " . . . . .                     | 10               | 6 50             | 65 00            | 65 00            |
| Bessie H. Lyford " " " . . . . .                  | 14               | 6 50             | 247 00           | 91 00            |
| Mamie E. Dyer " " " . . . . .                     | 14               | 6 50             | 247 00           | 91 00            |
|   |                  |                  |                  | \$2,475 56       |

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TEACHERS' SALARIES.

SPRING TERM, 1887.

|  | Number of Weeks. | Salary per week. | Amount per Year. | Amount per Term. |
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| S. H. Baker, Principal High School . . . . .       | 13               | \$31 57.9        | \$1,200 00       | \$410 53         |
| Emma Gardner, Assistant " . . . . .                | 13               | 14 47.4          | 550 00           | 188 16           |
| Lucinda W. Whorf " " . . . . .                     | 13               | 9 00             | 342 00           | 117 00           |
| Walter F. Sayward, Principal Grammar School        | 13               | 20 00            | 760 00           | 260 00           |
| Addie S. Mitchell, Assistant " . . . . .           | 13               | 9 00             | 342 00           | 117 00           |
| Sara Cavanagh Principal Higher Intermediate        | 13               | 8 50             | 323 00           | 110 50           |
| Nellie B. Hilliard " " " . . . . .                 | 13               | 8 50             | 323 00           | 110 50           |
| Rebecca D. Sparks " " " . . . . .                  | 13               | 8 50             | 323 00           | 110 50           |
| Clara L. Smith, Principal Intermediate School      | 13               | 7 00             | 266 00           | 91 00            |
| Clara A. Ryder " " " . . . . .                     | 13               | 7 00             | 266 00           | 91 00            |
| Abbie C. Sparks " " " . . . . .                    | 13               | 7 00             | 266 00           | 91 00            |
| Angie F. Blake, Principal Primary School . . . . . | 13               | 6 50             | 247 00           | 84 50            |
| Carrie A. Cowing " " " . . . . .                   | 13               | 6 50             | 247 00           | 84 50            |
| Minnie Hamblin " " " . . . . .                     | 13               | 6 50             | 247 00           | 84 50            |
| Lottie D. Frellick " " " . . . . .                 | 13               | 6 50             | 247 00           | 84 50            |
| Annie McKennon " " " . . . . .                     | 13               | 6 50             | 247 00           | 84 50            |
| Julia Knowles " " " . . . . .                      | 13               | 6 50             | 247 00           | 84 50            |
| Bessie H. Lyford " " " . . . . .                   | 13               | 6 50             | 247 00           | 84 50            |
| Mary E. Dyer " " " . . . . .                       | 13               | 6 50             | 247 00           | 84 50            |
|  |                  |                  |                  | \$2,373 19       |

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TEACHERS' SALARIES.

FALL TERM, 1887.

|   | Number of Weeks. | Salary per week. | Amount per Year. | Amount per Term. |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| S. H. Baker, Principal High School            | 11               | \$31 57.9        | \$1,200 00       | \$347 36         |
| Emma Gardner, Assistant                       | 11               | 14 47.4          | 550 00           | 159 21           |
| Lucinda W. Whorf                              | 11               | 9 00             | 342 00           | 99 00            |
| G. H. Knowlton, Principal Grammar School      | 11               | 20 00            | 760 00           | 220 00           |
| Addie S. Mitchell, Assistant                  | 11               | 9 00             | 342 00           | 99 00            |
| Sara Cavanagh, Principal Higher Intermediate  | 11               | 8 50             | 323 00           | 93 50            |
| Nellie B. Hilliard                            | 11               | 8 50             | 323 00           | 93 50            |
| Lottie D. Frellick                            | 11               | 8 50             | 323 00           | 93 50            |
| Clara L. Smith, Principal Intermediate School | 11               | 7 00             | 266 00           | 77 00            |
| Clara A. Ryder                                | 11               | 7 00             | 266 00           | 77 00            |
| Abbie C. Sparks                               | 11               | 7 00             | 266 00           | 77 00            |
| Angie F. Sparks, Principal Primary School     | 2                | 6 50             | 247 00           | 13 00            |
| Angie F. Blake                                | 9                | 6 50             |                  | 58 50            |
| Carrie A. Cowing                              | 11               | 6 50             | 247 00           | 71 50            |
| Minnie Hamblin                                | 11               | 6 50             | 247 00           | 71 50            |
| Ella Mayo                                     | 11               | 6 50             | 247 00           | 71 50            |
| Annie McKennon                                | 11               | 6 50             | 247 00           | 71 50            |
| Julia Knowles                                 | 11               | 6 50             | 247 00           | 71 50            |
| Bessie H. Lyford                              | 11               | 6 50             | 247 00           | 71 50            |
| Mary E. Dyer                                  | 11               | 6 50             | 247 00           | 71 50            |
| Annie B. Snowe, Elocution,                    | 10               | 7 50             |                  | 75 00            |
|   |                  |                  |                  | \$2,083 07       |

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JANITORS' SALARIES.

|                  | BUILDING.               | NUMBER OF WEEKS. | PRICE PER WEEK- | AMOUNT.  |
|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------|
| WINTER TERM.     |                         |                  |                 |          |
| Geo. C. Hill,    | Johnson Street,         | 13               | \$1 00          | \$13 00  |
| John W. Holway,  | Eastern,                | 13               | 2 50            | 32 50    |
| Henry Harvender, | Center,                 | 13               | 2 50            | 32 50    |
| J. H. Dearborn,  | High and Grammar,       | 13               | 3 50            | 45 50    |
| Geo. A. Beaty,   | Conant St. and Western, | 13               | 3 50            | 45 50    |
|                  |                         |                  |                 | \$169 00 |
| SPRING TERM.     |                         |                  |                 |          |
| Geo. C. Hill,    | Johnson Street,         | 13               | 1 00            | \$13 00  |
| John W. Holway,  | Eastern,                | 13               | 2 50            | 32 50    |
| Henry Harvender, | Center,                 | 13               | 2 50            | 32 50    |
| J. H. Dearborn,  | High and Grammar,       | 13               | 3 50            | 45 50    |
| Geo. A. Beaty,   | Conant St. and Western, | 13               | 3 50            | 45 50    |
|                  |                         |                  |                 | \$169 00 |
| FALL TERM.       |                         |                  |                 |          |
| Geo. C. Hill,    | Johnson Street,         | 11               | 1 00            | \$11 00  |
| John W. Holway,  | Eastern,                | 11               | 2 50            | 27 50    |
| Henry Harvender, | Center,                 | 11               | 2 50            | 27 50    |
| J. H. Dearborn,  | High and Grammar,       | 11               | 3 50            | 38 50    |
| Geo. A. Beaty,   | Conant St. and Western, | 11               | 3 50            | 38 50    |
|                  |                         |                  |                 | \$143 00 |

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## FUEL.

|                                       |          |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| A. T. Williams, 81 tons coal, \$5.29, | \$428 49 |          |
| A. T. Williams, wood and kindlings,   | 26 95    |          |
|                                       | <hr/>    | \$455 44 |

## SUPERINTENDENT.

|  |          |          |
|--|----------|----------|
| H. Shortle, salary as superintendent,  | \$350 00 |          |
| H. Shortle, expense procuring teacher, | 10 00    |          |
|  | <hr/>    | \$360 00 |

## RECAPITULATION.

|                                       |          |            |
|---------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Balance in treasury, January 1, 1887, | \$385 65 |            |
| Massachusetts school fund,            | 204 38   |            |
| Appropriation,                        | 7,500 00 |            |
|                                       | <hr/>    | \$8,090 03 |

## DEDUCT:

|                            |            |                       |
|----------------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Teachers' salaries,        | \$6,931 82 |                       |
| Janitors' salaries,        | 481 00     |                       |
| Fuel,                      | 455 44     |                       |
| Superintendent's salary,   | 350 00     |                       |
| Expense procuring teacher, | 10 00      |                       |
| Deficiency,                |            | 138 23                |
|                            | <hr/>      | \$8,228 26 \$8,228 26 |

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| For Public Schools,           | \$8,000 00 |
| School Incidentals,           | 400 00     |
| Schoolhouse Repairs,          | 500 00     |
| Free Text-Books and Supplies, | 1,000 00   |

Respectfully submitted,

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

## LIST OF JURORS OF THE TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN.

REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN, JANUARY 28, 1888.

|                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Alexander, Robert G.  | Giles, Charles H.    |
| Atkins, James E.      | Hannum, Artemas P.   |
| Atwood, Joseph S.     | Holmes, Hiram C.     |
| Atwood, Myrick C.     | Hill, Franklin E.    |
| Barnett, James H.     | Hill, Clarence H.    |
| Baxter, Robert D.     | Johnson, George F.   |
| Brown, Alfred N.      | Kennedy, Andrew      |
| Burkett, Charles W.   | Knowles, Otis M.     |
| Chase, Francis        | Livermore, John H.   |
| Cook, Elisha H.       | Lothrop, Eben        |
| Cook, Francis P.      | Little, Jonathan H.  |
| Cook, Charles A. Jr.  | Lewis, Daniel F.     |
| Cashman, James        | Manta, Joseph        |
| Crocker, Benjamin T.  | Mayo, Lysander D.    |
| Cowing, Henry W.      | McKenzie, Alexander, |
| Collins, Jonathan     | Mott, Atwood.        |
| Cook, James D.        | Miller, Francis S.   |
| Cook, Heman S.        | Martin, John L.      |
| Dearborn, J. Harvey   | Nickerson, George H. |
| Dyer, Isaac A.        | Nickerson, Luther C. |
| Dyer, Benjamin H.     | Nickerson, Reuben,   |
| Freeman, George W.    | Paine, Edwin N.      |
| Fuller, Charles A.    | Paine, Francis A.    |
| Fisher, Caleb         | Putnam, A. Louis     |
| Garland, John         | Rich, Abner B.       |
| Gifford, Nathaniel N. | Rich, Jeremiah A.    |

Rich, John L.  
 Roberts, Edward  
 Small, Alexander G.  
 Small, James A.  
 Smith, Freeman A.  
 Smith, Heman Merrill  
 Smith, Jerome S.  
 Smith, William M.  
 Snow, Elijah O.  
 Snow, Reuben S.  
 Sparrow, Harvey O.

Sparks, Thomas W.  
 Sumner, Josiah T.  
 Swift, John N.  
 Swift, Josiah  
 Taylor, Amasa  
 Tuttle, George W.  
 Watson, George W.  
 Watson, Eugene W.  
 Whitcomb, John G.  
 Williams, Frederick E.  
 Young, Alpheus W.

Total number seventy-four, agreeable to section six, chapter one hundred and seventy Public Statutes.

MARSHALL L. ADAMS,  
 JAMES A. SMALL,  
 CHARLES H. DYER,

*Selectmen of the Town of Provincetown.*

A true and attested copy.

J. HARVEY DEARBORN,  
*Constable of the Town of Provincetown.*

## TOWN WARRANT.

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 hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Provincetown qualified to vote as the law directs to meet at the Town Hall, on Monday the thirteenth day of February current at nine o'clock in the forenoon, it being the second Monday of said month, for the following purposes, to wit :

1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.
2. To choose a town clerk and treasurer.
3. To hear and act upon the reports of the town officers and committees.
4. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer to hire money under the direction of the selectmen for current expenses in anticipation of taxes.
5. To take action on the list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen, and posted according to law.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. To see what action the town will take in regard to the collection of taxes.
9. To see what sum of money the town will appropriate for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

10. To see if the town will authorize and appoint the selectmen to be its agents and attorneys to prosecute, defend, compromise, and settle any and all legal suits or proceedings in which the town may be in any way engaged or interested for the year ensuing.

11. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of fifty dollars to purchase one thousand pounds additional weights for testing coal scales.

12. To see if the town will authorize its selectmen to grant a franchise to a Gas and an Electric Light Co., for the purpose of erecting, constructing, operating and maintaining, extending, repairing, and replacing the gas or Electric Light plant.

13. To see if the town will cause to be built a plank sidewalk one hundred and twenty feet long and two feet wide on the northeast side of Alden Street, commencing at the west corner of the centre school house fence, running thence northwesterly and appropriate money for the same.

14. To see if the town will vote to locate, and layout, grade and harden a road twenty five feet wide, commencing at the northwest terminus of West Vine Street, running in a south westerly direction to the Creek Meadows.

15. To see if the town will provide additional rooms for the accommodation of the Public Schools, as recommended by the school committee in their annual reports and will appropriate or provide a suitable sum of money for that purpose and take any appropriate action by the appointment of committee or otherwise that may seem expedient and necessary for the erection of a new school house.

16. To see if the town will authorize its selectmen to sell the remains of the old bridge at East Harbor.

17. To choose the usual town officers for the ensuing year, also to give in their votes "yes or no" in answer to the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town"?—on a separate ballot.

18. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant to the selectmen or town clerk with your doings thereon, four days at least before the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Provincetown aforesaid this first day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty-eight.

MARSHALL L. ADAMS,  
JAMES A. SMALL,  
CHARLES H. DYER,

*Selectmen of the Town of Provincetown.*

A true and attested copy.

J. HARVEY DEARBORN,  
*Constable of the Town of Provincetown.*