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OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

ACUSHNET

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 1, 1908.

NEW BEDFORD, MASS. :

NEW BEDFORD PRINTING COMPANY,

1908

*Presented by
Mr. Geo. H. Trapp.*

TOWN OFFICERS

Elected at the Annual Town Meeting held March 4, 1907.

Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector of Taxes.

ALDEN WHITE.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

HENRY F. TABER,

EBEN F. LEONARD,

GEORGE T. PARKER.

School Committee for Three Years,

FRED H. ROBINSON.

Board of Health for Three Years.

HENRY BARTLETT.

Single Highway Surveyor for One Year.

WILLARD B. PECKHAM.

Tree Warden for One Year.

HENRY A. JACKSON.

Trustee of Free Public Library for Three Years.

ANNIE A. SWIFT.

Auditor.

JOSEPH T. BROWNELL.

Constables.

SYLVESTER PRATT,

CHARLES P. COTTLE.

JOHN M. VINCENT.

Surveyors of Lumber.

EDWARD W. ASHLEY,

CHARLES F. LEONARD,

EMERY E. CUSHMAN,

SAMUEL WING,

HENRY F. TABER.

Pound Keepers.

JOSEPH GREENWOOD,

GEORGE T. PARKER.

Field Drivers.

EMERY E. CUSHMAN,

JOHN M. VINCENT.

Fence Viewers.

WILLIAM I. SHOCKLEY,

HENRY F. TABER,

WILLARD B. PECKHAM.

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ALDEN WHITE, Collector.

In account with the Town of Acushnet.

DR.

To uncollected taxes of 1905,	\$222.83
To uncollected taxes of 1906,	839.02
Amount of tax bills of 1907:	
State tax,	840.00
State highway tax,	169.75
County tax,	1,017.46
Town tax,	12,186.59
Omitted assessments,	59.20
Interest on taxes collected,	46.40
	<hr/> \$15,381.25

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By amount paid State Treasurer,	\$840.00
Amount paid State Treasurer,	169.75
Amount paid County Treasurer,	1,017.46
Amount paid Town Treasurer,	11,440.86
Discount for prompt tax payment,	705.70
Taxes remitted by assessors,	38.60
Abatement of taxes by assessors,	71.73
Taxes remitted account of soldiers' and widows' exemptions,	22.00
Uncollected taxes of 1906,	96.56
Uncollected taxes of 1907,	978.59
	<hr/> \$15,381.25

ALDEN WHITE, Treasurer.

In account with the Town of Acushnet.

Dr.

Feb. 1, 1907.	
To balance in treasury,	\$1,231.93
Amounts received from State Treasurer:	
Corporation tax,	718.01
National bank tax,	468.24
Income from state school fund,	997.50
Return of high school tuition,	\$1,061.80
Return of state aid,	558.00
For superintendent of schools,	208.33
For inspection of animals,	25.00
For burial of paupers,	10.00
For tuition of children,	60.00
Balance corporation tax,	4.33
From County treasurer, dog fund,	335.67
Merchants Nat. Bank, temporary loans,	4,000.00
Third district court, fines,	74.82
Board of health, S. house licenses,	4.00
E. C. Taber, auct. license,	2.00
J. O. Douglass, auct. license,	2.00
D. S. Mason, back taxes,	77.40
James B. Whelden, sale of land,	5.00
E. E. Cushman, sale of grass from school lot,	4.00
Overseers of poor, pension of J. Besse,	72.00
Rent of town farm,	112.00
James C. Gammons, stone for state high.,	2.15
Alden White, collector of taxes,	11,440.86
	<u>\$21,475.04</u>

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By amount paid for support of poor and soldiers' relief,	\$373.12
Amount paid for incidentals and board of health,	1,376.10
Amount paid for public library,	251.51
" " notes,	6,300.00
" " interest,	383.54
" " state aid,	590.00
" " schools including supt. salary and H. S. tuition,	6,363.14
Amount paid for highways,	2,990.16
Balance in town treasury,	2,847.47
	<u>\$21,475.04</u>

Gift Fund.

To amount in N. B. Inst. for Savings	
Feb. 1, 1907,	\$724.63
Interest to Oct. 1907,	29.26
	<u>\$753.89</u>
Balance,	

CEMETERY FUNDS.

Held in trust by the Town of Acushnet.

To principal of Elizabeth Taber fund,	\$205.09	
Interest on hand October, 1907,	25.93	
		\$231.02
Paid Allen Russell, Jr., for care of lot in 1906-7,		10.00
Balance,		\$221.02
To principal of William D. Taber Fund,	\$50.00	
Interest on hand October, 1907,	7.42	
		\$57.42
Paid Allen Russell, Jr., for care of lot, 1906-7,		2.00
Balance,		\$55.42
To principal of Alfred Morse fund,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1907,	5.58	
		\$105.58
Paid Richard Davis for care of lot in 1907,		3.00
Balance,		\$102.58
To principal of Estate of Jacob Taber Fund, for Joseph Taber ceme- tery lot,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1907,	9.95	
		\$109.95
Paid R. P. Hammett for care of lot in 1907,		1.50
Balance,		\$108.45
To principal of Estate of Jacob Taber Fund, for Ellis Mendell ceme- tery lot,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1907,	9.11	
		\$109.11
Paid R. P. Hammett for care of lot in 1907,		1.50
Balance,		\$107.61

To principal of John B. Fowler fund,	\$200.00	
Interest on hand October, 1907,	14.24	
		\$214.24
Paid R. P. Hammett for care of lot in 1907,		3.00
Balance,		\$211.24
To principal of John S. Perry fund for Wing cemetery lot,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1907,	4.42	
		\$104.42
Paid A. White for care of lot in 1907,		4.10
Balance,		\$100.32
To principal of fund for care of William Taber lot, Long Plain,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1907,	6.12	
		\$106.12
Paid R. P. Hammett for care of lot in 1907,		1.50
Balance,		\$104.62
To principal of fund for care of James Cathell cemetery lot, L. P.,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand October, 1907,	4.54	
		\$104.54
Paid R. P. Hammett for care of lot in 1907,		1.50
Balance,		\$103.04
To principal of fund for care of Pardon Taber, Jr., cemetery lot,	\$75.00	
Balance,		\$75.00

Held in Trust by Alden White.

To principal of contributed fund for the care of the Long Plain cemetery,	\$259.50	
Interest to October, 1907,	10.46	
		\$269.96
Paid for work at cemetery in 1907,		10.46
Balance,		\$259.50

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

I respectfully present my report as Town Clerk for the year ending December 31, 1907.

Births Registered in Acushnet in 1907.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Jan. 15	Olive Jeannette Pittsley	Charles and Mary
Jan. 26	Louisiana Charest	Thomas and Mathilda
Jan. 29	Irma Morse	Everett C. and Minnie L.
Feb. 7	Thomas Edward Baron	James and Agnes
Feb. 15	Katherine Hersom	Thomas and Millie D.
Feb. 20	Josephine Ellen Ward	Francis R. and Josephine C.
Feb. 26	Josephine Guilbeault	Saul and Fannie
Mar. 3	Annie Frances Tinkham	Oscar and Amy
Mar. 8	Joseph Athanase Dupre	Oliver and Malvina
Mar. 12	Alma Regia Chartier	Ludger and Georgie
Mar. 16	Helen Louise Gifford	Charles E. and Edyth M.
Mar. 21	Gadys Elizabeth Taber	Harold E. and Roselma F.
Apr. 10	Illegitimate	
Apr. 10	Manuel Bettencourt	José and Mary
May 6	Jennie Francis Ellis	Clarence B. and Althea I.
May 8	Everett Briggs Ellis	Nathan and Cora
May 28	Hilda Linden	John R. and Mary E.
June 5	Bertha Harding	Philip and Mamie
June 6	Marie Rose Alda Bissonnette	Adelard and Rose
June 27	Stephen Johnson Howe	Benj. F. and Elizabeth
July 4	Violet Eudora Tripp	Charles A. and Dora
July 10	Louise Hemmann	Paul R. and Jennie S.
July 24	Francis Anthony LeMaire	Aime and Mary J.
July 26	{ Mary Enos } Twins	Antone and Annie
	{ Anthony Enos }	Antone and Annie
Aug. 14	Ethel R. Sherman	Harry G. and Lottie E.
Aug. 17	Alma Goudreau	Joseph and Eloisia K.
Aug. 22	Laura Leblond	Napoleon and Selina
Aug. 28	Charles Alva Thompson	Hiram F. and Jennie E.
Sept. 4	Alfred Joseph Bastien	George and Annie
Sept. 6	Stillborn	
Sept. 6	Annie Bertha Wordell	John H. and Albina
Sept. 14	Margery Hester Bradford	Philip A. and Ivy Mae
Sept. 27	Eugene Lawrence Meunier	Orila and Octavie
Sept. 29	{ Edward Sylvia } Twins	Joseph F. and Rosa
	{ Edmund Sylvia }	Joseph F. and Rosa
Oct. 8	Melvin Otis Bradford, Jr.	Melvin O. and Harriet
Oct. 12	Sarah Singleton	William and Clara
Oct. 25	Nelson Wallace Sherman	Cyrus B. and Fannie E.
Oct. 26	Ramon Francis Lawrence	Albert F. and Jennie P.
Nov. 10	Frederic Jason Quintin	Theodore and Ella L.
Nov. 19	Howard Francis Rose	Francis E. and Lillian G.
Nov. 23	Stillborn	
Dec. 5	Beatrice Elizabeth Chase	Elisha F. and Elizabeth B.
Dec. 8	George Henry Wilkinson	William and Estelle M.

Marriages Registered in Acushnet in 1907.

DATE.	NAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.
January 16	John Wesley Howarth, Harriet LeBaron Howes.	Somerville. New Bedford.
February 28	Elisha F. Chase, Elizabeth B. Smith.	Acushnet. Acushnet.
April 22	Adelard Bonneau, Virginia Farant.	New Bedford. Acushnet.
May 19	George J. Bastien, Annie Kobza.	New Bedford. Acushnet.
August 23	George T. Parker, Caroline E. Wing.	Acushnet. Acushnet.
August 25	Robert Handyside, Addie S. Gage.	New Bedford. Acushnet.
August 30	Franklin B. Shurtleff, Abbie A. Tripp.	Acushnet. Acushnet.
September 18	Herbert L. Soule, Es'elle B. Holden.	Acushnet. New Bedford.
September 19	Martin D. Wordell, Alice C. W. Taber.	Acushnet. Acushnet.
November 13	Henry E. Cushman, Bessie M. Bigney.	New Bedford. Acushnet.
November 23	Solomon H. Haskell, Ethel Evans.	New Bedford. Acushnet.
November 27	Maurice F. Perry, Clara E. Tripp.	Acushnet. Acushnet.
December 22	Michel Dextraze, Elodie Roberts.	Acushnet.

Deaths Registered in Acushnet in 1907.

DATE	NAME	AGE			CAUSE OF DEATH
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan. 2	Hannah Horan	72			Cancer
Jan. 4	Charles L. Kenyon	67			Chronic dif. nephritis
Jan. 25	Lewin W. Hathaway	54	4		Carcinoma of pleura
Feb. 26	Josephine Guilbeault			1h	Asphyxia (white)
Feb. 26	Charles W. L. Chase		9	5	Pneumonia
Mar. 8	Marie Z. Fournier	41	10		Pul. tuberculosis
Mar. 9	Lucina P. Sherman	65	11	15	Bronchitis, enteritis
Mar. 16	Florence Sylvia	5	10	16	Cerebral abscess
Mar. 26	Job A. E. Chase	63	3	29	Heart trouble
Apr. 8	Herbert F. Washburn	62			Septicaemia
Apr. 13	Manuel Bettencourt			3	Cyanosis
Apr. 15	Andrew B. C. Davenport	58			Bright's disease
Apr. 17	Lewis Papa		4	11	Infantile debility
Apr. 22	Joseph B. Slocum	63	11	22	Cardiac paralysis
May 25	Edwin A. Thompson	62	11		Pul. tuberculosis
June 20	Clara F. Clapp			11	Spleno my. leukemia
July 11	Annie M. Faunce	71	4		Old age
July 21	Joseph Besse	85	6	4	Senility
Aug. 2	George Parkin	7	11		Heart disease
Aug. 2	Anthony Enos			7	Acute en. colitis
Aug. 25	Lydia Perron	34			Pul. tuberculosis
Aug. 27	Franklyn Howland	64	1		Heart disease
Aug. 30	Louise Albro	74	10	15	Senility
Sept. 3	Bathsheba W. Welden	77	8	15	Acute hem. pancreatitis
Sept. 6					Stillborn
Sept. 8	Abbie S. Phinney	56			Colitis (ulcerative)
Sept. 12	Ethel R. Sherman		1		Enterocolitis
Oct. 4	Mary Enos		2	7	Marasmus
Oct. 4	Ephraim B. Tripp	45	10	22	Typhoid fever
Oct. 5	Mary L. Day	53	7		Prog. anaemia
Oct. 6	Joseph Maxam	92	1	26	Old age
Oct. 21	Edwardo F. Sylvia			22	Tuberculosis
Nov. 11	Edward R. Cory	14	1	9	Sp. meningitis
Nov. 21	Frances E. Eaton	65	3	27	Heart disease
Nov. 23					Stillborn
Nov. 27	Joseph F. Taber	74	11	5	Softening of brain
Dec. 11	Stephen White	78	5	12	Senility
Dec. 16	Philip A. Bradford	84	2		Gen. debility, carcinoma of head
Dec. 17	Mary I. Westgate				Broncho-pneumonia
Dec. 24	Mary A. Allen	82	8	3	Gangrene (senile)
Dec. 28	Mary E. Harding	55	2	6	Cancer

ALDEN WHITE,
Town Clerk.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the Town of Acushnet submit the following report of the financial affairs of the town for the year ending Feb. 1, 1908.

Poor Account.

W. C. Vaughn, burial — Chase,	\$10.00
Michael Frank, board of J. Besse,	13980
Dr. J. P. Bradford, medical attendance	
Mrs. Hunniwell,	21.00
Mrs. A. Turner, board of Mrs. Hunniwell,	9.00
Mass. School for Feeble Minded, for F. Besse,	10.57
W. C. Vaughan, burial Lewis Papa,	7.00
P. J. Riley, shoes, R. A. Pittsley,	1.50
R. P. Hammett, opening grave,	1.00
W. F. Douglass, supplies, Marcus Freeman,	78.00
City of Taunton, supplies, Orin Harding,	3.00
City of New Bedford, supplies, John Green,	4.00
Dr. F. H. Robinson, medical attendance,	
M. Olivero,	1.50
Sylvester Pratt, expenses to state farm,	4.90
F. J. Bentley, supplies, G. Petty,	2.30
City of Brockton, supplies, E. Braley,	10.25
W. C. Vaughan, burial M. I. Westgate,	15.00
Dr. F. H. Robinson, medical attendance,	
J. Besse,	3.00
St. Luke's Hospital, L. Harding,	11.00
W. F. Douglass, supplies, M. Freeman,	7.50
R. Davis, for J. Besse,	.80
	<u>\$341.12</u>

Soldier's Relief.

Eli W. Pierce,	32.00
	<u>\$373.12</u>

Incidental Account.

Fred O. Tripp, inspection of cattle,	\$8.75
A. P. R. Gilmore, moth inspector,	7.50
E. W. Ashley, teller,	2.00
Dr. Joseph Bernier, birth return,	.50
N. B. Printing Co., 450 reports,	40.00
J. W. Paul, treasurer's bond,	24.00
W. R. Spooner, Commonwealth vs. Alidia J. Norton,	31.09
J. W. Paul, schoolhouse insurance,	116.25
Wood, Brightman & Co., pump repairs,	33.55
H. H. Dolbear, assessors' book,	3.85
M. J. Fagundi, carting granite, P. M. S.	11.10
Sylvester Pratt, Memorial Day expense,	10.00
J. T. Brownell, auditor,	3.00
A. P. R. Gilmore, teller,	2.00
V. A. Hammett, paper, etc., town farm,	3.00
M. P. Morton, whitewashing, etc., town farm,	5.68
Sullivan & Crocker, tax book,	4.50
N. B. Printing Co., 1000 receipts,	2.25
N. B. Printing Co., 600 tax bills,	4.75
Sylvester Pratt, services as constable,	20.00
McGilvray & Jones, Pilgrim memorial stone,	16.44
W. R. Spooner, Commonwealth vs. W. Leominster,	20.96
E. W. Ashley, cleaning well, Parting Ways,	6.50
E. Anthony & Sons, 1000 note heads,	2.75
Eugene White, teller,	2.00
Fred O. Tripp, cattle inspecting,	50.00
Alden White, recording elections,	5.00
E. W. Ashley, teller,	2.00
A. P. R. Gilmore, teller,	2.00
George J. Parker, wood, town house,	5.00
H. F. Taber, copy of valuation book for committee,	10.00
Mrs. C. Swift, glass and setting, town house,	.24
S. Corey, Jr., teller,	2.00
D. S. Mason, com. on collection,	1.16
Dr. F. H. Robinson, birth returns,	1.00

Dr. J. F. Weeks, birth returns,	3.75
Alden White, stationery, etc.,	9.16
Alden White, work at town house,	1.00
George F. Parker, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	70.00
Eben F. Leonard, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	70.00
Henry F. Taber, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	115.00
Wm. H. Drake, painting sign,	1.00
W. & L. E. Gurley, weights,	15.45
H. F. Taber, stationery,	3.50
John M. Vincent, constable,	12.00
M. S. Douglass, moderator,	5.00
M. S. Douglass, rendering oaths,	4.50
Albert S. Jenney, school committee,	25.00
Dr. F. H. Robinson, school committee,	25.00
E. E. Cushman, school committee,	25.00
Alden White, recording and returns of births, deaths and marriages,	36.30
W. B. Peckham, snow bills,	65.60
W. B. Peckham, special highway order,	7.88
Jose, Parker & Co., blank note forms,	2.75
Alden White, commission as collector,	212.60
Alden White, commission as treasurer,	92.67
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	\$789.25

Board of Health.

E. E. Cushman, vaccination cards,	.80
E. W. Ashley, fumigating,	10.00
Nuttall's Pharmacy, formaldehyde,	1.70
E. E. Cushman, recording, etc.,	21.90
R. W. Taber, record book,	1.12
Browne Pharmacy, Lister's candles,	1.35
Fred O. Tripp, clerk,	7.50
Henry Bartlett,	3.50
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	\$47.87

Fire Wardens.

Leslie P. Morse,	\$3.75
E. W. Ashley,	4.40
Arthur Harding,	2.60
Reuben A. Peckham,	3.00
John G. Harding,	5.20
E. W. Ashley,	10.60
James C. Dexter,	6.15
Frank Fontaine,	7.20
Reuben Mason,	1.40
M. S. Douglass,	2.40
Jose Bettencourt,	1.20
Harold E. Taber,	1.20
Charles E. Gifford,	7.50
F. H. Robinson,	.40
R. P. Hammett,	4.80
John W. Heys,	11.40
Charles E. Sullivan,	1.00
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	\$74.20
Total incidental expense,	<hr/>
	\$1,376.10

Orders given by the Selectmen on bills approved
by chairman of Trustees of Free Pubic Library, \$251.51

Notes and Interest.

Paid during the year 1907:

Jose, Parker & Co., 1 note,	\$500.00
Melrose Savings Bank, 1 note,	800.00
Jose, Parker & Co., 1 note,	1,000.00
Merchants National Bank, 3 notes,	4,000.00
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	\$6,300.00
Jose, Parker & Co., interest,	\$135.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, interest,	90.00
Melrose Savings Bank, interest,	28.00
Merchants National Bank, interest,	130.54
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	\$383.54
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	\$6,683.54

State Aid.

Sylvester Pratt,	\$48.00
Edward C. Tew,	48.00
Daniel V. Smith,	48.00
Isaac V. Braley,	48.00
Henry W. Kenyon,	36.00
Ruth A. Haskell,	46.00
Elizabeth Potter,	48.00
Chloe J. Dillingham,	48.00
Lois E. Chace,	48.00
Henrietta Baker,	48.00
A. Maria G. Hathaway,	48.00
James H. Sears,	60.00
Nancy M. Shoales,	16.00
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	\$590.00

Orders given by the Selectmen on bills approved
by the School Committee, \$6,363.14

Appropriations for 1907.

Schools and superintendent's salary,	\$3,650.00
Poor,	500.00
Incidentals,	1,600.00
Highways and bridges,	3,000.00
Library,	250.00
Notes and interest,	2,700.00

Valuation of Town, May 1, 1907.

Personal property,	\$113,410.00
Buildings,	300,950.00
Land,	264,130.00
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Total,	\$678,490.00

Rate of taxation,	\$20.00
Number of polls assessed,	322
Number of horses assessed,	302
Number of cows assessed,	449
Number of neat cattle assessed,	74
Number of swine assessed,	67
Number of dwellings assessed,	319
Number of acres of land,	10,932
Number of fowls assessed,	9,955
Value of fowls,	\$3,965.00

The Town Owns Property as Follows:

Schoolhouses and lots,	\$8,100.00
Town farm and buildings,	1,600.00
Town house and lot,	1,000.00
Crusher plant,	500.00
Library books,	400.00
Safes, etc.,	200.00
Gravel lots,	200.00
	<u>\$12,000.00</u>

Present Town Debt.

Note held by Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due Oct. 15, 1908, at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$,	\$1,000.00
Note held by Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due Oct. 15, 1910, at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$,	1,000.00
Note held by Jose, Parker & Co., due Sept. 1, 1908, at 4% ,	500.00
Note held by Jose, Parker & Co., due Sept. 1, 1909, at 4% ,	500.00
Note held by Jose, Parker & Co., due Sept. 1, 1910, at 4% ,	500.00

Note held by Jose, Parker & Co., due Sept. 1, 1911, at 4% ,	500.00
Note held by Jose, Parker & Co., due Sept. 1, 1912, at 4% ,	500.00
Note held by Merchants National Bank, due Oct., 1908, at 5% ,	<u>1,101.51</u>
	\$5,601.51

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. TABER,
EBEN F. LEONARD,
GEORGE T. PARKER,

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor.

Orders given by the Selectmen on bills approved by the
Highway Surveyor, and on Stone Account.

Stone Account.

John Smith,	\$62.93	
M. J. Fagundi,	306.32	
Frank Novia,	32.96	
Max Hemmann,	31.25	
Geo. P. Norton,	43.84	
E. E. Cushman,	26.34	
Lewis F. Harding,	2.89	
H. N. Wilbur,	90.00	
John Harding,	5.84	
Geo. W. Spooner,	7.18	
Joseph Silvia,	48.66	
Chas. P. Cottle,	7.40	
Walter White,	.54	
Augustus White,	60.78	
George W. Spooner,	2.01	
		\$728.94
Paid W. B. Peckham,		1,974.11
On bills approved by W. B. Peckham,		287.11
		<u>\$2,990.16</u>

Balance due W. B. Peckam:	
On account of snow bills,	\$.10
On account of highways,	114.53
	<u>\$114.63</u>

REPORT OF HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

April 6.	By cash from treasurer,	\$65.00
13.	" " "	50.00
20.	" " "	115.00
27.	" " "	200.00
May 6.	" " "	169.00
13.	" " "	113.00
18.	" " "	186.00
25.	" " "	136.98
June 1.	" " "	167.30
8.	" " "	102.00
15.	" " "	198.80
22.	" " "	129.28
29.	" " "	24.83
Aug. 31.	" " "	38.33
Sept. 14.	" " "	37.75
Oct. 9.	" " "	140.00
Nov. 16.	" " "	133.80
	By cash from M. O. Bradford, crushed stone,	3.25
	" Jas. Hathaway, dirt,	10.00
	" John Perry, dirt,	3.80
	" M. Hazzard, dirt,	10.00
	" Smith Bros., dirt,	1.50
	" H. Taber, dirt,	38.50
	" Lyda Taber, dirt,	.50
	" Emory Cushman, dirt,	2.00
	" Mrs. Job Chase, dirt,	6.25
		<u>\$2,082.87</u>

Labor Account, 1907-8.

W. B. Peckham, 115 $\frac{1}{3}$ days,	\$288.33
W. B. Peckham, 142 days,	355.00
Wm. Sherman, (receipts),	148.50
Antone Enos, "	115.42
Clarence Gifford, "	67.61

E. C. Morse, man 2 days, 3½ hours,	3.59
E. C. Morse, team 3 days, 3½ hours,	8.47
F. J. Braley, team and man 3½ hours,	1.56
James R. Geggatt, (receipts)	70.86
James H. Cobb, "	128.25
M. O. Bradford, "	81.33
Geo. Enos, "	56.41
C. H. Howland, "	14.25
F. Riley, "	8.25
Chas. P. Cottle, "	84.89
George P. Norton, "	42.01
John Bardsley, "	.75
Max Hemmon, "	18.50
Ed Hardin, "	6.00
Oliver Beck, "	44.33
H. J. Roberts, "	24.83
Chas. P. Cole, "	5.00
Charles White, "	10.50
C. D. Bennett, "	93.14
Manuel Enos, "	37.64
George P. Morse, "	64.00
M. J. Furgundas, "	36.91
Jno. L. Sullivan, "	26.50
John Hoyle, "	1.50
Jno. W. Heys, "	13.12
John Camelia, "	11.50
Wm. Wilkinson, "	62.38
Geo. A. Macomber, "	68.04
Joseph Goodreau, "	1.75
Samuel Goodreau, "	2.95
E. W. Ashley, "	44.63
Henry F. Taber, "	1.75
Joseph Brownell, "	24.00
Allen E. Weeks, "	9.14
Geo. A. Macomber, "	1.75
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	\$2,085.34

Incidental Account.

Cash paid:	
Mar. 2.	Telephoning, .15
4.	Telephoning, .85
4.	Canvas, .50
5.	Kerosene, .13
5.	Telephoning, .15
9.	Hatch Express Co., 1.25
9.	Telephoning, .15
11.	Inspecting boilers, 5.00
11.	Telephone, .10
April 12.	Thos. Hersom, soda ash, .75
14.	Telephone, .15
14.	Nails and oil, .25
15.	Nails, .20
16.	Telephone, .10
23.	Dynamite, 2.70
23.	Caps and fuse, 1.03
23.	Hoes, .70
23.	Bolts and drills, 1.95
23.	N. B. B. & M. Co., 4.93
25.	Stanbridge, blacksmithing, 2.25
May 3.	Advertising for help, .25
3.	Telephone, 15.
6.	2 shovels, 1.00
7.	F. P. Noia, stone, 15.75
10.	Oil, .28
10.	Sharpening saws, .20
15.	Freight bills, N.Y., N.H. & H. Ry., .25
15.	Wm. F. Nye, 5.25
18.	F. P. Noia, stone, 17.21
20.	Painting sign, .50
20.	Rope, .50
27.	Spikes, 1.20
June 1.	F. H. Robinson, 6.65
3.	Benj. White, 1.20
6.	Lumber, 1.50
6.	E. S. Macomber, .45
7.	R. Davis, 1.18
14.	Benj. White, 1.80
20.	Express, .25

June 21.	Oil,	.15	
Aug. 20.	Telephone,	.10	
Sept. 28.	George A. Cobb, weighing stone,	.48	
58.	J. E. Borden, plow points,	.90	
28.	Eliza Thourine, stone,	9.70	
28.	Emile Robitaille, stone,	12.90	
Oct. 14.	Sharpening drills,	.15	
Nov. 23.	James B. Hamlin, lumber,	2.42	
1908.			
Jan. 1.	James Sherman, gravel,	2.10	
9.	Mrs. E. A. Allen, gravel,	2.50	
20.	Chas. S. Taylor, gravel,	1.80	
			\$112.06
			\$2,197.40

Snow Account of Highway Surveyor.

Feb. 12, 1908:

Paid Chas. F. Leonard,	\$2.82
E. W. Ashley,	1.80
F. J. Braley,	6.57
Uriah S. Cole,	4.20
Otis Harding,	2.60
O. W. Jenney,	3.00
W. S. Jenney,	2.40
W. B. Peckham,	6.25
Russell P. Hammett,	3.00
Geo. A. Macomber,	2.90
H. Saucier (Wing Town),	18.16
Michael Mahoney,	2.00
Uriah S. Cole,	3.00
Chas. S. Cole,	3.00
Geo. T. Parker,	4.00
	\$65.70

W. B. PECKHAM,
Single Highway Surveyor.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Acushnet, Mass., Feb. 13, 1908.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Selectmen, Highway Surveyor, Schools, and all Trust Funds held for the benefit of the town, or property of the town, for the financial year ending Feb. 1, 1908, and find them correct.

JOSEPH T. BROWNELL,
Auditor.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS.

I received notice from the Cattle Bureau of the State Board of Agriculture to begin inspection of animals Oct. 1, 1907, to be completed by Nov. 1, 1907.

I inspected 133 barns, 607 cattle, 227 swine, and 5 goats. I killed one cow afflicted with tuberculosis.

In regard to cleanliness, I would say that nearly all barns where milk is produced for sale have been whitewashed, which is an improvement. I would suggest having this done once a year, then our barns would have a cleaner appearance, to say the least.

We must remember that animals kept in a clean barn, with good light, and well ventilated, are less liable to disease of any kind.

FRED O. TRIPP,
Inspector of Animals.

DOGS.

Number of dogs licensed in Town of Acushnet in 1907, 188;
165 males, 23 females.

ALDEN WHITE,
Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1907.

Deaths recorded in Acushnet during 1907, 41

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES REPORTED.

1 scarlet fever.

1 typhoid fever.

Attention is called to the parents that cases of measles and whooping cough must be reported to the Board of Health the same as other contagious diseases. The same were declared by the State Board of Health, August 1, 1907, to be dangerous to the public health and hence notifiable under the provisions of sections 49 and 50 of chapter 75 of the revised laws.

Several complaints were investigated by the Board. Four slaughter house licenses were granted for the year 1908.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERIC O. TRIPP,
EMERY E. CUSHMAN,
HENRY BARTLETT.

ACUSHNET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Secretary's Report.

The Trustees of the Acushnet Library respectfully submit their annual report.

Our Library increases every year in importance and usefulness, as statistics of the past year compared with those of other years will readily show. The reading public of this town is now well supplied with good literature, and in such variety that all tastes can be gratified. A modern dictionary, an encyclopaedia and other valuable books of reference have been added from time to time, as the necessary funds would permit. The librarian is attentive and ready with helpful suggestions. The place for the books alone seem unsatisfactory. The rooms are inconvenient and quite inadequate to meet the demands of a growing library. Our appeals for larger and better accommodations have not as yet resulted in any change. The children of the public schools are depending more and more upon the help they receive from the Library, and the teachers often make requests for books necessary in connection with certain studies or essays.

The dramatic and musical entertainment so kindly given in December for the benefit of the Library was highly commended, and gave much pleasure. The receipts were used for subscriptions for several magazines to be placed in the Long Plain branch.

The Trustees venture to suggest that the town give the amount of the dog tax for the purposes of the Library. The law allows the use of such money for "libraries or schools," and some cities and towns avail themselves of this privilege.

Respectfully,

EMILY A. BROWNELL,

Secretary.

Financial Report.

Dr.		
Appropriation by town,		\$250.00
Balance from last year,		9.56
		<u>\$259.56</u>
Cr.		
Paid librarians,	\$104.99	
Books,	91.52	
Magazines,	36.85	
Library association,	10.00	
Library bureau,	4.50	
Printing,	1.35	
Librarian, fare to Boston,	2.30	
		<u>251.51</u>
Balance to cr.,		<u>\$8.05</u>

Librarian's Report.

Report of the librarian of the Acushnet Free Public Library for the year ending Feb. 1, 1908:

Books taken out Feb. 1, 1907. to Feb. 1, 1908,	5,479
Average number per week,	105
Attendance at reading table for year,	396
Books bought by town Feb. 1, 1907, to Feb. 1, 1908,	110
Books bought by library,	8
Books given,	<u>10</u>
Total number of books added,	128
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1907,	\$3.35
Received for duplicate book,	.45
Fines, etc., Feb. 1, 1907, to Feb. 1, 1908,	16.32
	<u>\$20.12</u>

EXPENSES.

H. Parker,	\$.55
J. F. Parker,	.50
W. F. Douglass,	.20
A. C. Shattuck,	.45

Clifford Swift,	.25
Guide cards,	1.00
Magazines,	1.90
Stamps and post cards,	.61
Paste,	.70
Express,	1.25
Books,	3.55
Books bound and sewed,	3.50
Freight,	.50
Oil,	.26
Snow shoveled,	.20
Book stack,	3.00
	<u>18.42</u>
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1908,	<u>\$1.80</u>

The following have given one or more books during the past year: A Friend, Capt. Franklyn Howland, Mrs. Clement Nye, Mr. Theron Parker, and Mrs. Clement Swift.

The Proscenium Club of New Bedford has again given an entertainment for the benefit of the Library. Part of the proceeds will be expended for subscriptions to magazines for the Long Plain Branch Library.

The Woman's Education Association loaned an interesting and instructive collection of photographs on China during the latter part of January.

The number of books given out, and the number of people who patronize the reading table constantly increases, and it is hoped that the coming year will also show an increasing interest in providing better quarters for the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

ELSIE COLLINS,
Librarian.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

1908

MEMBERS

EMERY E. CUSHMAN,

Term expires 1908

ALBERT S. JENNEY,

Term expires 1909

F. H. ROBINSON, M. D.,

Term expires 1910

EMERY E. CUSHMAN, Chairman.

FRANK M. MARSH, A. M.,
Superintendent and Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1908.

CALENDAR, 1908-1909.

Monday, Dec. 29	.	All schools re-open
Friday, March 27	.	All schools close. Spring vacation
Monday, April 6	.	All schools re-open
Friday, June 12.	.	All schools close. Summer vacation
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Tuesday, Sept. 8	.	All schools re-open
Wednesday, Nov. 25.	.	All schools close. Thanksgiving recess
Monday, Nov. 30	.	All schools re-open
Friday, Dec. 18	.	All schools close. Christmas vacation
Tuesday, Dec. 29	.	All schools re-open
Monday, Feb. 22	.	Washington's birthday
Friday, March 26	.	All schools close. Spring vacation
Monday, April 5	.	All schools re-open

Receipts.

Appropriation,	\$3,500.00
Received from state (school fund)	997.50
Received from state (acct. superintendent)	208.33
Received from county (dog tax),	335.67
Tuition, state wards,	60.00
Grass, Parting Ways,	4.00
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	\$5,105.50

Expenditures.

Teachers' salaries,	\$3,112.00
Superintendent,	343.75
Janitors,	308.00
Conveyance,	776.50
Fuel,	216.25
Repairs,	190.37
Books and supplies,	194.17
Miscellaneous,	183.91
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	\$5,324.95
Overdraft,	<hr/>
	\$219.45

High School.

Tuition account with State.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1907,	\$712.02
Received from state for school year 1906-7,	1,061.80
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	\$1,773.82

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Town of Fairhaven,	\$982.50
Paid City of New Bedford,	55.69
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	\$1,038.19
Balance,	<hr/>
	\$735.63
(To meet tuition bills falling due before state money is received).	

PAYMENTS, 1907-1908.

Teachers' Pay Rolls.

Feb. 22,	\$301.00
March 22,	296.50
Apr. 24,	306.00
May 23,	306.00
June 14,	279.50
Sept. 27,	329.00
Oct 25,	329.00
Nov. 22,	323.00
Dec. 20,	323.00
Jan. 24,	319.00
	<u>\$3,112.00</u>

Janitors.

Robinson Robinson,	\$108.00
E. E. Cushman,	144.00
Jane B. Braley,	3.00
Amelia Cleveland,	3.00
Ellen A. Cole,	4.00
Emerson Ashley,	27.00
George H. Ellis,	9.00
Mrs. R. Ann Pittsley,	10.00
	<u>\$308.00</u>

Conveyance.

L. A. Tripp,	\$37.50
D. S. Mason,	133.00
A. C. Shattuck,	150.00
Melvin O. Bradford,	456.00
	<u>\$776.50</u>

Repairs.

Wood, Brightman & Co.,	\$2.00
J. C. Dexter,	10.22
F. T. Akin,	1.65
John Geggatt, Jr.,	1.55
Eugene White,	47.60
L. J. Hathaway,	86.14
George W. Lawrence,	5.50
George A. Cobb,	15.31
Robinson Robinson,	.40
E. P. Hirst,	20.00
	<u>\$190.37</u>

Books and Supplies.

E. E. Babb & Co.,	\$113.82
Globe School Book Co.,	10.00
Charles Scribner's Sons,	13.20
Richard Davis,	5.14
J. L. Hammett Co.,	51.31
M. M. Sparrow,	.70
	<u>\$194.17</u>

Fuel.

Alden Rounseville, Jr.,	\$76.25
F. T. Akin,	140.00
	<u>\$216.25</u>

Miscellaneous.

Hatch Express Co.,	\$5.05
C. D. Waldron,	3.10
J. V. Spare Dry Goods Co.,	2.23
Frank M. Marsh,	26.85
Steiger, Dudgeon Co.,	2.98

N. P. Hayes,	9 30
Charles F. Wing,	11.00
Shady Lane Farm,	2.00
A. F. Lawrence,	.50
Williams C. Ashley,	93.45
S. Guilbeaut,	5.00
C. F. Cushing,	1.25
Continental Mfg. Co.,	6.00
E. W. Ashley,	14.00
E. E. Cushman,	1.20
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PRESENT CORPS OF TEACHERS.

Vashti M. Crosby,	Acushnet	Castine Normal
Florence Gibbs,	Acushnet	
Fannie F. Putnam,	Acushnet	Salem Normal
Marie S. Howard,	Acushnet	New Bedford High
Nellie M. Farnsworth,	Long Plain	Framingham Normal
Ethel L. Sargent,	Long Plain	Salem Normal
Sarah E. Hathaway,	Perry Hill	New Bedford High

ROLL OF HONOR.

Pupils neither absent nor tardy for the year 1906-1907:

Mason W. Burt,	Jarrey Riendeau,
Clarence Cory,	John Ward,
	Susan Culhane.

The following have neither been absent nor tardy for one or two terms as indicated by the number of stars:

Edwin J. Sherman,**	Ellsworth C. Pittsley,**
Elmer H. Sherman,**	Howard O. Jackson,*
Theodore Tripp,**	George W. Loxton,*
Edith Tripp,**	Willis S. Mason,*
William Camelia,**	George D. Sherman,*
Earle Cory,**	Emerson Ashley,*
Harold Tripp,**	Francis Cushman,*
Mary Ward,**	Thomas Frates,*
Leslie A. Tripp,**	Mary Petty,*
George Ellis,**	Emile Gentilhomme,*
Henry Knowles,**	Mary Ballman,*
Henry Saucier,**	Joseph Bettencourt,*
Flora Tripp,**	Myra Brailey,*
Helen C. Mahoney,**	Leonard Murphy,*
Rosa Bettencourt,**	Arthur Paquette,*
Willard Crapo,**	Mason Taber,*
M. Louise Murphy,**	Mildred Hammond,*
Beatrice E. Gifford,**	Allen Hersom,*
Merton Morse,*	Joseph F. Sylvia, Jr.,*
Myrtle A. Welden,	Errol Perry,*
Amy Taber,*	Henry Taber,*
William Burt,*	Dora Cardin,*
Elsie S. Jenney,*	Fred Morse,*
Edmund Houston,*	Agnes Murphy,*
Marian Tripp,*	Mary W. Cushman,*
Helen Russell,*	Henry Ward,*
Thomas Lackey,*	Grace E. Pittsley,*
May Rollins,*	Mary Westgate.*

Tabulated Statement—Grades, Teachers, Salaries, Attendance, Etc.

SCHOOL YEAR. September, 1906—June, 1907.

SCHOOLS	Grades.	TEACHERS	Salary per month.	Whole No. enrolled.	Average membership.	Average daily attendance.	Per cent. attendance.	Total days absence.	Cases of tardiness.	Dismissals.
Acushnet	5-8	Vashti M. Crosby	\$60.00	26	23	22	.95	197.	3	8
Acushnet	3-4	Minerva M. Sparrow	40.00	31	26	24	.92	377.	16	21
Acushnet	1-2	Bertha S. Brown	40.00	43	34	32	.93	411.5	49	26
Acushnet	5-9	Marie S. Howard	40.00	43	34	32	.95	327.5	13	0
Long Plain	1-4	Bethia S. Keith	50.00	26	23	20	.86	579.	55	24
Long Plain	1-8	Ethel L. Sargent	40.00	29	26	24	.92	393.	33	9
Perry Hill	1-5	Edna Baldwin	36.00	26	20	18	.90	352.5	62	24
TOTALS, 1907			\$306.00	224	187	172	.92	2637.5	231	112
TOTALS, 1906			290.00	220	189	173	.91	2469	220	105
TOTALS, 1905			272.00	229	190	177	.92	2514	337	126
TOTALS, 1904			298.00	219	187	164	.88	3565	714	333

Tabulated Statement—Grades, Teachers, Salaries, Attendance, Etc.
FALL TERM, 1907.

SCHOOLS	Grades.	TEACHERS	Salary per month.	Whole No. enrolled.	Average membership.	Average daily attendance.	Per cent. attendance.	Total days absence.	Cases of tardiness.	Dismissals.
Acushnet	7-9	Vashti M. Crosby	\$65.00	24	22	21	97	49	2	9
Acushnet	5 & 6	Florence E. Gibbs	40.00	35	33	31	93	171	2	8
Acushnet	3 & 4	Fanny F. Putnam	40.00	43	37	34	92	210	23	14
Acushnet	1 & 2	Marie S. Howard	40.00	38	32	30	93	159	14	3
Long Plain	5-9	Nellie M. Farnsworth	48.00	23	22	20	92	138	24	15
Long Plain	1-4	Ethel L. Sargent	44.00	26	26	24	91	169	5	4
Perry Hill	1-7	Sarah E. Hathaway	32.00	17	15	14	92	93	7	3
Totals, 1907			\$309.00	206	187	174	93	989	77	56
Totals, 1906			306.00	211	194	180	93	1099	109	55

UNION SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Acushnet.—

Following the custom and in obedience to the requirements of your board, I submit the following as the annual report of the Superintendent of Schools.

The organization and management of the schools of Acushnet have remained as in the preceding year. At Long Plain two schools have been maintained with the first four grades in the primary section and grades five to nine in the grammar section. The Perry Hill school has cared for grades two to seven, while the four-room building at Parting Ways has been able to care for all the children from the south and southwest part of the town, maintaining four rooms with two grades in a room, except in the upper grammar room, where grades seven, eight and nine have been under the care of the principal.

After two years' experience with this plan of organization it has become manifestly clear that it results in the greatest possible efficiency, and consequently in the largest returns on the capital invested by the taxpayers. As organized at present, it is possible to have a fairly well graded and well managed school at Long Plain to accommodate the pupils from the north and northwest part of the town, for which can be secured a teacher who is especially fitted and adapted to the primary work of the lower grades, as well as a teacher who has had special training and special qualifications for the upper grammar grades, which aim to prepare pupils for the high school opportunities which are offered in other towns and cities and paid for by the state. It is not necessary to state that this arrangement is much more reasonable and in accordance with

the welfare of the pupils than would be *two small ungraded* schools in this part of the town with such teachers as can be secured for ungraded schools attempting to do all the work from the alphabet to the ninth grade work preparatory to high school. The same conditions prevail at the south and southwest part of the town, where the excellent graded school opportunities are put within reach of all the children. For the present at least it has seemed best to continue the small school at Perry Hill, expecting the upper grades to attend the grammar school at Parting Ways. The fact that the pupils attending this school come from long distances on four different roads makes the problem of conveying these pupils to another school a difficult one, and since the residents have been interested in the welfare of the school and a good boarding place has been available for the teacher, this small school has for the most part been maintained with a fair amount of success up to the present year, when the children suffered and the work was much delayed since three teachers and one substitute had to be employed before the school could settle down to normal work.

The repeated attempts to secure a satisfactory teacher for this school, together with the experience of having to provide three temporary teachers at the Parting Ways school before one was able and willing to remain, simply illustrates the fact which I have called to the attention of your board, that it is growing more and more difficult to secure satisfactory teachers, not only for the best positions, but especially for the smaller positions where opportunities for development and advancement are correspondingly less.

The question naturally arises and it has arisen as to why it is said to be so difficult to replace successful teachers who resign; but yet, those who are seeking and employing teachers throughout the state and in other states are keenly aware of the fact that the *relative* supply of even moderately successful teachers is growing smaller and smaller each year and is

already insufficient to meet the demands. As an illustration and important proof, I submit the simple statement: that since the end of the school year in June we have had to provide for the schools in the district covered by the superintendent, twenty-seven new teachers and substitutes in order to keep the schools in operation, *fourteen* of this number having to be discovered and supplied since the last week in August, after the field had been thoroughly canvassed, and practically all teachers had been settled for the year, making it doubly difficult to provide schools with teachers of any experience or success. It seems only reasonable to point out to citizens who have little occasion to think or know about this matter, some of the presumable causes for this condition of affairs.

First, the unusual prosperity of the country and the great amount of business has, until recently, made help of all sorts scarce and in great demand.

Second, the increasing wealth of many of our people has either made it unnecessary for many of our sons and daughters to enter into school teaching, or has enabled them to send their girls to our many women's colleges which are now so common and so well attended, and whose graduates neither desire nor are prepared to teach elementary schools.

Third, business colleges and commercial departments in our high schools are furnishing technical or trade education which attracts many of our young people, who, after graduation, are in demand in our business world as bookkeepers, stenographers, private secretaries and clerks, positions formerly not opened to young women, who consequently turned to teaching.

Fourth, it is also a fact that salaries and attractions in many callings are much greater than in school work.

Fifth, perhaps the greatest and most far reaching cause for this actual scarcity of teachers arises from the fact that during the past twenty-five years thousands, and we might say hordes, of immigrants have been coming to our shores, settling for the most part in the large centres; and it is a mere matter of

statistics that these incoming foreigners bring practically no teachers or material which develops into teachers. Consequently our American talent has been drawn upon to the limit. These immigrants settle in the cities for the most part, where they must be given schooling, and where money is raised in one way or another to provide salaries sufficient to draw teachers from the smaller communities and towns. I mention these several points out of many, which seem to be fair answers to the frequent question why there are not more teachers.

In spite of the fact that only three out of seven of our teachers have been here previous to the past fall term, I am able to report that the schools as a whole have done better work than for several years and I wish to call your attention to the fact that whenever a larger amount of money is available for the salary of teachers, much better and more continuous service can be provided.

If the graded school with the full time of a grammar teacher can be maintained at the north part of the town and build upon such a foundation as has been laid in an equally good primary school, and if the same excellent work can be continued in the Parting Ways School, the pupils from all parts of the town will have equal and ample opportunity to prepare to meet all reasonable requirements for admission to high school, and enjoy all advantages there offered them. Close observation of the work of the Acushnet pupils in the high school indicates positively that any pupil who has faithfully done the work in the grammar school and honestly applies himself to his work, will have no difficulty in maintaining his position and grade in the high school. Since the state is called upon to furnish such large sums of money for high school tuition, it cannot be expected that any but those who are willing and able to take advantage of high school opportunities be allowed to continue after a fair trial has been afforded. At present there is a larger delegation of pupils attending high school from Acushnet than for a number of

years. Some of these are making unusual efforts to continue in school and merit a good deal of credit.

The opportunities for improving the conditions *within* the schools and advancing the pupils' interests were never better than now. As has been frequently pointed out, the schools cannot rise much higher than the interests and desires of the citizens. It has been demonstrated so that no one need fail to understand that the school committees are responsible for the management of the schools, and in a democracy like ours the citizens are responsible for the character and quality of the men whom they select to represent them. The work and conditions within the schools fluctuate and vary with the conditions and interests manifested by the public without. When there is unbiased and wholesome co-operation and working together for the common interests of the pupil whose welfare alone is to be considered, the schools of Acushnet will progress and develop; and when these conditions cannot prevail, school conditions will deteriorate and go from bad to worse. Believing as I do that the prosperity and character of the community depends largely upon the product of its public schools, I cannot refrain from urging a keen interest and genuine loyalty to the educational welfare of your children.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK M. MARSH.

February 17, 1908.