

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

ACUSHNET

TO

MARCH 1, 1897.



NEW BEDFORD, MASS. :
THE NEW BEDFORD PRINTING COMPANY,
1897.

TOWN OFFICERS

Elected at the Annual Town Meeting held March 2, 1896.

Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes,

DENNIS S. MASON.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor,

MOSES S. DOUGLASS, EBEN F. LEONARD,
HENRY F. TABER.

Board of Health,

CHARLES M. MORSE, 3 years, GEORGE J. PARKER, 2 years,
JOSEPH R. DAVIS, 1 year.

Road Commissioner,

JAMES C. GAMMONS, 3 years.

Auditor,

JOSEPH T. BROWNELL.

Constables,

SYLVESTER PRATT. CHARLES F. ALLEN.

Surveyors of Lumber,

EDWARD R. ASHLEY, EMERY E. CUSHMAN,
CHARLES F. LEONARD, CHARLES M. MORSE,
HENRY F. TABER.

Pound Keepers,

HENRY A. JACKSON, JOHN M. VINCENT.

Field Drivers,

PHILIP H. CRANDON, JOSEPH F. TABER.

Fence Viewers,

EDWARD R. ASHLEY, JAMES R. ALLEN,
GEORGE T. RUSSELL.

REPORT.

I would most respectfully present to you my account as
Collector of Taxes and Town Treasurer for the financial year
ending March 1, 1897.

D. S. MASON, COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
TOWN OF ACUSHNET.

Dr.

To uncollected taxes of 1892,	\$36.30	
Uncollected taxes of 1893,	36.96	
Uncollected taxes of 1894,	74.28	
Uncollected taxes of 1895,	229.20	
Amount of tax bills of 1896 :		
State tax,	437.50	
County tax,	1,031.80	
Town tax,	5,463.20	
Extra assessment,	6.00	
Interest on taxes collected,	11.65	
	\$7,326.89	

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By amount paid State Treasurer,	\$437.50	
Amount paid County Treasurer,	1,031.80	
Amount paid Town Treasurer,	5,039.13	
Discount for prompt payment,	361.90	
Abatement by Assessors,	2.00	
Taxes remitted,	16.40	
Uncollected taxes of 1892,	36.30	
Uncollected taxes of 1893,	36.96	
Uncollected taxes of 1894,	60.20	
Uncollected taxes of 1895,	45.00	
Uncollected taxes of 1896,	259.70	
	\$7,326.89	

D. S. MASON, TOWN TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE TOWN OF ACUSHNET.

Dr.

1896. Feb. 16. Balance of cash,	\$1,734.81
To amt. received from State Treasurer:	
For corporation tax,	142.19
For national bank tax,	528.62
For state aid,	186.00
Income of school fund,	362.58
Expense of contagious diseases,	15.00
County treasurer, dog fund,	215.61
State treasurer, balance corporation tax, 1895,	20.38
E. R. Ashley, auctioneer's license, 1896 and 1897,	4.00
Town of Freetown for tuition of Everett Borden,	18.40
Poultry sold from town farm,	12.15
Town of Rochester for tuition of Borden children,	21.00
Cow sold from town farm,	30.00
Hay sold from town farm,	42.00
Turnips and potatoes sold from town farm,	2.30
Chas. H. Grinnell, 3 months' rent town farm,	12.50
Eggs sold from town farm,	2.75
John M. Collins, for support of Patience T. Collins,	42.34
Albert S. Sherman, guardian, for support of Patience T. Collins,	339.37
Thomas J. Cobb, clerk district court,	2.98
S. E. Waite, for use of hall at Long Plain,	3.00
Town of Freetown, one-half expense setting boundary stone,	3.25
E. F. Leonard, for horse sold on account of Charles P. Washburn,	4.00
Clifford P. Sherman, for support of Rodolphus Jenney,	177.00
George A. Fuller, balance of road money,	24.43
Jose, Parker & Co., bankers, two notes,	5,500.00
D. S. Mason, collector,	5,039.13
	<u> </u> \$14,485.79

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By amount paid for support of poor,	\$295.24	
Support of schools,	2,825.76	
Support of incidentals,	2,062.32	
Repair of highways,	704.87	
Macadamizing highways,	6,595.26	
Balance of cash in treasury March 1, 1897,	2,002.34	
	<u> </u>	\$14,485.79

CEMETERY FUND.

Dr.

Feb. 16, 1896. To amount of Elizabeth Taber fund,	\$200.00	
Interest to March 1, 1897,	8.08	
	<u> </u>	\$208.08

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By cash in New Bedford Institution for Savings March 1, 1897,	\$208.08	
	<u> </u>	\$208.08

LIST OF UNPAID TAXES MARCH 1, 1897.

1892.		
Emeline A. Hammond,		\$36.30
1893.		
Emeline A. Hammond		36.96
1894.		
Emeline A. Hammond,		60.20
1895.		
Joel P. Bradford,	\$2.00	
Emeline A. Hammond,	43.00	
	<u> </u>	45.00

1896.

Joseph A. Besse,	2.00
James H. Cobb,	3.30
Charles H. Grinnell,	2.20
Emeline A. Hammond,	43.00
Frank T. Howland (balance)	15.80
John M. Hammett (balance)	12.50
Orin C. Harding,	5.40
Latham T. Jennings,	40.70
George H. Morse,	12.00
William L. Norton,	2.70
Reuben A. Peckham,	2.00
James A. Peckham,	15.10
Onesine Provencher,	14.50
Joseph B. Slocum,	50.20
Marcus M. Thompson,	14.80
John M. Vincent,	7.70
Charles P. Washburn,	11.00
George P. Whelden,	2.00

NON-RESIDENTS.

Joseph C. Jenney,	.80
George G. Lawton,	1.00
Joseph H. Lawrence,	1.00

 \$259.70

I respectfully present to you my report as Town Clerk for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN ACUSHNET IN 1896.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Jan. 1	Lucy Grinnell,	Charles H. and Cordelia B.
Jan. 11	John Sherman Geggatt,	John Jr. and Florence M.
Feb. 5	Mason Whelden Burt,	Joseph W. and Helen R.
Feb. 9	Mildred Wilbur Hammond,	George A. and Hattie A.
April 15	Alonzo H. M. Hammond,	Alonzo H. and Isabelle.
April 22	Ivone Bousquet,	Samuel and Emma.
May 13	Clarence Francis Jenney,	Francis O. and Annie C.
June 14	Cora Elsie Collins,	Arthur E. and Cora E.
June 20	Herman Dean,	Sylvester A. and Lucy M.
July 14	Wallace Clifton Reynolds,	James F. and Mary A.
July 17	Ella Woodman Horton,	George W. and Mary A.
Aug. 11	Albert James Parker,	Harry B. and Myra F.
Aug. 13	Earl Taber Cory,	Alfred M. B. and Lizzie O.
Aug. 28	Rosanna Allard,	David J. and Alphonsin.
Sept. 16	Joseph Bettencourt,	Jose and Mary.
Sept. 22	William Hoeg Tripp,	William R. and Mary E.
Oct. 6	Lawrence Mason,	Dennis S. and Bertha W.
Oct. 30	Rosena Bousquet,	John and Marie.
Nov. 1	Ruth Hathaway Taber,	Henry F. and Cora E.
Nov. 6	Chester Burnett Kayes,	Thomas D. and Margaret.
Nov. 17	Amy Francis Taber,	Frank E. and Louise,
Nov. 19	Clarence Melvin Cory,	Arthur C. and Sarah P.
Nov. 19	Elsie Grace Cory,	Arthur C. and Sarah P.
Dec. 22	— — Tripp,	George E. and Nannie W.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN ACUSHNET IN 1896.

DATE.	NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.
March	14 Joseph H. Besmore, Lucy E. Barrows,	Brockton.
March	16 John R. Thompson, Jr., Lillian M. Gardner,	Brockton. Acushnet.
May	7 George A. Healey, Josephine E. Gammons,	Acushnet. Rochester.
May	12 Horace Borden, Ernestine A. Bumpus,	Rochester. New Bedford.
July	18 Everett C. Morse, Minnie L. White,	Acushnet. Acushnet.
July	25 Manuel J. Fagandes, Marie Delphina Amelia,	Acushnet. New Bedford.
August	12 Earl C. Briggs, Mabel E. Denham,	New Bedford. Acushnet.
October	10 Orin P. Sawyer, Florence M. Allen,	New Bedford. New Bedford.
October	11 John F. Gifford, Julia Wright,	Acushnet. New Bedford.
October	21 Rubert R. Ryerson, Mary E. Braley,	Rochester. Rochester.
October	27 Edward A. Collins, Marion McCann,	Acushnet. New Bedford.
November	8 Frank M. Burrell, M. Ellen Reynolds,	New Bedford. New Bedford.
November	25 Joaquim Bettencourt, Rosa Florinida Matazo,	Rochester. Acushnet.
December	24 Ezra F. Chadwick, Helen W. Chace,	Acushnet. New Bedford.
December	25 Harry G. Sherman, Lottie E. Howard,	Acushnet. New Bedford.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN ACUSHNET IN 1896.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan. 17	Mabel M. Besse,	28	1		Phthisis pulmonalis.
Feb. 13	Caroline White.	83	5		Senile debility, paralysis.
Feb. 17	Rodolphus Jenney,	82			Old age.
Feb. 20	Henry C. Taber,	68	9	29	Heart disease.
Feb. 20	Hannah S. Tirrell,	78	8		Acute uraemia.
Mar. 2	Benjamin Slade,	68			General debility
Mar. 16	Louis Simonds,	77			Chronic mania.
Apr. 4	Joseph R. Davis,	65			Pneumonia.
Apr. 7	Arthur S. Dexter,	19	6	12	Pneumonia.
Apr. 15	Abby R. Hathaway,	79	7		Senility.
Apr. 24	Sarah E. Gifford,	49	3	27	Heart failure.
Apr. 27	Rachael S. Wing,	77	7	5	Chronic bronchitis.
May 3	Lemuel Dillingham,	85	2	8	Old age.
May 10	Elsie A. Tripp,	1	11	22	Consumption.
May 13	Clarence F. Jenney,			1	Cyanosis.
June 22	Samuel S. Frost,	60	11	7	Bright's disease.
June 29	Lucy N. Burnham,	86	9		Heart disease.
July 6	Azel Chace,	57	8		Malignant gastritis.
July 13	Mary G. Gammons,	82	3	21	Apoplexy.
Aug. 5	Ann A. Macomber,	87	1	6	Old age.
Aug. 25	Nellie M. Taber,	23	9		Tumor of brain.
Sept. 6	William H. Haskell,	43	5		Inflammation stomach and kidneys.
Sept. 8	Margaret A. Dyer,	85	6	5	Asthenia, secondary to cancer.
Sept. 16	Herman Dean,		2	26	Entro colitis.
Sept. 16	Charles Nistele,	48	8	15	Typhoid fever.
Sept. 30	Mercy E. Reynolds,	75	4		Euteritis.
Oct. 9	Reuben N. Brooks,	49	6		Tubercular laryngitis.
Nov. 12	Levi Wing,	78	2	2	Cerebral hemorrhage.
Nov. 14	Clifford F. Omev,	16	1	3	Albuminuria.
Nov. 14	Mattie H. Tiernan,	25	9	13	Pul. tuberculosis.
Nov. 19	Elsie Grace Corey,	—	—	—	Stillborn.

Number of dogs licensed in town of Acushnet, 1896, 110 ;
99 males, 11 females.

D. S. MASON, *Town Clerk of Acushnet.*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the town of Acushnet respectfully submit the following annual report of the financial affairs of the town for the year ending March 15, 1897.

POOR ACCOUNT.

Paid Mass. School for Feeble Minded for Fred Besse,	\$26.48
J. V. Spare, clothing for Mary Clapp,	6.04
Mrs. Enoch Bennett, board for Mary Clapp at \$3.00 per week,	23.59
Town of Fairhaven, medical attendance for Mary Clapp,	3.50
A. G. Alley, groceries to Delia Green,	19.50
C. F. Perry, groceries to Delia Green,	8.65
A. R. Washburn, groceries to Delia Green,	2.07
M. S. Douglass, wood, etc., to Delia Green,	11.92
C. H. Bassett, meat at almshouse to March 1, 1896,	12.44
D. S. Mason, groceries at almshouse to March 1, 1896,	11.57
Charles H. Grinnell, keeper at almshouse to March 1, 1896,	3.67
City of Taunton,	5.00
City of Fall River, for Joseph Collins' family,	6.00
City of New Bedford, for William H. Thatcher,	6.00
Rufus Lincoln, supplies to Lucina Sears,	54.00
C. M. Morse, supplies to Lewis F. Harding,	18.80
Elza Damzell, housekeeper for C. P. Washburn,	4.07
Clarence Gifford, preparing wood for C. P. Washburn,	1.50
Alden White, 1 cord wood for C. P. Washburn,	2.00
J. F. Weeks, medical attendance for C. P. Washburn,	13.00
Richard Davis, supplies for C. P. Washburn,	1.53
D. S. Mason, supplies for C. P. Washburn,	17.99

W. F. Gracie, labor and material at almshouse,	2.50
Gerard C. Tobey, house rent for Lucina Sears,	24.00
Richard Davis, supplies at almshouse,	6.42
M. S. Douglass, 2 days in Fall River on pauper cases,	3.00

	\$295.24
Appropriation for poor,	300.00
Unexpended,	\$4.76

At the commencement of the year we had no inmates in our almshouse, and we leased the farm for one year to C. H. Grinnell for \$50. Mr. Grinnell was to feed and lodge the tramps at his own expense. The rent became due since our accounts closed, and has been paid and will be shown on next year's accounts.

MOSES S. DOUGLASS,
EBEN F. LEONARD,
HENRY F. TABER,

Overseers of Poor.

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

Paid Mercury Pub. Co. printing 350 copies town report,	\$20.00
Mercury Pub. Co. printing 750 stamped envelopes,	1.00
Mercury Pub. Co., printing 100 tax warrants,	4.00
Mercury Pub. Co., printing 1,000 receipts,	2.50
New Bedford Printing Co., 300 assessors' notices,	5.00
New Bedford Printing Co., 2 order books,	5.00
Insurance on town house,	7.20
Insurance on almshouse and barn,	8.00
Joseph Brownell, auditor,	2.00
Charles F. Allen, truant officer,	3.50
A. C. Shattuck, expressage,	7.05
James C. Gammons, expenses to Boston to highway hearing,	6.45

Franklyn Howland, expenses to Taunton and Boston, before state highway commission,	9.90
W. S. Gracie, watching fires,	3.00
D. S. Mason, stamps, envelopes, etc.,	15.53
George W. Norton, carting stones for wall,	4.50
E. Anthony & Sons, advertising road proposals,	2.92
E. Anthony & Sons, advertising road closed, 53 days,	15.37
Stephen White, repairs on pump,	.75
D. S. Mason, expenses to Boston on voting machines,	4.60
N. P. Hayes, 2 pumps,	28.00
Sylvester Pratt, arresting Alfred Demers,	8.60
George W. Bennett, repairs on pump,	1.80
Alonzo V. Jason, repairs on ballot box,	2.50
George A. Cobb, repairs on pumps, basin and pipe,	7.44
Sylvester Pratt, services as constable,	10.00
Sylvester Pratt, services on dog licenses,	6.00
Sylvester Pratt, services on delinquent taxes,	6.00
Union Street Railway Co., 1 boundary stone,	1.00
Daniel Hall, damage to carriage caused by defect in highway,	1.75
F. L. Tuttle, hanging lantern 8 weeks on Middle road, and one lantern,	3.70
Alden White, surveying, and lettering stone between Freetown and Acushnet,	1.50
A. Borden, advice on road bonds,	4.00
Edward W. Ashley, services as ballot clerk at state election,	2.00
Samuel Cory, services as ballot clerk at state election,	2.00
Sylvester Pratt, arresting George Parris,	7.70
J. Frank Weeks reporting 18 births,	4.50
Weston C. Vaughan, making out 16 death returns,	4.00
C. M. Morse, services as board of health,	1.50
C. M. Morse, services as school committee,	30.00
George A. Macomber, services as school committee,	25.00
Thomas Hersom, services as school committee,	25.00
M. S. Douglass, services as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	90.00
E. F. Leonard, services as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	70.00

H. F. Taber, services as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	55.00
D. S. Mason, attending and recording 4 town meetings,	13.00
D. S. Mason, attending meeting of town clerk at Fairhaven,	2.00
D. S. Mason, 1 day in Boston for McTammany voting machine,	1.50
N. P. Hayes, 2 pump handles,	1.50
Peck Bros., printing bonds on Macadam road,	7.25
D. S. Mason, stamps, postals, telegrams, etc.,	6.03
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, registration book,	1.00
Samuel Wing, 12 locust posts for town yard,	4.80
D. S. Mason, recording births and marriages,	19.35
M. S. Douglass, rendering oaths on state aid papers and dog warrant,	3.50
M. S. Douglass, stationery, stamps, telephone and telegrams,	6.91
M. S. Douglass, copying registration book,	2.00
M. S. Douglass, expenses to Boston on bank and corporation taxes, state highway hearing and for McTammany voting machine,	12.25
J. B. Dion, nails and hitching rings for town house lot,	1.57
Joseph A. Burt, work at town house,	4.00
C. H. Dillingham, work at town house,	6.00
Myron E. Douglass, ^{one and} 1-2 day's work carting boundary stone from New Bedford to Freetown,	4.00
E. K. & C. Terry, lumber and joist,	3.99
John F. Gifford, 1 1-2 day's work getting gravel lot ready to set wall, on Mattapoiset road,	2.25
Philip A. Bradford, inspector of cattle, meats, etc., 27 1-2 days at \$3 per day,	82.50
M. S. Douglass, services moderator at annual town meeting, as voted,	5.00
M. S. Douglass, setting boundary stone, etc.,	2.50
Eben T. Leonard, setting boundary stone, etc.,	2.50
Henry F. Taber, setting boundary stone, etc.,	2.50
Sherman & Habicht, printing 250 school reports,	8.75
M. S. Douglass, 1 day with team visiting persons drawing state aid, with state agent,	2.50
B. F. White, bounty for one hawk,	.50

D. S. Mason, commission as collector,	103.52
D. S. Mason, commission as treasurer,	62.42
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	\$902.85

Sylvester Pratt, state aid,	52.00
Alexander Turner, "	78.00
Nathan D. Sturtevant, "	39.00
Elizabeth Potter, "	26.00
Lemuel Dillingham, "	6.00
Chloe J. Dillingham, "	20.00
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	\$221.00

Taunton Lunatic Hospital:

Support of William D. Taber,	169.92
Support of William V. Taber,	169.92
Support of Lucy M. Delano,	160.63
Support of Louis Simons,	46.21

Worcester Insane Asylum:

Support of Patience T. Collins,	169.92
Support of Sarah L. Warner,	169.94
Commonwealth of Mass., for Mary J. Clapp,	26.93
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	\$913.47

Paid Mrs. Anna Bradford, treasurer of trustees
of the Free Public Library,

\$25.00

Amount expended on highways and charged to the highway
account:

Paid Mass. Broken Stone Co.,	\$6,595.28
W. G. Taber, from the highway appropriation,	200.00
W. G. Taber, cleaning gutters and building side- walks on Middle road (Macadam road)	75.00
W. G. Taber and others, snow bills,	49.62
James C. Gammons, highway appropriation,	200.00

James C. Gammons, repairing and shaping up road for macadamizing,	30.25
George A. Fuller, from highway appropriation,	150.00
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	\$7,300.13

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Received from George A. Fuller, money unex- pended from highway appropriation,	\$25.13
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Orders given by the selectmen on bills approved by the school committee,	\$2,825.76
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APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1896.

Schools,	\$2,000.00
School supplies,	240.00
Repairs of school houses,	75.00
Tuition of High school scholars,	100.00
Support of poor,	300.00
Incidentals,	1,000.00
Highways and bridges,	600.00
Free Public Library,	25.00
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	\$4,340.00

Also \$5,000 was appropriated to macadamize part of the Middle road, and again at a special town meeting it was voted to hire a sufficient sum of money to macadamize the road from the bridge to the residence of Enoch S. Bennett, and the town hired \$1,500 to do the work; \$1,000 of the \$5,000 appropriated has been paid.

TOWN DEBT.

Town debt,	\$5,500.00
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The town hired this money of Jose, Parker & Co., bankers, of Boston, at 4 1-2%. \$2,500 of this money is to be assessed in the tax levy of the year 1897 and comes due in November of the same year.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF ACUSHNET,
May 1, 1896.

Personal property,	\$126,160.00
Buildings,	242,635.00
Land,	269,445.00
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	\$638,250.00
Rate of taxation per \$1,000,	\$10.00
Number of polls,	275
Number of horses,	339
Number of cows,	374
Number of neat cattle,	63
Number of swine,	79
Number of houses,	263
Number of acres of land,	11,060
Number of fowl,	6,131
Tramps at almshouse in 1896,	205

We have insured the almshouse and barn for \$1,000. Expires on the 28th day of April, 1901 (for five years). The town house has also been insured for \$600 for three years. Expires April 24, 1899.

The guide boards of the town are in fair condition.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MOSES S. DOUGLASS,
EBEN F. LEONARD,
HENRY F. TABER,

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

ACUSHNET, MASS., March 15, 1897.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Selectmen and School Committee of the town of Acushnet for the financial year ending March 1, 1897, and find them correct.

JOSEPH T. BROWNELL, *Auditor.*

LIST OF JURORS.

List of Jurors presented to the town by the Selectmen for the year 1897:

Noah F. Mendall,
Samuel Wing,
Henry F. Taber,
George J. Parker,
Frederic J. Braley,
Gustavus L. Bennett,
Dennis S. Mason,
Jerome P. Tripp,

John F. Hammett,
Thomas J. Robinson,
Russell P. Hammett,
Joseph A. Burt,
Charles F. Leonard,
Thomas Herson, Jr.,
George A. Macomber,
Joseph F. Taber.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

For the year ending Feb. 27, 1897.

J. C. Gammons, 12 days at \$2.00,	\$24.00
2 pair horses, 5 days at \$5.00,	25.00
1 pair horses, 10 days 5 hours at \$2.50,	26.25
J. Besse, 9 days 2 hours at \$1.50,	13.80
L. Besse, 10 days 7 hours at \$1.50,	16.05
William Fitten, 2 days 2 hours at \$1.50,	3.30
J. Gagne, 2 days at \$1.50,	3.00
H. Parker, 5 1-2 days at \$1.50,	8.25
G. Crocker, with team, 2 days 2 hours at \$4.00	8.88
C. Sherman, 4 1-2 days at \$1.50,	6.75
C. Grinnell, 3 days 2 hours at \$1.50,	4.80
J. Geggatt, 4 days at \$1.50,	6.00
A. White, 2 days at \$1.50,	3.00
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	\$149.08
J. C. Gammons, 2 plow points,	1.20
J. C. Gammons, 2 pick handles,	.50
J. V. Braley, 25 loads gravel at 6c,	1.50
C. A. Howland, sharpening picks,	1.45
J. C. Gammons, clearing snow,	36.96
J. C. Gammons, 1 machine knife,	9.40
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	\$200.09
Expended on Long Plain road,	\$59.00
Rochester road,	23.91
Water Works road,	36.58
Perry Hill road,	10.37
Quaker Lane road,	19.22
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	\$149.08

WILLIAM G. TABER, Road Account.

William G. Taber, 16 days,	\$32.00
William G. Taber, 17 1-2 days with team,	70.00
George P. Morse, 5 1-2 days with team,	22.00
George P. Morse, 5 1-2 days,	8.25
George P. Morse, man 13 1-2 days,	20.25
C. Norton, 6 days,	9.00
George Norton, man 1 day,	1.50
George Norton, 1 day on bridge,	2.50
A. Albro, 1 day on bridge,	2.50
J. Roberts, 1 day,	1.50
A. Davenport, 2 1-2 days,	3.75
J. Commelia, 2 days,	3.00
J. Peters, 3 days,	4.50
F. Fortin, 1 1-2 days,	2.25
George Norton, 188 loads gravel,	11.28
J. Sherman, 30 loads gravel,	1.80
William G. Taber, 2 plow points,	1.20
Blacksmithing and tools,	2.85
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	\$200.13
Money expended on Main road,	35.50
Nye's lane,	85.50
White's Factory road,	30.00
Peckham road,	20.00
Keen road,	12.00
Gravel, plow points and tools,	17.13
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	\$200.13

GEORGE A. FULLER, Road Account.

George A. Fuller, 12 1-2 days,	\$25.00
George A. Fuller, 12 1-2 days, 2 horses,	31.25
George A. Fuller, 2 days, one horse,	3.00
Frederick Quintin, 15 days,	22.50
John Hammett, 1 day,	4.00
Joseph Bettencourt, 5 hours,	.75
William Maxim, 2 days,	3.00
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	\$89.50

Blacksmith,	.70
Gilbert Collins, 24 loads gravel,	1.44
Michael Mahoney, 14 loads gravel,	.84
Tools,	1.95
George A. Fuller and others, clearing snow,	31.14
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	\$125.57

Expended on the roads :	
Fairhaven road,	\$3.00
Mattapoissett road,	13.75
Mendall road,	11.00
Long Plain road,	61.75
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	\$89.50

BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Board of Health respectfully report for the year 1896. Owing to the sickness of Joseph R. Davis the board had not organized when Mr. Davis died April 4. April 23, at a joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Health, Edward R. Ashley was elected to serve the remainder of the year. The Board organized April 25, as follows: Charles M. Morse, Jr., chairman; George J. Parker, secretary.

The whole number of deaths registered was 31, three of which were from other towns, making 28 for Acushnet. There have been but three cases of contagious diseases. Two light cases of scarlet fever, and one death from typhoid fever.

C. M. MORSE, JR.,
 GEORGE J. PARKER,
 EDWARD R. ASHLEY,

Board of Health.

REPORT OF CATTLE INSPECTOR

For the year 1896.

Your Inspector found his duties much more complicated and arduous this year than ever before. To the inspection of cattle had been added that of swine and sheep, and the measurement and general description and location of every barn and watering place for stock. I inspected in all 503 cattle, 391 hogs, and 3 sheep. I measured and inspected 126 barns. The condition of the majority of barns was very good, clean and well ventilated. A few were found poorly ventilated, a few were crowded, and the location of a few wells was very bad. The most of the cattle were free from disease and in good condition as far as could be detected. I have quarantined one cow, killed one and condemned the meat of another, and have at present three under supervision. No disease has been detected among the swine.

Dec. 2, 1896, notice was received from the Board of Cattle Commissioners that the appropriation was exhausted and no further quarantine would be accepted by them until further notice. The extra duties imposed by the state board required more time, and therefore incurred a greater expense to the town.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP A. BRADFORD,

Inspector.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF ACUSHNET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Public Library of Acushnet was opened June 13, 1896. Soon after a branch was established at Long Plain. One hundred dollars' worth of books was given the town by the state. Other books, from loans and donations, brought the number to 700 and upward.

Our thanks are due to kind friends from out of town as well as from Acushnet for a large number of volumes. Thus far, not one cent of the town's money has been expended for the purchase of books, but we hope for a larger appropriation from the town that we may be enabled to replenish the Library.

About 1,000 books have been issued from both branches since the opening in June, showing that the people appreciate a Public Library.

It will be seen by the report of the treasurer that the trustees have been economical in their expenditures, and have also by their efforts made \$24.55.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE J. PARKER, *Chairman.*
ANNA H. BRADFORD, *Treasurer.*
EMILY A. BROWNELL, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Town appropriation,	\$25.00
Lawn party at Capt. G. J. Parker's,	20.05
Box supper at J. Brownell's,	4.50
Fines,	1.96
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	\$51.51

Dr.

George J. Parker, printing,	\$3.50
Instruction book,	1.25
Paper to cover books,	1.10
Paper, brushes and glue,	1.60
E. Anthony, printing,	5.50
Lamp and oil,	1.71
Lock, key and curtain,	.99
H. H. Critchlow, librarian,	10.00
Paper for book covers, .60, oil, .15,	.75
Insurance on books,	4.00
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	\$30.40
Balance in treasury March 1, 1897,	\$21.11

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA H. BRADFORD, *Treasurer.*

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Appropriated by the town,	\$2,000.00
Income of state school fund,	362.58
Amount of dog fund,	215.61
Town of Freetown for tuition,	18.40
Town of Rochester for tuition,	21.00
	\$2,617.59

Paid balance of teachers' salaries, 1895-96 :

Jennie M. Cowen,	40.00
Mary S. Howard,	35.00
J. B. Robertson,	40.00
Susie D. Walker,	40.00
Susie Howland,	30.00
M. E. Rogers,	36.00
Janitor,	7.00
	\$228.00

Cost of schools for 1896-97 :

Jennie M. Cowen,	350.00
Mary S. Howard,	306.25
J. B. Robertson,	100.00
Melvin O. Bradford,	228.50
M. E. Rogers,	315.00
Susie D. Walker,	100.00
Albert S. Veazie,	114.00
Orren C. Martin,	130.00
Anna E. Davis,	280.00
Henry A. Jackson, wood,	3.71
D. S. Mason, wood,	7.24
Alden Rounsville, wood,	64.37
Joseph Maxim, preparing wood,	3.94
Harry N. Parker, preparing wood,	1.18
Edson Perry, putting in wood,	1.50
Edith Spooner, cleaning school room,	5.00

Alice James, cleaning school room,	5.00
Dora Tripp, cleaning school room,	14.50
Rachel Townsend, sweeping school room,	8.20
Charles F. Norton, janitor,	13.25
Jeddie Whitehead, janitor,	.80
Andrew Cole, building fires,	4.00
Ellie Perry, janitor,	3.00
Rachel Ellis, sweeping,	2.30
Althea Perry, sweeping,	1.30
Nelson Morse, janitor,	16.65
Charles F. Leonard, sweeping,	1.00
Esther M. Thomas, sweeping,	5.25
John H. Murphy, janitor,	10.00
John T. Musgrove, janitor,	6.00
Lena and Lottie Hammett, sweeping,	2.40
Frank L. Howland, building fires,	1.65
Susie D. Walker, janitress,	4.75
P. H. Crandon, Jr., building fires,	4.75
	\$2,343.49

Less than appropriation, \$274.10

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Appropriated by the town,	\$240.00
H. S. Hutchinson,	\$2.40
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	10.34
American Book Co.,	30.97
University Publishing Co.,	6.20
F. C. McLaughlin,	60.00
Ginn & Co.,	6.00
George F. King & Merrill,	40.46
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	8.18
S. C. Lowe, 7 stoves,	45.00
E. E. Babb & Co.,	22.91
Sherman & Habicht,	4.50
Charles M. Morse, Jr.,	5.95
Richard Davis,	.90
A. C. Shattuck, expressage,	7.64
D. S. Mason,	1.66
	\$253.11

Exceeded appropriation, \$13.11

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

Appropriated by the town,		\$100.00
City of New Bedford, tuition,	\$109.24	
Town of Fairhaven, tuition,	35.00	
	<u> </u>	\$144.24
Exceeded appropriation,		<u>\$44.24</u>

SCHOOL REPAIRS.

Appropriated by the town,		\$75.00
C. A. Howland, repairs at Long Plain,	\$.75	
G. A. Macomber, repairs, Whelden school,	1.35	
Charles F. Chace, repairs,	5.50	
E. & K. E. Terry, shingles,	30.60	
Charles F. Allen, labor,	22.94	
Thomas Gifford, labor,	.50	
Albert S. Morse, labor at Bisbee school,	2.00	
B. F. Cottle, tuning and repairing organs,	5.25	
Charles M. Morse, Jr., nails, rope, etc.,	2.42	
H. C. Wing, labor,	3.20	
Geo. A. Cobb, setting up stoves, pipes, etc.,	10.41	
	<u> </u>	\$84.92
Exceeded appropriation,		<u>\$9.92</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Amount available for school purposes:

Appropriated for support of schools,	\$2,000.00	
School supplies,	240.00	
School repairs,	75.00	
High school tuition,	100.00	
State school fund,	362.58	
County dog fund,	215.61	
Town of Freetown,	18.40	
Town of Rochester,	21.00	
	<u> </u>	\$3,032.59

EXPENDITURES.

Support of schools,	\$2,343.49	
School supplies,	253.11	
High school tuition,	144.24	
School repairs,	84.92	
	<u> </u>	\$2,825.76
Balance to credit of school account,		\$206.83
Due from Freetown for tuition,		11.00
Due from Mrs. Cornelia R. Church for tuition of Lena Bachman,		48.30

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Acushnet:

The School Committee of the town herewith presents its first annual report, as the committee is at present constituted.

By a vote of the town at its last annual meeting, it was required that the school year close with the town year, viz.: the first of March. In order to do this as nearly as possible it was found necessary to shorten the school year one week. In the future there will be no necessity for so doing.

SCHOOLS.

The committee this year do not propose to enter into an extended discussion of the school question. That matter has been discussed to a greater or less extent year after year, as each different committee thought best, and it is safe to say that not one present in ten knew by any observation of their own whether the report was true or false. Your committee would

suggest that the parents make their own report. If every parent sending children to the schools in town would take enough interest in those children to visit the schools frequently and watch the work of the pupils, as well as the teachers, there would be no report needed. Then if the pupil did not make as good showing as the parent thought he ought to, they would be better able to judge whether the fault, if any, was with the teacher or with the pupil. If the parents would do this, the report that sometimes goes through a district that "the teacher isn't good for anything" would be heard but seldom. In two of the schools at least, the increase in the number of visitors the past year has been very large, and your committee hopes that the increase may continue in all the schools until parents get a better understanding of the relations that ought to exist between the teacher and the pupil. In conclusion we would say, that with perhaps one exception the improvement in the schools in the town has been very satisfactory to your committee.

TEACHERS.

In view of the great importance of our public schools, it is not strange that we desire the best teachers to instruct our children. Neither is it surprising that a committee is often unsuccessful in securing them. To always select a teacher whose moral character, education, ability to teach and govern a school are so perfect as to make him or her a model for imitation, would be an evidence of an infallible mind.

Let us remember that the reputation of our teachers should be guarded, and that it is our duty as a committee to carry them safely through every emergency, irrespective of party or political feeling. Again we solicit a more earnest co-operation of the parents.

TRUANCY.

This matter has troubled us but little the past year. Since it is understood that we now have a truant law that can be enforced, a few words of warning have usually been sufficient. There are still a few parents who will seize upon any excuse, however trivial, to keep their children from school. Why this is so is a question that no committee has yet been able to answer.

BUILDINGS AND REPAIRS.

It has been necessary to re-shingle one-half the roof of the Acushnet school, the cost of which will be found in our financial report. There are minor repairs to be made at all times, such as broken glass, fastening seats, fixing locks, halliards, bell ropes, etc. It will be necessary to make some repairs to the Bisbee school house the coming year, an estimate of the cost of which will be presented at our annual meeting.

The organization of the board is as follows:
 George A. Macomber, Chairman.
 Charles M. Morse, Jr., Secretary.
 Thomas Hersom, Jr.

ASSIGNMENTS.

Long Plain and Bisbee, Thomas Hersom, Jr.
 Whelden and Perry Hill, George A. Macomber.
 Acushnet Primary and Grammar, Charles M. Morse, Jr.

STATISTICS.

Number of children in town between 5 and 15 years of age,
 142.

WINTER.							FALL.							SPRING.						
No. of School.	No. of Pupils.	Pupils under 5 years.	Pupils over 15 years.	Pupils between 8 and 14 years.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	No. of School.	No. of Pupils.	Pupils under 5 years.	Pupils over 15 years.	Pupils between 8 and 14 years.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	No. of School.	No. of Pupils.	Pupils under 5 years.	Pupils over 15 years.	Pupils between 8 and 14 years.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.
1	8	0	1	5	7 $\frac{3}{4}$	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	1	8	0	0	6	6	5 $\frac{3}{8}$	1	10	0	0	7	10	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
2	33	0	1	24	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	30	0	0	24	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 $\frac{3}{8}$	2	23	0	0	19	22	20
3	29	0	0	12	29	22 $\frac{1}{4}$	3	27	0	0	11	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{4}$	3	26	0	0	8	25 $\frac{3}{8}$	23
4	22	0	0	20	21	17 $\frac{3}{4}$	4	19	0	0	18	19	16 $\frac{3}{8}$	4	21	0	2	18	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 $\frac{3}{8}$
5	29	0	11	12	24 $\frac{3}{4}$	19 $\frac{3}{4}$	5	28	0	6	13	20 $\frac{1}{4}$	18 $\frac{3}{8}$	5	23	0	3	9	19 $\frac{3}{8}$	16
6	30	0	3	18	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	22	6	30	0	1	18	24 $\frac{3}{8}$	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	25	0	3	14	22	18

No.	TERM.	NAMES.	TEACHERS.	WAGES.	Length of Term.
1	Spring	Bisbee	Anna E. Davis	\$32.00	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mos.
	Fall		Anna E. Davis	32.00	3 " "
	Winter		Anna E. Davis	32.00	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "
2	Spring	Whelden	M. E. Rogers	\$36.00	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mos.
	Fall		M. E. Rogers	36.00	3 " "
	Winter		M. E. Rogers	36.00	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "
3	Spring	Acushnet Primary	Mary S. Howard	\$35.00	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mos.
	Fall		Mary S. Howard	35.00	3 " "
	Winter		Mary S. Howard	35.00	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "
4	Spring	Acushnet Grammar	Jennie M. Cowen	\$40.00	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mos.
	Fall		Jennie M. Cowen	40.00	3 " "
	Winter		Jennie M. Cowen	40.00	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "
5	Spring	Perry Hill	J. B. Robertson	\$40.00	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mos.
	Fall		Melvin O. Bradford	35.00	3 " "
	Winter		Melvin O. Bradford	38.00	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "
6	Spring	Long Plain	Susie H. Walker	\$40.00	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mos.
	Fall		Albert S. Veazie	40.00	3 " "
	Winter		Orin C. Martin	40.00	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following pupils have been neither absent nor tardy :

BISBEE SCHOOL No. 1.

Spring term—Nelson C. Morse.

Fall term—J. Corey Morse.

No. 2 WHELDEN SCHOOL.

Spring term—Robert Parker, Bertie Soule.

Fall term—Charles Norton, Robert Parker, Wallace Parker,
Clarence Taber, Earl Burt, Augusta Drake.

Winter term—Earl Burt, Wallace Parker.

ACUSHNET PRIMARY SCHOOL No. 3.

Spring term—Jennie F. Ward, Ruth Cushman, Peter F.
Murphy, Willie D. Ward.

Fall term—Jennie F. Ward, Blanche C. Whitney.

Winter term—Emery Cushman.

ACUSHNET PRIMARY SCHOOL No. 4.

Spring term—Sarah E. Hathaway, Bernard W. Shockley,
Henry D. Pierce.

PERRY HILL SCHOOL No. 5.

Spring term—Clara Tripp, Florence Tripp.

Fall term—Hattie Bumpus, Louis Jenney.

LONG PLAIN SCHOOL No. 6.

Fall term—Frank T. Crandon, Charles H. Crandon, George
A. Wilson.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. MACOMBER,
CHARLES M. MORSE, JR.,
THOMAS HERSOM, JR.,

School Committee.

CHARLES F. ALLEN, *Truant Officer.*