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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of the town of Acushnet respectfully submit the following report :

George P. Morse is charged with uncollected taxes of 1871,	\$546.80
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CREDIT.

By taxes collected and paid into treasury,	\$264.20	
By taxes remitted,	35.40	299.60
Taxes uncollected,		\$247.20

George F. Glasse, collector of taxes, is charged with the tax bills of 1872,	\$8,860.75
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CREDIT.

Paid State tax,	\$1,000.00	
Paid county tax,	586.85	
Discount for prompt payment of taxes,	800.65	
Taxes remitted,	16.50	
Commission on taxes collected,	74.79	
Uncollected taxes of 1872,	562.50	
Amount paid town treasurer,	5,819.46	\$8,860.75

George F. Glasse, treasurer, is charged with the balance of last year's account received of George P. Morse,	\$1,978.28
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Received of Benjamin White for taxes collected,	118.72	
George P. Morse for taxes collected,	264.20	
Of collector,	5,819.46	
Bank dividend,	16.00	
Sale of bank stock,	365.00	
Of State treasurer, corporation tax,	547.32	
For calves,	17.14	
Reimbursement for State aid paid,	361.73	

Received of Isaac V. Braley, paid for burial lot,	5.00	
School books sold,	9.11	
From State school fund,	139.72	
From county treasurer, reimbursement of dog fund,	84.00	
Of Edgar H. Gammons, peddler's license,	6.00	
Of the city of New Bedford, support of Jacob Waggoner,	26.00	\$9,757.68

The treasurer is credited with the following amounts paid :

Paid town debt,	\$2,120.00	
Support of poor,	1,269.73	
Incidentals,	1,257.95	
Support of schools,	2,246.98	
Repairs of highways,	1,205.33	
Commission of treasurer,	48.43	
Balance in treasury,	1,609.26	\$9,757.68

Support of Poor.

Paid Baylies & Cannon, provisions,	\$29.50
Treasurer of Lunatic Hospital, Taunton, support of Benjamin Taber,	191.29
Support of Ruth Cook,	26.00
Dr. Webster,	17.00
Supplies to Charles W. Shepherd,	14.20
S. Pratt, services at Alms-house,	171.80
Edward C. Morse, wood,	7.71
Richard Davis & Son, supplies at Alms-house,	198.85
Alexander Howland, supplies at Alms-house,	12.54
Support of Betsey Oliver,	39.75
Town of Eastham, support and removal of Charles Norton,	19.25
State Industrial School, support of Sarah B. Taber,	26.00
Elizabeth C. Jenney, support of Rose Taber,	39.00
Thomas H. Davis, services at Alms-house,	10.00
Charles M. Wilde, dry goods,	14.19
John R. Davis, supplies to Patience Pierce,	2.60
Hannah Taylor, wood,	11.00
John Manter, Jr., mending shoes, &c.,	1.75
William A. Ashley, wood,	2.50
Charles L. Kenyon, meat,	1.54
Support of John Hines,	41.00
Bradford Braley,	20.00
Gustavus L. Bennett, lumber,	13.90
Jeremiah Hammett, burial services,	4.00
Walter Spooner,	13.25

Paid support of Patience Taber,	14.51
Supplies to and burial of Jacob Waggoner,	26.00
Supplies to Mrs. Jerome Pittsley,	5.00
Albert Lawrence, cutting wood,	13.00
S. Pratt, supplies at Alms-house,	15.25
City of New Bedford, support of paupers,	267.35
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	\$1,269.73

Support of Schools.

Paid Sylvia H. Stephens, teaching, 1871-2,	\$140.00
Manuel Sylvia, fuel and care of fire, 1871-2,	8.00
Charles L. Russell, teaching,	163.75
Amelia F. Keen, "	235.00
Martha W. White, "	252.00
Ann H. Snow, "	273.75
Myra S. Rounseville, "	235.00
Sylvia H. Stephens, "	297.00
Jennie A. White, "	125.30
Hattie B. Parker, "	63.00
Sarah T. Parker, "	70.00
Annie W. Gifford, "	140.50
Walter A. Davis, wood,	20.50
George F. Glasse, "	23.90
Leonard Keen, "	41.18
H. C. Wing, "	11.75
William Brownell, "	10.57
Benjamin G. White, "	4.00
Ida A. Omey, teaching,	91.00
Henry Cushman, care of fires,	3.50
Milton B. Warner, "	3.50
Arthur E. Lawrence, "	3.50
Leonard Heath, "	3.50
Samuel D. Whelden, "	3.75
George T. Taber and James H. Wilcox, care of fires,	2.95
George Whelden, Jr., care of fires,	3.75
Eddie Ashley, preparing fuel,	1.00
Augustus White, " "	7.19
Benjamin Braley, " "	4.29
George F. Glasse, paid preparing fuel,	3.85
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	\$2,246.98

Incidentals.

Paid State aid,	\$372.00
Town clerk, recording births, deaths, and marriages,	11.43
S. Hutchinson, school books,	14.71
S. Hutchinson, blank books and stationery,	3.38
Interest on town debt,	380.26
Bristol County Insurance Company,	11.20
E. Anthony & Sons, printing,	49.00
James Doull, lumber,	7.53
Expense adjusting corporation tax,	3.85
Geo. F. Glasse, paid postage, express, and stationery,	7.70
Benjamin White, postage and express,	3.00
O. F. Braley, repairs at Alms-house,	16.05
Leonard Keen, services on school committee,	20.00
Augustus White, " " "	30.00
George F. Glasse, " " "	20.00
Benjamin White, services as selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor,	90.00
Pardon Taber, Jr., services as selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor,	70.00
Walter Spooner, services as selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor,	60.00
James Warren, services as constable,	10.00
James Warren, glazing,	1.50
George P. Morse, commission on taxes,	2.60
Benjamin White, commission on taxes,	1.18
Leonard Keen, repairs and fixtures on school-houses,	23.99
Augustus White, " " " "	16.30
George F. Glasse, " " " "	32.27
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	\$1,257.95

Amount Expended on Highways.

Paid Clark E. Morse,	\$199.82
Albert S. Morse,	170.00
Joshua Morse,	255.00
Edward G. Dillingham,	284.01
Latham T. Jennings,	296.50
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	\$1,205.33

Amount of notes held against the town March 31,
1873, \$2,970.00

Cash in treasury March 31, 1873,	\$1,609.26
State aid due from the State,	372.00
Uncollected taxes,	809.70
Town farm,	1,500.00
Two cows,	80.00
School books on hand,	40.00
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	\$4,410.96

Produce raised on town farm :

Hay, 4 tons, at \$28,	\$112.00
Potatoes, 70 bushels, at 75 cents,	52.50
Turnips, 20 bushels, at 40 cents,	8.00
Apples, 50 bushels, at 50 cents,	25.00
Pork, 750 pounds, at 8 cents,	60.00
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	\$257.50

BENJAMIN WHITE,	} Selectmen of Acushnet.
WALTER SPOONER,	
PARDON TABER, JR.,	

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Agrecable to and in conformity with the General Statutes of the Commonwealth, your committee again present their annual report.

After being legally notified of their election, your committee met and organized by choosing AUGUSTUS WHITE Chairman, and GEORGE F. GLASSE Secretary.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Amount raised by the town,	\$2,000.00
Received from the State school fund,	139.72
Received from the dog fund,	84.00
Total,	<u>\$2,223.72</u>

DETAILED REPORT OF THE SCHOOLS.

The following tabular view will exhibit the names of teachers, wages, attendance, and other particulars of the schools.

TABLE I.

No. of Schools.	SUMMER.					WINTER.				
	Attendance between 9 and 15.	Attendance over 15.	Attendance under 5.	Whole attendance.	Average attendance.	Attendance between 9 and 15.	Attendance over 15.	Attendance under 5.	Whole attendance.	Average attendance.
1	15	1	0	16	11	13	1	1	15	9.39 13.7
2	11	2	0	13	9	11	5	0	16	9
3	20	0	0	20	16	21	8	0	29	23.15
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5	10	1	0	11	9	†				
6	18	5	1	24	16	21	11	0	32	21
7	14	2	0	16	10.5	19	4	0	23	14.3
8	36	0	0	36	34	33	0	0	33	29
9	17	1	1	19	13.67	11	0	0	11	7.27 13.0

* No school. † In session.

TABLE II.

No. of Schools.	Terms.	Teachers.	Wages.	Length of Schools.
No. 1, Bisbee,	Summer,	Amelia F. Keen,	\$26.00	5 mos.
	Winter,	Amelia F. Keen,	30.00	3.5 "
2, County Road,	Summer,	Myra S. Rounseville,	26.00	5 "
	Winter,	Myra S. Rounseville,	30.00	3.5 "
3, Whelden,	Summer,	Hattie B. Parker,	28.00	2.25 "
	Fall,	Sarah T. Parker,	28.00	2.5 "
	Winter,	Charles L. Russell,	45.00	3.75 "
4, Acushnet,		No school,		
5, Long Plain,	Summer,	Jane A. White,	25.00	5 "
	Winter,	Jane A. White.	In session.	
6, Hammett,	Summer,	Ann H. Snow,	30.00	4.75 "
	Winter,	Ann H. Snow,	35.00	3.75 "
7, Perry Hill,	Summer,	Martha W. White,	28.00	5 "
	Winter,	Martha W. White,	32.00	3.5 "
8, Packard,	Summer,	Sylvia H. Stevens,	35.00	5 "
	Winter,	Sylvia H. Stevens,	35.00	3.5 "
9, Wing,	Summer,	Annie W. Gifford,	28.00	5 "
	Winter,	Ida A. Omev,	28.00	3.25 "

REMARKS.

We are aware it has been common in school reports to suggest the needed improvements. But our town has had "line upon line, and precept upon precept," and that little has resulted from such efforts is seen in the standing "vote not to repair our school-houses," which, with few exceptions, are in a miserable condition. We wish to call your attention to an increasing evil, which threatens our moral condition as a people, — the neglect of parents to send their children to school. What committee, unaided by their fellow-citizens, can successfully grapple with an evil so wide-spread and vast? The child and society have rights, as well as the parent. Have parents and guardians the right to withhold from their children the means of education so liberally provided? We answer, moral obligation and legal provision forbid such neglect. While education enlightens and elevates, the neglect of the same lowers and degrades, both morally and physically. There have been twelve scholars kept from one school during the Winter term from neglect of parents. The law makes it the duty of every parent or person who has children in his charge under fourteen years of age, to furnish them at least with twelve weeks of schooling during the year, six weeks of which shall be consecutive. It would be a kindness to all concerned to put these wise and beneficent laws in force by choosing a truant committee.

AUGUSTUS WHITE, } School Committee
 GEORGE F. GLASSE, } of
 LEONARD KEEN, } Acushnet.

March 27th, 1873.

For Town Clerk, Treasurer and
Collector,

X George P. Morse. 72

For Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers
of Poor,

Walter Spooner,
Benjamin White,
Pardon Taber.

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For School Committee,

W. A. Davis, for 3 years, 20
George P. Morse, for 2 years. 71

Warner 50

For Surveyors of Highways,

Benjamin Wilson,
Albert S. Morse,
Edward Dillingham,
George P. Morse.

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For Constables,

James Warren,
Loring Potter.

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For Fence Viewers,

Elihu Pope,
James Hammett,
Leonard Keen.

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For Field Drivers,

Clark E. Morse,
Nathan Bennett,
Albert Morse.

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For Pound Keepers,

James Burt,
John Vincent.

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For Health Committee,

Abial P. Robinson,
William Brownell,
James Warren.

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For Surveyors of Lumber,

Benjamin White,

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