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43d ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

ACUSHNET

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 1, 1903.

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## TOWN OFFICERS

Elected at the Annual Town Meeting held April 7, 1902.

*Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector of Taxes.*

ALDEN WHITE.

*Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.*

HENRY F. TABER.

MOSES S. DOUGLASS,                      EBEN F. LEONARD.

*School Committee for Three Years,*

EDWARD W. ASHLEY.

*Board of Health for Three Years.*

NOAH F. MENDALL.

*Single Highway Surveyor for One Year.*

JAMES C. GAMMONS.

*Tree Warden for One Year.*

JAMES B. HAMBLIN.

*Trustee of Free Public Library for Three Years.*

GEORGE J. PARKER.

*Auditor.*

JOSEPH T. BROWNELL.

*Constables.*

SYLVESTER PRATT,                      CHARLES P. COTTLE.

*Surveyors of Lumber.*

EDWARD W. ASHLEY,                      CHARLES F. LEONARD,

EMERY E. CUSHMAN,                      SAMUEL L. WING,

HENRY F. TABER.

*Pound Keepers.*

GEORGE A. MACOMBER,                      THOMAS B. GEGGATT.

*Field Drivers.*

JOHN F. HAMMETT (not qualified),                      JOSEPH F. TABER.

*Fence Viewers.*

JOHN M. COLLINS,                      WILLARD B. PECKHAM,

JEREMIAH E. BORDEN (not qualified).

## REPORT.

D. S. MASON, COLLECTOR.

In account with the Town of Acushnet.

*Dr.*

To uncollected taxes of 1899,	\$96.34	
Uncollected taxes of 1900,	401.60	
Interest on taxes collected,	21.81	
	\$519.75	

*Cr.*

By uncollected taxes of 1899,	\$71.40	
Uncollected taxes of 1900,	250.20	
Amount paid town treasurer,	198.15	
	\$519.75	

ALDEN WHITE, COLLECTOR.

In account with the Town of Acushnet.

*Dr.*

To uncollected taxes of 1901,	\$360.57	
To amount of tax bills of 1902:		
State tax,	345.00	
State highway tax,	30.00	
County tax,	1,097.83	
Town tax,	11,906.97	
Extra assessment,	<del>480.00</del> 4.80	
Interest on taxes collected,	9.20	
	\$13,754.37	



*Cr.*

By amount paid State Treasurer,	\$345.00
Amount paid State Treasurer,	30.00
Amount paid County Treasurer,	1,097.83
Amount paid Town Treasurer,	11,018.19
Discount for prompt payment,	708.25
Abatement by assessors,	6.00
Taxes remitted by assessors,	22.20
Uncollected taxes of 1901,	99.70
Uncollected taxes of 1902,	427.20
	<hr/> \$13,754.37

ALDEN WHITE, TREASURER.

In account with the Town of Acushnet.

*Dr.*

March 1, 1902.	
Cash on hand,	\$2,243.78
Amounts received from State Treasurer:	
Corporation tax,	143.50
Balance of corporation tax,	11.23
National bank tax,	398.22
State school fund,	395.81
For superintendent of schools,	250.00
For state aid,	375.00
For inspection of animals,	27.00
County Treas., dog fund,	229.77
Mass. highway commission, repairs,	19.25
Merchants National Bank, loans,	3,000.00
C. H. Grinnell, for rent to Feb. 6, 1903,	94.19
M. S. Douglass, adm. estate of W. D. Taber,	.45
Albert S. Sherman, for board of Patience Collins,	169.45
Town of Plympton,	8.00
Town of Millbury,	1.19
Chas. F. Spooner, auctioneer's license,	2.00
Edward W. Ashley, " "	2.00
James O. Douglass, " "	2.00
John F. Hatch, for stone screenings,	5.50
Thomas B. Geggatt, " "	6.00

John Manter, stone screenings,	1.50
William G. Taber, " "	2.00
William G. Taber, crushed stone,	6.87
Moise Berard, for dirt,	3.80
J. C. Gammons, for junk sold,	1.25
Thomas B. Geggatt, subscriptions to Long Plain state highway, account of 1901,	15.00
D. S. Mason, collector,	198.15
Alden White, collector,	11,018.19
	<hr/> \$18,631.10

*Cr.*

By amount paid for support of poor,	\$606.59
Amount paid for insane,	1,018.81
Amount paid for incidentals,	1,814.47
Amount paid for support of schools,	3,909.01
Amount paid for special repairs at Parting Ways,	149.01
Amount paid for state aid,	316.00
Amount paid for state highways,	1,980.99
Amount paid for public library,	148.90
Amount paid on fire account,	101.07
Amount paid Coddington savings bank,	400.00
Amount paid Melrose savings bank,	1,000.00
Amount paid Commonwealth of Mass.,	1,000.00
Amount paid Merchants Nat'l bank,	3,000.00
Balance, or cash on hand,	3,186.25
	<hr/> \$18,631.10

## CEMETERY FUNDS.

## ELIZABETH TABER.

Oct. 6, 1902.	Amount of fund,	\$215.24
Oct. 16, 1902.	Paid Allen Russell for care of lot,	8.00
		<hr/> \$207.24

## ALFRED MORSE.

Oct. 6, 1902.	Amount of fund,	\$104.56
Oct. 29, 1902.	Paid Richard Davis for care of lot in 1901,	2.50
		<hr/> \$102.06



## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

I respectfully present to you my report as Town Clerk for the year ending December 31, 1902.

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN ACUSHNET IN 1902.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Jan. 7	Rosa Flora Wolf.	Michael and Annie M.
Feb. 4	Estella Frances Morse.	George F. and Mary.
Feb. 28	Kathryne L. Morse.	Frank W. and Edith H.
March 12	Milton Reed Thompson.	John R. and Lillian M.
March 24	——— Tripp.	Leo A. and Kate L.
April 3	Paul Bryant Bradford.	Melvin O. and Harriette E.
May 1	Dennis Harold Murphy.	Dennis and Margaret M.
May 10	Alice Taber Hammett.	Valmour A. and Sarah H.
July 16	Arthur E. Collins, Jr.	Arthur E. and Cora E.
Aug. 14	Russell Dean Annas.	John M. and Emma L.
Sept. 20	——— Jenney.	Herbert E. and Florence L.
Sept. 20	Marian Denham Hathaway.	Charles T. and Lillian M.
Oct. 8	Frederick Atwood Lawrence.	Charles L. and Carrie M.
Nov. 15	———	Stillborn.
Nov. 15	Fred Cushman Ward.	Francis R. and Josephine C.
Nov. 28	Clayton Millard Morse.	Edward W. and Ida F.
Dec. 17	Lorenzo Braley Rounseville.	Edwin E. and Nellie E.

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN ACUSHNET IN 1902.

DATE.	NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.
February 9	Edwin Stanley Howes, Amanda E. Vaughan.	Mattapoisett. Mattapoisett.
March 6	Charles T. Hathaway, Lillian M. Denham.	New Bedford. Acushnet.
March 9	Charles L. Lawrence, Carrie M. Reynolds.	New Bedford. Acushnet.
April 10	Phillip Fortin, Marcia C. Tripp.	New Bedford. Acushnet.
May 21	Alexander A. Vincent, Lina D. Fuller.	Acushnet. Acushnet.
June 15	Walter Ellis Crapo, Hattie M. Holden.	Acushnet. Acushnet.
August 14	Charles L. Shaw, Caroline C. Parker.	Middleboro. Acushnet.
August 23	Alfred Marsden, Sadie M. Ardrey.	New Bedford. New Bedford.
September 3	Walter A. White, Annie F. Harden.	Acushnet. East Bridgewater.
September 10	Thomas B. Norris, Amy J. Spooner.	New Bedford. Acushnet.
September 11	David M. Sylvia, Ermina E. Taber.	New Bedford. Acushnet.
October 30	George S. Cobb, Mabel A. Kent.	New Bedford. Acushnet.
November 2	Albert F. Lawrence, Jennie P. Clarke.	Acushnet. Rochester.



## DEATHS REGISTERED IN ACUSHNET IN 1902.

DATE	AGE.			NAME.	DISEASE.
	Y.	M.	D.		
Jan. 22	66			Eunice J. Reynolds.	Cancer of uterus.
Jan. 27	69		14	Nathan D. Sturtevant.	Apoplexy.
Mar. 4	79	5	26	Alexander Turner.	La Grippe.
Mar. 8	26	2		Eva D. Gifford.	Chronic Gastritis.
Mar. 24				———Tripp.	Injury at Birth.
Mar. 25	86	9		David Cochran.	Acute Bronchitis.
Apr. 3	68			James P. Gracie.	Acute Peritonitis.
Apr. 22	87	9		Sylvia H. Swift.	Senility.
June 1	57	5		Annie S. Allen.	Disease of Brain.
July 9		6	14	Fannie M. Parkins.	Whooping Cough.
Aug. 11		8		Hazel A. Collins.	General Exhaustion from teething.
Sept. 20				———Jenney.	Premature Birth.
Sept. 24	61	10	2	Taimar Wilkinson.	Dysentery.
Oct. 13	15			William P. Ashley.	Scarlet Fever.
Oct. 23	87			Edward A. Lyon.	Senility.
Nov. 9	79	9		Cynthia A. Fisher.	Senility, Abdom. Paral.
Nov. 14				———	Stillborn.
Dec. 8	57	10	6	Sophonra Geggatt.	Cancer of Liver.

ALDEN WHITE, *Town Clerk.*

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the Town of Acushnet submit the following annual report of the financial affairs of the town for the year ending Feb. 1, 1903 :

## POOR ACCOUNT.

E. A. Sherman, rent for Mrs. Besse,	\$9.00
W. C. Vaughan, burial of A. Turner,	35.00
Mrs. H. S. Howland, support of Mrs. Hunniwell,	25.49
Mrs. Elizabeth Chase, board of P. Green,	24.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Chase, burial of P. Green,	15.00
E. A. Wright, soldiers' relief,	8.00
H. F. Taber, medicine for Mrs. Hunniwell,	1.00
Mrs. M. P. Gammons, board and medicine for Mrs. Hunniwell,	94.50
Schuler Bros., shoes for Mrs. Hunniwell,	3.00
Mrs. Hugh H. Lewis, room rent for Mrs. Hunniwell,	9.80
A. G. Alley, Jr., groceries, D. Green,	78.00
Emergency Hospital, board Mrs. James,	7.85
City of New Bedford, for William Thatcher,	43.00
Mass. School for Feeble Minded, Fred Besse,	14.95
J. M. Vincent, coal and carting, E. A. Wright,	3.00
City of New Bedford, D. Green,	10.00
J. F. Weeks, medical attendance for H. F. Washburn,	3.00
Town of Middleboro, on account of W. D. Green,	
medical attendance and nurse,	210.00
M. S. Douglass, wood for D. Green,	4.00
F. H. Robinson, M. D., medical attendance Mary Sylvia,	8.00
	\$606.59
Due from state for burial of two soldiers,	70.00
Received from town of Plympton,	8.00
	\$78.00
Total net cost of poor,	\$528.59

There were 98 tramps at the almshouse during the year.



## INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

Joseph T. Brownell, auditor,	\$ 2.00
New Bedford Printing Co., 450 town reports and 25 voting lists,	43.75
Wood, Brightman and Co., repairs on pumps,	5.45
N. B. Printing Co., 1000 receipts,	2.25
E. W. Ashley, services as teller,	2.00
Hiram Van Campen, insurance on town house,	7.92
Wright & Potter, assessors' schedules,	1.08
N. B. Printing Co., note heads,	1.25
Hiram Van Campen, treasurer's bond.	24.00
N. B. Printing Co., record book, etc.,	2.75
Chas. P. Cottle, services as constable Norton V. S. Fagundes,	3.12
Wood, Brightman & Co., repairs on pumps,	3.25
" " "	6.33
Sylvester Pratt, services as constable, etc.,	24.50
N. B. Printing Co., reg. notices and poll lists,	6.75
Walter R. Spooner, E. Therrien case,	18.44
" " Mary Cole case,	5.66
N. B. Printing Co., 600 tax bills,	4.75
Alden White, attending and recording the elections,	7.50
A. P. R. Gilmore, services as teller,	2.00
Melvin O. Bradford, services as teller,	2.00
Sylvester Pratt, services,	2.25
F. M. Douglass, disinfectant,	2.25
Samuel Cory, services as teller,	2.00
Wood, Brightman & Co., two pumps, etc.,	33.35
George W. Bennett, repairing settees,	3.50
Weston C. Vaughn, death returns,	2.50
J. F. Weeks, reporting 11 births,	2.75
E. W. Ashley, material and three days fumigating,	9.10
Alden White, stationery,	7.75
" " recording births, marriages and deaths,	13.70
M. S. Douglass, moderator two town meetings,	5.00
" rendering oaths,	3.25
" serving town as Selectmen, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	65.00
Eben F. Leonard, serving town as Selectmen, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	65.00

Sylvester Pratt, truant officer,	2.00
H. F. Taber, serving town as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	110.00
H. F. Taber, stationery,	6.72
" " Expenses board of Selectmen, to Boston on corporation tax, etc.,	7.95
E. W. Ashley, School Committee,	25.00
" " Board of Health,	20.00
" " Fumigating,	2.50
F. H. Robinson, Board of Health,	15.00
T. J. Robinson, School Committee,	25.00
W. C. Ashley, " "	25.00
D. M. McIntosh, reporting 1 birth,	.25
James B. Hamblin, Tree Warden,	5.00
Philip A. Bradford, Inspector of Cattle,	63.00
" " " of meat, etc.,	5.00
D. S. Mason, commission as Collector,	2.65
Alden White, commission as Treasurer,	76.76
" " " Collector,	187.22
Memorial expenses, decorating soldiers' graves,	14.58

## INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, interest,	35.00
Melrose Savings Bank, "	101.50
Jose, Parker & Co., "	87.50
Coddington Savings Bank, "	8.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, "	40.00
Merchants National Bank, "	18.56
Melrose Savings Bank, "	101.50
Coddington Savings Bank, "	8.00
Jose, Parker & Co., "	87.50
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, "	35.00
Merchants National Bank, "	15.00
Merchants National Bank, "	12.33
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, "	40.00



## REPAIRS ON TOWN HOUSE.

J.G. Nicholson, lumber,	11.80
Charles Dillingham, labor,	27.42
Blossom Bros., lumber,	4.05
DeWolf & Vincent,	2.45
George W. Lawrence, mason work,	71.39
John F. Parker, painting,	50.00
Charles H. Dillingham, carpentering,	3.75
" " "	11.00
George A. Cobb, sundries,	1.11
George W. Bennett, iron work,	.85
Albert F. Howland, sundries,	9.27
Green & Wood, lumber,	27.89
Napoleon Millotte, painting,	11.60
George A. Cobb, pipe, etc.,	4.22
Total cost of Incidentals,	<u>\$1,814.47</u>

## NOTES PAID BY THE TOWN, 1902.

Merchants National Bank,	
3 notes, temporary loans,	\$3,000.00
Melrose Savings Bank, 1 note,	1,000.00
Coddington " " "	400.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1 note,	1,000.00
	<u>\$5,400.00</u>

## ORDERS GIVEN BY SELECTMEN

On bills approved by the School Committee,	3,909.01
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## SPECIAL REPAIRS.

Parting Ways,	149.01
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## PRESENT TOWN DEBT.

Note in favor Commonwealth of Mass., due Nov. 1, 1903, at 4%,	\$1,000.00
Note in favor Melrose Savings Bank, due Oct. 15, 1907, at 3 1-2%	4,800.00
Note in favor Jose, Parker & Co., due Oct. 15, 1908, at 3 1-2%,	5,000.00
Note in favor Commonwealth of Mass., due Oct. 15, 1910, at 3 1-2%	2,000.00
Total debt,	<u>\$12,800.00</u>

## STATE AID.

Sylvester Pratt,	\$44.00
Alexander Turner,	44.00
Edward C. Tew,	44.00
Edwin A. Wright,	55.00
Simeon Macomber,	44.00
Thomas Haskell,	33.00
Daniel V. Smith,	12.00
Azel Chase,	28.00
Herbert F. Washburn,	12.00
	<u>\$316.00</u>

## INSANE.

Worcester Insane Asylum:	
For board of Patience T. Collins,	\$169.45
" " Sarah L. Warner,	169.48
	338.93
Medfield Insane Asylum:	
For board of Lucy M. Delano,	\$146.00
" " Hattie Wallen,	146.00
" " Mary J. Clapp,	146.00
	438.00
Taunton Insane Asylum:	
For board of Arthur Macomber,	\$169.46
" " Minnie L. James,	72.42
	241.88
Total cost of insane,	<u>\$1,018.81</u>
Received of A. S. Sherman for P. Collins,	169.45
Total net cost of insane,	<u>\$849.36</u>



## APPROPRIATIONS, 1902.

Repairs of school buildings,	\$150.00
Schools,	2,500.00
High school tuition,	749.86
Superintendent of schools,	150.00
Support of poor and insane,	1,300.00
Incidentals,	2,000.00
Highways and bridges,	1,800.00
Library,	150.00
Soldiers,	25.00
Moderator,	5.00
	<u>\$8,829.86</u>

## VALUATION OF TOWN, MAY 1, 1902.

Personal property,	\$113,140.00
Buildings,	266,230.00
Land,	262,520.00
Total,	<u>\$641,890.00</u>
Rate of taxation,	\$20.00
Number of polls,	271
Number of horses,	339
Number of cows,	390
Number of Neat cattle,	72
Number of swine,	55
Number of dwelling houses,	278
Number of acres of land,	11,041
Number of fowl,	9,310

The guide boards of the town are in poor condition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor.

## HIGHWAY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

FOR YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1903.

J. C. Gammons, 88 days, 7 hrs. at \$2.50,	\$221.96
C. L. Spooner, 32 1-2 days at 1.50,	48.75
H. Sowle, 9 " "	13.50
Edward Pittsley, 3 " "	4.50
A. Sylvia, 44 1-2 " "	66.75
Frank Spooner, 17 " "	25.50
Charles Sullivan, 33 " at 2.00,	66.00
George Crocker, 12 " at 1.50,	18.00
Wallace Morse, 60 5-6 " "	91.25
Charles Morse, 55 5-6 " "	83.75
Joseph Gagne, 42 1-3 " "	63.50
Allen Weeks, 11 1-3 " "	17.00
Antone Enos, 18 1-2 " "	27.75
Edgar Harding, 2 " "	3.00
Charles Grinnell, 39 5-6 " "	59.75
Eugene Sousa, 8 " "	12.00
William Besse, 6 " "	9.00

The following with teams:

J. C. Gammons, 74 1-2 days, at 2.00,	149.00
Mrs. C. D. Gilmore,	1.15
Harry Sherman, 1 day at 3.50,	3.50
C. D. Bennett, 8 " "	28.00
George P. Morse, 8 " "	28.00
William Pittsley, 8 days, 7 hrs. " "	30.73
Fred Braley, 8 " "	28.00
J. T. Brownell, 3 1-2 " "	12.25
George Crocker, 15 1-2 " "	54.25
T. Gegatt, 6 " "	21.00

George Crocker, horse 1 day,	1.00
Rex. Morse, moving crusher,	10.00
Charles Allen, painting,	1.60
J. C. Gammons, 10 ft. wood,	2.50
William Pittsley, drawing pipe,	1.50
Jes. Gagne, carpentering,	1.00
James Sherman, 90 loads gravel, at .06,	5.40
Oil and nails,	.53

\$1,211.37



## MACADAM INCIDENTALS.

City Coal Co., coal,	\$11.77
Babbitt, Wood & Co., sundries,	3.02
William F. Nye, oil,	1.50
Babbitt, Wood & Co., sundries,	6.91
E. L. Macomber, sundries,	3.97
N. B. Foundry and Machine Co., repairs on roller,	1.95
City Coal Co., coal,	18.02
S. S. Paine & Bro., pipe and cement,	30.98
A. H. Wordell, 6 shovels, 1 trowel,	5.90
Acushnet Iron Co., castings,	15.86
R. Davis, bill of 1901, sundries,	6.70
George A. Cobb, sundries,	5.00
S. S. Paine, piping,	6.00
Alden Rounseville, lumber,	5.65
Acushnet Iron Co., castings,	12.32
E. L. Macomber, sharpening drills and picks,	2.90
S. S. Paine & Bro., pipe and cement,	22.80
	<u>\$161.25</u>

## STONE ACCOUNT.

George T. Parker, 187.66 tons stone at 30c.	\$56.30
Wm. Wilkinson, Jr., 45.56      "      "	13.67
C. F. Morton, 20.10      "      "	6.03
J. T. Brownell, 91      "      "	27.30
Annie Enos, 52.535      "      "	15.76
Henry A. Jackson, 1.12      "      "	.34
James Hathaway, 28.375      "      "	8.51
Job. A. E. Chase, 31.41      "      "	9.42
David Brownell, Jr., 62.125      "      "	18.64
T. B. Geggatt, 27.91      "      "	8.37
William G. Taber, 18.91      "      "	5.67
John S. Perry, 48.775      "      "	14.63
Thomas B. Geggatt, account of 1901,	15.00
	<u>\$199.64</u>

## DRAIN ACCOUNT.

M. S. Douglass, teaming,	\$17.25
Samuel Wing,      "	3.50
S. S. Paine & Bro., pipe and cement,	387.98
	<u>\$408.73</u>
Total highway account,	\$1,980.99
Subscription of T. B. Geggatt, 1901, on macadam road, Long Plain,	\$15.00
Received for screenings and crushed stone,	25.67
Junk sold,	1.25      41.92
Total net cost of highways,	<u>\$1,939.07</u>



## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

ACUSHNET, Feb. 12, 1903.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Selectmen, Surveyor and School Committee's report of the Town of Acushnet for the financial year ending Feb. 1, 1903, and find them correct.

JOSEPH T. BROWNELL,  
Auditor.

## LIST OF JURORS.

List of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

Frank T. Howland, painter.  
Abiel P. R. Gilmore, farmer.  
Henry W. Kenyon, farmer.  
James O. Douglass, farmer.  
Charles F. Alden, painter.  
Abram L. Dillingham, clerk.  
Charles F. Leonard, road builder.  
George A. Macomber, farmer.  
Willard B. Peckham, farmer.  
Luther H. Reynolds, blacksmith.  
Henry N. Parker, farmer.  
Latham T. Jennings, mason.  
Henry F. Taber, farmer.

## REPORT OF FIRE WARDEN.

The town during the past year was called to fight three fires that were controlled by hard and prolonged effort. In each case the fires were caused by carelessness of visitors to our ponds during the dry season.

Fishing at night by the light of fires should be conducted with the greatest care, as the carelessness of smokers in throwing their stubs beside the paths among dry leaves was the cause of the fire at C. Morse's. Carelessness in burning brush caused the Keene road fire, and fires by the pond the last, on the Geggatt lot. By prompt work only we prevented burning over a large amount of timber land.

E. W. ASHLEY, *Fire Warden.*

## FIRE WARDEN'S ACCOUNT.

William A. Durfee, 23 hours at 20c.,	\$4.60
Manual Enos, 4 "	.80
Chas. H. Pittsley, 17 "	3.40
John J. Greene, 17 "	3.40
Cyrus B. Sherman, 18 "	3.60
J. E. Borden & Co., sundries,	3.97
J. C. Morse, 20 hours at 20.,	4.00
A. S. Morse, 3 "	.60
Leslie P. Morse, 20 "	4.00
Thomas L. Butts, 17 "	3.40
J. C. Morse, 8 "	1.60
P. H. Crandon, 16 "	3.20
Charles Crandon, 12 "	2.40
Roland Cobb, 25 "	5.00
E. L. Macomber, 10 "	2.00
Clarence M. Gifford, 35 "	7.00
Leander Washburn, 20 "	4.00
George T. Parker, 6 "	1.20
Charles Crandon, 9 "	1.80
Arthur C. White, 8 "	1.60



F. J. Braley,	24 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 20c.,	4.90
R. P. Hammett,	22 "	4.40
Michael Frank,	7 "	1.40
Granville A. Ashley,	21 "	4.20
W. P. Ashley,	20 "	4.00
E. W. Ashley, services as Fire Warden,		15.00
W. C. Ashley, 15 hours,		3.00
Clarence Gifford, 13 hours,		2.60
		<hr/> \$101.07

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### DOGS.

Number of dogs licensed in 1902 in town of Acushnet, 128;  
122 males, 6 females.

ALDEN WHITE, *Town Clerk.*

### BOARD OF HEALTH.

REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JAN. 1, 1903.

The board was organized for the year 1902 by the choice of F. H. Robinson as chairman, and E. W. Ashley, clerk and agent.

During the past year we report as follows: Number of deaths in Acushnet, 18; number of burials in Acushnet, 15; number of removals to other cemeteries, 11; removals to other cemeteries in town, 11. Contagious diseases in town: Measles, 4 cases; typhoid, 1 case; scarlet fever, 6 cases. One case of small pox investigated, and seven cases of other diseases quarantined, fumigated and taken care of in accordance with the law.

F. H. ROBINSON,  
N. F. MENDALL,  
E. W. ASHLEY, Clerk.

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### REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF CATTLE

FOR THE YEAR 1902.

Your inspector received, on the 26th day of September, a letter from the Cattle Bureau of the State Board of Agriculture which reads: "As this is the first inspection ordered for the Cattle Bureau of the State Board of Agriculture, you are hereby requested to make your report as detailed as it was in 1900, as it is desirable to have a thorough and complete list of the cattle stables of the state, giving specific dimensions and an accurate idea of the cleanliness, ventilation and water supply of each stable." Then followed a long list of directions regarding quarantining, etc., ending with this request:



"As section 24, chapter 90, of the Revised Laws requires that the result of your inspection shall be incorporated in the annual report of this bureau to the State Board of Agriculture, it is necessary for me to have your returns by Nov. 15, in order to prepare them for publication."

Respectfully,

AUSTIN PETERS,  
Chief of Cattle Bureau.

I commenced Oct. 1st, the time stated, to inspect as ordered, which meant the measurement of every stable or shed and all stalls where cattle were kept, distance of watering places from such buildings, and a list of 29 questions to be answered at every place regarding the condition of the cattle, etc. I found several new barns, and some places inspected last year were not keeping cattle, so the number remains about as last year—160. I examined 607 cattle, 359 swine and 2 goats. As a whole I found these cattle in much better condition than in previous years, notwithstanding the dry season. I condemned two stables, but found two I had condemned the year previous made all right. Nov. 17, two days after this report was sent to the board, orders came to make a thorough inspection for foot and mouth disease, and quarantine all cattle coming from other towns, forbidding the transportation of any cattle over the highways, etc. There were only a few places where any changes had been made, and I at once inspected all these, and the cattle brought into town after the first inspection. One man was permitted to transport his cattle from an adjoining town in a wagon, as they were all right. I have not found the least indication of this dread disease, but have a few Jersey cattle under surveillance now.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP A. BRADFORD,  
Inspector.

## ACUSHNET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Trustees are pleased to announce the the increased popularity of our Public Libray and its branches at Perry Hill and Long Plain. The past year in Acushnet village 1,200 books were taken out.

This is largely due to the number of new and interesting volumes bought for our Library through the generous appropriation of the town.

It is evident to thoughtful persons that with a steadily increasing number of books each year, by purchase and donation, our small room is quite inadequate for the purposes of a library. We need more space for books, for librarian and patrons, also a comfortable reading room, which would especially benefit the young people of the village.

We would again suggest that we imitate our sister towns, and have the use of the dog fund to help defray the expenses of the Public Library.

EMILY A. BROWNELL,  
Secretary.

## FINANCIAL REPORT.

Dr.			
To balance of cash March 1, 1902,	\$3.10		
Town appropriation,	150.00		153.10
Cr.			
Paid librarians,	\$54.08		
H. S. Hutchinson, books,	78.92		
Library furnishings,	16.50		
Wood,	2.50		152.00
Balance Feb. 1, 1903,			\$1.10

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE J. PARKER,  
Clerk of Trustees.



## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Report of the Librarian of the Acushnet Free Public Library for the year ending Jan. 28, 1903.

Books taken out during year,		1,219
Average for week,		28
Cash on hand Mar. 1, 1902.	\$2.89	
Fines, etc., from Mar. 1, '02 to Feb. 1, '03,	5.35	\$8.24

## EXPENSES.

Postals,	.03	
Pens,	.05	
Postage,	.04	
2 blank books,	.55	
Mucilage,	.05	
Express due on atlas,	.35	
Cutter's "Decimal Author Table,	1.25	
Money order,	.03	
Mr. Shattuck,	.50	
Travelling library freight,	.50	
Ink,	.10	
Oil,	.14	
Book,	1.50	5.09
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1903,		\$3.15

Books have been donated by a Friend, Mrs. Clement Swift, and Mrs. Thomas Knowles. About 100 books have been bought by the town. The Library is being re-catalogued by Miss Edith Cobb, a graduate of Drexel, and the librarian.

Respectfully submitted,

ELSIE COLLINS,  
Librarian.

## PERRY HILL BRANCH.

Number of books taken from the Library from March 1, 1902, to Feb. 1, 1903, 309.

Respectfully submitted,

CORA B. FULLER,  
Librarian.

## LONG PLAIN.

Number of books taken from the Long Plain Library from March 13, 1902, to Feb. 1, 1903, 363. Fines collected, 48 cents.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE A. MANter,  
Librarian.



# SCHOOL REPORT

1902-1903

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## *School Committee.*

WM. C. ASHLEY, Chairman,	Term expires 1904
THOMAS J. ROBINSON,	Term expires 1903
EDWARD W. ASHLEY.	Term expires 1905

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FRANK M. MARSH,  
Secretary and Superintendent.

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Saturday, Feb. 7, 1903. Voted: "To accept the report of the Superintendent as the report of the School Committee."



## CALENDAR, 1903-1904.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27	.	Schools close for Spring vacation
MONDAY, APRIL 6	.	Schools re-open
FRIDAY, JUNE 19	.	Schools close, summer vacation
MONDAY, SEPT. 7	.	Labor day. Holiday
TUESDAY, SEPT. 8.	.	Schools open
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, NOV. 26-27	.	Thanksgiving holidays
DECEMBER 18	.	Schools close. Christmas vacation
MONDAY, JAN. 4.	.	Schools re-open
MONDAY, FEB. 22	.	Washington's birthday. Holiday
FRIDAY, MARCH 25	.	Schools close. Spring vacation

## DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

### *To the School Committee of Acushnet :*

In accordance with your regulations I have the honor of submitting to you my second report, concerning the condition and progress of the schools under your direction.

To one who has watched the work of the schools for the past year, it is clearly evident that the results in general have been much superior to the accomplishments of the previous year, and for various reasons, the chief of which is, that, with one exception, the teachers of last year returned to their respective schools to take up the work where they left it last June. On the other hand it was necessary to report last year that all teachers, with one exception, were new to the schools and the children.

There have been notable improvements in many of your schools, in the matter of discipline as well as in the amount and quality of work that is being done. In some of the schools which have many grades, the work had become somewhat broken up, from having had frequent changes in teachers, so that much patience and perseverance has been necessary in attempting to bring them into line.

The attempt has been made to secure more uniform results in reading by following the best methods at the beginning. In order to stimulate the interest of the pupils, several new and helpful reading books have been introduced. The modern reader is full of good literature so that the child may acquire an acquaintance and taste for good reading while he is gaining the technical ability to read.



New writing books were introduced in September and pupils, as a rule, are trying to do much neater and more careful work, not only in the copy book, but in the language and composition work.

Your committee of last year were fortunate enough to engage more coal than was actually needed, so that, with what remained at the various schools and what was due on the contract of last year, it has been possible to heat the buildings at a great saving to the town. It has not been necessary to purchase any coal at the advanced price.

The Bisbee school house has been painted and put in excellent repair. A great improvement has been made in the Primary room at Long Plain, by removing the old stage and curtain which shut off the much needed cheer of the sunlight. For both rooms at Long Plain and at Whelden new curtains have been purchased. For nearly all the buildings new rubber mats have been secured, and better house-keeping, both inside the school room and out, has been encouraged. New black boards will soon be necessary in several rooms.

As soon as the committee found that they were to have charge of the temporary repairs at Parting Ways, the work was begun and sufficiently completed for the opening of school.

The chief and only serious difficulty of the year has been and still exists at this school. The \$150 appropriated at the special town meeting was expended to the best advantage possible. The supply room was made about three feet wider, thus making a room about twelve feet square. Second-hand double seats were placed here in order to secure all the space possible, but the quarters are rather crowded for a class of fourteen pupils. After various experiments it was found to be impossible to connect the stovepipe from this little room with the chimney, and it was finally extended through one of the windows. On account of the imperfect draft and the resulting smoke it has been found impossible to use this recitation room more than two or three days in a week, hence the remaining

days are days of confusion and difficulty, both for pupils and teachers. The committee did not feel warranted in spending more money in building a chimney which could be of only brief service, since the increasing enrollment makes it certain that some other provision must be made for the coming year.

Eighty-eight pupils have been enrolled in this school since last September; thirty-eight in the first and second grades down stairs, while up stairs ten additional seats have been crowded into the front of the room to provide for the fifty pupils in six upper grades. This is not only too many pupils, but too many grades for a room of this size. Next September fourteen or fifteen children will go up from down stairs, so that there will be from sixty to seventy pupils to care for in this one room. With an ordinary enrollment there will doubtless be over one hundred children at this school. While the teachers have patiently attempted to do their work under these difficulties, it has been an unfair burden to them and serious hindrance to the children.

I can add nothing by way of suggestion, except to repeat what was said last year, that in view of the present and increasing demand for more room, it seems unwise to expend from \$200 to \$500 for temporary alterations which afford little relief.

Since last year, when we spoke of the inadvisability of attempting to maintain a local High school, the state has become responsible for the payment of all tuition expenditures in those towns without High schools of their own where the valuation is less than \$750,000. This affords an appreciable relief, since the tuition bill had grown to such large proportions. Let me add, however, that the policy of the state requires that all pupils who attend outside high schools get permission from the school committee before the tuition can be paid, and furthermore, pupils must be fully prepared for high school work. The fact that we have three or four grades to a teacher, and the fear that some of our grammar pupils do



not fully realize how much hard study is required in the preparation for the high school, and in retaining their standing when admitted, make it necessary for your committee to consider the advisability of maintaining (9) nine grades as is required in most places.

It seems hardly just to expect your teachers and pupils to do in eight years what your neighbors with single grades require nine years to accomplish.

In spite of difficulties, very faithful and efficient work has been done on the part of both teachers and pupils. More and more is demanded of our public schools each year, and the standard is raised higher and higher.

Many years ago Edward Everett summarized his idea of an education as follows: "To read the English language well; to spell correctly; to write a legible hand with despatch; and to master the four rules of Arithmetic." Today you would hardly accept this as an adequate result to be obtained in your schools; and yet this will serve to keep before us the essentials of a sound education, or rather the tools of education. While we must never lose sight of the importance of these tools of education, and fail to emphasize the need of correct-spelling, legible writing, intelligent reading and accurate number work, we are not satisfied to stop here. The old conception of education was a mere drill in the school arts—the tools and instruments.

The modern aim is to give the drill and also to use these tools to open the mind of the child and let the world in—to stimulate interest in various fields. The majority of us left the elementary school without any permanent interest in nature or art, history or science, and with little desire for further study. Now we are bringing into the school room, incidentally at least, nature and art, literature and music. We are studying history, not by the page, but by getting some insight into causes and effects. We are studying geography not by capitol and boundary lines, but by looking at the earth

in its relation to man. With this richer course of study, and the broader and more inspiring conception of the aim of education, the responsibilities and opportunities of the elementary school teacher have increased many fold. To teach a child the three R's is one thing, but when we identify education with life itself, and set for our schools the task of preparing our children for complete living, we raise education above the mere mechanical routine. The work and responsibility of the public school is rapidly increasing. To meet these demands the one great need is co-operation. When children first go to school, and ever after, they should feel that the confidence and interest of the parents goes with them, that teachers are to have the fullest support of the home. It is becoming more and more clear that the highest educational results can never be attained except with the aid of the home influence. The great source of educational energy always must be in the home and the public at large.

This report should not close without mentioning the earnestness and patience manifested by your teachers in their daily work, or without acknowledging your cordial and helpful interest in the common work.

Respectfully,

FRANK M. MARSH,

Superintendent of Schools.

Feb. 15, 1903.



## FALL TERM, 1901.

TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS.	Wages per month.	Whole No. enrolled.	Average membership.	Average daily attendance.	Per cent. attendance.	Total days absence.	Cases of tardiness.	Cases of dismissal.	No. weeks in term.
<i>Bisbee.</i>									
Hester G. Howland.....	\$26.00	11	10.50	9.02	85.90	104.	79	17	15
<i>Whelden.</i>									
Celia L. Daniels .....	36.00	30	27.77	23.77	85.59	263.5	89	0	16
<i>Long Plain Gram.</i>									
Minnie M. Baker.....	40.00	18	16.45	15.19	92.34	92.5	36	4	16
<i>Long Plain Prim.</i>									
Harriet E. Means.....	30.00	16	14.77	13.34	92.19	83.	47	14	16
<i>Perry Hill.</i>									
Bessie L. Dunham .....	36.00	26	24.01	21.70	90.38	169.5	52	17	16
<i>Acushnet Primary.</i>									
Marie S. Howard.....	40.00	31	26.87	23.97	89.21	219.	7	0	16
<i>Acushnet Grammar.</i>									
Elizabeth E. Fisher.....	40.00	47	45.04	41.46	92.05	266.	43	19	16
Sarah E. Howard.....	30.00								
TOTALS, 1902.....	\$278.00	179	165.11	148.45	89.66	1197.5	353	71	
TOTALS, 1901.....	\$246.00	193	171.10	152.67	89.23		300	57	

## WINTER TERM, 1902.

TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS.	Wages per month.	Whole No. enrolled.	Average membership.	Average daily attendance.	Per cent. attendance.	Total days absence.	Cases of tardiness.	Cases of dismissal.	No. weeks in term.
<i>Bisbee.</i>									
Hester G. Howland.....	\$26.00	13	9.82	7.49	74.24	110.5	75	10	11
<i>Whelden.</i>									
Celia L. Daniels .....	36.00	27	25.07	20.59	82.13	228.5	60	0	11
<i>Long Plain Gram.</i>									
Minnie M. Baker.....	40.00	17	14.	12.26	87.57	92.	12	2	11
<i>Long Plain Prim.</i>									
Harriet E. Means .....	30.00	13	12.06	10.58	87.73	77.	47	5	11
<i>Perry Hill.</i>									
Bessie R. Dunham .....	36.00	25	22.52	20.57	91.34	104.5	29	10	11
<i>Acushnet Primary.</i>									
Marie S. Howard .....	40.00	30	25.71	23.17	90.12	122.	4	1	11
<i>Acushnet Grammar.</i>									
Sarah E. Howard.....	40.00	43	41.41	37.22	89.88	214.	31	17	11
Elizabeth G. Johnson....	30.00								
TOTALS 1902.....	\$278.00	168	150.59	131.88	86.14	948.5	258	45	
TOTALS 1901.....	\$248.00	184	158.52	132.67	83.06		225	80	



## SPRING TERM, 1902.

TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS.	Wages per month.	Whole No. enrolled.	Average member- ship.	Average daily at- tendance.	Per cent attendance.	Total days absence.	Cases of tardiness.	Cases of dismissal.	No. weeks in term.
<i>Bisbee.</i>									
Hester G. Howland.....	\$26.00	13	11.49	9.69	84.30	93.5	16	13	11
<i>Whelden.</i>									
Anna S. Ekman .....	36.00	25	24.16	21.12	87.42	161.	24	19	11
<i>Long Plain Gram.</i>									
Etta L. Simpson .....	40.00	16	14.77	12.51	84.70	122.	11	4	11
<i>Long Plain Prim.</i>									
Harriet E. Means.....	30.00	15	12.91	10.62	82.26	121.	38	0	11
<i>Perry Hill.</i>									
Bessie R. Dunham.....	36.00	25	19.37	17.39	89.78	102.5	22	4	11
<i>Acushnet Primary.</i>									
Marie S. Howard.....	40.00	29	28.22	27.09	96.	57.5	6	1	11
<i>Acushnet Grammar.</i>									
Sarah E. Howard.....	40.00	42	39.35	36.31	92.27	158.	28	34	11
Elizabeth G. Johnson....	40.00								
TOTALS, 1902.....	\$278.00	165	150.27	134.73	88.10	815.5	145	75	
TOTALS, 1901 .....	\$248.00	175	162.44	146.99	88.94		179	54	

## SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR.—SEPT., 1901, TO JUNE 1902.

SCHOOLS.	Av. wages per month.	Whole No. enrolled.	Average membership.	Average daily attend- ance.	Per cent attendance.	Cases of absence.	Cases of tardiness.	Cases of dismissal.	No. weeks in term.
Bisbee .....	\$26.00	13	10.60	8.73	81.48	308.	170	40	37
Whelden .....	36.00	30	25.67	21.83	85.05	653.	173	19	38
Long Plain Grammar....	40.00	18	15.07	13.32	88.20	306.5	59	10	38
Long Plain Primary.....	30.00	16	13.15	11.51	87.39	281.	132	19	38
Perry Hill.....	36.00	26	21.97	19.89	90.50	376.5	103	31	38
Acushnet Primary.....	40.00	31	26.93	24.74	91.78	398.5	17	2	38
Acushnet Grammar.....	<del>40.00</del> 40.	47	41.93	39.33	91.43	638.	102	70	38
TOTALS, 1902 .....	\$278.00	181	155.32	139.35	87.98	296.15	653	160	



## FALL TERM, 1902.

TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS.	Wages per month.	Whole No. enrolled.	Average membership.	Average daily attendance.	Per cent. attendance.	Total days absence.	Cases of tardiness.	Cases of dismissal.	No. weeks in term.
<i>Acushnet Grammar.</i>									
Sarah E. Howard.....	\$40.00	50	43.81	41.01	93.61	202.	33	16	15
Elizabeth G. Johnson....	30.00								
<i>Acushnet Primary.</i>									
Marie S. Howard.....	40.00	38	34.48	32.86	95.30	107.5	10	0	15
<i>Long Plain Gram.</i>									
Etta L. Simpson.....	40.00	21	19.31	16.50	85.45	196.5	32	8	15
<i>Long Plain Prim.</i>									
Harriet E. Means.....	30.00	14	12.38	10.58	85.46	118.5	39	4	15
<i>Perry Hill.</i>									
Bessie R. Dunham.....	38.00	32	26.58	24.88	93.60	120.5	11	4	15
<i>Whelden.</i>									
Anna S. Ekman.....	38.00	27	27.75	23.78	85.69	274.	31	16	15
<i>Bisbee.</i>									
Mary E. Norris.....	26.00	15	12.66	10.42	82.31	148.	19	9	
TOTALS, 1902.....	\$282.00	197	176.97	116.03	88.77	1167.	175	57	
TOTALS, 1901.....	\$278.00	179	165.11	148.05	89.66		353	71	

## ROLL OF HONOR:

Pupils neither absent nor tardy for the year 1901—1902,  
Moise Bousquet and Fred Hayward.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## GENERAL SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Balance to credit of schools,	\$234.65
Appropriation,	2,500.00
Received from state fund,	395.81
Received from county,	229.77
Appropriation for district superintendent,	150.00
Received from state (account district superintendent)	250.00
Total,	\$3,760.23
Paid teachers, as per schedule (A)	\$2,316.50
Janitors " (B)	150.03
Fuel, " (C)	60.12
Books and supplies, " (D)	138.33
Repairs, " (E)	163.57
Incidentals, " (F)	55.60
Superintendent,	275.00
Balance, Feb. 1, 1903,	3,159.15
	\$601.08

## HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

Appropriation,	\$749.86
Paid City of New Bedford,	\$644.86
Paid Town of Fairhaven,	105.00
	749.86

## SPECIAL ACCOUNT.

## PARTING WAYS REPAIRS

Special appropriation,	\$150.00
Paid George Lawrence, mason work,	\$13.00
C. F. Chase, carpenter work,	96.00
J. L. Hammett Co., blackboards,	15.48
Town of Fairhaven, desks and chairs,	6.00
George H. Cobb, labor and pipe,	13.78
C. F. Wing, stove,	4.75
Balance on hand,	149.01
	.99



## SCHEDULE A. TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Marie S. Howard,	\$330.00
Sarah E. Howard,	330.00
Elizabeth G. Johnson,	247.50
Bessie R. Dunham,	306.50
Celia L. Daniels,	27.00
Minnie M. Baker,	30.00
Harriet E. Means,	247.50
Hester G. Howland,	91.00
Anna S. Ekman,	279.50
Etta L. Simpson,	300.00
Mary E. Norris,	127.50
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	\$2,316.50

## SCHEDULE B. JANITORS.

Edson Perry,	\$5.50
Edna L. Vincent,	2.76
Mamie Sylvia,	2.25
Ralph Parris,	5.75
Fred Ashley,	26.00
Edith Ellis,	2.76
Grace Reynolds,	4.60
George Hayward,	7.00
Frank James,	.70
Willard Butts,	2.30
Pardon Taber,	32.10
Hester Howland,	5.50
Dora Tripp,	23.00
Mary E. Norris,	2.00
Valetta Bumpus,	1.88
Mary Bosquet,	1.88
Louis Jenney,	3.75
R. B. Pittsley,	5.00
Reuben Mason,	9.80
Paul Barnes,	5.50
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	\$150.03

## SCHEDULE C. FUEL.

Alden Rounseville,	\$55.00
Henry Cushman,	1.87
T. J. Robinson,	3.25
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	\$60.12

## SCHEDULE D. BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

J. L. Hammett Co.,	\$50.22
E. E. Babb & Co.,	56.60
Maynard & Merrill,	3.45
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	5.00
Ginn & Co.,	8.50
D. C. Heath & Co.,	2.92
The Morse Co.,	5.40
Rand, McNally & Co.,	6.24
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	\$138.33

## SCHEDULE E. REPAIRS.

Allen Weeks,	\$6.45
William Gracia,	17.00
Charles Allen,	2.00
G. W. Lawrence,	29.35
William H. Caswell,	15.13
Richard Davis,	1.27
N. P. Hayes,	4.93
George A. Cobb,	4.70
Charles F. Wing,	26.00
F. T. Akin & Co.,	1.20
T. L. Butts,	8.00
E. W. Ashley,	4.40
Clarence Gifford,	1.25
Charles H. Dillingham,	6.90
Chandler Chair & Desk Works,	28.80
T. J. Robinson,	6.19
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	\$163.57



## SCHEDULE F. INCIDENTALS.

Fred J. Bentley.	\$1.50
Sanders & Barrows,	4.00
Charles F. Wing,	2.75
William J. Pittsley,	6.58
Richard Davis,	.97
Howard Brown,	6.00
E. W. Ashley,	13.50
Hatch & Co.,	1.75
C. D. Waldron,	5.00
F. M. Marsh,	13.55
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	\$55.60