

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
Selectmen of Acushnet,
ON THE
Financial Affairs of the Town,
AND OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
FOR THE YEAR 1877-8.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF ACUSHNET,

MARCH, 1878.

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

George P. Morse, Collector of taxes, is charged with tax bills of 1877,	\$6,207.90	
Also with tax bills of 1871,	22.40	
“ “ 1873,	23.20	
“ “ 1874,	25.20	
“ “ 1875,	28.00	
“ “ 1876,	30.00	\$6,336.70

COLLECTOR'S CREDIT.

Paid State Tax,	\$510.00	
Paid County Tax,	556.40	
Discount on tax collected,	320.24	
Commission on taxes collected,	58.80	
Taxes remitted,	29.95	
Uncollected taxes for, 1871,	22.40	
“ “ 1873,	23.20	
“ “ 1874,	25.20	
“ “ 1875,	28.00	
“ “ 1876,	30.00	
“ “ 1877,	328.00	
Amount paid Town Treasurer,	4,404.51	\$6,336.70

Treasurer's Account.

	DR.	
Balance of last year's account,		\$540.62
Received of Collector,		4,404.51
Of State Bank Tax,		1,034.89
Of State Corporation Tax,		134.30
Of State, State Aid,		283.50
Of State School Fund,		221.89
From County Dog Fund,		121.12

Received from Town of Mattapoisett, for helping poor,	\$104.00	
Of Lewis G. Spooner, for school house,	200.00	
Of H. C. Collins, for use of school house lot,	1.00	
Of E. R. Ashley, for school books,	4.64	
Of Edgar Gammons, pedler's license,	6.00	
Of Oliver R. Taber, pedler's license,	6.00	
Of Estate of W. H. Terrell, use of gravel lot,	5.00	
Of M. B. A. White, for school books,	5.70	
Of E. T. Swift, for use of school house,	8.00	
Of E. R. Ashley, auctioneer's license,	2.00	
Of J. H. Paige, sale of old stoves and pipes,	8.07	
Of Benjamin White for L. Gammons,	30.00	
Interest on taxes,	34.24	
Of S. B. Hamlin, use of lot,	3.00	\$7,158.48

CREDIT.

The Treasurer is credited with the following amount paid:

Paid for Support of Poor,	906.54	
For support of public schools,	2,081.41	
For incidental expenses,	641.46	
For Perry Hill school house,	1,277.86	
For repairs on highways,	1,085.73	
For Treasurer's commission,	41.36	
For State Aid,	214.00	
For Balance in Treasury,	910.12	\$7,158.48

Poor Account.

Paid Sylvester Pratt, services at Alms House,	170.00
Richard Davis & Son, supplies at Alms House,	101.04
D. H. Cannon, for medical attendance,	1.25
Wm. H. Chappell, for C. W. Shepherd,	25.00
Aid to Betsey Oliver,	39.00
Aid to New Bedford poor,	70.75
Aid to Mattapoisett poor,	82.75
Aid to Boston poor,	28.50
Aid to Mary J. Wilber,	31.50
Aid to Taunton poor,	8.87
G. W. Lawrence, whitewashing, &c.,	6.50
George W. Healy, for pig,	8.00
John Manter, Jr., for wood,	10.50
Sylvester Pratt, for herrings and beef,	7.88
Edward Morse, for turnips in 1876,	2.50
Davis Pickins, for meat at Alms House,	15.00
Walter Spooner, for wood,	8.00
Wm. W. Handy, codfish at Alms House,	2.50
E. Haskell & Co., blankets at tramp house,	8.25
H. P. Allen, wood to C. W. Shepherd,	2.91

Paid Zacheus H. Wright, for repairs at Alms House,	12.60	
A. Rounseville, for wood to L. Hammond,	4.00	
Slade & Macomber, supplies at Alms House,	111.47	
J. Wallen, for cutting wood,	6.00	
C. A. Howland, for blacksmithing,	2.60	
George P. Morse, wood to C. W. Shepherd,	4.60	
Town of Middleboro', for E. W. Braley,	3.25	
Aid to Ruth Cook,	26.00	
Town of Mattapoissett, for Wilber family,	86.02	
Acushnet Coal Co., for S. F. Gifford,	3.50	
Pratt & Alley, supplies for S. F. Gifford,	7.00	
Walter Spooner, wood to L. Hammond,	5.00	
Walter R. Spooner, for moving Wilbers, etc.,	3.80	\$906.54
Deduct for helping New Bedford poor,	70.75	
" " Mattapoissett poor,	82.75	
" " Taunton poor,	8.87	
" " Boston poor,	28.50	\$190.87
		<u>\$715.67</u>
Actual cost of poor,		\$715.67

Incidental Expenses.

Paid George A. Cobb,	\$11.56
John Vincent, for fixing pound,	6.00
E. G. Dillingham, fixtures at school house,	8.15
John R. Davis fixing clock,	1.25
J. H. Paige, fixtures for school house,	4.79
Julia Deham, for cleaning school house,	8.00
Charles F. Spooner, for derrick,	1.50
W. F. Wheaton, for printing,	3.50
Luke Kilcone, for blackboards,,	9.00
S. Hutchinson, for school books,	38.74
R. Davis & Son, clock at school house,	2.75
O. Prescott for legal advice,	3.00
Charles L. Russell, school fixtures,	5.05
Collins & Allen, for order books,	4.50
B. Y. Warner, for cleaning school house,	11.30
E. B. Ashley, for setting troughs,	1.00
H. B. Pierce, book for register of voters,	.80
Pardon Taber, Jr., expenses to Boston to correct taxes,	4.40
E. R. Ashley, for well at Long Plain,	109.18
Richard Wilson, two stone troughs,	40.00
Herbert Wright, setting glass,	1.25
E. Anthony & Sons, printing,	47.50
Town Clerk, recording births and deaths,	15.25
Charles Spooner, for expressage,	1.96
For stamped envelopes,	.82
Joshua Morse, expressage on books,	1.00

Paid Pardon Taber, Jr., stamps and stationery,	\$2.54	
Sylvester Pratt,	8.00	
Interest paid on money borrowed,	18.67	
Pardon Taber, Jr., for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	90.00	
Walter Spooner, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	70.00	
Joshua Morse, Jr., for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	15.00	
Burrage Y. Warner, services as School Committee,	35.00	
George P. Morse, for services as School Committee,	30.00	
Charles L. Russell, for services as School Committee,	30.00	\$641.46

Support of Schools.

Paid Alex O. Pierce, for wood,	\$3.61	
Helen M Lovering, teaching,	72.00	
Ann H. Snow, teaching,	150.00	
M. B. A. Wright, teaching,	72.00	
Henry M. Cole, teaching,	425.00	
M. S. Howard, teaching,	278.00	
Eliza L. Doull, teaching,	158.00	
City of New Bedford,	10.20	
Wm. B. Omey, for wood,	1.75	
Wm. Taber, for sawing wood,	.30	
Town of Mattapoisett,	24.00	
George P. Morse, drawing coal in 1876,	3.00	
Charles L. Russell,	12.90	
B. Y. Warner, for wood,	27.60	
Moses S. Douglass, for wood,	24.94	
Clara B. Springer, teaching,	168.00	
Cornelia Bancroft, teaching,	88.00	
George P. Morse, for wood,	17.00	
L. D. Heath, for wood and repairing,	4.75	
Joseph T. Brownell, for wood,	1.75	
Frank Wright, for making fires,	4.00	
Frank Ashley, for making fires,	6.40	
George T. Russell, Jr., for teaching,	180.00	
Charles L. Russell, for teaching,	220.00	
Martha Donaghy, for teaching,	128.00	\$2,081.41

Perry Hill School House.

Paid Zacheus Wright, building school house,	959.00
B. Wilson, for underpinning,	27.50
S. B. Hamblin, committee,	10.00

Paid Michigan School Furniture Co.,	\$139.50	
Benjamin Robinson, for outbuildings,	119.82	
Benjamin Robinson, committee,	10.00	
George A. Cobb, for pipe, &c.,	10.04	
S. B. Simmons, for plan of school house,	2.00	\$1,277.86

Highway Account.

Paid amount expended by Andrew Wing,	250.81	
“ “ B. Y. Warner,	146.75	
“ “ Benjamin Wilson,	242.55	
“ “ Asa M. Brightman,	214.35	
“ “ Samuel Wing,	217.81	
“ “ Martin B. Gammons	10.50	
“ “ Noah Mandell,	2.96	\$1,085.73

Assets.

Cash in treasury, March, 1878,	910.12	
Due from Boston for helping poor,	94.50	
Due from Mattapoissett, “	82.75	
Due from New Bedford, “	70.75	
Due from Taunton, “	8.87	
Due from L. T. Jennings, for school house,	40.00	
Due from George F. Glasse, taxes,	72.94	
Due from D. V. Smith, for use of gravel lot,	5.00	\$1,284.93

In addition to the above assets the town owns property as follows, viz.:

School houses and lots,	9,700.00	
Town farm and buildings,	1,500.00	
Furniture and stock at Alms House,	200.00	
Gravel lots,	300.00	\$11,700.00

Sylvester Pratt,

Dr.

For one hat for F. Gammons,	\$0.50	
Two pairs stockings for Frank,	1.00	
Wash Boiler,	4.00	
Fresh fish,	1.50	
Going to Mattapoissett for Wilbers,	3.00	
Mrs. Pratt, making clothes,	4.00	
Services as Constable,	10.00	\$24.00

Sylvester Pratt,

Dr.

For 500 pounds rowen hay,	\$4.00	
8 bushels potatoes,	8.00	
1 calf,	4.00	\$16.00

Paid S. Pratt,

\$8.00

Assessed Value of Real and Personal Estate in the
Town of Acushnet, May 1st, 1876.

Real Estate,	\$452,500.00
Personal Estate,	116,400.00

Total of Real and Personal Estate,	\$568,900.00
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Tax rate, \$10 on \$1000.

Number of polls, 272.

Tax on polls, \$2.00 each.

Number of dwelling-houses taxed, 228

Number of horses, " 229

Number of cows, " 352

Number of acres of land, " 10,810

State Aid Paid.

Paid Collin Perrin,	\$30.00	
A. F. Howland,	72.00	
Emily W. Cole,	8.00	
George D. Whitney,	56.00	
Lydia B. Dean,	38.00	
Francis Pittsley, Jr.	6.00	\$210.00

State and County Taxes.

Paid State Treasurer,	\$510.00	
County Treasurer,	556.40	\$1,066.40

Discount on Taxes.

Amount Discounted on Taxes,	\$320.24
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All of which is respectfully submitted,

PARDON TABER, JR.,	} Selectmen of the Town of Acushnet.
WALTER SPOONER,	
JOSHUA MORSE,	

Examined and approved,

JAMES BURT,	} Auditors.
WILLIAM BROWNELL,	

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
School Committee of the Town of Acushnet
FOR THE YEAR 1877-8.

The School Committee respectfully submit the following statistics
of the several schools :

No. of Schools.	SUMMER.					FALL.					WINTER.			
	Attendance between 5 and 15.	Attendance over 15.	Attendance under 5.	Whole Attendance.	Average Attendance.	Attendance between 5 and 15.	Attendance over 15.	Attendance under 5.	Whole Attendance.	Average Attendance.	Attendance between 5 and 15.	Attendance over 15.	Attendance under 5.	Whole Attendance.
1	21	0	0	21	17	23	0	0	23	20	28	0	0	28
2	30	0	1	31	27	29	3	1	33	27	27	5	0	32
3	26	4	0	30	26	24	6	0	30	23	30	9	0	39
4	27	0	0	27	23	26	0	0	26	22	25	0	0	25
4	29	1	0	30	23	30	1	0	31	24	33	5	0	38
5	30	1		31	21	30	0	0	30	25	26	6		32

No.	Name.	Terms.	Teachers.	Wages.	Length of Schools.
1,	Bog,	Summer,	Ann H. Snow,	\$30.00	2¼ mos.
		Fall,	Ann H. Snow,	30.00	2¼ "
		Winter,	Mattie Donaghy,	32.00	3¼ "
2,	Whelden,	Summer,	Mary B. A. Wright,	32.00	2 "
		Fall,	Cornelia Bancroft,	32.00	2¼ "
		Winter,	George T. Russell, Jr.,	45.00	4 "
3,	New School,	Summer,	Henry M. Cole,	45.00	2¼ "
		Fall,	Henry M. Cole,	45.00	2¼ "
		Winter,	Henry M. Cole,	50.00	4 "
		Primary, Summer,	Mary S. Howard,	30.00	2¼ "
4,	Perry Hill,	Fall,	Mary S. Howard,	30.00	2¼ "
		Winter,	Mary S. Howard,	30.00	4 "
		Summer,	Helen M. Lovering,	30.00	2¼ "
		Fall,	Clara B. Springer,	32.00	2 "
5,	Long Plain,	Winter,	Clara B. Springer,	32.00	3¼ "
		Summer,	Eliza L. Doull,	35.00	2 "
		Fall,	Eliza L. Doull,	32.00	2¼ "
		Winter,	Charles L. Russell,	55.00	4 "

The condition of our schools for the past year has been such as to warrant us in saying that they have seldom been equalled. There has been but few if any complaints from parents, and we are happy to say that they have generally sustained and encouraged the teachers. On the other hand the teachers have been devoted to their work, and have labored faithfully to excel, and we think commendable progress has been made by the pupils.

The moral element in teaching should not be overlooked. Section 10, Chapter 38, of the General Statutes, makes it the duty of all instructors of youth to exert their best endeavors to impress on the minds of children and youth committed to their care and instruction, the principles of piety and justice, and a sacred regard for truth, love of country, humanity and universal benevolence, sobriety, industry and frugality, chastity, moderation and temperance, and those other virtues which are the ornament of human society. From this statute passed in 1789 it will be seen that the fathers gave great prominence to the moral element in education. In obedience to their convictions they required the youth who should resort to the schools to be early and constantly taught to have a sacred regard for the truth, a love of country and of man; to practice all the virtues that contribute to the perfection of individual character. The necessity of moral training makes the teaching of morals obligatory upon all who have anything to do with forming the character of the young. The means to be used are good examples. Whatever the teacher would have his pupils become in so far as moral character is concerned, he must be himself. Even young pupils are skillful in detecting the motives that control the teacher in the management of his school. Truthfulness or the want of it is discerned in the records that are kept of attendance, of recitation and of deportment.

Young pupils are inclined to consider their teachers to be models worthy of unlimited imitation. This relation is most favorable for producing those early impressions that are never effaced, and that give direction to future conduct and character to future life.

The town has very generously contributed toward furnishing her children with new houses in which to pursue their studies. The new house erected the past year at Perry's Hill is a neat and convenient structure, and well furnished with modern appliances, for the purposes of school work. The blackboards are in excellent condition; the smooth hard finish applied to the plastering by Luke Kilcone, and the slating by J. B. Hazzard, both of New Bedford. The building is

situated on an elevated and commanding eminence, surrounded with ample play grounds. The school has been taught during the fall and winter terms by Miss Clara B. Springer, who has merited the approval of parents and committee. Unfortunately the school was interrupted during the fall term by the sickness of the teacher, and the winter term was stopped at the end of thirteen weeks by the prevalence of diphtheria, the attendance having been reduced from thirty-eight to nine. It will be but justice to the district that the Spring term commence early in April.

The other houses which have been recently built have been well cared for, and no scholar has evinced a disposition to mutilate or in any way to intentionally injure the building or furniture, and in every case, where by accident a pane of glass has been broken, the offending party has immediately repaired the damage. The house at Long Plain is suffering from a leakage about the chimneys, which is sadly defacing the upper room, and begins to show its effects in the lower. Some one should be instructed to abate the nuisance at once, or further expense may be incurred. The school has been in charge of Mr. Charles L. Russell, the past winter.

The town will be asked to build a house, or repair the structure at the north-west part of the town, known by the very significant cognomen of the (Bog). The locality seems to be as faulty as the house, being as its name would indicate, a marshy bog. It is believed that a more elevated and healthy lot can be obtained at a small cost, and the expense of moving the building might not exceed twenty-five dollars. The house is small and low in the walls, would have to be newly plastered and reseated. We therefore hope that the prayer of the petitioners will be favorably considered, and that equal privileges and facilities will be offered to the youth of our town irrespective of locality.

B. Y. WARNER,
CHARLES L. RUSSELL,
GEORGE P. MORSE. } *School
Committee.*