

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF PROVINCETOWN, MASS.,

FOR THE

Year ending December 31, 1888.

ALSO,

THE TOWN CLERK'S RECORD

OF THE

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

DURING THE YEAR 1888.

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PROVINCETOWN, MASS.:

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# REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

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The Selectmen respectfully submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1888 :

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

VALUATION MAY 1, 1888.

Personal estate,	\$1,053,787 00	
Real estate,	1,005,400 00	
Total valuation,	_____	\$2,059,187 00
Total number of polls,		1356
Tax on each poll,		\$2 00
Registered voters, November 6, 1888,		787
Total tax for State, County, and Town purposes,		\$37,924 10
Rate per cent on \$1,000,		\$17 10
Total number of horses,		94
“ “ cows,		46
“ “ dwellings,		923
“ “ acres of land taxed,		1024
“ “ tax payers,		1695
“ “ persons paying tax on property,	1011	
“ “ “ “ a poll tax only,	_____	684
		1695
Value of personal estate, excluding resident bank shares,	\$886,325 00	
Resident bank shares,	167,462 00	
Total personal estate,	_____	\$1,053,787 00
Value of real estate, exclusive of buildings,	\$289,251 00	
Value of buildings, exclusive of land,	716,149 00	
Total real estate,	_____	\$1,005,400 00

DR.	APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1888.	CR.	
Feb. 15, 1888.		May 1, 1888.	
Watch and police,	\$200 00	By 1356 polls at	
Memorial Day,	100 00	\$2.00,	\$2,712 00
Town Hill and fences,	50 00	\$1,053,787.00 per-	
Cemeteries,	25 00	sonal estate, at	
Health department,	25 00	\$17.10,	18,019 76
Support of the poor		\$1,005,400 00 real	
and salaries,	3,600 00	estate, at \$17.10,	17,192 34
Public library,	300 00	Non-resident bank	
Roads and walks,	2,300 00	tax,	2,129 60
Fire department,	2,750 00		
Street lights,	600 00		
Interest on demand			
loans,	350 00		
Discount and collec-			
tion of taxes,	600 00		
Abatement of taxes,	350 00		
Incidental expenses,	1,800 00		
Weights and measures,	50 00		
Feb. 27.			
Public schools,	8,000 00		
School house repairs,	500 00		
School incidentals,	400 00		
Free text-books and			
supplies,	800 00		
New primary school			
house,	1,225 00		
	<u>\$24,025 00</u>		
New school house			
loan and interest,	1,125 00		
Railroad loan and			
interest,	2,300 00		
Funded loan, Town			
Hall,	4,600 00		

Interest on same,	\$1,552 50	
State tax,	2,745 00	
County tax,	1,504 75	
Overlayings,	71 85	
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Total tax for State,		
County and Town		
purposes,	\$37,924 10	
Non-resident bank		
tax,	2,129 60	
	<u>          </u>	
Total am't collec-		
tor's warrant,	\$40,053 70	<u>\$40,053 70</u>

DR.	WATCH AND POLICE.	CR.	
Feb. 13, 1888.		1888.	
To appropriation,	\$200 00	Feb. 2, by payments,	\$1 00
Dec. 31, deficiency,	7 40	June 30, " "	9 81
		Aug. 30, " "	8 00
		Dec. 31, " "	188 59
	<u>\$207 40</u>		<u>\$207 40</u>

DR.	MEMORIAL DAY.	CR.	
Feb. 13, 1888.		1888.	
To appropriation,	\$100 00	June 30, by payments,	\$96 78
		Dec. 31, Bal. in treas.	3 22
	<u>\$100 00</u>		<u>\$100 00</u>

DR.	NEW SCHOOLHOUSE LOAN AND INTEREST.	CR.	
Feb. 13, 1888.		1888.	
To appropriation,	\$ 1125 00	Dec. 31, by paym'ts,	\$1125 00
	<u>\$1125 00</u>		<u>\$1125 00</u>

DR.	TOWN HILL AND FENCES.	CR.
Feb. 13, 1888.	1888.	
To appropriation,	\$50 00	July 28, by payments, \$5 50
		Aug. 30, " 12 70
		Oct. 30, " 1 00
		Nov. 30, " 20 55
		Dec. 31, " 8 65
		" Bal. in treas. 1 60
	<u>\$50 00</u>	<u>\$50 00</u>

DR.	CEMETERIES.	CR.
Feb. 13, 1888.	1888.	
To appropriation,	\$25 00	May 31, by payments, \$1 80
		June 30, " 3 00
		July 28, " 5 22
		Dec. 31, " 13 00
		" Bal. in treas. 1 98
	<u>\$25 00</u>	<u>\$25 00</u>

DR.	NEW SCHOOLHOUSE LOAN.	CR.
Jan. 1, 1888.	1888.	
To am't outstanding		Dec. 31, by payment,
liabilities,	\$2500 00	[see new school house
Dec. 31, interest to		loan and interest], \$1125 00
date,	125 00	Dec. 31, net liabilities, 1500 00
	<u>\$2625 00</u>	<u>\$2625 00</u>

DR.	RAILROAD LOAN AND INTEREST.	CR.
Feb. 13, 1888.	1888.	
To appropriation,	\$2300 00	Jan. 30, by payment, \$150 00
		July 28, " 2150 00
	<u>\$2300 00</u>	<u>\$2300 00</u>

DR.	RAILROAD LOAN.	CR.
Jan. 1, 1888.	1888.	
To amount of out-		Aug. 1, by payment,
standing liabilities,	\$6000 00	see railroad loan
Aug. 1, interest to		and interest, \$2300 00
date,	300 00	Aug. 1, net liabilities 4000 00
	<u>\$6300 00</u>	<u>\$6300 00</u>

DR.	HEALTH DEPARTMENT.	CR.
Feb. 13, 1888.	1888.	
To appropriation,	\$25 00	Jan. 28, by payment, \$0 50
Dec. 31, deficiency,	41 00	Mch. 25, " 6 00
		June 8, " 6 50
		July 28, " 20 00
		Dec. 31, " 33 00
	<u>\$66 00</u>	<u>\$66 00</u>

DR.	PUBLIC LIBRARY.	CR.
Feb. 13, 1888.	1888.	
To appropriation,	\$300 00	Feb. 25, by payment, \$0 50
Dec. 31, 1888.		Mch. 31, " 58 50
Cash for licensed		July 28, " 61 00
dogs,	194 43	Sept. 29, " 25 00
Dec. 31, deficiency,	19 44	Oct. 30, " 67 14
		Nov. 24, " 19 50
		Dec. 31, " 282 23
	<u>\$513 87</u>	<u>\$513 87</u>



DR.	ROADS AND WALKS.	CR.
Feb. 13, 1888.	1888.	
To appropriation, \$2300 00	Jan. 30, by payments,	\$73 60
Dec. 31, material sold, 33 64	Feb. 25, "	22 33
	Mch. 31, "	37 12
	Apr. 28, "	500 12
	May 26, "	174 88
	June 30, "	402 16
	July 28, "	260 48
	Aug. 25, "	99 56
	Sept. 29, "	203 69
	Oct. 27, "	173 27
	Nov. 24, "	70 00
	Dec. 31, "	284 67
	" Bal. in treas.	31 76
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	\$2333 64	\$2333 64

DR.	SPECIAL REPAIRS TO BULKHEAD AT EAST END.	CR.
No appropriation.	1888.	
Dec. 31, deficiency, \$210 03	Aug. 25, by payments,	\$98 17
	Dec. 31, "	111 86
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	\$210 03	\$210 03

DR.	NEW PRIMARY SCHOOLHOUSE.	CR.
Feb. 13, 1888.	1888.	
To appropriation, \$1225 00	May 26, by payments,	\$1 75
	July 28, "	2 00
	Aug. 25, "	652 25
	Sept. 29, "	161 37
	Oct. 27, "	10 60
	Nov. 24, "	12 40
	Dec. 31, "	60 39
	" Bal. in treas.	324 24
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	\$1225 00	\$1225 00

DR.	WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.	CR.
Feb. 13, 1888.	1888.	
To appropriation,	\$50 00	June 5, by payment,
	<hr/>	\$50 00
	\$50 00	<hr/>
		\$50 00

DR.	FIRE DEPARTMENT.	CR.
Feb. 13, 1888.	1888.	
To appropriation, \$2750 00	Mch. 10, by payments,	\$26 06
Dec. 31, rebate on	April 30, "	1565 00
freight,	June 8, "	14 93
Dec. 31, deficiency,	Aug. 11, "	11 00
	Sept. 8, "	91 58
	Oct. 6, "	12 24
	Dec. 31, "	1203 74
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	\$2924 55	\$2924 55

DR.	PUBLIC SCHOOLS.	CR.
Feb. 27, 1888.	1888.	
To appropriation, \$8000 00	Mch. 31, by paym'ts,	\$2813 23
Mass. school fund,	June 14, "	2693 68
Dec. 31, deficiency,	July 28, "	2 50
	Aug. 25, "	159 90
	Sept. 29, "	389 90
	Oct. 27, "	236 84
	Nov. 24, "	236 84
	Dec. 31, "	2880 57
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	\$9413 46	\$9413 46

DR.	TOWN HALL.—FUNDED LOAN.	CR.
Jan. 1, 1888.		1888.
To amount of outstanding liabilities,	\$41,400 00	April 7, by payments, \$776 25
Oct. 7, interest to date,	1,552 50	Oct. 7, " 5,376 25
	<u>\$42,952 50</u>	Oct. 7, balance out- standing liabili- ties,
		36,800 00
		<u>\$42,952 50</u>

DR.	SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS.	CR.
Feb. 27, 1888.		1888.
To appropriation,	\$500 00	Feb. 27, by payments, \$15 85
Dec. 31, Deficiency,	55 11	May 26, " 15 42
		Aug. 25, " 315 09
		Sept. 29, " 65 44
		Oct. 27, " 21 75
		Nov. 24, " 40 50
		Dec. 31, " 81 06
	<u>\$555 11</u>	
		<u>\$555 11</u>

DR.	SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.	CR.
Feb. 27, 1888.		1888.
To appropriation,	\$400 00	Mch. 31, by payments, \$23 70
Dec. 31, deficiency,	99	Apr. 28, " 10 00
		June 30, " 27 00
		July 28, " 54 95
		Aug. 25, " 22 00
		Sept. 29, " 45 50
		Oct. 27, " 28 60
		Nov. 24, " 12 00
		Dec. 31, " 177 24
	<u>\$400 99</u>	
		<u>\$400 99</u>

DR.	STREET LIGHTS.	CR.
Feb. 13, 1888.		1888.
To appropriation,	\$600 00	Jan. 28, by payments, \$31 45
Dec. 31, barrels sold,	41 91	Feb. 25, " 31 50
		Mch. 31, " 75 98
		April 28, " 22 83
		May 26, " 60 01
		June 30, " 64 79
		July 28, " 33 70
		Aug. 30, " 27 00
		Sept. 29, " 71 61
		Oct. 27, " 26 50
		Nov. 24, " 87 25
		Dec. 31, " 83 90
		" Bal. in treas. 25 39
	<u>\$641 91</u>	<u>\$641 91</u>

DR.	MILITARY AID.	CR.
Dec. 10, 1888.		1888.
To cash from Com- monwealth,	\$300 00	Jan. 1, by balance due from the Common- wealth,
Dec. 31, to balance due from Commonwealth,	367 00	\$304 00
		Jan. 31, by payment,
		Feb. 25, " 31 00
		Mch. 31, " 33 00
		April 28, " 33 00
		May 26, " 32 50
		June 30, " 28 50
		July 30, " 28 50
		Aug. 25, " 28 50
		Sept. 29, " 28 50
		Oct. 27, " 28 50
		Nov. 24, " 28 50
		Dec. 31, " 31 50
	<u>\$667 00</u>	<u>\$667 00</u>

DR.	FREE TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.		CR.
Feb. 27, 1888.		1888.	
Ts appropriation,	\$800 00	Mch. 31, by paym'ts,	\$150 01
Dec. 31, books sold,	9 27	July 21, "	115 57
		Oct. 27, "	238 63
		Dec. 31, "	211 39
		Bal. in treas.	93 70
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	\$809 27		\$809 27

DR.	TOWN HALL.		CR.
Jan. 14, 1888.		1888.	
To Walworth M'fg Co.,		By R. W. Hilliard, in-	
oil barrels returned,	\$4 88	surance,	\$350 00
Jan. 21, Centenary So-		Walworth M'fg. Co.,	
ciety, rent,	46 67	gasoline,	196 87
Jan. 25, M. L. Adams,		Walworth M'fg. Co.,	
rebate on insurance,	70 00	grate bars,	37 13
F. 1, J. C. Freeman,		O. C. R. R., freight,	13 93
Post, rent,	5 00	N. C. Brooks, carting,	5 60
Feb. 1, E. P. Morgan,		J. D. Hilliard, 2 tons	
rent,	3 00	of coal,	13 00
Feb. 6, St. Peter's Aid		J. D. Hilliard, supplies,	4 15
Society, rent,	35 00	Alfred Small, stock and	
Feb. 11, Good Templars,		labor,	12 99
rent,	40 00	J. H. Livermore, stock	
Feb. 25, Puritan Band,		and labor,	14 42
rent,	50 00	George F. Johnson,	
Mch. 10, Rebate on fire		stock and labor,	3 63
extinguisher,	3 45	A. L. Putnam & Co.,	
Mch. 10, Ball for fur-		selling tickets,	4 13
nishing tables,	63 81	Joseph Breck & Son, seed	4 38
Mch. 10, E. B. Freeman,		Jerome S. Smith, land	
rent,	30 00	dressng,	18 00

April 4, Woman's Re-		J. Hinman, fire ex-	
lief Corps, rent,	\$5 00	tinguisher,	\$30 00
April 20, Democratic		J. W. Cook, painting,	16 50
Town Committee,		J. G. Whitecomb, tables,	53 04
rent,	2 00	H. C. Holmes, hod and	
April 28, Republican		tunel,	1 10
Town Committee,		B. Lancy, 10 tons of	
rent,	2 00	coal,	60 00
May 2, Marine Lodge,		B. Lancy, 2 cords of	
rent,	5 00	slabs,	15 50
May 31, J. C. Freeman		Central Whf. Co., 3	
Post, rent,	35 00	tons Franklin coal,	21 00
June 18, Class of 1888,		Central Whf. Co., 2	
rent,	40 00	tons coal,	12 50
June 20, Republican		A. T. Williams, 12 tons	
Club, rent,	4 00	Franklin coal,	63 72
July 2, County of Barn-		W. H. Ayers, putting	
stable, rent,	5 00	in coal,	13 20
July 9, A. H. Newton,		W. H. Ayers, labor on	
Jr., rent,	35 00	settees,	8 50
Sept. 10, Democratic		L. A. Smith, labor on	
Town Committee,		settees,	8 50
rent,	2 00	L. A. Smith, labor on	
Sept. 10, Republican		gasoline and grounds,	12 80
Town Committee,		Hannah M. Colburn,	
rent,	5 00	cleaning,	6 00
Sept. 17, Democratic		Mary Lima, cleaning,	2 00
Town Committee, rent,	2 00	John Adams, soap,	68
Oct. 30, Republican		F. Chase, labor on	
Club, rent,	15 00	concrete,	8 39
Oct. 30, Wizard Oil Co.,		Geo. C. Hill, Jr., labor	
rent,	100 00	on concrete,	1 75
Nov. 3, Young People's		George E. Rich, labor	
Union, rent,	30 00	on concrete,	1 70
Nov. 24, Wizard Oil Co.,		Reuben F. Freeman,	
rent,	100 00	labor on concrete,	1 75



Dec. 4, W. F. Hamilton, rent,	\$15 00	Samuel L. Smith, labor on concrete,	\$1 70
Dec. 6, County of Barn- stable,	5 00	Augustus E. Rich, la- bor on concrete,	1 70
Dec. 15, Excelsior En- gine Co., rent,	30 00	Steamer Longfellow, freight,	85
Dec. 29, Puritan Band, rent,	50 00	F. A. Atwood, teaming sand,	1 20
Dec. 31, Tiger Engine Co., rent,	30 00	H. F. Hopkins, adver- tising,	2 00
Dec. 31, St. Peter's Aid Society, rent,	35 00	R. Nickerson, labor on fence,	1 00
Dec. 31, Jail fees,	7 50	George Allen, lumber,	57
Dec. 31, Deficiency,	465 39	J. A. West, fixtures,	13 51
		Jesse Nickerson, labor on grounds,	1 90
		James Cashman, labor on grounds,	2 60
		Joseph Wager, cleaning cistern,	1 00
		James Carr, cleaning cistern,	1 00
		N. W. Ayers, salary as janitor,	200 00
		N. W. Ayers, salary as keeper of lockup,	15 00
		Extra labor, gas ma- chine and grate bars,	8 00
		Washing towels,	1 45
		M. L. Adams, expense to Boston,	6 36
		W. L. Burbank, insur- ance,	100 00
	<u>\$1376 70</u>		<u>\$1376 70</u>

DR.	INTEREST ON DEMAND LOANS.	CR.	
Feb. 13, 1888.	1888.		
To appropriation,	\$350 00	Jan. 30, by payment,	\$82 50
Dec. 31, deficiency,	25 61	April 28, " "	135 00
		June 30, " "	15 00
		July 28, " "	30 00
		Aug. 11, " "	71 61
		Oct. 27, " "	27 50
		Dec. 8, " "	14 00
	<u>\$375 61</u>		<u>\$375 61</u>

DR.	STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.	CR.	
Feb. 13, 1888.	1888.		
To appropriation,	\$3000 00	Dec. 10, by state tax,	\$2745 00
Dec. 10, Corporat'n tax,	1375 34	Dec. 10, by National bank tax,	2045 55
Dec. 10, National bank tax,	804 39	Dec. 15, by county tax,	1504 75
Dec. 10, Foreign ships,	58 38		
Dec. 31, deficiency,	1057 19		
	<u>\$6295 30</u>		<u>\$6295 30</u>

DR.	DEMAND LOANS.	CR.	
Feb. 13, 1888.	1888.		
To amount of out- standing liabilities,	\$7800 00	Jan. 27, by paym'ts,	\$2700 00
Feb. 1, Loan	800 00	April 14, " "	1000 00
April 13, " "	1000 00	Aug. 11, " "	5000 00
" 28, " "	2500 00	Aug. 18, " "	4000 00
May 26, " "	500 00	Dec. 8, " "	2000 00
June 15, " "	1000 00	Dec. 31, net liabilities,	6100 00
" " "	2000 00		
June 30, " "	200 00		
July 28, " "	3000 00		
Dec. 4, " "	2000 00		
	<u>\$20800 00</u>		<u>\$20800 00</u>



DR.	DISCOUNT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES.		CR.
Feb. 13, 1888.		1888.	
To appropriation,	\$600 00	July 28, by payments,	\$10 00
Dec. 31, interest		Aug. 25, " "	3 50
collected,	249 52	Sept. 15, " "	1 50
Dec. 31, deficiency,	81 06	Dec. 31, " "	915 58
	<u>\$930 58</u>		<u>\$930 58</u>

DR.	ABATEMENT OF TAXES.		CR.
Feb. 13, 1888.		1888.	
To appropriation,	\$350 00	Jan. 28, by payments,	\$19 06
Dec. 31, additional		Feb. 27, " "	19 78
taxes collected,	47 76	April 7, " "	15 80
Dec. 31, deficiency,	18 30	Aug. 25, " "	46 46
		Sept. 22, " "	32 86
		Oct. 27, " "	86
		Nov. 17, " "	3 42
		Dec. 31, " "	277 82
	<u>\$416 06</u>		<u>\$416 06</u>

DR.	(COLLECTOR OF TAXES, 1881.)		CR.
	SETH SMITH.		
Jan. 1, 1888.		1888.	
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, 1886.)		CR.
	JOSEPH S. ATWOOD.		
Jan. 1, 1888.		1888.	
To bal. taxes due,	\$2974 46	Jan. 28, by cash to date	\$300 00
Dec. 31, interest		Mch. 31, " "	348 33
collected,	52 82	Sept. 5, " "	583 35
		Dec. 31, " "	1044 71
		Dec. 31, bal. taxes due,	750 89
	<u>\$3027 28</u>		<u>\$3027 28</u>

DR.	(COLLECTOR OF TAXES, 1887.)		CR.
	JOSEPH S. ATWOOD.		
Jan. 1, 1888.		1888.	
To bal. taxes due,	\$11340 46	Jan. 28, by cash to	
Dec. 31, additional		date,	\$2092 18
taxes collected,	15 48	Feb. 11, by cash to	
Dec. 31, interest col-		to date,	916 57
lected,	196 70	Mch. 31, by cash to	
		date,	1218 86
		April 6, by cash to	
		date,	500 00
		June 30, by cash to	
		date,	434 34
		July 28, by cash to	
		date,	508 60
		Aug. 4, by cash to	
		date,	323 05
		Dec. 31, by cash to	
		date,	2950 27
		Dec. 31, bal. taxes due,	2608 77
	<u>\$11552 64</u>		<u>\$11552 64</u>

DR.	(COLLECTOR OF TAXES, 1888.)	CR.
	JOSEPH S. ATWOOD.	
Aug. 4, 1888.		1888.
To State tax,	\$2745 00	Aug. 25, by cash to
County tax,	1504 75	date,
Town tax,	27450 00	Sept. 29, by cash to
Funded loan,	4600 00	date,
Interest on same,	1552 50	Oct. 31, by cash to
Overlayings,	71 85	date,
Non-resident		Nov. 17, by cash to
bank tax,	2129 60	date,
Dec. 31, additional		Dec. 31, by cash to
taxes collected,	32 28	date,
		Dec. 31, discount
		on taxes,
		Dec. 31, collection
		of taxes,
		Dec. 31, bal. taxes due,
	\$40085 98	\$40085 98

DR.	SUPPORT OF THE POOR.	CR.
Feb. 13, 1888.		1888.
To appropriation		Jan. 28, by payments,
for poor,	\$3150 00	Feb. 25, "
Salary for Over-		Mch. 31, "
seers,	450 00	April 28, "
Cash received for		May 26, "
insane,	350 24	June 30, "
Temporary aid,	69 34	July 28, "
Commonwealth,	37 25	Aug. 30, "
Mary C. Scannell,	34 77	Sept. 29, "
Cities and towns,	264 14	Oct. 27, "
Dec. 31, deficiency,	471 28	Nov. 24, "
		Dec. 31, "
		Dec. 31, salaries,
	\$4827 02	\$4827 02

DR.	INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.	CR.
Fep. 13, 1888.		1888.
To appropriation,	\$1800 00	By Howard F. Hopkins,
Cash for rebate on		printing town
furnaces,	5 88	reports,
Insurance dividend,	22 50	Auditor,
Sale of old bridge,	18 00	J. P. Johnson, services
Sealing weights		as moderator,
and measures,	32 75	H. F. Hopkins, printing,
Town of Truro,		Expense of committee
bound stone,	3 30	on gas and electric
County of Barnsta-		lights,
stable, seals,	3 00	M. L. Adams expenses,
D. Ryder, permits,	10 00	to Boston,
Weir licenses,	125 00	E. C. Norris, abstracts,
Milk licenses,	31 00	Freeman H. Lothrop,
Auctioneer licenses,	10 00	abstracts,
Junk licenses,	10 00	Enrollments of vessels,
Billiard licenses,	4 00	Postage, \$4.92, box
		rent, \$1.00,
		Expressage, \$6.85, tele-
		graphing, 75,
		Milk tester,
		Officials oaths,
		Hooper, Lewis & Co.,
		stationery,
		Samuel Ward & Co.,
		ledger and indexing,
		Thomas Groom & Co.,
		2 check books,
		Assessors of taxes,
		Central Whf. Co., pencils,
		Samuel Newcomb, for
		killing one seal,
		Thomas Lopes, for
		killing one seal,

Joseph Butler, for killing one seal,	\$1 00
N. C. Brooks, use of teams,	16 50
M. L. Adams, expenses to Boston.	8 50
Posting bills,	1 70
A. Gayland, raising bound stone,	6 60
Samuel Knowles, use of teams,	2 00
A. L. Putnam & Co., stationery,	3 33
Alfred Small, boxes for records,	15 00
J. D. Hilliard, letter file,	75
D. Ryder, State agent,	15 00
H. P. Harriman, legal advice,	32 80
M. L. Adams, expenses to Boston,	5 80
Board of Registrars, salary,	75 00
W. S. Birge, returning 19 births,	4 75
Mary Silver, returning 17 births,	4 25
E. C. Newton, returning 17 births,	4 25
Mary Tarves, returning 15 births,	3 75
W. W. Gleason, returning 14 births,	3 50
Mary Perry, returning 9 births,	2 25

Hannah Jones, returning 8 births,	\$2 00
Anna J. Caton, returning 7 births,	1 75
E. C. Peck, returning 6 births,	1 50
A. H. Newton, returning 3 births,	75
William M. Moore, returning 1 birth,	25
Seth Smith salary as treasurer,	250 00
Attending annual meeting and recording same,	10 00
Attending adjourned meeting,	3 00
Attending special meeting,	3 00
Sealer of weights and measures,	20 00
Milk inspector,	20 00
Attending election Provincetown and Wellfleet and recording the same,	15 00
Recording 111 births,	55 50
“ 46 marriages,	6 90
“ 20 deaths,	4 00
“ 92 “	9 20
Joseph Whitecomb, returning 112 deaths,	28 00
Selectmen's salary,	400 00
Dec. 31, Bal. in treas.	87 25
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	\$2075 43
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	\$2075 43



	Appropriations.	Net Expenditures.
Watch and Police,	\$200 00	\$207 40
Memorial Day,	100 00	96 78
Town Hill and Fences,	50 00	48 40
Cemeteries,	25 00	23 02
Schoolhouse Loan and Interest,	1125 00	1125 00
Railroad Loan and Interest,	2300 00	2300 00
Health Department,	25 00	66 00
Support of the Poor,	3600 00	4071 28
Public Library,	300 00	319 44
Roads and Walks,	2300 00	2268 24
Fire Department,	2750 00	2923 39
Public Schools and Mass. School Fund,	8204 98	9413 46
Schoolhouse Repairs,	500 00	555 11
School Incidentals,	400 00	400 99
Free Text-books and Supplies,	800 00	706 30
Streets Lights,	600 00	574 61
Interest on Demand Loans,	350 00	375 61
Discount and Collection of Taxes,	600 00	681 06
Abatement of Taxes,	350 00	368 30
Town Hall,		465 39
New Primary Schoolhouse,	1225 00	900 76
Weights and Measures,	50 00	50 00
Special Repairs to Bulkhead East End,		210 03
Incidental Expenses,	1800 00	1712 75
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	\$27654 98	\$29863 32

## ESTIMATED EXPENSES, 1889, FOR THE FOLLOWING

## DEPARTMENTS:

Watch and Police,	\$200 00
Memorial Day,	100 00
Town Hill and Fences,	50 00
Cemeteries,	25 00
Schoolhouse Loan and Interest,	825 00
Railroad Loan and Interest,	2200 00
Health Department,	50 00
Support of the Poor and Salaries	3600 00
Street Lights,	600 00
Interest on Demand Loans,	350 00
Discount and Collection of Taxes,	650 00
Abatement of Taxes,	350 00
Incidental Expenses,	1700 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, 1888,	\$2,460 99
County dog fund,	194 43
Received on account of poor,	755 74
Roads and walks department, material sold,	33 64
Fire department, rebate on freight,	1 16
Mass. school fund,	204 98
Text books,	9 27
Insurance dividend,	22 50
Sale of oil barrels,	41 91
State Aid,	300 00
Rebate on furnace,	5 88
Demand loans,	13,000 00
Taxes of 1886,	2,276 39
"    1887,	8,943 87
"    1888,	30,114 25
Town Hall receipts,	911 31
Corporation tax, 1887,	90 64
"    "    1888,	1,284 70
National bank tax,	804 39
Foreign ships,	58 38
Weir licenses,	125 00
Auctioneer licenses,	8 00
Junk    "    "	12 00
Billiard    "    "	4 00
Milk    "    "	31 00
Fees for sealing weights and measures,	32 75

David Ryder, permits granted,	\$10 00
Sale of old bridge,	18 00
County of Barnstable, bounty on seals,	3 00
Town of Truro, one half bill of labor on boundary stone,	3 30
	\$61,761 48

### EXPENDITURES.

The treasurer has paid out upon vouchers the following sums : —

Watch and police,	\$207 40
Memorial Day,	96 78
Town Hill and fences,	48 40
Cemeteries,	23 02
New schoolhouse loan and interest,	1,125 00
Railroad loan and interest,	2,300 00
Health department,	66 00
Public library,	513 87
Support of poor,	4,827 02
Roads and walks,	2,301 88
Fire department,	2,924 55
Public schools,	9,413 46
Schoolhouse repairs,	555 11
School incidentals,	400 99
Free text-books and supplies,	715 57
Special repairs to bulkhead,	210 03
Street lights,	616 52
Military aid,	363 00
Demand loans,	14,700 00
Interest on demand loans,	375 61
County tax,	1,504 75
State tax,	2,745 00
National bank tax,	2,045 55
Discount and collection of taxes,	930 58
Abatement of taxes,	416 06
Town hall loan and interest,	6,152 50

Town Hall,	\$1,376 70
Incidental expenses,	1,988 18
New primary schoolhouse,	900 76
Weights and measures,	50 00
Balance in the treasury, Dec. 31, 1888,	1,867 19
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	\$61,761 48

## LIABILITIES, DEC. 31ST, 1888.

New Town Hall (funded loan),	\$36,800 00
Interest from Oct. 7,	322 00
Railroad loan,	4,000 00
Interest from Aug. 1,	83 33
New Schoolhouse loan,	1,500 00
Demand loans,	6,100 00
Interest on same,	163 09
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	\$48,968 42

## ASSETS.

Due for military aid,	\$367 00
Taxes of 1881,	446 44
“ 1886,	750 89
“ 1887,	2,608 77
“ 1888,	9,971 73,
Cash in the treasury,	1,867 19
Net liabilities,	32,956 40
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	\$48,968 42
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Dec. 31, 1887. Net liabilities,	\$40,834 79
Dec. 31, 1888. “ “	32,956 40
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Decrease past year,	\$7,878 39

Respectfully submitted,

SETH SMITH, *Town Treasurer.*

## REPORT OF AUDITOR.

The Auditor of Accounts of the Town respectfully submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1888 :

A minute and careful examination of the books in use by the town officers gives the following as the amount of business done by them during the year. A voucher was found, and examined, for every bill presented upon which money was paid.

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

Balance in treasury, Jan. 1, 1888,	\$2,460 99
Receipts of the year,	59,300 49
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	\$61,761 48
Paid out on proper vouchers,	\$59,894 29
Balance in treasury, Dec. 31, 1888,	1,867 19
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	\$61,761 48
Number of orders paid during year,	1,123
Amount paid on above claims,	\$59,894 29

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,	511 80
Fuel and lights,	110 53
Expense of truant school,	20 00
Clothing and bedding,	79 63
Boots and shoes,	22 34
Furniture and fixtures	39 32
Repairs,	70 41
Sanitary purposes	8 75
Dressing for land,	7 50
Medical attendance and medicine,	28 41
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	\$1158 69
Cash received from Commonwealth, support of Oswald Caton,	21 21
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Net cost of poor at Almshouse	\$1137 48
Remaining in the Almshouse Dec. 31st, 1887,	11
Admitted during the year,	6
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	17
Discharged,	2
Died,	1
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Remaining in almshouse Dec. 31st, 1888,	14

Number of persons fully supported at almshouse,	17
“ “ “ “ hospital for insane,	10
“ “ “ “ private family,	1
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Total number persons fully supported,	28
Number of families partially supported,	38
Number of dependants of families,	79
Number of tramps,	1

INMATES OF THE ALMSHOUSE FROM DECEMBER 31, 1887, TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1888.

NAME.	AGE.	BIRTHPLACE	NATURE OF S TTLEMENT.	WHEN REG.	REMARKS.	
Lucy A. Hill,	73	Boston.	Marriage.	1851	Died May 2, 1888.	
Zilla D. Howe,	58	Eastham.	Father.	1858		
Reuben A. Smith,	39	Provincetown.	Father.	1870		
Joseph A. Hill,	15	Provincetown.	Mother.	1873		
Ida Newcomb,	36	Harwich.	Father.	1877		
Hannah E. McIntosh,	41	Provincetown.	Father.	1879		
James P. Smith,	15	Provincetown.	Mother.	1879		
Henry P. Smith,	7	Provincetown.	Mother.	1881		
John Stone,	79	Provincetown.	Taxation.	1882		
E. Thomas Smith,	53	Provincetown.	Father.	1887		
Charles Kirby,	45	Concord, N. H.	Military.	1887		Discharged May 17, 1888.
Joshua Smith,	74	Provincetown.	Taxation.	1882		
Oswald Caton,	19	St. Thomas, W.I.	None.	1888		Discharged May 2, 1888.
Charles Wright,	58	New Jersey.	Taxation.	1888		
Frank A. Cook,	43	Provincetown.	Father.	1888		
Sarah Wareham,	73	Boston.	Husband.	1873		
Mary Francis,	22	Pico, W. I.	State.	1888		



## SUPPORT OF THE POOR OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Avella, Manuel D.,	\$39 75
Costa, Justine,	36 00
Corea, Mary, and children,	180 94
Cobee, Mary A., and children,	32 00
Cadosh, Isabella F., and children,	40 00
Collins, Nellie B., Salem,	13 20
Davis, Annie, New Bedford,	5 55
Davis, Louise, and children,	85 36
DeSands, Mary C.,	10 57
Enos, Gertrude,	25 00
Enos, Mary, and children,	37 23
Fancy, Sophia,	9 38
Grassie, Manuel,	5 75
Gillian, John, and family,	14 00
Hill, Joseph A.,	1 00
Jason, Johanna, and children,	63 75
Joseph, Mary, and children,	60 00
Kenney, Annie,	6 00
Lima, Mary, and children,	134 00
Lurten, William J., Boston,	26 00
Marshall, Mary, and children,	55 00
Martin, Rosa, and children,	30 00
McCarthy, Patrick,	44 92
Noons, Mary C., and children,	25 00
Paine, Elizabeth,	26 06
Rich, Obed S., and children,	32 31
Roberts, James C., and family,	6 67
Stone, John,	2 25
Smith, Lydia,	7 38
Smith, Joshua,	26 41
Smith, Joseph A., and family,	12 53
Scannell, Dennis, estate of,	4 00
Smith, James P.,	1 00
Taylor, Samuel,	5 00
Wareham, Sarah,	15 69
Cost of persons partially supported,	<u>\$1,119 70</u>

Brown, George, insane,	\$37 61
Fine, Ellen, insane,	176 31
Hamilton, Francis, insane,	179 46
Hutchins, Joshua, insane,	173 37
Kelley, James F., insane,	288 00
Lima, Joseph, insane,	54 03
Mayo, Joseph A., insane,	173 72
Smith, Margaret, insane,	177 12
Winslow, James, insane,	172 17
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	\$1431 79
Tramp,	50
Support of the poor in the almshouse,	1158 69
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Total cost of poor and insane to the town,	\$3710 68
Poor of cities and towns reimbursed,	240 26
Insane persons, reimbursed,	350 24
Commonwealth cases, reimbursed,	6 50
Temporary aid, reimbursed,	69 34
Salary of Overseers,	450 00
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	\$4827 02
Appropriation,	\$3600 00
Received for Insane,	350 24
"    Temporary aid,	69 34
"    Commonwealth, old cases,	16 04
"    "    Oswald Caton,	21 21
"    Mary C. Scannell,	34 77
"    Cities and towns,	264 14
Deficiency,	471 28
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	\$4827 02

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, 1888.

Feb. 13, 1888, appropriation,	\$2300 00
Material sold,	33 34
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	\$2333 64
Paid Frank Chase, Surveyor,	\$369 60
Benj. Lancy, lumber,	271 72
James Fuller, labor,	12 68
Philander Crocker, labor,	50
Samuel Knowles, team,	1 00
E. & M. Nickerson, sods,	2 20
Amasa Taylor, labor,	40
Charles Williams, labor,	1 00
Joshua F. Pierce, labor,	1 00
W. T. Burkett, shells,	2 00
Edwin Bickers, labor,	6 05
Luther F. Bickers, labor,	37
James W. Cook, labor,	50
William Ellis, labor,	65
Joseph Ellis, labor,	70
Walter L. Smith, labor,	1 30
Justin P. Williams, labor,	1 55
David Conwell, teaming,	4 00
Gideon Bowley, labor,	50
Rockport Granite Co., granite,	6 50
Mathias W. Burt, freight on granite,	14 15
Manuel Francis, labor,	20

Paid Alfred E. Emery, labor,	\$0 53
Frank Barnett, teaming,	1 07
A. T. Williams, wharfage,	2 80
James Barnett, teaming,	50
Fred A. Taylor, labor,	1 60
J. L. Chase, teaming,	265 25
John D. Hilliard, spikes,	2 50
Eliza L. Mayo,	2 76
Thompson, Cook & Co., lumber,	7 72
James Carr, labor,	18 00
George Randall, labor,	1 00
Reuben Nickerson, use roller,	1 00
Boston & Provincetown, Steamboat Co., freight,	2 75
Joseph H. Dearborn, labor,	1 00
Geo. E. Ford, labor,	3 70
Samuel S. Smith, labor,	9 15
George C. Hill, Jr., labor,	122 70
David Rich, shells,	10 75
Charles W. Burkett, labor,	12 00
John Snow, freight on tar,	13 00
James T. F. LeCount, labor,	6 10
John Graham, teaming,	40
Hector M. Allen, labor,	10 45
Henry Baker, clay,	98 00
Old Colony Railroad, freight on clay,	197 25
James W. Dunham, labor,	50
James S. Dill, labor,	57
Ephraim Bailey, labor,	97
Thomas Welch, teaming,	34 50
Benj. W. Atkins, labor,	11 08
Parker Hall, gravel,	160 50
Joseph Morris, labor,	23 60
J. Paine, Jr., lumber and granite,	125 22
Lewis A. Smith, labor,	25
John E. Morrill, labor,	1 60

Paid S. Bennett, teaming,	\$1 50
David Cook, labor,	3 05
Henry Harvender, labor,	4 40
George H. Cornell, labor,	4 90
J. H. Settes, labor,	5 80
James Campbell, teaming,	12 30
S. G. Cook, teaming,	25 50
N. C. Brooks, teaming,	2 17
Joseph West, spikes,	7 60
Augustus Rich, labor,	34 25
David Ryder, labor,	25 71
George Allen, lumber,	48 10
James Pratt, labor,	8 35
Chapman & Sodan, tar,	18 00
James Cook, shells,	4 50
Henry B. Gayland, teaming,	3 80
Reuben Freeman, labor,	7 10
Isaiah Young, teaming,	15 20
Freeman Bowley, labor,	16 30
Central Wharf Co., spikes,	2 50
Frank Silva, labor,	80
Z. W. Crocker, labor,	3 65
Eugene E. Franzen, labor,	25
Benjamin Pierce, labor,	40
Isaac W. Lewis, labor,	40
Reuben E. Rich, labor,	50
Isaac B. Lewis, labor,	1 30
Charles P. Rogers, labor,	7 35
George Crosby, labor,	5 60
Lombard Rich, teaming,	13 60
B. A. Lewis, labor,	1 13
Frank Dears, teaming,	24 00
Peter Carr, labor,	2 00
William Whalen, labor,	10 76
William Hammond, labor,	2 15
William Newcomb, labor,	3 65



Paid Manuel F. Abner, labor,	\$0 20
Archibald McCurdy, labor,	2 60
William H. Carr, labor,	5 00
Joseph Weeks, labor,	5 32
Ebenezer Turner, labor,	2 27
Antoine Silver, labor,	2 25
Geo. E. Rich, labor,	9 35
Joseph W. Sears, labor,	4 40
Antoine Frances, labor,	87
Manuel Sears, labor,	1 00
Manuel Williams, labor,	1 25
William E. Sylva, labor,	1 35
James Welch, labor,	60
James H. Carr, labor,	80
Frank Barnes, labor,	40
Charles Higgins, labor,	11 82
Joseph Rogers, Jr., labor,	10 65
Joseph Settes, labor,	3 65
William H. Settes, labor,	39 21
William Settes, labor,	10 25
Boniface Silva, labor,	53
R. G. Alexander, labor,	3 00
Balance in the treasury,	31 76
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I would recommend the appropriation of \$2300 for the ensuing year.

I desire to call the attention of the town to the bulkhead at the east end, between the end of the sidewalk and the first hill, as it will be noticed that there has been considerable expense to keep it up the last two years. Something will have to be done to protect the road in this section. The present method does not seem to be effectual, and some other plan should be adopted. I should recommend the jetty system as the most effective.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK CHASE, *Road Surveyor.*

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

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### MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN PROVINCETOWN IN 1888.

- Jan. 1. George W. Watson and Nellie N. Powe, both of Provincetown.
- Jan. 2. Robert A. Hammond of Provincetown and Nellie R. Jones of Sandwich.
- Jan. 10. Joseph Roderick and Selina White, both of Provincetown.
- Jan. 12. Thomas Asthaley and Sarah Bell, both of Provincetown.
- Jan. 24. John Adams and Nellie G. Nason, both of Provincetown.
- March 15. Thomas W. Essex and Fannie Hallett, both of Provincetown.
- April 23. William J. Corea and Mary A. McKinnon, both of Provincetown.
- April 30. Charles Fresure and Rosilla Breen, both of Provincetown.
- May 21. William H. Rich of Wellfleet and Annie S. Bowley of Provincetown.
- June 3. John F. Grozier of Truro and Sarah E. Cooper of Provincetown.
- June 6. Theodore S. Nickerson of Provincetown and Lillian F. Rich of Wellfleet.
- June 19. Albert Magee and Mary J. McIsaac, both of Provincetown.
- June 20. James Gardner Alden of Middleboro and Mary Alice Rich of Provincetown.



- June 26. William M. Smith and Nancy W. Paine, both of Provincetown.
- July 7. James Carr and Mary C. Simmons, both of Provincetown.
- July 15. James T. F. Lecount and Sarah Elizabeth Brown, both of Provincetown.
- July 17. George Eaton and Hannah M. Colburn, both of Provincetown.
- July 18. Antone Mello and Mary Swett, both of Provincetown.
- July 20. Manuel Sands and Caroline Kurns, both of Provincetown.
- Sept. 1. Reuben Francis Brown and Albina Farrington Brooks, both of Provincetown.
- Sept. 5. Joseph S. Pines and Mary Rogers, both of Provincetown.
- Sept. 9. Manuel Pershake and Emily Costa, both of Provincetown.
- Sept. 11. Manuel T. Silver and Mary Roderick, both of Truro. Married in Provincetown.
- Sept. 29. John H. Newland and Fay Alice Morrison, both of Provincetown.
- Oct. 10. Manuel Jason and Mary Armelle, both of Provincetown.
- Oct. 16. Angus Ross and Mary Ann McLeod, both of Provincetown.
- Oct. 30. John Fratus and Rosa Francis, both of Provincetown.
- Oct. 30. Everett Austin Kramer of Somerville and Lizzie A. Tarrant of Provincetown.
- Oct. 30. Leonard F. Dunham and Azuba S. Hammond, both of Provincetown. Married in Brockton.
- Oct. 31. Antone Rose and Frances C. Perry, both of Provincetown.
- Oct. 31. Ira K. Small of Provincetown and Sadie H. Murray of Jamaica Plains. Married in Jamaica Plains.
- Oct. 31. Jesse Rogers, Jr., and Mamie Matthews, both of Provincetown. Married in Boston.

- Nov. 1. John F. Joseph and Eloise G. Harvender, both of Provincetown. Married in Boston.
- Nov. 4. Abiel C. Taylor and Mary G. Emery, both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 14. Antone Leshenclo and Mary Williams, both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 21. Alfred Cook of Provincetown and Emily E. Chapel of Clinton. Married in Clinton.
- Nov. 22. Joseph Bent Perada and Georgie Tinsha, both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 24. Joseph Pershake and Mary Souza, both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 30. Manuel J. Clement and Mary E. Burgess, both of Provincetown.
- Nov. 30. Joseph Tarves and Mary Ann Whalen, both of Provincetown.
- Dec. 12. James S. Cawsey of Halifax, N. S., and Abbie M. Nicholson of Provincetown.
- Dec. 13. Manuel Frates and Josephine Marks, both of Provincetown.
- Dec. 20. John Day and Mary E. F. Allen, both of Provincetown.
- Dec. 23. Willis Higgins of Provincetown and Emmazetta Folger of Nantucket. Married at Nantucket.
- Dec. 24. C. Jost Whitman of East Boston and Anna A. Collins of Winthrop. Married at Provincetown.
- Dec. 31. Lewis H. Baker and Clara Atkins Ryder, both of Provincetown.

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN PROVINCETOWN IN 1888.

DATE.	NAMES.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
Jan. 5	Gertrude M. Benson,	Benjamin and Hannah.
9	Harold Stillman Weeks,	Joseph E. and Isadore L.
9	George Russell Abbott,	Edwin N. and Abbie A.
12	Amelia Medears,	Manuel and Mary.
15	Virginia Souza,	Bartholomew and Ann.
15	Maria Carr,	James and Mary C.
18	Violean May Antone,	John and Grace.
18	Leolinda Tarves,	Antone C. and Maria.
19	Charles Joseph Berry,	Joseph and Almena.
20	Roy Carlyle Harvender,	Heman and Emma.
22	Maud Johnson Matheson,	William R. and Addie.
22	George Malcolm McPhee,	Malcolm and Jessie.
26	Manuel Tarves,	Brass and Gertrude.
27	John Everett Francis,	John F. and Sarah H.
29	Clearton Howard Reynolds,	John E. and Lina R.
Feb. 2	Lena Enos,	Frank and Mary.
3	Joseph Marks,	Antone and Mary.
5	Frank Jason Roderick,	John J. and Mary J.
14	Catherine Jason,	Justin and Mary.
15	Minnie Silva,	Antone and Mary.
25	William Alexander Hurlbert	George H. and Lexie.
26	John Silva,	Frank and Mary.
28	Eva Day Harvender,	William T. and Bessie.
Mch. 3	Manuel Silva,	Emil R. and Rose
4	Minnie Perry,	Antone and Reta A.
8	Joseph Davis,	Manuel and Jessie.
15	Sarah Isabel Maker,	Charles W. and Kosanna.
19	Ethel W. Quinn,	Walter C. and Ada.
23	Ralph Willshire Jordan.	Joseph W. and Susan M.
Apr. 1	Georgie Shield,	Albert and Lucy C.
4	Nellie Kenney Rich,	Nathan K. and Nellie F.
9	Helen J. Henderson,	James and Annie M.
13	Frank Alves Rogers,	Joseph F. Jr., and Frances.
19	Maud Stanley Abbott,	Charles A. and Ada.
May 5	Susan Fredeina Newcomb,	Elisha S. and Hattie.
6	Florence Louisa Gilchrist,	Harry E. and Hattie A.
11	Mary F. Azevedo,	Antone J. K. and Mary F.
18	William Silva,	Joseph and Louise.
26	Emily H. Lawrence,	Manuel and Emily.
27	Joseph Ponto,	Antone and Julia.
June 3	Manuel Caton,	Manuel and Ida.
6	Virginia Morris,	Joseph and Annie.
7	Annie May Holway,	Charles H. and Lydia A.
12	Rosalie Jones,	Antone and Mary.
23	Joseph Silva,	Joseph and Mary.

DATE.	NAMES.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
June 24	John Souza,	Joseph and Mary.
29	Silva,	Joseph and Anna.
29	Walton Talmage Davis,	John W. and Ida B.
29	Harold Hollingsworth Mandley,	Antone and Laura.
29	George A. Rich,	Reuben E. and Carrie W.
July 1	Ida May Matheson.	William K. and Christie B.
1	Lura Stevens Berry,	Edward S. and Minnie C.
1	Earl Farrington Baker,	Frank D. and Jennie W.
6	Joseph Roderick,	Albert and Mary Ann.
13	Mamie & Jessie Steel (twins)	Joseph and Mary
14	Marg ret Russell McDonald	Donald and Joanna.
16	Anna Medeiros,	Sergio G. and Magdalene.
17	Joseph Migul,	Joseph and Mary.
20	George Thomas Corea,	William J. and Mary A.
22	Alice Hale Baker,	Sharonton H. and Alice T.
22	Julia Woods,	Antone and Mary
Aug. 2	Jennie Tasha,	Manuel and Mary.
2	Georgie Souza,	Antone and Rosa.
2	Carrie May McCann,	Stephen and Mary E.
6	Jennie Souza,	Manuel and Victoria.
11	Mabel Freeman Daggett,	Frederick W. and Nettie B.
13	Mary Ann Days.	Joseph and Julia.
19	Freddie W. Dill,	James S. and Hannah W.
20	William Miller Paine,	Oren O. and Georgie D.
20	Rosilla Souza.	Frank and Mary.
27	Eva May Perry,	Sergio and Inez
29	Mamie Agnes & Lucy Morris	Peter and Mary.
Sept. 6	Angie May McRitchie,	Daniel and Mary A.
7	Sadie Warren Hatch,	Samuel T. and Abbie D.
8	Elizabeth M. Souza,	Manuel and Mary.
11	Adalender Silva Costa,	Manuel and Mary.
13	Annie May Morris,	Manuel and Annie J.
16	Maggie Alice Welch,	James and Annie.
17	Viola May Silva,	Joseph F. and Mary.
18	Mary Souza.	Jesse and Gertrude.
22	Frank Cabrille,	Joseph and Rosa.
29	William Caton,	Joseph and Annie J.
29	Ida Relices Reix,	John and Virginia.
Oct. 3	Antone Williams,	Jesse and Jennie.
6	Nellie Lawrence Veara,	Foster F. and Emily.
10	Carrietta Katura Asthaley,	Thomas and Sarah.
17	Manuel Enos,	John and Joaquinae.
21	Rosa Perry,	John and Mary J.
22	Blanche Lester Nickerson,	Joshua S. and Angelia B.
30	Joseph R. Facha,	Joseph and Julia A.
31	Eva Blanch McLeod,	Alexander and Annie.
Nov. 1	Paul Bartlett Bangs,	James D. and Francis P.



DATE.	NAMES.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
Nov. 4	Adeline May Rosa,	Joseph F. and Phebe,
4	Betsey Morrill,	John and Mary.
8	Emily King,	Joseph and Reta C.
13	Wilfred Frances Silva,	Frank and Julia.
15	Mamie Pershake,	Joseph and and Jessie
17	Phebe Rollins,	Benjamin and Phebe J.
21	Lewis,	Henry W. and Maggie.
21	Manuel F. Roderick,	Joseph and Selina A.
Dec. 1	Manuel Souza,	Joseph and Mary.
3	Coleman,	James E. and Nellie F.
6	Cook,	Emerson D. & Katherine O.
10	Inez Leslie Smith,	Heman F. and Mary E.
19	Perkins,	Hollis M. and Bessie S.
19	Georgie Patrice,	John and Mary.
20	Carl Frank Chapman,	Benjamin and Kate.
21	Georgie Tavers,	John and Amelia.
28	Cora Emma Tavers.	Manuel and Emily.

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN PROVINCETOWN IN 1838.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Y.	M.	D.	
1837.					
Dec. 7	Manuel Foster.	52	0	0	Coast fever.
1838.					
Jan. 3	Emily Francis.	35	0	8	Pneumonia.
15	Lemuel Cook.	76	2	13	Heart disease.
24	Freeman T. Fishburn.	1	2	27	Convulsions.
27	George F. Leander.	0	3	13	Congestions of lungs.
Feb. 1	Vianna L. Hill.	48	7	8	Carcinoma.
6	Rosa Perry.	0	3	6	Marasmus
12	Joseph Lewis.	1	5	0	Tuberculosis.
13	Rebecca C. Ryder.	83	1	4	Asthenia.
13	Charles D. Cook.	74	8	1	Paralysis
27	Lewis V. Talon.	1	5		Hydrocephalus.
Mch. 7	Jesse Barnes.	1	3	0	Convulsions.
9	Carrie Jason.	0	0	13	Icterus.
9	Lena M. Enos.	0	1	7	Icterus.
16	Hannah M. Hurlbert.	59	3	0	Heart disease
17	Isaiah Gifford.	75	4	18	General debility.
19	George H. Marshall.	19	6	6	Valvular dis. of heart.
22	Amasa T. Smith.	78	7	17	Chronic nephritis.
24	Catherine Chase.	59	0	0	Bright's disease.
29	Elizabeth Thompson,	70	6	1	Carcinoma.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Y.	M.	D.	
30	Lucia M. Nickerson.	16	5	2	Enteritis.
Apr. 3	Joseph J. Sears.	74	0	0	Paralysis.
5	Lavina M. Small.	35	8	1	Asthenia.
13	Augustus Mitchell.	55	5	20	Apoplexy.
15	Rachel G. Atkins.	84	8	3	Paralysis.
19	David Smith.	74	1	14	Apoplexy.
20	Sadie S. Bangs.	6	11	21	Membraneous croup.
20	Joseph C. Ferry.	0	9	10	Convulsions.
18	Bernard Sereigo, Jr.	0	5	0	Tuberculosis.
May 1	Lucy A. Hill.	72	8	25	Cancer of liver.
5	Betsey C. Swift	71	7	2	Paralysis.
5	Hannah Atkins.	86	9	8	Senile dementia.
9	John P. Jennings.	0	7	27	Tuberculosis.
9	Leone Francis.	0	3	21	Convulsions.
10	Jennie Souza.	0	3	15	Pyemia.
13	Nellie Williams.	15	8	0	Endocarditis. [ence.
10	Abbie C Brooks	49	6	20	Cauliflower excres-
11	John J. Roderick.	6	8	27	Convulsions.
24	Richard T. Barnett.	30	3	24	Consumption
June 1	Frank A. Dears.	63	6	23	Apoplexy.
5	William Rogers	12	9	4	Pulmonary Phthisis
8	Benjamin D. Atkins.	55	10	19	Carcinoma.
16	Bessie May Livingston.	7	7	8	Congestion of brain.
18	Simmons	0	0	0	Stillborn.
14	Josephine Ewell.	26	9	2	Phthisis.
28	Betsey C. Long.	81	0	18	Cystitis.
July 2	Valentine.	0	0	0	Stillborn.
3	Seth Crowell.	68	9	18	Catarrhal jaundice.
5	Martha H. Tupper.	85	8	20	Old age.
9	Antone F. Cadosh.	87	9	0	Colic.
10	Joseph Davis.	0	3	7	Pneumonia.
12	Willie S Silver.	0	1	25	Icterus inflammation.
13	Joseph F. Frazer	22	6	5	Phthisis pulmonalis.
16	Julia S. Smith.	5	7	14	Phthisis pulmonalis.
18	Nathaniel N. Cook	66	8	2	Heart disease.
24	Francis Joseph	79	5	0	Bright's disease [fever.
25	Mary Thomas.	31	0	0	Puerperal typhoid
31	Seth Gracchus.	0	7	20	Cholera infantum.
Aug. 4	Ethel W. Quinn.	0	4	16	Cholera infantum.
6	Hiram Holmes.	68	10	28	Diabetes.
9	Nellie J. Alves.	0	11	26	Hydrocephalus.
12	Cook.	0	0	0	Stillborn,
14	John Gracchus.	0	8	4	Unknown.
16	Gertrude M. Benson.	0	7	11	Cholera infantum.
17	Gaspy.	0	0	0	Stillborn.
19	Perry.	0	0	0	Stillborn.
26	Reuben Freeman.	69	0	7	Angina pectoris.
31	Antone DeCosta.	2	0	10	Unknown.



DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Sept. 2	Emily Jason.	0	3	7	Cholera infantum.
3	James E. Cobb.	22	9	8	Pistol shot.
3	Stephen Cook.	71	3	14	Bronchitis.
5	Ferdinand Marshall.	0	7	14	Unknown.
5	Carrie Thomas.	0	3	8	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
10	John Small.	66	10	8	Eudocarditis.
12	Nathan D. Freeman.	57	4	3	Heart disease.
13	Manuel E. Simmons.	0	3	4	Unknown.
13	Warren H. Wharf.	24	11	13	Fracture of skull.
16	Helen J. Henderson.	0	5	7	Disease of brain.
20	Edith P. Perry.	0	11	4	Cholera infantum.
20	Roxana Atkins.	79	9	8	Paralysis of heart.
21	James M. Lovett	0	9	23	Enclampsia.
24	Jessie Steel.	0	2	7	Marasmus.
24	George A. Rich.	0	2	13	Puemnonitis.
30	Freddie W. Dill.	0	1	11	Marasmus.
30	Boatman.	0	0	0	Stillborn
Oct. 5	Daniel McDonald.	44	5	0	Ship fever.
8	Willie R. Caton.	0	0	10	Scrofula.
10	Frances R. Joseph.	74	0	0	Phthisis pulmonalis.
13	Manuel Valentine.	24	3	12	Eudocarditis.
16	Bertha F. Small.	18	1	16	Consumption.
17	George Eaton.	86	8	0	Senile dementia.
18	Lucy Morris	0	1	19	Convulsions.
21	Lydia S. Smith.	84	0	10	Old age.
30	Ellis H. Holmes.	70	7	12	Cancer of stomach.
Nov. 1	Mary Young.	68	0	0	Cerebral abscess. [der.
2	Manuel F. Rogers.	65	0	16	Inflammation of blad-
7	Phebe A. Foster.	13	1	22	Phthisis pulmonalis.
14	Adams	0	0	0	Stillborn.
22	Isaiah W Cook.	20	10	11	Tuberculosis.
25	George H. Cornell.	69	7	0	Paralysis.
25	Donald Morrison.	55	0	0	Drowning.
29	Mary Lewis.	0	0	21	Inanition.
Dec. 4	Harrison G. Ghen.	49	11	29	Overdose laudanum.
8	Margaret Smith.	69	0	0	Insanity.
10	Catherine Days.	51	10	2	Asthma.
18	Daniel C. Cook.	66	10	17	Apoplexy.
20	George R. Rich.	20	6	6	Consumption.
23	Lucinda Smith.	82	3	7	Old age.
26	Honorah Turner.	49	9	5	Bright's disease.
26	Daniel W. Dowling.	53	8	14	Pneumonia.
July	Manuel E. Edmands.	46			Died at sea.
Nov. 22	Francis Nickerson.	73	8	2	Cancer.

Died in other towns, 6  
Died at sea, 3.

## SUMMARY.

The following are the statistics of births, marriages and deaths registered in Provincetown for the year ending December 31, 1888.

*Births.*

Number of births registered in 1888,	111
Males,	47
Females,	64
The parentage of the children is as follows:	
Both parents American,	33
“ “ British Provinces,	5
“ “ Portuguese,	50
Mixed, one parent American,	19
Mixed, other nationalities,	3

*Marriages.*

Number of marriages registered in 1888,	46
Both parties born in the United States,	24
“ “ “ British Provinces,	3
“ “ “ Western Islands,	7
Mixed, one American,	11
“ other nationalities,	1

*Deaths.*

Number of deaths registered in Provincetown in 1888,	112
Males,	62
Females,	50
Born in United States,	91
Born in British Provinces,	7
Born in Western Island,	11
Born in Ireland,	3

*Dogs Licensed.*

Number of dogs licensed in Provincetown in 1888,	119
Paid County Treasurer,	\$223 20

SETH SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

## REPORT OF MILK INSPECTOR.

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

Ira K. Small (2), Provincetown.	Joseph Mathews, Provincetown
Sarah G. Cook, “	Francis Dears, “
Jerome S. Smith (2), “	John Adams, “
Thomas W. Sparks, “	Francis J. Corea, “
James W. Rich & Co. (2)	Francis G. Cook, “
Lemuel F. Nickerson (2)	David Conwell, “
Jeremiah F. Rich, Provincetown	John M. Carnes, “
Charles A. Cook, “	Gideon Allen, “
Antone Silva, “	Joseph L. Chase, “
R. B. Dyer, “	James E. Rich, “
J. T. Small, “	Heman F. Smith, “
John Brown, “	Antone Lucas, “
Mary J. Ellis, “	Nathaniel Gifford, “
A. G. Small, “	Isaiah Young, “
L. Jane Dyer, “	Peter Franklin, “
Isabella Costa, “	Thomas Welch, “
Lombard Rich, “	Charles Loring, “
David Sparks, “	Moses S. Turner, “
Silas D. Fish, “	George W. Ellis, “
Francis C. Miller, “	Mary J. Ellis, “
Byley Lyford, “	Warren W. Small, Truro.
R. S. Lavender, “	M. A. Rich, “
Antone J. Rollins, “	Samuel Small, “
Manuel Rogers, “	John W. Small, “
Salathiel Hamilton, “	William Holden, “

William Chandler, Truro.	Frank Small, Truro.
David D. Stocker, “	S. C. Hatch, “
Thomas K. Small, “	Joseph Francis, “

The samples of milk taken from different parties and tested, in three cases proved to be poor, but in no case below the standard fixed by law. Several complaints have been made as regards the flavor of milk, — caused no doubt by feeding to the cows turnips, and hay cut from the salt marshes, which imparts to the milk an unpleasant flavor. As a preventive I would advise all persons to reject in every case milk sold to them containing this flavor.

Respectfully submitted,

SETH SMITH, *Milk Inspector.*

## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

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The Board respectfully submits its report for the year ending Feb., 12th, 1889. The sanitary condition of the town has on the whole shown an improvement over last year. Still much remains to be done, and accomplishments are in order before we can single out Provincetown as a model in this respect. Official scrutiny, however vigilant, cannot take the place of thorough personal supervision on the part of individual householders of their own premises. If it were more generally taught, accepted, and believed that dirt and filth certainly induce disease and untimely death, healthful cleanliness would prevail; but through ignorance or carelessness, householders allow the insidious untrapped drain or foul privy vault to do its deadly work unmolested. Owners of tenement houses have frequently been remiss in attending to the cellars and areas of their rented property. Garbage and rubbish is often allowed to accumulate therein and to remain for the owners to remove, which is rarely done in good season. We recommend that landlords provide receptacles for the swill and garbage of their tenants and remove the contents thereof two or three times a week. We wish to urge the parents to carefully follow the directions of the Board at times when their children may contract scarlet fever, diphtheria, or other contagious or dangerous diseases. Keep patients isolated, have proper medical treatment, use disinfectants, and above all allow no promiscuous visiting in the house. Observance of these directions will check the spread of these dreaded scourges of the children. Orders

of the Board have been numerous during the past year, and in the main, cheerfully obeyed.

There has been quite a number of cases of typhoid fever, scarlet fever, measles, and sore throat, but with no fatal results thus far, which fact warns us that we are to be more watchful in the future to guard against the time when our town is visited by any of these plagues.

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

*Board of Health.*



TWENTY-NINTH  
ANNUAL REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

FINANCIAL.

Salaries to May 1, 1888:

Chief engineer,	\$20 00	
Clerk and assistant engineer,	15 00	
Three assistant engineers, each \$10,	30 00	
Engine Co. No. 1,	250 00	
“ No. 2,	250 00	
“ No. 3,	250 00	
“ No. 4,	250 00	
“ No. 5,	125 00	
Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1,	125 00	
Stewards of Engines Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, each \$50,	200 00	
Steward of Engine No. 5,	25 00	
Steward of Hook and Ladder No. 1,	25 00	
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The following paid to Jan. 1, 1889:

Engine and truck repairs,	39 79
Engine and truck house repairs,	105 31
Addition to rear of truck house,	29 23
Fire-cracker notices and posting,	3 50
Fuel, lights, and stoves,	69 85
New flagstaff Engine No. 2, and repairs to others,	64 16
Horse hire at fire alarms,	53 75
Ringling bells,	19 00

Reservoir repairs and clearing snow,	\$7 05	
Refreshments at fires,	10 00	
Night watch in engine houses,	8 00	
Keys and straps,	21 40	
New key-boxes and expense maintaining,	21 80	
New flag,	6 25	
Forest fires, expenses,	2 70	
Jump cloth,	21 01	
1000 feet new hose,	500 00	
Three tubular reservoirs,	379 00	
Other expenses,	2 75	
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		\$2929 55
Less sale of old hose,		5 00
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		\$2924 55

APPROPRIATIONS AT ANNUAL MEETING, 1888.

For salaries,	\$1565 00
New hose,	500 00
New reservoirs,	300 00
Other expenses,	385 00
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	2750 00
Freight on reservoir posts collected,	1 16
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	2751 16
Deficiency,	173 39
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	\$2924 55

RECORD OF FIRES IN 1888.

May 17, alarm at 8.35 o'clock P.M. Partial destruction of a small building on Good Templar street, owned by James L. Ditson and Henry Atwood. Loss small, the building being of but little value. Cause, matches in the hands of mischievous boys. The promptness of the firemen prevented a more seri-

ous fire. Engines No. 2 and No. 4 and Hook and Ladder No. 1 were used.

Aug. 15, alarm at 11.50 A. M. This alarm was needless. Fire from a smoker's pipe started a blaze on a table cover in a house owned by the estate of Jason Taylor, nearly opposite the Center M. E. Church, and occupied by Abram Brown. No use for apparatus.

Aug. 23, alarm at 2.55 P. M. Fire in attic of house owned by Antone Rollins, situated at the head of Bangs street, which was extinguished with pails of water. Cause, matches in the hands of children. Damage by fire and water \$20.00. Apparatus not used. There was a serious delay in this alarm, no attention being given to the ringing of the Eastern school-house bell.

Dec. 3, alarm at 11.25 A. M. Fire in house owned and occupied by Alfred Cook. Damage \$25.00, no insurance. This fire caught in a partition from sparks from the kitchen stove, and was only stopped by tearing away the walls and ceiling and using pails of water. Engine No. 1 laid a line of hose which was not used. There was also a great delay in giving this alarm, no attention being paid, as on Aug. 23rd, to the ringing of the Eastern school-house bell.

Dec. 5, alarm at 7.30 A. M., for a slight fire in a bunch of oakum in the cabin of Schr. Julia lying at Union Wharf discharging. Cause, careless dropping of a lighted match. No damage and no use for apparatus.

Dec. 11, alarm at 11.30 A. M. Caused by blazing of wood placed in a stove oven to dry, in the house of John Laing situated off Court street. No damage. Apparatus not used.

These, with several small fires which have been discovered and extinguished without an alarm, noticeably that at the grocery of John Adams, caused by a falling lighted kerosene lamp, May 14, at 8.15 P. M., which really promised to be more serious than any for the year, but which was stopped by the nerve and coolness of the occupant and his employes, mark another year of small fire losses.

But little painting has been done on the department houses the past year; they will need going over the coming year.

The hose has been increased by the purchase of one thousand feet of two and one half inch rubber-lined cotton, which was bought for the money appropriated, two hundred and fifty feet of which has been placed in the houses of Engines 1, 2, 3, and 4. The two-inch hose is now used exclusively by Engine No. 5. The alarm boxes on the churches have been replaced with iron ones.

**RESERVOIRS.** There have been constructed the past year three tube reservoirs with hydrant tops, located one each on Prince, Centre, and Howland streets as recommended in our last annual report.

The experiment of paying for horses to take the different pieces of apparatus to and from fires, in the main works to the advantage of quick movements. The paying for ringing the church and school-house bells gives us a more prompt alarm, yet we have learned from experience and on Jan. 1st made the following changes.

**HORSE HIRE.** For any horse or team taking an Engine or the Ladder Truck to a working fire and returning the same apparatus to quarters \$2.00. For taking an Engine or Ladder Truck to a working fire and not returning the same \$1.00. For taking an Engine or Ladder Truck from a working fire to quarters 50 cents. No pay for taking the Relief Hose Carriage unless by special order of the Chief or Engineer in charge at a fire or alarm.

For an alarm of fire at which no Engines play: Horse or team from Engine or Truck house to the building occasioning an alarm and return to quarters, \$2.00. For attaching when Engine is half-way, proceeding until ordered home and returning to quarters, \$1.00. Returning from over half-way from house to quarters 50 cents. From the house to half-way or over and not returning to quarters 50 cents.

**BELL RINGING.** When an alarm is given which proves to be a working fire, for ringing not less than ten minutes, unless



ordered to stop by an Engineer, \$1.00 for each church bell; for the Eastern and Western school-house bells 50 cents each. For ringing when not a working fire, church bells 50 cents each, school-house bells 25 cents. No limit to time.

The money requirements for the year will be for salaries due May 1, 1889 :

Engine Companies Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 4, each \$250,	\$1000
Engine Company No. 5,	200
Hook and Ladder No. 1,	125
Four Stewards, each \$50,	200
Two Stewards, each \$25,	50
Chief Engineer,	20
Clerk and Assistant Engineer,	15
Three Assistant Engineers, each \$10,	30

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\$1640

For painting house and for the running and incidental expenses of the Department.	460
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\$2100

Two reports previous to this we have called your attention by asking several questions which were pertinent to this branch of the service. We, who have the care and oversight of the fire protection of this town, believe that the time has come when a change in apparatus should be made. There was a time when we were well up if not ahead of other towns of this size in our appliances; today we are in the rear. With the advance in construction of Engines, the hand machine is becoming a thing of the past; its place is being taken by Steam and Chemical Engines. Have we a sufficient water supply? We think so; at any rate a test can easily be made, to that end the post to one of the tubular reservoirs, constructed the past season, has a steamer connection. Have we sufficient hose? We have in quantity and quality. Have we sufficient house accommodation? By storing or selling Engines Nos. 3, 4, and 5, we have the houses, but they will need some alterations. Do we need

a Chemical Engine? Emphatically yes. How can the Steam and Chemical Engines be taken to fires? By the present Engine companies or by horses if desired. The cost can be estimated as follows :

Steam Fire Engines,	\$3000 to \$3500 each,
Chemical Engines,	1600 to 2200 each,
Hose Wagons,	200 to 300 each.

Believing it absolutely necessary, we do hereby recommend that the town buy two double Steam Fire Engines, two Hose Wagons, and one Chemical Engine, that sufficient money be appropriated for their purchase and for making necessary alterations and additions to the department houses, or erect a new house in the centre of the town for their accommodation.

Let us profit by the experience of Marblehead and other places and be so surely equipped that we shall be ready to save our town from destruction should occasion require. The apparatus we now have is good of its kind; is in excellent working order and manned by prompt and vigilant companies who will do their utmost, but with the increase in the size and number of buildings, more powerful machines are needed.

Respectfully submitted,

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



## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Balance of donation in treasury last report,	\$511	52
Received for fines and catalogues,	26	14
"    dog fund for 1888,	194	43
"    dividend Seamen's Savings Bank,	12	41
Paid Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books,	6	50
Magazines,	17	70
Estes & Lauriat, books,	113	70
James Gifford, insurance,	25	00
James H. Lamb, encyclopedia,	6	00
Balance of donations deposited in Seamen's Savings Bank,	575	60
	\$744	50
Appropriation for annual expenses,	\$300	00
Paid Whitney Bros., paper,	\$8	64
H. Engles, labor,	4	74
A. T. Williams, coal and oil,	18	10
Wm. Allen, rebinding books,	21	15
A. L. Putnam, stationery,	9	56
J. D. Hilliard, coal,	7	25
H. F. Hopkins, printing,	8	00
W. R. Mitchell, Librarian, salary,	119	50
Mattie W. Bangs, "    ",	97	50
Angie E. Sparks, "    ",	25	00
Deficiency,	19	44
	\$319	44

### CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY.

Number of new books purchased,	115
Books received by donation,	2
"    "    from State,	6
"    "    from United States,	24
Present number of books,	3948
Subscriptions received by donation,	1
Number of periodicals subscribed for,	5
Number of names on register, Dec. 31, 1888,	2257
Number of names added during 1888,	95
Present number of names,	2352

The Trustees would recommend an appropriation for the annual expenses of \$300.

The Trustees of the Library take pleasure in announcing to the town that one of its oldest citizens, desiring to leave behind him a suitable token of his interest in the welfare and improvement of his native place, has given to its Public Library the munificent sum of five thousand dollars. The conditions upon which it is donated are, that the income from this sum shall be used in the purchase of books and that the principal shall remain intact as a perpetual fund for such purchases. The securities representing this sum are now in the hands of a Trustee and the name of the donor is withheld until they shall be formally transferred to the town for the Library, when it will be duly announced, and appropriate acknowledgment can be made.

Your Trustees have long felt the increasing necessity of a rearrangement and of recataloguing the books composing the Library. One catalogue of the Library only has ever been printed, now nearly fourteen years since it was issued. As the number of volumes has nearly doubled since, and as the number of bulletins of their titles has been multiplied in like proportion, the inconvenience and difficulty of selecting books has at length become a serious drawback upon their use.

Another urgent improvement required is the reshelving and the rearrangement of the books under their respective subjects

and titles. The increase both of books and of patrons, imperatively requires this change. These needs have long been realized by the Trustees but they have hitherto felt reluctant to call upon the town for the requisite funds for these purposes.

With the income that will now be afforded the Library for the purchase of books from the generous donation specified, the time has arrived when the town should take such action as will facilitate ready use of the books and furnish adequate and convenient shelf-room for the addition of volumes that will yearly be made.

The Trustees, therefore, recommend that, in addition to the regular appropriation above specified, there be raised and appropriated, five hundred dollars to be expended by the Trustees of the Public Library for the preparation, printing, and issue of a new catalogue, and for reshelving and rearranging the books of said Library. The Trustees would also recommend that the town elect nine Trustees, and that the Trustees be allowed to choose their Treasurer under the provisions of Chap. 304, Acts of 1888.

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

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEW PRIMARY SCHOOLHOUSE.

The Committee appointed at the last annual meeting to carry into effect the vote for the enlargement and improvement of the Conant Street Primary Schoolhouse herewith present their report :

Amount appropriated at the annual meeting,	\$1225 00
Paid Howard F. Hopkins, printing proposals,	\$3 75
Alfred Small, plans and specifications,	8 00
Joshua Paine, Jr., contract for building,	574 00
Joshua Paine, Jr., extra stock and labor,	20 00
Joshua Paine, Jr., stock for repairing old buildings and fences,	22 39
Thomas W. Dyer, painting outside,	34 00
Thomas W. Dyer, painting inside,	43 95
James Campbell, sods,	3 60
Frank Chase, Road Surveyor, gravel,	3 50
Frank Chase, labor,	90
D. W. Snow, blackboards,	24 25
John W. Beaty, labor,	32 18
Harvey O. Sparrow, stove, pipe, and fixtures,	47 10
Andrew Kennedy, furniture and fixtures,	76 14
Hiram C. Holmes, ventilators,	7 00
Balance unexpended,	324 24
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	\$1225 00

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY SHORTLE,  
A. P. HANNUM,  
A. T. WILLIAMS,  
MARSHALL L. ADAMS,  
JAMES A. SMALL,  
CHARLES H. DYER,  
JOSHUA COOK.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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OF THE

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FOR THE

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## PRESENT CORPS OF TEACHERS.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

S. H. Baker,	. . . . .	Principal.
Emma Gardner,	. . . . .	Assistant.
Phebe E. Freeman,	. . . . .	Assistant.

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

E. J. Edmands,	. . . . .	Principal.
Addie S. Mitchell,	. . . . .	Assistant.

## HIGHER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

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

## INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

Abbie C. Sparks,	. . . . .	Annie W. McKennon,
		Ella M. Mayo.

## PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Mary E. Dyer,	. . . . .	Minnie Hamlin,
Angie F. Blake,	. . . . .	Julia C. Knowles,
Bessie Lyford,	. . . . .	Angie E. Sparks,
Carrie A. Cowing,	. . . . .	Fannie S. Crocker,
		Hattie P. Allen.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In harmony with the law of the State and previous custom, the School Committee of Provincetown present its citizens the following, as their report for the year ending December 31, 1888. There are seven school buildings, and seventeen schools in which have been enrolled, during the year, nine hundred and fifty pupils. This includes children of all ages. There are twenty teachers employed; nine of whom are in the Primary, six are in the Intermediate, two are in the Grammar, and three are in the High school work.

We have now nine Primary schools, in which there are at present four hundred and fifty children, and during the year there have been more than five hundred pupils enrolled, the ages varying from five to fifteen years. The schoolroom accommodations in the Western part of the town were too small to answer the law of the State, and so wretchedly inadequate to accommodate the children attending those schools, that the town at its last annual meeting, after an investigation by a special committee, ordered the building of a new schoolroom on Montello Street and voted an appropriation for that purpose. The Committee appointed to carry into effect the vote of the town has attended to that matter and given us a room that will accommodate forty or fifty children. This is one of the pleasanter primary schoolrooms in town. Miss Minnie Hamlin, former teacher in the Conant Street school, was selected to take charge of the new room, and organized the school last September at the beginning of the fall term. Miss Hamlin's pupils were taken from the Western Primary No. 1 and the Conant Street School, these last mentioned being the most

crowded schools. Mr. George A. Walton, Agent of the State Board of Education, visited our schools in September and spent a week with them. Mr. Walton's lectures and suggestions were of much service to our schools and very much appreciated by the teachers. The Primary and Intermediate schools were especially benefited, and much good is resulting from his labors. There has been a wonderful improvement shown in the art of writing and composition during the past, or fall, term in the Intermediate and in some of the Primary schools. There is no better evidence of a real teacher than the happy faculty exhibited of so arranging the work for the children that it becomes a pleasure rather than an irksome task. When this faculty is acquired and put in practice the schoolroom becomes a place of enjoyment rather than a prison to the majority of the pupils; there are many exceptions, it is true, for work under whatever guise affords no degree of pleasure to some children. Miss Angie E. Sparks was appointed last summer to fill the vacancy occasioned at the Conant Street School by the promotion of Miss Hamlin, and the promotions from the Center Primary schools, referred to in another place, created vacancies which were filled by the election of Miss Fannie S. Crocker and Miss Hattie P. Allen.

The work in the Intermediate schools was not interrupted after our last writing until the close of the fall term, Dec. 21, 1888, when two of the teachers, Miss Clara L. Smith and Miss Clara A. Ryder, who had served faithfully and well for a number of years, resigned their positions. Miss Annie W. McKennon and Miss Ella M. Mayo were promoted from the Center Primaries Nos. 1 and 2 to fill the vacancies. These teachers have been earnest and devoted while engaged in the Primary, and we feel confident that they will succeed equally well in their new positions. These schools have made a decided advancement the past year especially in penmanship and the study of language. There are about one hundred and fifty pupils in these schools now, and during the year two hundred have been enrolled.

There have been no changes in our Higher Intermediate schools the past year either in teachers or the character of their work. There is no occasion to be ashamed of these schools; we are well satisfied with their work. The teachers are untiring in their efforts to promote the interests of their schools and they succeed well. It is always a pleasure to have their work examined by the parents of the pupils or any others who may feel any interest in education. The teachers in charge of these, as well as those of the Intermediate schools, must not only be able to instruct but must have the ability to manage and govern. Though these are not designated Grammar schools they answer the purpose and do the same kind of work as the lower classes of Grammar schools in other places; so while nominally we have but one Grammar school and only a two years course in that, in fact, when compared and classed with schools elsewhere, we have three grades (in our Grammar department, and a six years course.) It is true the text book is not in the hands of the pupils, in the Intermediate schools, yet the principles of grammar are taught orally and, by way of composition, very much attention is given to the study of language, while the study of History, Geography and Physiology is demanded as a part of their course of study. The membership of the Higher Intermediate schools is about one hundred and twelve at the present time and during the year one hundred and fifty have been enrolled.

Our Grammar School numbered upon its rolls during the fall term ninety-seven pupils, sixty-one boys and thirty-six girls, of which number, seventeen were at the beginning of the year over fifteen years of age. Of these thirty-nine are in the first class and fifty-eight in the second, making a classification very difficult for the teacher and discouraging to the poorer scholars who need a three years' course to do the work that is required of them in two years.

These are the same difficulties of which mention was made last year. There are so many scholars that it is impossible for ample justice to be done to each, with the present number of



teachers. In order to accomplish the work demanded, without lengthening the course, a third teacher seems almost an absolute necessity. The lack of means prevented the employing of another teacher last year. Mr. George H. Knowlton resigned the principalship of the school last June and Mr. E. J. Edmands was engaged to fill the vacancy and took charge of the school at the fall term. Mr. Edmands came very highly recommended as a teacher; and though he has been with us only one term and a half, we think he has justified the predictions of his friends and is also justifying the hopes of the Committee. He appears to be master of the situation, not only showing an ability to govern the school but a faculty to impart knowledge and instruct the pupils. A large number of the scholars work well and appear to be inspired with an earnestness that is very encouraging; there are some, as there will always be in a large school, who are not making the most of their opportunities and might do better, while there are a few who are in the school simply because they have to go. The last mentioned do what they are urged to do and nothing more; while they take more of the teacher's time than three times their number of good and faithful pupils. As many of the Grammar school scholars never enter the High School where the sciences are taught in their regular course, it was thought best to add to the list of Grammar school studies a short course in Physiology and Chemistry, so as to help, as far as possible, those of our young people who, for whatever reason, cannot get the benefit of a higher education. Two things the parents of even the most interested pupils as well as of those not so interested can do to help this school to a better grade. First see that your child is never absent from school except in case of absolute necessity and second, examine and see that your child has satisfactory weekly and term reports. Interest yourself in his work and show this interest by talking to the child about his studies and visit his school and see what he is doing there. Miss Addie S. Mitchell, the assistant, has rendered the school a very great service; her perfect knowledge of the school work

preventing great loss of time, which must have resulted from the very many changes of the past few years; but for her assistance. During the year, one hundred and forty pupils have been enrolled. Written examinations, twice in each term, are continued in this as well as in all of the schools above the lower intermediate grade. This being the best means that we have yet discovered to show the proficiency of the pupils, as to test their ability to grasp and retain a knowledge of the subject taught. This method appears to be quite a tax upon the nervous and more delicate pupils whose honor and honesty is a sufficient guarantee for faithful work, yet without this or some other device equally severe, very many of the members of the school would be without a sufficient stimulant to move them to action, as they know their promotion as well as their standing in the classes depends upon the character of their examinations. The standard is seventy per cent. And after years of experience, we are satisfied that it would not answer to lower the standard. Those who fail to get the required per cent on a general average are not benefited by promotion; and full one-half of those promoted on an average of barely 70 per cent fail to retain their places after promotion. They either drop into lower classes or get discouraged and drop out of the school altogether.

Our High School is accomplishing a grand work, its course has not been a backward one by any means. A gradual improvement has been noticeable throughout the year. It has a corps of teachers who thoroughly understand the subjects taught and have the ability to impart their knowledge to others. We consider our High School scholars fortunate in being under the tuition of such instructors. In this school every provision is made for those who wish to lay the foundation for a classical education and fit themselves for higher schools, while, as will be seen further on, English branches are not neglected.

The three years' course has been discontinued and a four years' English course substituted, so that those who do not wish to study the languages have a full share in the benefits of



the High School with those who take the first named course. The course of study adopted last year has proven to be so nearly what is needed that we adopt it this year without change. Ninety scholars have been enrolled during the year. It will be seen by reference to the subjoined table, just what subjects are taught and the number of pupils in each study, which table, also, shows that the English branches are not by any means neglected, but have their full share of time and attention. The courses being elective, scholars are not forced to take branches of study against their will.

The following table shows the branches taught during the year and the number of scholars in each study :

Latin . . . . .	54
Greek . . . . .	3
French . . . . .	35
History . . . . .	41
MATHEMATICS.	
Arithmetic . . . . .	55
Algebra . . . . .	16
Geometry . . . . .	19
Trigonometry . . . . .	2
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	92
SCIENCES.	
Physiology . . . . .	53
Physics . . . . .	27
Chemistry . . . . .	10
Astronomy . . . . .	8
Geology . . . . .	8
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	106
ENGLISH.	
Grammar . . . . .	33
Rhetoric . . . . .	16
Literature . . . . .	39
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	88

The above table shows the work of the school for the year including the present term, and is a fair showing for each year. The progress of the classes studying the Natural Sciences is much impeded by lack of a room in which to work, and make experiments and measurements so essential to a clear understanding of the principles of science. When the school was recently supplied with apparatus, one of the dressing-rooms was converted into a storeroom for it, and was made to serve to some extent as a laboratory. It is so small that not more than two pupils can work comfortably together and then only for a short time as it is made use of by classes in Physics and Chemistry. Some steps should be taken to provide a suitable laboratory so that the work of the classes may be carried forward without interruption throughout the year. A good laboratory might be fitted up in the basement, where no extra heat would be required. It would not only serve as a room for Chemical and Philosophical experiments, but as a nucleus for an industrial school, in which many of the young people may be taught special branches, as telegraphy, printing, typewriting and get some idea of many useful trades.

Miss Lucinda W. Whorf, who had been employed and faithfully served the school as an assistant teacher for five years, resigned the position just before the beginning of the fall term and Miss Phebe E. Freeman a graduate from the Salem Normal School, was elected to fill the vacancy. We think that Miss Freeman has the elements of a superior teacher.

COURSE OF STUDY IN THE HIGH SCHOOL.

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



## CLASS OF 1888.

## CLASSICAL COURSE.

Hattie P. Allen,	Florence M. Ewell.
Mattie W. Bangs,	Edith C. Garland,
Lillie N. Brooks,	Mattie H. Gross,
Jennie C. Dyer,	May B. McIntyre.

## ENGLISH COURSE.

William H. Young.

## GRADUATING EXERCISES.

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 14, 1888.

## MARCH.

## PRAYER.

## MUSIC.

THIRD HONOR. The Mission of the High School, Jennie C. Dyer

ESSAY. True Heroism, Hattie P. Allen

ESSAY. National Prosperity due to Labor, Lillie N. Brooks

## MUSIC.

ESSAY. Object and Results of the Crusades, Edith C. Garland

SECOND HONOR. The Story of the Play, "As You Like It,"

May B. McIntyre

ORATION. The Attitude of Labor to Capital, William H. Young

## MUSIC.

ESSAY. Politeness as a Test of Character. Florence M. Ewell

CLASS PROPHECY, Mattie H. Gross

FIRST HONOR. "The End but the Beginning," Mattie W. Bangs

## MUSIC.

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS. By Superintendent of Schools

## BENEDICTION.

Ignorance and vice are the most expensive things that a community can foster, and the greatest obstacles in the way of their overthrow are tardiness and truancy. Nearly all cases of lawlessness brought to the notice of the public have been committed by boys who spend but a small portion of their time in the schoolroom. It was found necessary, last spring, to put in force the truant laws, for the first time since the means for their execution were provided. On complaint of truant officers J. W. Beaty and J. H. Dearborn four of the most persistent truants, viz.: Enos Costa, Alfred Francis, Manuel Williams and Manuel Patrick, were arrested for habitual truancy. These boys were tried and committed to the almshouse for two weeks, under a competent teacher. While there has been some improvement, there is still great room for reform, and we feel and believe that this great evil, to a large extent, can be corrected by the parents, if they will take the matter into serious account. Let the community frown upon this evil and treat it as a great wrong: let them consider tardiness and truancy as forming the highway to vice and crime, and we shall soon find a wonderful improvement. Though it has been said before, it will bear to be said often, the parent who trains to habits of study at home and warns the lingerer of the approaching school hour, is a great moral teacher and stands between the child and crime. Whatever the government may be at home, it is absurd to think of a school without government. And to require the observance of a law and provide no penalty for its violation is a mockery of authority and inconsistent with every principle of government. A school without government is like a vessel without a commander; being without a director she must of necessity be without direction, and confusion must be the inevitable result. Every school must have a teacher and that teacher must give direction to the school, his or her orders, if reasonable, must be the law of the schoolroom, and it is the duty as well as the necessity of every scholar to obey. A teacher without the ability to govern should improve the first opportunity to get out of the business.

There seems to be a purpose abroad to test and, if possible, undermine our century-tried educational system. So throughout our country, and especially in our own State, the question of education assumes a deeper and more serious importance, probably, than ever before. And we think that the towns of Massachusetts generally, have determined that the work of education shall not go backward within their respective borders. Our free institutions are founded on popular intelligence and virtue. There never was a time, perhaps, when so many of our countrymen were awake to the necessity of an efficient system of public education, knowing full well that such a system is the only thing that can preserve those interests, both personal and public, so dear to us all. So surely as the influence of one generation affects the character and history of the next, these questions must be partly decided in advance. The elements of that nearer future are in our midst, its men are our boys, its women are our girls, now in course of education—the right kind or the wrong kind—for every social and political and moral relation by which they are to act on the nation and society. The cheapest protection to life and property is right education. Walls of protection are more cheaply and securely built of moral restraint and ideas than of granite.

What ever of progress the future might have in store for our schools, their present efficiency and usefulness can be greatly increased by the cordial co-operation of parents and guardians.

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 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 a vote of the 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 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 thereof, 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.

In the Public School account, there appears to be a very large deficiency, and the question will, very naturally, be asked,



why this? In answer, we have to say, there was a desire on the part of the town officers, having the accounts of the several departments to adjust and report, to have the financial statement of each, made and closed up at the end of the year. Heretofore our schools have been in the midst of their winter's work, at the close of the year, and while the other departments closed their accounts with December the schools overlapped. Therefore, to have the schools in harmony with the other departments, financially, it was necessary to change our fall term and make it of greater length, in order to square our accounts and begin the financial year with January. This change necessitated an extra outlay for the past year, 1888, equal to the larger part of the deficiency reported in the financial statement, which otherwise would have gone over into the account for 1889.

The new school established on Montello Street had, also, to be provided for, as no provision had previously been made for its running expenses, and, including nineteen tons of coal furnished last spring, which should have been furnished and paid for in 1887, the cost for fuel the past year, 1888, was about two hundred and twelve dollars more than in 1887. Therefore the actual deficiency is only about the extra cost for fuel for 1888.

The outlay for incidental expenses and schoolhouse repairs, as predicted last year, has been quite large. Besides the ordinary repairs on the school buildings and the fences surrounding them, a large portion of the fences at the Western and Eastern houses had to be made new. An item of expense was occasioned by the severe gale last September, which blew off a portion of the steeple from the Center schoolhouse besides doing other damage. The blackboards in the High and Grammar school building were in such a wretched condition that it was deemed best to make them all over anew, which was done at a cost of \$140. Though the cost was large, the Committee are satisfied that the improvement justifies the expenditure. And in harmony with the recommendation of last year, the

same building with the fence surrounding it were painted a second coat at an expense of \$139.50. Mr. Joseph Cook was the contractor. The committee would recommend the shingling of the Center and Eastern buildings the present year.

The State Agent, finding the light not equal to the demands of the law, recommended extra windows for the lower stories of the Western, Eastern, and Center school buildings. These extraordinary with the ordinary expenses will necessitate quite a liberal appropriation for schoolhouse repairs.

The impression seems to prevail among our citizens that Provincetown spends too much money upon her Public Schools. It is true, the amount seems large, yet reckoning only the children between five and fifteen years of age, the sum appropriated for each child is a fraction less than \$10, and if we reckon the school children of all ages it amounts to much less per scholar. Of the 349 cities and towns in the Commonwealth, Provincetown stands the 221st, that is, 220 pay more and 128 pay less; while of the 15 towns in our own County, 11 pay more and only 3 pay less per pupil than we do. The towns that pay less are Chatham, Eastham, and Mashpee, and until 1887 Mashpee stood far ahead of Provincetown. If we reckon the towns according to the percentage of their taxable property for the support of Public Schools, we make only a very little better showing, for of the 15 towns in Barnstable County, Provincetown stands the eleventh, ten paying more, and four paying less. Notwithstanding this showing for Provincetown, of the fourteen Counties in the State, Barnstable stands second.

## FINANCIAL REPORT.

## SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Maria Harvender, cleaning Center School building,	\$19 00	
J. W. Holway, cleaning Eastern School building and labor,	19 60	
Marion Williams, cleaning Western School building,	19 00	
Marion Williams, cleaning Conant St. building,	10 00	
B. H. Dyer & Co., supplies and labor,	35	
Andrew Kennedy, supplies and labor,	17 85	
A. T. Williams, supplies,	16 51	
H. C. Holmes, supplies and labor,	27 28	
H. O. Sparrow, supplies and labor,	31 75	
J. H. Dearborn, cleaning High and Grammar School building,	35 00	
J. D. Hilliard, supplies,	5 45	
Jos. A. West, supplies,	54 24	
H. F. Pierce, labor,	4 00	
J. H. Dearborn, labor,	18 50	
Herbert Engles, supplies and labor,	39 86	
Hiram Holmes, supplies and labor,	1 50	
Mary Burkett, cleaning Johnson St. building,	10 50	
H. F. Hopkins, printing,	10 00	
J. H. Dearborn, returning truants,	21 25	
E. N. Sumner, labor,	2 60	
Josiah Swift, supplies,	2 00	
A. E. Dearborn, census of scholars,	12 00	
John D. Adams, supplies,	2 75	
J. H. Dearborn, census of scholars for 1887,	12 00	
N. S. Hudson, labor,	8 00	
Appropriation,	\$400 00	
Deficiency,	99	
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## SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS.

Joshua Paine, Jr., lumber,	\$26 81	
D. W. Snow, stock and labor, refurnishing blackboards for High and Grammar School building,	140 39	
J. W. Cook, painting High and Grammar School building,	139 50	
A. Kennedy, supplies,	14 55	
Jos. A. Snow, labor,	21 75	
A. Hamlen, " "	3 40	
S. D. Nickerson, labor,	6 30	
Josiah Snow, labor,	40 50	
B. H. Dyer & Co., labor,	7 91	
J. H. Livermore, " "	3 10	
T. W. Dyer, labor, painting Conant St. building,	23 43	
J. A. West, supplies,	26 07	
H. Engles, supplies and labor,	11 85	
H. O. Sparrow, supplies and labor,	4 00	
John W. Holway,	24 50	
James Campbell, sods and carting,	7 00	
Chas. W. Burkett, labor,	5 30	
J. W. Beaty, labor,	29 00	
James Fuller, labor, \$4 50, J. W. Cook, labor \$8 90,	13 40	
J. D. Hilliard, supplies,	1 08	
H. Merrill Smith, labor,	5 27	
Appropriation,	\$500 00	
Deficiency,	55 11	
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## FREE TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES:

Encyclopedias,	\$16 00	
Thorp, Adams Manufacturing Co., books,	222 59	
B. A. Fowler & Co.,	" 60 00	
J. L. Hammett,	" 32 95	
F. M. Ambrose,	" 70 00	
Eastern Educational Bureau,	" 20 00	
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.,	" 184 96	
Godding & Co.,	" 18 72	
A. L. Putnam & Co., stationery, etc.,	12 20	
A. L. Putnam & Co., commission,	78 15	
Appropriation,		\$800 00
Books sold,		9 27
Balance in Treasury,	93 70	
	<u>\$809 27</u>	<u>\$809 27</u>

## AGENT'S ACCOUNT FREE TEXT BOOKS.

Estimated value books in use in schools,	\$1300 00	
Amount of stock in agents hands,	710 52	
Cash due treasurer for books sold,	14 15	
	<u>2024 67</u>	<u>\$2024 67</u>

## FUEL.

A. T. Williams, 19 1-2 tons coal, \$5.29,	\$103 16	
J. D. Hilliard, 30 tons broken coal, \$5.33,	159 90	
A. T. Williams, 70 tons egg coal, \$5.57,	389 90	
"    "    wood kindlings,	15 34	
	<u>668 30</u>	<u>\$668 30</u>

## SUPERINTENDENT.

Henry Shortle, salary,	350 00
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## PRINTING.

H. F. Hopkins, printing,	2 50
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TEACHERS' SALARIES.

WINTER TERM, 1887 and 1888.

	Number of Weeks.	Salary per week.	Amount per Year.	Amount per Term.
S. H. Baker, Principal High School . . .	14	\$31 57.9	\$1,200 00	\$412 10
Emma Gardner, Assistant " . . .	14	14 47.4	550 00	202 63
Lucinda W. Whorf, " " . . .	14	9 00	342 00	126 00
G. H. Knowlton, Principal Grammar School .	14	20 00	760 00	280 00
Addie S. Mitchell, Assistant " . . .	14	9 00	342 00	126 00
Sara Cavanagh, Principal Higher Intermediate	14	8 50	323 90	119 00
Nellie B. Hilliard, " " " . . .	14	8 50	323 00	119 00
Lottie D. Frellick, " " " . . .	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 Hamlin, " " " . . .	14	6 50	247 00	91 60
Annie McKennon, " " " . . .	14	6 50	247 00	91 00
Ella M. Mayo, " " " . . .	14	6 50	247 00	91 00
Julia Knowles, " " " . . .	14	6 50	247 00	91 00
Bessie H. Lyford, " " " . . .	14	6 50	247 00	91 00
Mamie E. Dyer, " " " . . .	14	6 50	247 00	91 00
				\$2555 73

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

SPRING TERM, 1888.

	Number of Weeks.	Salary per week.	Amount per Year.	Amount per Term.
S. H. Baker, Principal High School . . .	13	\$31 57.9	\$1,200 00	\$410 52
Emma Gardner, Assistant " . . .	13	14 47.4	550 00	188 16
Lucinda W. Whorf, " " . . .	13	9 00	342 00	117 00
G. H. Knowlton, 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
Lottie D. Frellick, " " " . . .	13	8 50	323 00	110 50
Clara L. Smith, Principal Intermediate School	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
Abbie C. Sparks, " " " . . .	13	7 00	266 00	91 00
Clara A. Ryder, " " " . . .	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 E. Hamlin, " " " . . .	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Annie McKennon, " " " . . .	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Ella M. Mayo, " " " . . .	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Julia C. Knowles, " " " . . .	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Bessie H. Lyford, " " " . . .	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Mamie E. Dyer, " " " . . .	13	6 50	247 00	84 50
Annie B. Snowe, Truants,				20 00
				\$2393 18

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

FALL TERM, 1888.

	Number of Weeks	Salary per week.	Amount per Year.	Amount per Term.
S. H. Baker, Principal High School . .	15	\$34 21	\$1,300 00	\$513 15
Emma Gardner, Assistant " . . . .	15	14 47.4	550 00	217 10
Phebe E. Freeman, " " . . . .	15	9 00	342 00	135 00
E. J. Edmands, Principal Grammar School . .	15	20 00	760 00	300 00
Addie S. Mitchell, Assistant " . . . .	15	9 00	342 00	135 00
Sara Cavanagh, Principal Higher Intermediate	15	8 50	323 00	127 50
Nellie B. Hilliard, " " " . . . .	15	8 50	323 00	127 50
Lottie D. Frellick, " " " . . . .	15	8 50	323 00	127 50
Clara L. Smith, Principal Intermediate School	15	7 00	266 00	105 00
Abbie C. Sparks, " " " . . . .	15	7 00	266 00	105 00
Clara A. Ryder, " " " . . . .	15	7 00	266 00	105 00
Angie F. Blake, Principal Primary School . .	15	6 50	247 00	97 50
Carrie A. Cowing, " " " . . . .	15	6 50	247 00	97 50
Minnie E. Hamlin, " " " . . . .	15	6 50	247 00	97 50
Annie McKennon, " " " . . . .	15	6 50	247 00	97 50
Ella M. Mayo, " " " . . . .	15	6 50	247 00	97 50
Julia C. Knowles, " " " . . . .	6	6 50	247 00	39 00
Hattie Holmes, " " " . . . .	9	6 50	247 00	58 50
Bessie H. Lyford, " " " . . . .	15	6 50	247 00	97 50
Mamie E. Dyer, " " " . . . .	15	6 50	247 00	97 50
Angie Sparks, " " " . . . .	15	6 50	247 00	97 50
				\$2875 25



JANITORS' SALARIES.

	BUILDING.	NUMBER OF WEEKS.	PRICE PER WKEE.	AMOUNT.
WINTER TERM.				
John W. Beaty,	Western and Conant Street,	13	\$3 50	\$45 50
J. H. Dearborn,	High and Grammar,	13	4 00	52 00
Henry Harvender,	Center,	13	2 50	32 50
Geo. C. Hill,	Johnson Street,	13	1 00	13 00
John W. Holway,	Eastern,	13	2 50	32 50
				\$175 50
SPRING TERM.				
John W. Beaty,	Western and Conant Street,	13	3 50	\$45 50
J. H. Dearborn,	High and Grammar,	13	4 00	52 00
Henry Harvender,	Center,	13	2 50	32 50
Geo. C. Hill,	Johnson Street,	13	1 00	13 00
John W. Holway,	Eastern,	13	1 50	32 50
				\$175 50
FALL TERM.				
John W. Beaty,	Western and Conant Street,	15	4 50	\$67 50
J. H. Dearborn,	High and Grammar,	15	4 00	60 00
Henry Harvender,	Center,	15	2 50	37 50
Geo. C. Hill,	Johnson Street,	15	1 00	15 00
John W. Holway,	Eastern,	15	2 50	37 50
				\$217 50

## RECAPITULATION.

Massachusetts school fund,	\$204 98	
Appropriation,	8,000 00	
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Teachers' salaries,	7824 16	
Janitors' salaries,	568 50	
Fuel,	668 30	
Superintendent's salary,	350 00	
Printing,	2 50	
Deficiency,		1208 48
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	\$9413 46	\$9413 46

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

For Public Schools,	\$8600 00
School Incidentals,	400 00
Schoolhouse Repairs,	400 00
Free Text-Books and Supplies,	700 00
Shingling Eastern and Center Buildings,	300 00

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY SHORTLE,  
A. T. WILLIAMS,  
A. P. HANNUM,

*School Committee.*

## LIST OF JURORS OF THE TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN.

REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN, JANUARY 19, 1889.

<p>Alexander, Robert G. Allen, George Atkins, James S. Atwood, Joseph S. Atwood, Myrick C. Barnett, James H. Baxter, Robert D. Bell, John Burkett, Charles W. Chase Frank Cook, Elisha H. Cook, Walter S. Cook, Joseph W. Cook, James D. Cook, Heman S. Cowing, Henry W. Collins, Jonathan Curren, William Crocker, Benjamin T. Dearborn, J. Harvey Dyer, Isaac A. Dyer, Benjamin H. Freeman, George W. Fuller, Charles A. Fuller, Albert W. Garland, John</p>	<p>Gifford, Nathaniel N. Giles, Charles H. Herbolt, Wm. H. Hilliard, John D. Holmes, George H. Johnson, George F. Kennedy, Andrew Knowles, Otis M. Livermore, John H. Lothrop, Eben Little, Jonathan H. Lewis, Daniel F. Lewis, George H. Manta, Joseph Mayo, Edwin C. Matheson, William Miller, Francis S. Miller, George F. Martin, John L. Nickerson, George H. Nickerson, Reuben Paine, Francis A. Paine, Lysander N. Paine, Edwin N. Rich, James E. Rich, Jeremiah A.</p>
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<p>Rich, John L. Roberts, Edward Small, Alexander G. Small, James A. Smith, Freeman A. Smith, Heman Merrill, Smith, Jerome S. Smith, Wm. M. Small, Joshua T. Snow, Reuben S. Sparrow, Harvey O.</p>	<p>Sparks, Thomas W. Sumner, Josiah T. Swift, John N. Swift, Josiah Taylor, Thomas S. Tuttle, George W. Watson, George W. West, Newton P. Whitcomb, John G. Williams, Frederick E. Young, Alpheus W.</p>
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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 Provincetown.*

A true and attested copy.

JOSEPH WHITCOMB,  
*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 eleventh 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 sum of money the town will appropriate for the proper observance of Memorial Day.
9. To see if the town will repair and replace with stone or brick the decayed sod bulkheads, now dangerous to travel, on the east and west sides of Carver Street, commencing with its intersection with Commercial Street.

10. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for the purchase of a piano and other articles for the town hall.

11. To see if the town will vote to place a street light on Conwell Street near the residence of John D. Silver.

12. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars to prevent the unlawful sale of liquor and appoint a special committee to aid the selectmen to enforce the law.

13. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to take appropriate action to secure from the Massachusetts Legislature the legislation necessary to release to the Town of Provincetown and the owners of land therein all title of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in and to any land within the limits of said town and will appropriate or provide a suitable sum of money for that purpose.

14. To see if the town will appoint a committee to investigate and report upon the advisability and cost of introducing water for mechanical, manufacturing, fire, domestic and other purposes useful to the inhabitants of this town, and will instruct the selectmen to petition the Legislature of Massachusetts for the legislation necessary to authorize the town of Provincetown to supply its inhabitants with water for such purposes, or will take any appropriate action toward the introduction of a water supply and will appropriate a sum of money suitable for the purposes herein set forth, or any one of them.

15. To see if the town will purchase two Steam Fire Engines, two Hose Wagons and one Chemical Engine, provide accommodation and make an appropriation for the purchase of the same.

16. To see if the town will vote to move the Soldiers' Monument from where it now is to the front of the Town Hall.

17. To see if the town will instruct the road surveyor to prosecute all persons who may deposit dirt, filth, or any other substance on the town landings.

18. To choose the usual town officers for the ensuing year, also to give in their votes "yes or no" in answer to the ques-

tion, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" on a separate ballot.

19. To see what action the town will take to protect the beach from the encroachments of the sea; from the western line of the land of Isaac M. Fellows as far east as may be needed.

20. To see if the town will extend the sidewalk from its present terminus two planks wide to or near the cottage of Isaac M. Fellows.

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

22. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to petition the Commissioners of Barnstable County to locate, define, and bound with suitable bound stones the County road (known as Commercial St.)

23. To see what action the town will take to drain the water from the head of Standish Street.

24. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to straighten the line between the Town Hall lot and land of Stephen Mott.

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

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

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

Given under our hands this first day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.

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

*Selectmen of Provincetown.*

A true and attested copy.

JOSEPH WHITCOMB,  
*Constable for the Town of Provincetown.*