ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF ACUSHNET

For the Year Ending March 15th, 1884.

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Selectmen of the Town of Acushnet

TO MARCH 15, 1884.

George P. Morse, ex-collector, in account with town of Acushnet.

DR.

To uncollected taxes,	$133.36	
Interest on taxes collected,	4.91	$138.27

CR.

By cash paid Caleb Slade, treasurer,	$72.03	
Uncollected taxes,	40.16	
Taxes remitted,	26.08	$138.27

I would most respectfully present to you my accounts as Collector of Taxes and Town Treasurer, for the financial year ending March 15th, 1884:

Caleb Slade, Collector, in account with Town of Acushnet:

DR.

To uncollected taxes of 1882,		$206.80
To amount of tax bills of 1883:	State tax,	570.00
	County tax,	651.82
	Town tax,	4,029.88
To interest on taxes collected,		6.23
		$5,464.73

CR.

By amount paid State Treasurer,	$570.00
" County "	651.82
" Town "	3,593.02
By discount for prompt payment,	281.46
Abatements by Assessors,	22.80
Taxes remitted,	33.58
Uncollected taxes of 1882,	51.25
" " 1883,	260.80
	$5,464.73

Caleb Slade, town treasurer, in account with the town of Acushnet:

DR.

1883, March 15, balance of cash,		$845.91
To amount received from city of New Bedford,	$45.50	
To amount received from town of Rochester,	6.00	
To amount received from State, corporation tax,	398.33	
To amount received from State, National bank tax,	913.25	
To amount received from State, State aid,	138.00	
To amount received from State, school fund,	220.52	
To amount received from County, dog fund,	133.72	
To amount received from State, for transportation of State paupers,	1.50	
To amount received from George P. Morse, former Collector,	72.03	
To amount hired by town June 20, 1883,	1000.00	
To amount received from Edgar H. Gammons,	6.00	
To amount received from William T. Gifford,	2.00	
To amount received from S. B. Hamlin,	2.00	

To amount received from Caleb Slade, for school books sold,	$1.46	
To amount received from Benjamin White,	104.00	
To amount received from Edward R. Ashley,	2.00	
To amount received from Caleb Slade, Collector of Taxes,	3,593.02	$6,639.33
		$7,485.24

CR.

By amount paid for support of poor,	$1,110.45	
" " support of schools,	1,918.64	
" " repairs of highways,	1,010.39	
" " incidental expenses,	1,308.90	
" " State aid,	168.00	
" " temporary loan,	1,000.00	
By balance, cash in treasury,	968.86	$7,485.24

Respectfully submitted,

CALEB SLADE,

Collector of Taxes and Town Treasurer.

Poor Account.

Paid City of New Bedford, for helping poor,	$197.00
Wm. H. Chappell, supplies to C. W. Shepard,	66.09
Wm. H. Chappell, supplies to Sarah Gifford,	60.00
John Hammond, for meat and fish,	4.52
Thomas E. Braley, for hay at almshouse,	21.00
Henry F. Taber, for wood to Charles Shepard,	12.81
C. L. Clapp, for meat at almshouse,	49.76
James H. Page, for Rachael Townsend,	6.00
Sanders & Barrows, for clothes for Frank Gammons,	13.50
City of Taunton, for Eunice Pierce,	9.80
Walter Spooner, for 4 pigs at almshouse,	17.00
Walter Spooner, for Robert Stephens,	.59
Asa M. Besse, for services at almshouse,	152.50
Richard Davis, supplies at almshouse,	111.22
Richard Davis, supplies to R. Stevens,	5.25
Richard Davis, for Foster Skiff,	6.00
Richard Davis, for Philander Gifford,	10.02

Paid John Manter, Jr., for boots, shoes, and repairing, for inmates at almshouse,		$17.35
Wm. J. Branscomb, for doctoring at almshouse,		4.00
Wm. H. A. Tobey, for medicine for M. Braley,		2.50
Weston C. Vaughn, 2 coffins, and attendance,		23.50
Jeremiah Hammett, for digging two graves,		4.00
Mrs. Besse, for making clothes for inmates,		2.83
S. P. Richmond, for crackers at almshouse,		6.18
B. F. Hathaway, for 1½ tons coal,		8.25
Sylvester Pratt, for beef at almshouse,		8.96
Frank R. Hadley, for truss for B. F. Pittsley,		3.50
Town of Sandwich, for helping poor,		33.75
Town of Fairhaven, for helping poor,		38.00
George S. Wilbur, for Betsey Hervey,		6.00
Asa M. Besse, balance on account,		3.42
Caleb Slade, for supplies at almshouse,		148.04
Caleb Slade, for supplies to R. Stephens,		50.00
Caleb Slade, for B. F. Pittsley,		3.00
Caleb Slade, for Philander Gifford,		1.00
Ebenezer Leonard, for oil and filing saws,		3.20
		$1,110.45
Deduct for helping New Bedford poor,	$55.84	
for helping Rochester poor,	6.00	
for board of Adeline Bennett,	104.00	
due from State,	10.00	175.84
Actual cost for support of poor,		$934.61

Incidental Account.

Paid Mercury Publishing Co., for printing reports,	$22.00
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for James Warren,	237.85
" " Noah Gifford,	116.72
C. A. Howland, for stove pipe and pump,	1.95
Daniel T. Devoll, for attorney's services on fishery,	98.00
Edward R. Ashley, for labor at Long Plain pump,	21.30
Levi Wing, for work at town house guideboards and pump,	8.45
Osmond F. Braley, for work on barn at alms house,	169.94

Paid Asa M. Bessey, for work on barn,	$25.50
Mary A. Reynolds, for cleaning schoolhouse,	3.00
M. R. A. Taber, for cleaning schoolhouse,	2.50
Charles M. Morse, Jr., for brooms and lock,	1.55
Phineas White, for pump at Long Plain,	15.50
B. O. Braley, for underpinning barn and fixing guideboard,	5.60
Edwin Dews, books for town,	9.00
Walter Spooner, for expenses for taking Jerome Pittsley to State almshouse,	10.00
S. Hutchinson, for schoolbooks, etc.,	12.63
Mercury Publishing Co., for printing tax bills and voters' lists,	6.20
Rachel A. Pittsley, for cleaning schoolhouses,	5.50
Julia A. Denham, for cleaning schoolhouses,	6.00
Isaac C. Churchill, for schoolhouse repairs,	1.70
Benjamin Wilson, for making bridges and cleaning out well,	21.25
George T. Russell, for five benches for town-house,	2.50
George T. and Allen Russell, for gravel lot,	50.00
Stephen White, for fixing pump,	1.50
Pardon Taber, Jr., expenses to Boston on town business,	3.50
George A. Cobb, for stovepipe and setting glass,	7.15
Martin Garrison & Co., for books for school,	18.00
Benjamin White, for deed and running out lot,	1.50
Walter R. Spooner, for 150 cedar poles,	1.50
Citizens National Bank, interest on hired money,	18.66
Sylvester Pratt, expressage on books, etc.,	3.35
Benjamin Robinson, for work at schoolhouse,	1.35
	$910.75

Incidentals.

Paid Thomas E. Braley, for services as school committee,	$25.00
Perez S. Doty, for services as school committee,	25.00
Caleb Slade, for services as school committee,	30.00
Pardon Taber, Jr., for services as Selectman,	44.00
Pardon Taber, Jr., services as Assessor,	30.00
Pardon Taber, Jr., services as Overseer of Poor,	16.00
Walter Spooner, services as Selectman,	16.00

Highway Account.

Andrew J. Wing, Surveyor.

Paid Andrew J. Wing, 6 days with 2 horse team at $4 per day,	$24.00	
Andrew J. Wing, 10 days with 2 one horse teams,	50.00	
Andrew J. Wing, 9½ days with 1 horse team,	28.50	
Andrew J. Wing, 6 days' labor, at $2 per day,	12.00	
Edwin F. Taber, 19 days' work, at $1.50 per day,	28.50	
Lewis G. Simonds, 25½ days' work, at $1.50 per day,	38.25	
Thomas Potter, 2 days 7 hours' work, at $1.50 per day,	4.05	
B. R. White, 15 days' work, at $1.50 per day,	22.50	
E. W. Ashley, 2 days with 2 horse team, at $4 per day,	8.00	
Wm. Gracia, 1 day, at $1.50 per day,	1.50	
G. L. Bennett, 5 days with 2 horse team, at $4 per day,	20.00	
C. A. Howland, for gravel and blacksmithing,	6.45	$243.75

Benjamin Wilson, Surveyor.

Paid Benjamin Wilson, 21 days, 3 hours' work, at $2 per day,	$42.60	
James B. Wheldon, 20 days, 8½ hours' work with team, at $4 per day,	83.40	
James H. Cobb, 12 days, 8 hours' work, at $1.50 per day,	19.20	
Gustavus L. Bennett, 12½ days with team, at $4 per day,	50.00	
Leonard Heath, 20⅙ days' work, at $1.50 per day,	30.25	
James Johnson, 6 days, 6½ hours work, at $1.50 per day,	9.98	

Paid Henry F. Taber, 7½ hours' work, at 15 cents per hour,	$1.12	
John M. Collins, 5½ days' work, at $1.50 per day,	8.25	
Luther H. Reynolds, blacksmithing,	2 65	
Charles Spooner, 2½ days' work at $1.50 per day,	3.75	$251.20

Burage Y. Warner, Surveyor.

Paid Burage Y. Warner, 5 days with horse, at $3 per day,	15.00	
Burage Y. Warner, 4 days, at $1.50 per day,	6.00	
Thomas Potter, 3⅓ days with horse, at $3 per day,	10.00	
George S. Wilber, 2¼ days with horse, at $3 per day,	6.75	
George S. Wilber, 2 days at $1.50 per day,	3.00	
James R. Sherman, 1½ days' work, with team, at $3 per day,	4.50	
James R. Sherman, ¼ day's work, at $1.50 per day,	.37	
James R. Sherman, for gravel,	4.80	
Cyrus Sherman, 3½ days' work, at $1.50 per day,	5.25	
James A. Peckam, 4 days' work, at $1.50 per day,	6.00	61.67

Samuel Cory, Jr., Surveyor.

Paid Joseph Maxim, 5 days' work, at $1.50 per day,	$7.50	
Samuel Cory, Jr., 23 days, 7 hours work, at $4 per day,	94.80	
Samuel Cory, Jr., 1 days' work, at $2 per day,	2.00	
Samuel Cory, Jr., for one pick, $1.50, powder and fuse, $1.41,	2.91	
Arthur C. Cory, 21 days 4 hours' work, at $1.50 per day,	32.10	

Paid Henry J. Gardiner, 10 days 6 hours' work, at $1.50 per day,	$15.90	
Wm. J. R. Mayo, 15 days 2 hours' work, with horse, at $2.75 per day,	41.80	
Wm. J. R. Mayo, 3½ days' work, at $1.25 per day,	4.37	
Wm. E. Minor, 4 days' work, at $1.50 per day,	6.00	
Arthur H. Sisson, 2 days' work, at $1.50 per day,	3.00	
Joseph A. Wallen, 12 days' work at $1.50 per day,	18.00	
David Sherman, for blasting,	3.50	
Benjamin Dexter, 1 day 2 hours' work at $1.50 per day,	1.80	
Samuel Wing, 1 day 7 hours' work, with team, at $4 per day,	6.80	
Frank Ward, 1 day 7 hours' work, at $1.50 per day,	2.55	$243.03

Under the direction of Geo. P. Morse.

Paid George P. Morse, 13½ days' work, with team, at $4 per day,	$54.00	
George P. Morse, plough point,	.50	
Joshua Morse, 3 days' work, with team, at $4 per day,	12.00	
Charles M. Morse, 3 days' work, with team, at $4 per day,	12.00	
Edward Morse, 3 days' work with team, at $4 per day,	12.00	
Augustus White, 3 days' work with team, at $4 per day,	12.00	
George W. Norton, 3 days' work with team, at $4 per day,	12.00	
Herbert A. Hammond, 1 day's work, at $1.50 per day,	1.50	
Wm. H. Drake, 4½ days' work, at $1.50 per day,	6.75	
John B. Brooks, 4 $\frac{1}{10}$ days' work, at $1.50 per day,	6.15	

Paid John B. Brooks, for cutting bushes,	$1.75	
Wm. Chace, 3 days' work, at $1.50 per day,	4.50	
Theodore Brown, 1 day's work, at $1.50 per day,	1.50	
Edmund Delano, 3 days, 6 hours' work, at $1.50 per day,	5.40	
Manuel Frates, 14¼ days' work, at $1.50 per day,	21.37	
Antone Frates, 8 days' work, at $1.50 per day,	12.00	
Antone for A. White, 4¾ days' work, at $1.50 per day,	7.12	
Albert Morse, Jr., 3 days' work, at $1 per day,	3.00	
Job A. E. Chace, 2½ days work, with team, at $4 per day,	10.00	
Job A. E. Chace, for cutting bushes.	2.00	$197.54
Eben F. Leonard, for cutting trees by highway,		1.00
Snow Bills of 1882 paid,		12.20
		$1,010.39

Snow Bills of 1882-83.

Paid Alexander Albro, 7 hours' work, with team, at 30 cents per hour,	$2.10	
William N. Davis, for 7 hours' work, at 15 cents per hour,	1.05	
Richard Davis, for 2 men, 6 hours' clearing road,	7.00	
George W. Norton, for clearing snow,	2.05	$12.20

State Aid Paid in 1883-84.

Paid A. F. Howland,	$42.00	
George D. Whiting,	52.00	
Francis Pittsley, Jr.,	18.00	
Emily F. McElroy,	32.00	
Wm. P. Kelley,	24.00	$168.00

Insane at Taunton Hospital.

Paid James Warren,	$237.83	
Noah Gifford,	116.72	$354.55

Assessed Value of Real and Personal Estate

In Town of Acushnet, May 1st, 1883.

Real estate,	$464,400	
Personal estate,	125,200	$589.600

State and County Taxes for 1883.

Paid State treasurer,	$570.00	
County treasurer,	651.82	$1,221.82

Appropriations for 1883.

For Support of poor,	$1,000.00	
Support of schools,	1,700.00	
Incidental expenses,	300.00	
Repairs of Highways,	1,000.00	$4,000.00

Tramps lodged at the almshouse for the year ending March 15, 1884—9.

ASA M. BESSE, Dr.

To 10 lbs. butter, sold at 30 cents per lb.,	$3.00	$3.00

ASA M. BESSE, Cr.

By paid for crackers,	$2.99	
for fish,	1.55	
for carting coal,	1.88	6.42
Balance paid Asa M. Besse,		$3.42

Inmates at Almshouse March 15, 1884.

Laura Wilber,
Sarah F. Skiff,
Frank A. Gammons,
Sarah J. Besse,
Frederick Besse,
Adaline Bennett.

Adaline Bennett's board paid by Benjamin White, her guardian, $2 per week.

Average cost per week for each inmate at the almshouse, for the year ending March 15, 1884, $1.60 per week.

Cost to support poor at the almshouse for the year ending March 15, 1884, $500.54

Poor Helped Out of Almshouse

For the year ending March 15, 1884.

Charles W. Shepard, at New Bedford,	$66.00	
Sarah F. Gifford, at New Bedford,	60.00	
Abraham Ashley, at New Bedford,	52.00	
Cyrus E. Taber, at New Bedford,	145.00	
Henry Braley's family, at Sandwich,	33.75	
Wm. F. Wilcox, old bill at Fairhaven,	20.00	
Wm. D. Taber, at Fairhaven,	18.00	
Foster Skiff, at Lakeville,	6.00	
B. Frank Pittsley, at Acushnet,	6.50	
Eunice Pierce, at Taunton,	9.80	
Philander Gifford, at Lakeville,	11.02	
Betsey Hervey, at Acushnet,	6.00	$434.07
Total cost for support of poor,		$934.61

Tax in 1883, $8 on $1,000.

Number of polls, 257.
Tax on polls, $2 each.
Number of dwelling houses taxed, 238.
Number of horses taxed, 290.
Number of cows taxed, 390.
Number of acres of land taxed, 10,890.

Assets for March 15, 1884.

Cash in treasury March 15, 1884.	$968.86
Due from city of New Bedford,	55.84
Due from State, State aid of 1883,	194.00
Due from State, for State pauper burial,	10.00
Uncollected taxes,	349.61

There is also due from George P. Morse, ex-collector, for errors in accounts, an amount that will add materially to the assets of the town.

The Town owns Property, viz.:

School houses and lots,	$10,000.00	
Town house and lot,	800.00	
Town farm and buildings,	1,500.00	
Furniture and bedding at almshouse,	200.00	
Two cows,	80.00	
11 gravel lots,	725.00	$13,305.00

Unpaid Taxes for 1878.

Nathaniel Delano,	$1.00	$1.00

Uncollected Taxes for 1879.

George Jackson,	$2.41	
Noah S. Mandall,	3.65	6.06

Uncollected Taxes for 1880.

John F. Harding,	$2.42	
George E. Harding,	2.00	
George Jackson,	2.00	
Humphrey S. Taber,	3.60	10.02

Uncollected Taxes for 1881.

Abraham Brooks,	$4.73	
Joseph F. Gifford,	3.17	
John F. Harding,	2.78	
George E. Harding,	2.00	
Appollos Ricketson,	2.78	
Humphrey S. Taber,	3.56	
Est. Nathaniel Delano,	.78	
Sylvanus Skiff,	.78	20.58
Ex-collector George P. Morse, taxes to collect,		$37.66

Unpaid Taxes for 1882.

Abraham Brooks,	$2.73	
Joab Cushing,	9.41	
Joseph F. Gifford,	2.00	
George E. Harding,	2.39	
Phebe James,	2.34	
Jonathan Potter,	2.00	
Charles J. Perry,	7.07	
George W. Pierce,	2.00	
Levi E. Pittsley,	2.00	
Appollos Ricketson,	2.78	
Charles Spooner,	2.00	
Humphrey S. Taber,	3.56	
William A. Wing,	3.56	
Rodolphus Jenney,	1.95	45.79

Non-Residents.

Seth M. Blackmer,	$ .78	
John T. Hawes,	.78	
Jabez Jenney,	.78	
Joseph Jenney,	3.12	5.46
		$51.25

Unpaid Taxes for 1883.

Abram Brooks,	$5.20
Willard E. Bosworth,	23.60
Est. of Philip Crandon,	17.20
Philip H. Crandon,	2.00
Augustus P. Ellis,	2.00
Joseph F. Gifford,	2.00
Jeremiah Hammett,	4.80
John F. Harding,	4.00
George W. Hathaway,	4.40
George James,	2.80
Phebe James,	2.40
Rodolphus Jenney,	4.00
Latham T. Jennings,	28.00
George W. Lawrence,	2.80
George W. Parris,	2.40
James A. Peckham,	13.60
Charles J. Perry,	7.20
Jonathan Potter,	2.00
Francis Pittsley, Jr.,	5.20
Thomas Potter, Jr.,	6.40
George W. Pierce,	2.00
Bradford T. Pittsley,	2.00
James T. Reynolds,	2.40
Arthur E. Sisson,	2.00
Daniel V. Smith,	6.00
George W. Spooner,	4.00
James B. Sherman,	7.60
Levi T. Shaw,	2.00
Charles L. Spooner,	10.00
Marcus M. Thompson,	18.40
Est. of Zacheus H. Wright,	9.20
Andrew J. Wing,	18.80

James A. Wing,	$2.00	
William H. Wright,	2.00	
Samuel B. Wheldon,	3.20	
Charles E. Washburn,	2.80	$236.40

Non-Residents.

Mary Hammond,	$4.00	
John T. Hawes,	.80	
Joseph Jenney,	3.20	
Jabez Jenney,	.80	
John Law,	8.80	
Est. of Enos Pope,	.40	
John Richardson,	6.40	24.40
		$260.80

REMARKS.

Acushnet was taken from Fairhaven in 1860, and took its share of thhe Fairhaven debt, which was $4,000. The civil war soon came, and Acushnet had to raise soldiers by paying bounties, aid to soldiers' families &c., to the amount of about $9,000, which made our debt some $13,000, for notes held against the town; bought a town farm, paid $1,500, and in 1874, the notes were all paid and town out of debt. Since then, the town has had built 4 new school houses, and one made over new, all at a cost of $10,505.32; bought ten gravel lots at a cost of $840; there has been 4 wells dug and stone troughs set at a cost of about $400, all paid for and no debts against the town.

March 15th, 1884, there is $968.86 in the treasury. Our taxes for the last five years, have been from $7.60 to $8 per $1,000. But few towns in the State can show so good a record in their financial affairs as Acushnet.

The guide boards in town are in fair condition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PARDON TABER, JR., }
WALTER SPOONER, } Selectmen of
EBENEZER LEONARD, } Acushnet.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Of the Town of Acushnet,

FOR THE YEAR 1883-4.

Your committee respectfully submit their annual report. At the organization of the school board, Caleb Slade was elected Chairman and Thomas E. Braley, secretary. The assignment of the special superintendence of the schools was the same as last year, viz.: The Long Plain and Bog to Thomas E. Braley, the Wheldon and Perry Hill to Caleb Slade, and the village grammar and primary to Perez S. Doty. We approve of this method of superintendence. We are not wholly confined to our own schools, but liberty is taken to report to each other and make such suggestions in relation to any school as we may think expedient. We thereby profit by each other's counsel and work together for the best interest of all the schools.

The following tables give the usual statistical report:

	Spring.						Fall.						Winter.					
	Number of Schools.	Number of Pupils.	Pupils under five years.	Pupils over fifteen years.	Pupils between 8 and 14 years.	Average membership.	Average attendance.	Number of pupils.	Pupils under five years.	Pupils over fifteen years.	Pupils between 8 and 14 years.	Average membership.	Average attendance.	Number of pupils.	Pupils under five years.	Pupils over 15 years.	Pupils between 8 and 14 years.	Average membership.	Average attendance.
1	12	0	2	6	12	11.3	13	0	2	7	12	11.5	16	0	2	8	14	12.4
2	32	0	0	23	31	28	34	0	2	24	32	29.3	35	0	3	25	30	23.5
3	19	0	1	13	15	12.7	27	0	3	17	24	20.7	28	0	8	16	27	23.9
*3	33	0	0	13	30	26.8	37	0	0	16	34	29.2	34	0	0	15	32	25 8
4	29	0	0	20	26	22.8	28	0	0	18	27	23.5	30	0	1	20	28	23.6
5	37	0	1	22	33	29.7	40	0	4	24	38	32.7	41	0	6	26	40	33.5

*Primary.

No.	Name.	Terms.	Teachers.	Wages	Length of Schools.
		Spring,	Mattie W. White,	$30.00	2½ months.
1.	Bog,	Fall,	Mattie W. White,	30.00	2½ "
		Winter,	Mattie W. White,	32.00	4 "
		Spring,	Mary A. Tisdale,	30.00	2½ "
2.	Wheiden,	Fall,	Bessie E. Taber,	30.00	2½ "
		Winter,	Bessie E. Taber,	32.00	4 "
		Spring,	Emma S. Richardson,	32.00	2½ "
3.	Village Grammar,	Fall,	Emma S. Richardson,	35.00	2½ "
		Winter,	Emma S. Richardson,	35.00	4 "
		Spring,	Mary S. Howard,	30.00	2½ "
3.	Village Primary,	Fall,	Mary S. Howard,	30.00	2½ "
		Winter,	Mary S. Howard,	30.00	4 "
		Spring,	Hattie M. Jennings,	32.00	2½ "
4.	Perry Hill,	Fall,	Hattie M. Jennings,	35.00	2½ "
		Winter,	Hattie M. Jennings,	35.00	4 "
		Spring,	May L. Pettey,	32.00	2½ "
5.	Long Plain,	Fall,	May L. Pettey,	32.00	2½ "
		Winter,	May L. Pettey,	38.00	4 "

The number of children in the town May 1, 1883, between five and fifteen years, was 194.

Amount appropriated for schools,	$1,700.00
Amount of income of school fund,	220.52
Amount of dog fund,	133.72
	$2,054.24

As an incentive to pupils for prompt and regular attendance, the names of those are given, who have been neither absent nor tardy during the year:

Bog School.

Spring—Sarah L. Warner, Mary L. Warner, Alice H. Warner, Ernest L. Morse, Everett E. Morse, Rexford G. Morse, Abram S. Morse.

Fall—Alice H. Warner, Ernest L. Morse, Everett C. Morse, Abram S. Morse, Alton E. Morse, Rexford G. Morse.

Winter—Mary L. Warner and Harry G Sherman.

Whelden School.

Spring—Dora F. Harding, May C. White, Walter A. White, Harry N. Parker and Henry C. White.

Fall—Not any.

Winter—Ella S. Omey and John F. Parker.

Village Grammar School.

Spring—Helen R. Collins and Grace A. Taber.

Fall—Helen R. Collins, Grace A. Taber, Etta L. Kenyon, Carrie D. Andrews, Millie D. Allen, Harold C. Wing and Chester B. Wing.

Winter—Bertha M. Andrews, Millie D. Allen, Harold C. Wing and Helen R. Collins.

Village Primary School.

Spring—Josie Hathaway, Mamie Collins, Lizzie Andrews, Freddie Taber and Lester Taber.

Fall—Mamie Collins, Annie Churchill, Alice Reynolds, Lizzie Andrews, Bertie Kenyon, Allie Wing, Charlie Gifford, Bertie Reynolds and Georgie Denham.

WINTER—Mamie Collins. Lizzie Andrews, Leslie Allen, Freddie Taber, Allie Wing, John Andrews and Lester Taber.

PERRY HILL SCHOOL.

SPRING—Lucy Hathaway, Edith Robinson, Louise Taber, Marcia Tripp, Ebbie Bumpus, Roby Bumpus and Fred Tripp.

FALL—Marcia Tripp, Lucy Hathaway, Minnie White, Ebbie Bumpus, Roby Bumpus, Fred Tripp and Romie Tripp,

WINTER—Lucy Hathaway, Edith Robinson, Marcia Tripp, Fred Tripp, Romie Tripp, Bennie Hathaway and Bennie Rose.

LONG PLAIN SCHOOL.

SPRING—Alice W. Howland, Ella F. Wilson, Jennie D. Howland, Susie G. Howland, Clarence H. Tripp and John Geggatt.

FALL—Ethel D. Wilson, Ella F. Wilson, Lulie B. Howland, Alice W. Howland, Herbert M. Wilson, Walton E. Braley.

WINTER—Hattie M. Davis, Ella F. Wilson, Thomas B. Geggatt, Arthur S. Pierce, Charles W. Pierce and Walton E. Braley.

When the town has exhausted its report upon all other subjects, then, at the close of its annual pamphlet, it allows a little space for its educational report.

At the centennial exposition, when all that was pleasing to the eye, when all the productions of man's genius and skill had had its wondrous exhibition, then, in a secluded and unostentatious nook, education made its humble display. Thus it is, that that which should appear most prominently before the minds of the people is often overlooked and disregarded.

It is a source of gratification to us, at this time, that our schools have completed their year without any material interruption from school difficulties or contagious diseases.

There is, however, one vacant chair in the Whelden School. Edgar Wright, aged 12 years 6 months died November 21, 1883.

The answer to his name, in the roll-call of that school, will be heard no more by his associates. We lend our sympathy to those who so deeply mourn his loss.

While we have desired that our schools should be conservative of all the best methods which the experience of the past has taught us, yet we are willing to receive and adopt anything new which promises a permanent and practical improvement.

We congratulate the town on the material advancement which it has made, in relation to its school buildings. The expense of their construction has been paid, and the effort, perhaps, forgotten, but their usefulness remains, and will be sufficient, for all probable requirements, for a generation to come. A still further expenditure for ordinary school libraries, maps, charts, globes and the various other helps in teaching, would meet the warmest approbation of our teachers and pupils.

True teaching is a profession, and he who engages in it should be specially qualified for the work. The mere pretenders, called teachers, are no more fit to superintend the construction of the highest type of human character in the school-room than they would be for the position of master mechanic in the erection of a grand cathedral.

Teaching is the profession from which all others emanate. The little bundles of twigs and branches which dot the earth as schools are the teacher's charge, to educate and train for the work of life.

The academies, high schools and colleges are the great fields of education in which teachers labor, and by their example and instruction point men to success.

In view of the great importance which the public schools bear to the community, it is not strange that we desire the best teachers to instruct our children. Neither is it surprising that we are often unsuccessful in securing them.

To always select a teacher whose moral character, education, ability to teach and govern a school, are so nicely blended as to make him a model for imitation, would be an evidence of an infallible mind.

If at any time we should have in our employ a teacher whose methods of instruction are different from what we would dictate, let us not directly oppose, let us not ridicule, but support them within reasonable bounds.

It is our duty, as School Committee, to carry the teachers under our immediate supervision safely through every emergency, irrespective of party or political feeling.

Let us remember that the reputation of our teachers should be guarded, and let not their failure be attributed to our indifference. We would still solicit a more earnest co-operation of the parents.

We present, for your consideration, the educational advantages which our schools afford for the more advanced pupils of our town. There is a class of scholars between fifteen and twenty years of age, who demand from us greater advantages than are now offered in our mixed schools. The size of our town does not require us to maintain a High School, but we might select one of our schools as the Acushnet Grammar School, in charge of a competent teacher, such as we already have in our employ, and, by examination of pupils for admission from all parts of the town, establish it as a school of a higher grade. We might thus educate our children within our own town, and greatly help those whose circumstances do not allow them to bear the expense of schooling their children abroad.

We offer one remark for the benefit of teachers. We consider it highly essential that every teacher should be familiar with current history, especially with the political, scientific and industrial news of the day, and that they should impart it freely to their pupils, and thus awaken an

interest in the business of the active world about them. These qualifications are within the reach of all, and if teachers would profit by them they would often avoid much mortification and embarrassment.

All of our school buildings are in a fair condition, and much care has been exercised to preserve them from injury. Some of our schoolrooms are more cheerful and attractive than others, which we think is due, to a great extent, to the special efforts of the teachers, some of whom have taken particular pains to beautify them.

Complaint is frequently made to us about the blackboards of the Acushnet grammar and Primary schools. There is sufficient cause for this, and we do not hesitate to state that, in our opinion, they have been unfit for use ever since their construction. We would advise that these be immediately repaired, for their present condition cannot fail to be a great detriment to the progress of the schools.

In closing, we would not have you undervalue the influence of our schools. They should be the pride of Acushnet. They are the foundation upon which it may build its hopes of future success and usefulness. Let us then contribute liberally to their support, that there may arise from them representatives of every good and great principle, who shall labor for the welfare and happiness of mankind.

Respectfully submitted,

CALEB SLADE,
PEREZ S. DOTY, } Committee.
THOMAS E. BRALEY.