

52nd ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

ACUSHNET

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

NEW BEDFORD:

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TOWN OFFICERS

Elected at the Annual Town Meeting, held March 6th, 1911.

Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes
ALDEN WHITE.

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor for One Year
HENRY F. TABER,
EBEN F. LEONARD,
GEORGE A. FULLER.

Assessor for Three Years
HENRY F. TABER.

Member of School Committee for Three Years
HENRY A. JACKSON.

Member of Board of Health for Three Years
EMERY E. CUSHMAN.

Single Highway Surveyor for Three Years
JAMES H. HATHAWAY.

Tree Warden for One Year
ROBERT E. PARKER.

Trustee of Free Public Library for One Year.
ALDEN WHITE.

Auditor for One Year
JOSEPH T. BROWNELL.

Constables
JOHN M. VINCENT, EDWARD L. MACOMBER,
WALTER R. SPOONER.

Surveyors of Lumber for One Year
EDWARD W. ASHLEY, CHARLES F. LEONARD,
HENRY F. TABER.

Pound Keeper for One Year
URIAH S. COLE.

Field Drivers
JOHN M. VINCENT, JOHN GEGGATT, Jr.

Fence Viewers for One Year
WILLIAM I. SHOCKLEY, WILLARD B. PECKHAM,
GEORGE A. MACOMBER.

ALDEN WHITE, Collector,

In account with the Town of Acushnet.

DR.

To uncollected taxes of 1910,	\$1,054.15
Amount of tax bills of 1911:	
State tax,	1,155.00
State highway tax,	170.50
County tax,	1,064.46
Town tax,	12,707.14
Extra and omitted assessments,	129.75
Interest on taxes collected,	61.58
	<hr/> \$16,342.58

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Amount paid state treasurer,	\$1,155.00
Amount paid county treasurer,	1,064.46
Amount paid state treasurer,	170.50
Amount paid town treasurer,	12,131.72
Amount taxes remitted and abated by assessors,	159.75
Amount uncollected taxes of 1910	12.50
Amount uncollected taxes of 1911,	1,648.65
	<hr/> \$16,342.58

ALDEN WHITE, Treasurer,
In account with the Town of Acushnet.

DR.

To balance in treasury Feb. 1, 1911.	\$6,996.19
Amounts received from state treasurer:	
Corporation tax, public service,	156.94
Corporation tax, business,	638.90
National bank tax,	444.12
Income from state school fund,	1,057.10
Return of high school tuition,	1,095.00
Return of state aid,	392.00
For burial of indigent soldiers.	74.00
For inspectors of animals,	27.50
From county treasurer, dog fund,	361.78
Merchants National Bank, loan,	1,500.00
State by chairman joint school committee for superintendent's salary,	208.33
Third district court, balance fines,	6.27
For auctioneers' licenses,	6.00
For slaughter house licenses,	3.00
For peddlers' licenses,	15.00
Hannah L. Borden, for gravel lot,	25.00
Alice W. Allen, ex-librarian, fines,	1.70
Denison Bros. Co.,	17.24
Alden White, cement,	1.80
E. E. Cushma, sale of grass,	5.00
Leo A. Tripp, rent of barge,	4.00
C. L. Spooner, rent of barge,	4.00
C. L. Ripley,	2.50

Town of Freetown,	7.00
For portable scales, H. F. Taber,	30.00
J. M. Vincent, verdict in Norton case,	1.00
Telephone tolls,	6.75
Alden White, collector of taxes,	12,131.72
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	\$25,219.84

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By amount paid for support of poor,	\$1,091.28
“ “ “ soldiers' relief,	30.00
“ “ “ state aid,	370.00
“ “ “ incidentals,	1,506.03
“ “ “ telephones,	62.71
“ “ “ City of New Bedford,	300.00
“ “ “ N. B. Industrial	
“ “ “ School,	285.00
“ “ “ “ board of health,	135.90
“ “ “ plotting and sealing,	28.04
“ “ “ account of fires,	480.83
“ “ “ notes and interest,	2,052.75
“ “ “ highways,	3,967.67
“ “ “ Good Roads Meh. Co.	600.00
Amount paid for schools, including	
superintendent's salary and high	
school tuition,	7,598.58
Amount paid on acc't. of school house	
addition and heating,	3,201.20
Amount paid for Free Public Library,	302.14
Amount of balance in town treasury,	3,207.71
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	\$25,219.84

CEMETERY FUNDS.

Held in trust by the Town of Acushnet.

To principal of Elizabeth Taber fund,	\$205.09	
Interest on hand Oct. 1911,	37.55	
		\$242.64
Paid A. Russell Jr., Treas.,		5.00
Balance,		\$237.64
To principal of Wm. D. Taber fund,	\$50.00	
Interest on hand Oct. 1911,	11.60	
		\$61.60
Paid A. Russell, Jr., Treas.,		1.00
Balance,		\$60.60
To principal of fund for Pardon Taber,		
cemetery lot,	\$75.00	
Interest on hand Oct. 1911,	6.32	
		\$81.32
Paid to A. Russell, Jr., Treas.,		2.00
Balance,		\$79.32
To principal of Jacob Taber fund for		
Joseph Taber cemetery lot,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand Oct. 1911,	21.81	
		\$121.81
Paid R. P. Hammett,		1.50
Balance,		\$120.31
To principal of Jacob Taber fund for		
Ellis Mendell cemetery lot,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand Oct. 1911,	17.81	
		\$117.81
Paid R. P. Hammett,		1.50
Balance,		\$116.31

To principal of John B. Fowler fund,	\$200.00	
Interest on hand Oct. 1911,	36.06	
		<u>\$236.06</u>
Paid R. P. Hammett and others,		8.10
		<u>\$227.96</u>
Balance,		
To principal of William Taber fund,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand Oct. 1911,	16.11	
		<u>\$116.11</u>
Paid R. P. Hammett,		1.50
		<u>\$114.61</u>
Balance,		
To principal of fund for James Cathell lot,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand Oct. 1911,	15.78	
		<u>\$115.78</u>
Paid R. P. Hammett,		1.50
		<u>\$114.28</u>
Balance,		
To principal of fund of Samuel Pierce lot,	\$150.00	
Interest on hand Oct. 1911,	12.36	
		<u>\$162.36</u>
Paid R. P. Hammett,		1.50
		<u>\$160.86</u>
Balance,		
To principal of fund for Mary S.		
Davis' lot,	\$200.00	
Interest on hand Oct. 1911,	8.43	
		<u>\$208.43</u>
Paid R. P. Hammett,		1.50
		<u>\$206.93</u>
Balance,		
To principal of John S. Perry fund for		
Wing cemetery lot,	\$100.00	
Interest on hand Oct. 1911,	5.27	
		<u>\$105.27</u>
Paid Richard Davis,		3.75
		<u>\$101.52</u>
Balance,		

To principal of Alfred Morse fund,	\$100.00	
Interest to Oct. 1911,	8.72	
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Paid Richard Davis,		3.85
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Balance,		\$104.87
To principal of fund for Sylvester Pratt lot,	\$50.00	
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Balance,		\$50.00

Held in Trust by Alden White.

To principal of contributed fund for care of Long Plain cemetery,	\$307.00	
Interest on hand Oct. 1911,	12.40	
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Paid for work in cemetery,		12.40
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		\$307.00

Cemetery Addition, Long Plain.

From sale of three lots,		\$65.00
Paid B. M. Bumpus and others building wall,	\$26.25	
Paid W. E. Collins labor with team,	10.87	
Paid Arthur L. Tripp labor,	1.85	
Paid Alden White, labor,	9.63	\$48.60
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Balance,		\$16.40

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Births Registered in Acushnet in 1911.

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS.
Jan. 1	Althine Francis Crandon	Frank P.—Althine G.
Jan. 3	Julieth Beaulieu	Toussiant—Albertine
Jan. 5	Vivean Taber	Harold E.—Roselma F.
Jan. 9	Clara Bettencourt	John—Marie S.
Jan. 12	Raymond George Bastien	George J.—Annie
Jan. 30	Marion Viera	Francisco—Maria
Jan. 30	Ille	
Feb. 14	Eva Juliette Guilbeault	Saul—Fanny
Feb. 18	Joseph Peter George Lacroix	Frank—Leonora
Feb. 20	Anna F. Sylvia	Alexander—Margaret T.
Mar. 5	Welden Franklin Follett	Henry A.—Clara G. E.
Mar. 7	Dorothy White	Henry C.—Mary O.
Mar. 27	Alice Fagundes	Manuel J.—Mary
Mar. 28	—Wilkinson	William—Esther M.
Apr. 12	Yvonne Marie Breault	Octave—Virginia
Apr. 12	Caroll Haskins Jason	George—Ethel
Apr. 14	Mabel Louise Pittsley	Charles H.—Mary
May 6	William Francis Chadwick	Ezra F.—Ellen M.
May 10	Alme Thibault	George—Delia
May 18	Charles Gorden Bennett	Charles D.—Lucy E.
June 3	Henri Dupre	Oliver—Malvina
June 11	Amanda Cormier	Maximillian—Josephine
June 11	Marie A. Cormier	Maximillian—Josephine
June 15	Stillborn	
June 19	Ille.	
June 23	Roland Guillette	Dosithe—Laura
June 27	Thomas Gordon Lees	Robert—Mary O.
June 27	Loretta St. Germain	Charles P.—Odeile
June 29	Margaret Eleanor Gurney	Preston S.—Sarah E.
July 14	Olivine Francis Howland	William T.—Marie
July 19	Rosa Rioux	Alphonse—Victoria
July 20	Hazel A. Tripp	Charles—Dora
July 24	Francis Borden Morse	Leslie P.—Susan F.
Aug. 1	Mary Juliet Desjardins	Evanao—Caroline
Aug. 10	—Medeiros	Antonio E.—Maria N.
Aug. 12	Dunham Roger Gifford	Charles E.—Edyth M.
Aug. 14	Stillborn	
Aug. 24	Clarence Caleb Hadcroft	Robert—Sarah J.
Sept. 9	Beulah Townsend	Jesse—Grace P.
Sept. 21	Joseph Leo Authier	F. X. Delos—Anna
Oct. 7	Marie Lambert	Edmond A.—Rosalie
Oct. 9	Edith May Loatman	John H.—Cora J.
Oct. 19	Clarence Wallace Sullivan	Charles E.—Clara L.
Nov. 9	Annie Whitehead	James L.—Selina
Nov. 9	Elizabeth Alice Collins	Edward J.—Bertha
Nov. 14	Albert Lapalme	Elleas—Anna
Nov. 19	Blanche Elizabeth Coriene St. Jean	August—Edith
Nov. 21	Evelyn Ellis Bumpus	Eben E.—Emma B.
Nov. 21	Ethel Ellis Bumpus	Eben E.—Emma B.
Nov. 25	—Perry	Manuel S.—Maria P.
Dec. 1	Rene Albert Rivet	Albert—Albina
Dec. 6	Ille.	
Dec. 11	Henry Francis Lewis	Henry H.—Isabelle S.
Dec. 13	Ille.	
Dec. 20	Grace Lindley Gurney	Leonard F.—Mary L.
Dec. 24	Hyman Fleisch	William—Rebecca

Marriages Registered in Acushnet in 1911.

DATE	NAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM.	RESIDENCE.
Jan. 11	Alton B. Ellis Mary E. Holmes	New Bedford New Bedford
Jan. 16	William A. Bessette Evelina D. Lague	New Bedford Acushnet.
Jan. 17	William Fleisch Rebecca Creppea	Acushnet New York
Jan. 28	John H. J. Taylor Mary Kobza	New Bedford Acushnet
Feb. 20	Eugene A. Work Olive M. Taber	Acushnet Acushnet
Mar. 8	Charles B. Perry Olive S. Chappell	Acushnet Acushnet
Apr. 18	Joshua E. Gibbs Mary E. Holden	New Bedford Acushnet
May 20	Myron E. Douglass Mary L. Tinkham	Acushnet Acushnet
June 6	Wallace M. Holmes Rebecca C. Maud	Acushnet Acushnet
June 26	Albert Laferiere Rose D. Goudreau	New Bedford Acushnet
June 27	Raphael Beaulieu Angelina St. Jean	New Bedford Acushnet
June 28	George H. Morse Sarah A. Tripp	Acushnet New Bedford
June 30	Edward L. Macomber Abbie J. Gifford	Acushnet Rochester
Aug. 29	J. Frederic Lemaire Alice Paquette	New Bedford Acushnet
Oct. 5	Luther H. Reynolds Lucy H. W. Pratt	Acushnet Acushnet
Oct. 7	Charles L. Peckham Jane A. Alden	Acushnet Fairhaven
Nov. 30	Everett A. White Bernise D. Lawrence	Acushnet Fall River
Dec. 24	Arthur W. Morse Susan Hathaway	Acushnet Acushnet
Dec. 27	Arthur L. Tripp Lydia M. Gammons	Acushnet Acushnet

Deaths Registered in Acushnet in 1911.

DATE	NAME	AGE			RESIDENCE
		Y	M	D	
Jan. 26	Orelie Hebert	5	11	5	Acushnet
Feb. 2	Isaac B. Hathaway	78	1	12	Acushnet
Feb. 7	Lot F. Sears	76			Acushnet
Feb. 14	Benjamin M. Chase	78		3	Acushnet
Feb. 18	Albert F. Omev	68	7	10	Acushnet
Feb. 24	Ruth D. Morse	75	5	6	Acushnet
Feb. 28	Daisy D. Chase	26	9		Acushnet
Mar. 8	Charles F. Allen	52	5	12	Acushnet
Mar. 29	—Wilkinson			1	Acushnet
Apr. 20	Esther M. Wilkinson	28	10	13	Acushnet
Mar. 11	Fred Cardin	9			New Bedford
May 17	Charlotte E. Gardner	83	3	2	Acushnet
May 21	William W. Durfee	70	4	25	Acushnet
June 8	Celia T. Forbes	82	8	6	New Bedford
June 15	Stillborn				Acushnet
June 20	Henry Enos	13	1	21	Acushnet
June 9	Annie E. White	46		19	Acushnet
June 24	Mary E. Walrath	70			Nantucket
July 28	Anna F. Sylvia		5	20	Acushnet
Aug. 5	Amanda Cormier		1	25	Acushnet
Aug. 11	Albert Stanley		6	10	Acushnet
Aug. 13	James H. Russell	78	5	20	New Bedford
Aug. 14	Stillborn				Acushnet
Aug. 15	Marie A. Cormier		2	4	Acushnet
Aug. 25	Mary A. Hawes	60	5	4	New Bedford
Aug. 29	Althea I. Ellis	29	7	11	Acushnet
Sept. 3	Celina Leblond	31	7	13	Acushnet
Sept. 13	William Barton	77	6	4	Acushnet
Sept. 18	Rhoda D. Pope	92	3	4	Acushnet
Sept. 19	Hazel A. Tripp		1	29	Acushnet
Sept. 20	Emmanuel V. A. Plaud		9		Acushnet
Sept. 30	Loretta St. Germain		3	2	Acushnet
Oct. 7	Marie Lambert			1-2h	Acushnet
Oct. 10	William H. Gammons	81		9	Acushnet
Oct. 16	Vivian Taber		9	11	Acushnet
Nov. 14	Albert Lapalme			6	Acushnet
Dec. 12	Mary Pendlebury	87	6		Acushnet
Dec. 21	Edgar Ferriere		6	6	Acushnet
Dec. 26	Richard P. Briggs	77			Taunton

HUNTER'S LICENSES.

Fifty-seven hunters' licenses were issued for 1911.

DOGS.

Number of dogs licensed in town during 1911, 184; 166 males, 18 females.

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, 1912:

Poor Account.

Paid for board,	\$320.00
“ supplies,	569.23
“ fuel,	58.75
“ medical attendance,	63.00
“ Bristol County truant school,	65.30
“ burial,	15.00
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	\$1,091.28

State aid,	\$370.00
Soldiers' relief,	30.00

Incidental Account.

George W. Lawrence, chimney repairs,	\$2.00
A. R. Hambly, st. envelopes and postals,	10.87
N. B. Printing Co., 450 town reports,	47.00
N. B. Printing Co., 200 appointment blanks,	1.50
E. W. Ashley, teller,	2.00
A. P. R. Gilmore, teller,	2.00
Paul & Dixon, insurance town house,	11.10
Eugene White, teller,	2.00
Henry Bartlett, reward,	100.00
Wakefield daily item forms,	4.80
Walter R. Spooner, Com. vs. Bacon & Gendron,	4.70
John M. Vincent, Com. vs. Braley,	4.85
Paul & Dixon, treas. bond,	24.00
Com. of Massachusetts, return of tax,	2.56
Hobbs, Warren & Co., blank book,	6.50
Monarch Paint Co., paint,	20.30
Joseph T. Brownell, auditor,	3.00
J. T. Brownell, freight and carting,	3.00
Fred O. Tripp, inspector of animals,	38.00
Henry B. Worth, advice,	1.00
Paul & Dixon, insurance,	10.80
Uriah S. Cole, Memorial Day,	12.00
A. Ricard, cement,	4.60
N. B. Printing Co., certificates and deeds,	10.25
R. G. Bennett, death returns,	1.00
N. B. Printing Co., jury lists,	1.25
James Hartley, teaming,	.60
Sullivan & Crocker, tax book,	4.50
W. R. Spooner, Com. vs. Dexter,	4.15
E. J. Whalley, Com. vs. Landers,	12.69
N. B. Printing Co., 750 tax bills, 300 col. blanks,	7.00
Carter's Ink Co., ink,	.42

Bureau of statistics, registering note,	3.00
W. R. Spooner, Com. vs. Wood,	1.82
John P. Taber, sundries,	4.93
A. P. R. Gilmore, moth inspector,	10.50
Alden White, sealing town scales,	1.00
A. Rounseville, Jr., locust stubs,	2.60
E. Anthony & Sons, note heads,	3.37
N. B. Printing Co., 1000 receipts, 500 postals,	10.00
R. Davis, lime,	1.20
R. P. Hammett, labor, cemetery,	1.75
A. R. Hambly, stamped envelopes,	6.38
William H. Drake, painting signs,	3.00
M. S. Douglass, moderator,	5.00
H. P. Wilson, death returns,	5.75
E. W. Ashley, teller,	2.00
E. W. Ashley, teller,	1.00
Alden White, attending and recording elections,	10.00
Alden White, surveying cemetery lots,	3.00
Alden White, pointing wall,	2.00
Alden White, looking up records,	2.50
Alden White, sealing scales,	1.00
Alden White, returns to bureau of statistics,	3.00
Paul & Dixon, insurance, school house,	48.00
Robert E. Parker, tree warden,	5.25
Eugene White, teller,	2.00
Eugene White, teller,	1.00
A. P. R. Gilmore, teller,	2.00
A. P. R. Gilmore, teller,	1.00
A. P. R. Gilmore, moth inspection,	36.32
Robert E. Parker, moth inspecting,	25.00
N. B. Printing Co., lists and orders,	10.50
John M. Vincent, constable,	50.00
Dr. J. F. Weeks, birth returns,	2.25
Samuel Corey, Jr., teller,	2.00
Philip E. Macomber, repairs, roller house,	11.76
Dr. F. H. Robinson, birth returns,	1.00
Walter R. Spooner, Com. vs. Roy,	7.25
Perry, Jenney & Potter, advice,	3.00

Harold E. Taber, remitted tax,	3.00
R. G. Bennett, death returns,	1.00
George J. Parker, work town house,	.72
A. P. R. Gilmore, gypsy moth work,	33.75
A. E. Wordell, arsenate of lead,	3.75
E. Anthony & Sons, printing,	1.50
Alden White, postage, expenses, etc.,	3.90
John M. Vincent, killing three dogs,	3.00
Eben F. Leonard, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	100.00
George A. Fuller, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	100.00
Henry F. Taber, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	150.00
Henry F. Taber, returns to bureau of statistics,	2.50
Henry F. Taber, work at cemetery,	1.50
Henry F. Taber, stamped envelopes, etc.,	6.22
Alden White, recording, etc., births, marriages and deaths,	44.35
Alden White, collecting \$14,460.10 @ 2%,	289.20
Alden White, disbursing \$21,614.86 at @ $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1%,	108.07
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	\$1,506.03

Amount paid for town telephones,	62.71
Amount paid City of New Bedford by vote of town, fire protection,	300.00
Amount paid on crusher,	600.00
Amount paid for tuition N. B. Industrial school,	285.00

Board of Health.

E. W. Ashley, fumigating,	\$8.00
Browne Pharmacy,	1.80
E. W. Ashley, fumigating,	4.00
Wood & Brightman,	.90
E. W. Ashley, fumigating,	4.00
E. W. Ashley, fumigating,	4.00
E. W. Ashley, fumigating,	4.00
Browne Pharmacy,	2.50
E. W. Ashley, fumigating,	4.00
J. F. Weeks, taking culture and microscopal exam.	5.00
E. E. Cushman, services board of Health,	23 10
Albert S. Jenney, meat inspector,	73.00
Browne Pharmacy,	1.60
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	\$135.90

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

R. Woodman,	\$1.05
E. Anthony & Sons,	3.51
W. & L. E. Gurley,	2.04
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	\$6.60

Forest Fire Warden.

Building and Equipment	
Forest wagon and equipment,	\$249.15
Eugene White, labor and stock,	24.75
John G. Nicholson, lumber,	3.85
Driscoll, Church & Hall, 1 keg	
Bi. Car. Soda,	2.80
E. F. Dahill, 10 pkgs. soda charges,	.50
E. F. Dahill, 6 extinguishers,	34.50

A. Rounseville, Jr., lumber,	27.77	
A. F. Lawrence, posts, nails, etc.,	5.01	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight,	8.80	
George A. Blake, 1 carboy acid,	5.40	
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		\$362.53

Paid for fighting fires

Charles W. Morse,	\$5.10	
Napoleon Jarry,	14.80	
Arthur W. Morse,	3.00	
Frank A. Queripel,	2.40	
Walter F. Douglass,	1.00	
Wm. Washburn,	2.60	
Maurice F. Perry,	3.60	
Fred O. Tripp,	10.40	
David A. Rogers,	7.00	
Lewis A. Jenney,	2.20	
Thomas O. Hathaway,	1.40	
Uriah S. Cole,	3.00	
Benjamin F. White,	16.20	
Myron E. Douglass,	3.80	
John M. Vincent,	1.60	
Harry B. Parker,	3.60	
George H. Ellis,	1.10	
N. Benj. Ellis,	1.00	
Leroy E. Ellis,	1.10	
Benj. Hebert,	14.60	
George A. Fuller,	2.60	
H. F. Taber,	10.70	
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		\$112.80

H. F. Taber, services as Forest

Warden and posting notices,	5.50	
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		\$5.50

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Town Plotting.

Ledder & Probst,	\$4.94
Arthur L. Tripp,	4.50
Alden White,	12.00
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	\$23.44

Orders given by the Selectmen on bills approved
by School Committee, \$7,598.58

Orders given by the Selectmen on bills approved
by Ch. of building committee, \$3,201.20

Orders given by the Selectmen on bills, approved
by Ch. of Trustees of Free Public Library, \$302.14

Notes and Interest.

C. D. Parker & Co., one note,	\$500.00	
Mercants National Bank, one note,	\$1,500.00	
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C. D. Parker & Co., interest,	20.00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, interest,	20.00	
Merchants National bank, interest	12.75	
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		\$2,052.75

Appropriations for 1911.

Schools and superintendent's salary,	\$4,500.00
Poor,	1,000.00
Incidentals,	1,400.00
Highways and bridges,	3,500.00
Notes and interest,	550.00
City of New Bedford, fires,	300.00
Crusher plant,	600.00
Public Library,	300.00
Fire apparatus,	300.00
Moderator,	5.00
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	\$12,455.00

School additions, Parting Ways,	\$3,000.00
Heating and ventilation,	4,000.00
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	\$7,000.00

Valuation of Town April 1, 1911.

Personal property,	\$128,090.00
Buildings,	402,050.00
Land,	425,800.00

Rate of taxation,	\$15.00
Number of assessed polls,	379
Number of horses assessed,	318
Number of cows assessed,	553
Number of neat cattle assessed,	94
Number of swine assessed,	132
Number of dwellings assessed,	347
Number of acres of land assessed,	10,939
Number of fowl assessed,	14,275
Value of fowl,	9,860

The Town Owns Property as Follows:

School houses and lots,	\$15,000.00
Town House and lot,	1,500.00
Lot Parting Ways,	500.00
Crusher plant, new,	1,500.00
Crusher plant, old,	200.00
Library books and fixtures,	600.00
Safes,	200.00
Gravel lots,	200.00
Roller house and lot,	500.00
Steam roller,	2,500.00
Watering cart,	250.00
Gasolene pump,	150.00
Scales,	180.00
School books and supplies,	300.00
School barges,	200.00
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	\$23,780.00

Present Town Debt.

Note held by C. D. Parker & Co., due Sept 1,	
1912, @ 4%,	\$500.00
Due Good Roads Machine Co. for crusher, Sept,	
1, 1912.	1,093.00

The guide boards in town are in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. TABER,
EBEN F. LEONARD,
GEORGE A. FULLER.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor.

Orders given by the Selectmen on Bills approved
by the Highway Surveyor.

Stone Account.

Manuel J. Fagundi,	456,920 lbs.	\$114.23
E. Harding,	32,080 "	8.02
Geo. H. Morse,	488,680 "	122.17
Leo A. Tripp,	495,760 "	123.94
Joseph Sylvia,	85,720 "	21.43
Geo. W. Spooner,	136.00 "	3.40
Edward W. Morse,	32,560 "	8.14
John F. Harding,	21,600 "	5.40
Joseph T. Brownell,	174,080 "	43.52
Wm. E. Jenkins,	308,360 "	77.09
Richard Varley,	73,400 "	18.35
Wm. G. Taber,	287,000 "	71.75
J. Burchaine,	64,440 "	16.11
David Warren,	406,320 "	101.58
M. O. Bradford,	118,240 "	29.56
John Smith,	71,480 "	17.87
Wm. I. Shockley,	90,680 "	22.67
Augustus White,	225,360 "	56.34
A. J. Bettencourt,	352,720 "	88.18
Henry Bartlett,	239,040 "	59.76
		\$1,009.51

Highway Incidentals.

P. F. Wood Boiler Co., retubing boiler,	\$78.70
W. E. Simms, inspecting two boilers,	10.00
Nelson C. Morse, dynamite,	.40
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. freight,	1.37
Denison Bros. & Co., coal,	27.62

Edward Messier, Jr., 176 loads gravel at 10c.,	17.60
Wood, Brightman & Co., hose and couplings,	4.20
Dewolf & Vincent, pulleys,	.75
Slocum & Kilburn, 5 lbs. waste,	.60
Fairbanks & Co., 1 gasoline pump,	160.00
Fairbanks & Co., hose, etc.,	22.00
Babbitt Steam Co., 5 gallons oil,	2.50
Denison Bros. Co., coal,	37.62
Babbitt Steam Co., sundries,	1.68
Adams Express,	.75
Geo. A. Cobb, 15 gallons gasoline,	2.25
Geo. A. Cobb, 5 gallons machine oil,	2.50
Geo. A. Cobb, 2 pails,	.60
Mortimer McCarthy, 1 4-horse team carting crusher,	7.00
Good Roads Machine Co., sundries,	8.50
Buffalo Steam Roller Co., sundries,	13.61
Greene & Wood, lumber,	14.21
Wood, Brightman & Co., packing,	1.92
E. L. Macomber, repair work and stock,	4.79
Wm. E. Jenkins, use of land,	5.00
Wm. E. Jenkins, lumber and nails,	.75
Fairbanks Co., scales,	219.00
Denison Bros. Co., coal,	17.24
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight,	5.71
G. A. Eggers, fuse,	1.40
B. F. White, repair work and stock,	6.11
A. E. Wordell, shovels, plow points, etc.,	15.18
Greene & Wood, lumber,	51.73
A. F. Lawrence, forks, pails, etc.,	3.50
Manufacturers' Supply Co., lacing,	1.50
Wm. G. Taber, lumber,	3.82
Good Roads Machine Co., toggle and bolts,	9.00
E. E. Cushman, 5 gallons oil,	.45
E. E. Cushman, lantern, oil, etc.,	1.30
James Hartley, 6½ feet pine limbs,	2.44
Acushnet Saw Mill Co., 2 gallons cylinder oil,	1.00
Wm. G. Taber, plank,	2.10
Geo. A. Cobb, sundries,	16.03

Denison Bros. Co., coal,	64.31
James Hartley, lumber,	10.80
Denison Bros. Co., coal,	14.24
Slocum & Kilburn, waste,	1.20
A. E. Wordell, hammer, etc.,	2.06
D. Guillotte, labor and stock,	1.00
E. L. Macomber, labor and stock,	3.68
Paisler & Willis, pipe,	45.20
Roland S. Bumpus, repair work,	.90
Brown & Co., dry batteries,	1.25
A. F. Lawrence, oil,	.45
Leonard Randall, gravel,	.50
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	\$930.02

Teaming.

Jas. H. Hathaway, 117 days, 2 hours, at \$2.50,	\$293.06
Edward W. Morse, 37 days at 4.00,	148.00
Chas. P. Cottle, 29 2-9 days at 4.00,	116.89
Geo. T. Parker, 1 day at 4.00,	4.00
Joseph T. Brownell, 3 days at 4.00,	8.00
William E. Jenkins, 1 day at 2.50,	2.50
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	\$572.45

Labor.

Jas. H. Hathaway, 127 days, 5 hours at \$2.50,	\$318.89
Jas. H. Cobb, 27 days at 2.00,	54.00
Jas. H. Cobb, 82 days at 2.50,	205.00
Edward W. Ashley, 2 days at 1.50,	3.00
Edward W. Ashley, 4 hours at .20,	.80
Edward W. Ashley, 113 days, 6½ hrs. at 1.75,	199.02
Philip Macomber, 60 days, 6½ hours at 1.75,	106.28
Chas. L. Spooner, 11 days at 1.75,	19.25
Nelson C. Morse, 16 days at 2.50,	40.00
Clarence Gifford, 64 days 2 hours, 1.75,	112.41
Eugene White, 5 days at 2.50,	12.50
Gilbert Collins, 3 days at 1.50,	4.50

Gilbert Collins, 3 days at	1.75,	5.25
Thomas Bassindale, 55 hours at	1.75,	96.25
Chas. Morse, 14 days at	1.75,	24.50
Henry Howell, 18 days 8½ hours at	1.75,	33.17
Alva Wentworth, 30 days 2 hours at	1.75,	52.89
William Mayer, 14 days, 7 hours,	1.75,	25.87
John Loatman, 28 days 3 hours at	1.75,	49.59
Antone Savia, 2 days at	1.75,	1.75
Ernest Sturtevant, ½ day at	1.75,	.88
Samuel Sturtevant, 8 days 2 hours at	2.50,	20.56
Alphonse Rioux, 2 days at	1.75,	3.50
Joseph Vien, 7 days 4½ hours at	1.75,	13.13
Thomas Devoll, 2 days, 4½ hours at	1.75,	4.38
Walter Smith, 2 days, 4½ hours at	1.00,	2.50
Theodore Queripel, 1 day at	1.75,	1.75
Edward Boucher, 1 day 4½ hours at	1.75,	2.63
Steve Thomas, 5 days 6½ hours at	1.75,	10.02
J. Greenwood, 2 days at	1.75,	3.50
Paul Gadaur, 7 days at	1.75,	12.25
Herbert Jenney, 4 days 2 hours at	1.75,	7.39
William Vien, 1 day 4½ hours at	1.75,	2.62
Mannuel Acad, 3 days, 7 hours at	1.50,	5.66
		<hr/> \$1,455.69

Highway Pay Roll.

Orders given Highway Surveyor for pay rolls,	<hr/> \$2,028.14
Total highway expense,	<hr/> \$3,967.67

Summary.

DR.	
Appropriation by town,	\$3,500.00
Appropriation for crusher,	600.00
Received from Denison Bros. Co.,	17.24
H. F. Taber for scales,	30.00
Balance from 1910,	281.02
	<hr/> \$4,428.26

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Paid for stone,	\$1,009.51	
Paid for incidentals,	930.02	
Paid for labor and teaming,	2,028.14	
Paid for stone crusher,	600.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,567.67
Overdrawn,		\$139.41

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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 for the financial year ending Feb. 1, 1912, and find them correct.

JOSEPH T. BROWNELL,
Auditor.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS.

I received notice from the Cattle Bureau of the State Board of Agriculture to begin inspecting animals the 1st of February, 1911, to be completed by the middle of March, 1911. I inspected 119 barns, 694 cattle and 181 swine. Killed three cows infected with tuberculosis.

Respectfully submitted,

F. O. TRIPP,
Inspector.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

During 1911 there have been tested and sealed six platform scales, 27 counter and spring scales, 35 dry measures, two condemned, 52 liquid measures, five milk jars, 73 weights. Adjusted one dry measure, six weights, one scale.

ALDEN WHITE,
Sealer.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

To the Citizens of Acushnet:

The Board of Health submits its annual report for 1911:

The board, consisting of Fred O. Tripp, Henry Bartlett and Emery E. Cushman, organized in March, 1911, choosing Fred O. Tripp as chairman and Emery E. Cushman as secretary and agent. There have been reported by physicians and parents, nine cases of contagious and infectious diseases:

2 typhoid fever,
6 Diphtheria,
1 varicella.

There were 39 deaths reported in 1911.

The slaughtered animals inspected in the town during the year were:

522 swine,
152 veal,
23 beef.

Three cows and three pigs were condemned by the inspector as unfit for food.

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

On account of bulding the new schoolhouse at Parting Ways school the work has been hard for the teachers and scholars.

One room had to be sent to the New Bedford school

In general the health condition of the schools has been good.

No epidemic of contagious disease in the schools during the year.

There were three cases of diphtheria, but not traceable to each other.

JOEL P. BRADFORD,
School Physician.

ACUSHNET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Secretary's Report.

The trustees of our library note with satisfaction that the number of books taken out continues to increase each year, showing that the privileges thus afforded by the town are appreciated and enjoyed. In the month of March, 1911, 763 books were given out.

The reading table, with its magazines, illustrated papers, and stereoscope, proves attractive and helpful to all, especially the young. The past year 36 volumes have been rebound, and several years of Harper's Magazine and the Cosmopolitan have been bound. These were kindly donated by friends. A new bookcase has been purchased, also two more sets of Stoddard's works, and 10 volumes of Every Day Science, and we have filled out various sets of

juvenile books, as many who like an author ask for other books by the same writer, and books of history and fiction have been added.

We have long wished for a more suitable, convenient and attractive place for our library, but as yet such hopes are not realized. As new books are added each year of course more space is required, and our rooms, unfortunately, are not elastic. We realize also that the library furnishings cause discomfort, and inconvenience to the citizens when they gather for town meeting, and caucus. No doubt some time Acushnet will have a new town house which shall include a library. On account of lack of space the trustees have been obliged to refuse an offer from the Women's Educational Association for a set of photographs for exhibition, which would have given pleasure and instruction.

Village Library.

Harper's Monthly,	Munsey,
Delineator,	Scribner's,
Travel,	Century,
Technical World,	McClure's,
Harper's Weekly,	World's Work,
The Garden,	Scientific American.

Long Plain Branch.

Harper's Monthly,	Delineator,
Munsey,	Cosmopolitan.

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY A. BROWNELL,
Secretary.

**Report of the Librarian of the Acushnet Free Public Library
for the Year Ending Feb. 1, 1912.**

Books taken out Feb. 1, 1911 to Feb. 1, 1912,	6,619
Average per week,	127
Attendance at reading table for year,	436
Books bought by town,	92
Books bought by library,	18
Books given,	43
Books bought from proceeds of sale of duplicate copy of Ricketson's History of New Bedford,	5
	<hr/> 158
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1911,	\$3.80
Fines, Feb. 1, 1911, to Feb. 1, 1912,	26.31
	<hr/> \$30.11

Expenses.

Books,	\$16.44
A. E. Coffin,	4.60
Magazines,	1.50
Cotton cloth,	1.50
Paste,	.50
L. Sherman,	.50
Stamps and post cards,	.53
Paper,	.40
Labels,	.40
Oil,	.18
	<hr/> \$26.55
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1912,	\$3.56

The following have presented one or more books to the library during the past year: Walter Baker & Co., Miss Asenath Carver Coolidge, Mr. Edward Denham, Mr. and Miss Ricketson, Mrs. Clement Swift, Mrs. Frank Taber and two friends.

Miss Emily A. Brownell has given a stereoscope and accompanying pictures.

Among the books added is a set of Every Day Science, the Stoddard library, a set of 12 volumes containing extracts from the writings of famous authors of all times and countries and a set of the novels of Sir Walter Scott, the latter among the books given by Mr. Denham. A number of French books have also been added.

Respectfully submitted,

ELSIE COLLINS.
Librarian.

Report of the Long Plain Branch.

From April 1, 1911, to Feb. 1, 1912.

Number of books taken out,		664
Average per week,		16
Fines received,	\$1.04	\$1.04
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Paid for sundries,	\$.30	\$.30
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		\$.74

Respectfully submitted,

MABEL N. MORTON,
Librarian.

Financial Report.

DR.

Town appropriation,	\$300.00	
Balance from 1910,	.75	
Fines from Long Plain branch,		
Mrs. Allen,	1.70	
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		\$302.45

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Paid librarians,	\$123.33	
For books,	101.81	
For magazine subscriptions,	37.75	
For binding,	20.75	
For American Library Association,	5.00	
For fuel, bookcase, clearing snow, etc.,	13.50	
	<hr/>	\$302.14
Balance,		<hr/>
		\$.31

ALDEN WHITE, Chairman.

ANNE A. SWIFT, Treasurer.

EMILY A. BROWNELL, Secretary.

SCHOOL REPORT

1912

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

EMERY E. CUSHMAN,

Term expires 1912

WALTER A. TRIPP,

Term expires 1912

HENRY A. JACKSON,

Term expires 1914

EMERY E. CUSHMAN, Chairman.

FRANK M. MARSH, Secretary.

FRANK M. MARSH, A. M., Superintendent.

Regular meeting of the School Committee Feb. 17.
"Voted, to adopt the report of the Superintendent as the
report of the School Committee.

CALENDAR—1912-1913.

1912.

Tuesday, Jan. 2,	All schools re-open
Thursday, Feb. 22,	Washington's Birthday
Friday, March 15,	All schools close. Spring vacation
Monday, March 25,	All schools re-open
Friday, April 19,	Patriot's Day
Thursday, May 30,	Memorial Day
Friday, June 7,	All schools close. Summer vacation
Tuesday, September 3,	All schools open
Wednesday, Nov. 27-Dec. 2,	Thanksgiving recess
Friday, Dec. 20,	All schools close. Christmas vacation
Tuesday, Dec. 31,	All schools re-open

1913.

Friday, March 14,	All schools close. Spring vacation
Monday, March 24,	All schools re-open
Friday, May 30,	Memorial Day
Friday, June 6,	All schools close. Summer vacation

PRESENT CORPS OF TEACHERS.

Elizabeth Norell, Parting Ways,	Aroostock Normal
Hazel S. Patterson, Parting Ways,	Bridgewater Normal
Beulah Wood, Parting Ways,	Bridgewater Normal
Marie S. Howard, Parting Ways,	New Bedford High School
Edith M. Hathaway,	Boston Normal School
Lillian E. Knowlton, Long Plain,	Castine Normal
Bessie White, Long Plain,	Bridgewater Normal
Sarah E. Hathaway, Perry Hill,	Hyannis Summer School

ROLL OF HONOR.

Pupils neither absent nor tardy during the year
1909-1910.

Bessie W. Taber,	Myra Brailey,
Wilfred Fortin,	Helen Hathaway,
	Gladyds Beals.

Pupils neither absent nor tardy for the year 1910-1911.

Annie Ellis,	Olive Holmes,
Esther Taber,	Joseph Sylvia,
Wilfred Fortin,	Gladys Beals.
Bessie Taber,	Amy Hathaway,
Eugene Diman,	Helen Hathaway,
	Clara Sherman.

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

SCHOOL YEAR. September, 1910—June, 1911.

SCHOOLS	Grades	TEACHERS	Salary per month	Whole number enrolled	Average membership	Average daily attendance	Per cent. attendance	Total days absent	Cases of tardiness	Dismissals.
Acushnet	7-8-9	Vashti M. Crosby	\$80.00	31	28.4	27.2	95.78	216.	18	13
Acushnet	5 & 6	Ethel I. Moulton	44.00	39	41.5	39.1	94.22	253.	27	2
Acushnet	3 & 4	Emma J. Sherman	44.00	49	37.3	33.4	89.54	699.	23	13
Acushnet	1 & 2	Marie S. Howard	44.00	58	45.1	40.5	89.74	791.5	12	3
Long Plain	5-9	Jessie H. Gullifer	52.63	37	31.1	28.3	90.87	511.5	53	16
Long Plain	1-4	Marjorie H. Davenport..	44.00	35	28.2	26.5	89.92	503.5	39	25
Perry Hill	1-7	Sarah Hathaway	36.00	16	14.2	13.5	94.67	131.	35	11
TOTALS, 1911.....			\$344.63	265	225.8	208.5	92.+	3215.5	207	83
TOTALS, 1910.....			344.63	258	207.68	187.22	90.	3403.5	199	80
TOTALS, 1909.....			309.00	224	168.72	157.51	93.	2028	177	40
TOTALS, 1908.....			309.00	223	177.	161.	92.	2951	205	133
TOTALS, 1907.....			306.00	224	187.	172.	92.	2637.5	231	112

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

FALL TERM—SEPTEMBER, 1911—DECEMBER, 1911.

SCHOOLS	Grades	TEACHERS	Salary per month	Whole number enrolled	Average member-ship	Average daily attendance	Per cent. attendance	Total days absence	Cases of tardiness	Dismissals
Acushnet	7-8-9	Elizabeth L. Norell	\$70.00	37	35.82	34.98	97.55	163.5	12	3
Acushnet	5 & 6	Hazel E. Patterson	44.00	39	33.74	30.84	91.40	217.5	5	9
Acushnet	3 & 4	Beluah Wood	44.00	58	50.20	47.88	95.37	145.5	12	6
Acushnet	1	Edith E. Hathaway	40.00	47	44.53	42.42	95.03	174.5	3	0
Acushnet	2 & 3	Marie S. Howard	44.00	27	27.92	24.84	87.99	158.	13	7
Long Plain	5-9	Lillian E. Knowlton	50.00	28	25.50	24.32	95.37	88.	11	4
Long Plain	1-4	Bessie White	44.00	31	26.55	25.48	95.96	80	12	4
Perry Hill	1-7	Sarah E. Hathaway	40.00	14	13.19	12.76	96.73	31.5	11	5
Totals, 1911.....			\$376.00	281	257.45	243.52	94.42	1143.	79	38
Totals, 1910.....			343.	254	227.23	211.31	93.36	1182.	92	30
Totals, 1909.....			343.63	240	205.90	189.96	92.42	1131.	71	32

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of the Town of Acushnet:

I submit the following brief report concerning the work of the Acushnet schools during the past year, with accompanying statistics and tables showing expenditure, enrollment, attendance, etc. A glance at the statistical tables on another page will show that the schools were carried on through the year ending June 1911, with the same organization and number of teachers as in the several previous years.

The two rooms at Long Plain comfortably housed the pupils in the north end of the town. There was an average attendance of 14 at the Perry Hill School with grades one to seven. At the Parting Ways School the two upper rooms had a normal number of pupils, but in the two lower rooms the conditions were overcrowded during the entire year. In the first grade room, made to accommodate 40 pupils, there was an enrollment of 58, and average attendance of 45. This large enrollment in the two lower grades with a large number of children in the first grade who never had spoken English and seldom heard English spoken outside of the school room, made a problem not easily handled. In our last report it was pointed out that the crowded condition here made it difficult to make any arrangement that would not cause hardship and unsatisfactory results.

In the previous year we had an arrangement which caused the burden to fall most heavily in the four upper grades. This arrangement could not be continued longer without more serious harm that would result if the burden was borne in the first and second grades.

While we could not one year ago say that an additional room was absolutely necessary at the Parting Ways School

before September, we mentioned the fact as a definite probability. The situation developed into a very evident reality in September when 74 pupils presented themselves in one room, and 58 pupils in the next room, making a total of 132 to be cared for in two rooms, which meant without considering the proper grading, 66 pupils in a room arranged to accommodate 40.

A remedy had to be provided at once. An additional teacher was secured, and arrangements were made by the school committee, and the Town Hall was fitted with tables and chairs as a temporary school room. After six weeks it was necessary to transfer these pupils to an abandoned store until some suitable place could be secured. Nothing was available or possible except an appeal to the city of New Bedford for permission to occupy a vacant room in the Jireh Swift School. Through the neighborly courtesy of New Bedford school authorities, splendid facilities were granted for the use of this grade at a merely nominal expense for extra janitor service and fuel. The Acushnet School Department records its hearty appreciation of this courtesy which extended until the first of November, when these pupils could be transferred to the Parting Ways School.

It was unfortunate that it could not have been known earlier that an addition to the Parting Ways School building would be necessary, so that it could have been completed for use at the beginning of the year.

With the opening of this additional school room, it was possible to transfer some pupils from the third and fourth grade room to combine with this smaller class which had been transferred from the Jireh Swift School, so that since November, there have been five rooms with a comparatively normal enrollment of pupils, though the average membership in the first grade is still nearly 45. This is not quite so bad as last year, since now there is one grade instead of two. It is difficult to predict what the enrolment may be at this building another year. It would not be at all surprising if it should be necessary to equip and operate the sixth room which is now unused. Unless there are some unforeseen

changes it will without doubt be necessary to employ at least an assistant in one of the rooms on the lower floor.

The enrollment and average attendance at Long Plain has been slightly less than the preceding year, while during the fall term the average attendance at the Perry Hill School has been 13.

The school census taken during the fall shows an increase of 86 children for the whole town, which will probably mean a large enrollment in September. In the past three years there has been an increase of average membership of 88. With the increase in numbers, with the additional rooms, teachers, janitor, fuel, supplies, etc., there is unfortunately an increase in the annual expenses of the department. While the board asked for the same appropriation last year as in the preceding year, the financial statement shows an overdraft of over \$300. It will be necessary to ask for an increased appropriation for the ensuing year to maintain the schools at their present standard.

At the end of the school year in June, five out of seven of the Acushnet teachers resigned their positions, Miss Hathaway at the Perry Hill, and Miss Howard at the Parting Ways only remaining. Miss Crosby, after seven or eight years of successful service, resigned, leaving an extremely difficult position to fill. To teach the three upper grades with time fully occupied in the school room, and at the same time to serve as principal, to adjust many petty difficulties both in and outside of the school building, especially where there is continual influx of new and sometimes non-English speaking people, involves more skill and tact and patience than one unfamiliar with the conditions would be liable to suppose. Then, too, perhaps some of us do not quite realize how difficult and serious a problem it is for inexperienced young women, who are only two years removed from their high school graduation, to step into a school room of 35 to 45 pupils, with so many dispositions and tendencies, and usually, with an occasional parent, who instead of being willing to assist in the proper management of her child's conduct, by an unreasonable and unfair attitude, makes the

work of the teacher doubly difficult, and sometimes completely upsets and undermines her influence. To properly control and properly teach a group of 40 or 50 boys and girls, is an exceedingly difficult and delicate task. Both inexperienced and experienced teachers alike are sure to make mistakes and in some cases use poor judgment. In such cases, and at such times, of all times, they need the sympathetic co-operation of the father and mother as well as the school authorities. Instead of this sympathetic and helpful attitude, the opposite is usually manifested, and in too many cases a bad matter is made worse. Considering the many adjustments that are necessary nearly every year, by the introduction of a new teaching force, and with a large number of new recruits among the pupils from all kinds of previous conditions, we have comparatively few serious difficulties. There are, however, throughout the year, difficulties of assimilation and adjustment.

There are two or three subjects which will demand the attention of your board and the town in the ensuing year with reference to the school equipment and administration. The installation of a new furnace with proper heating and ventilating ducts has, with the previous installation of modern furniture and slate blackboards and treatment of the walls and ceilings, made the Long Plain schoolhouse much more serviceable and satisfactory than ever before.

It is without doubt highly desirable that an adequate heating and ventilating plant be installed at the Parting Ways School. There is an equal amount of difficulty and danger in trying to heat a large wooden building of six rooms with individual coal stoves. Beside the desirability of a different equipment there will probably be the necessity of an acceptable system being installed here as was originally planned. As far as the administration of the schools go, we hope that this may be accomplished before the beginning of another school year.

Another question which your board will probably be obliged to discuss and decide will concern the most practical, economical and desirable method of providing for the pupils

in the Perry Hill neighborhood. It is necessary that the pupils in the seventh and eighth and ninth grades in this district have the opportunity to prepare themselves for high school. This cannot be done in the same length of time or with the same completeness and efficiency in the Perry Hill School as in a regular grammar school room even if we could secure a teacher who would be willing and able to teach all the grades from one to nine, but this is absolutely impossible. A teacher capable of doing that task is being paid for her ability in a much larger and more attractive position. As a temporary arrangement at least, your board voted to pay a nominal sum for the transportation of these seventh, eighth, and ninth grade pupils from the Perry Hill to the Parting Ways School. This is an entirely additional cost. It will be necessary for your board during the coming year to either continue the present arrangement of maintaining a primary school at Perry Hill and transporting grammar school pupils to some other school, or to maintain all the grades at the Perry Hill school, and allow such pupils to get the most they can under the conditions, or transfer all the pupils of all the grades to some other school.

It will also be necessary, if the school board is to comply with the requests that come from various sources for payment towards the transportation of pupils who desire to attend the high schools, for the town to vote to pay either the whole or a part of the transportation for high school pupils, and make an appropriation for the same. There are, of course, two points of view from which to look at these requests. The law compels every town to provide high school education for any of its pupils who are qualified to enter high school and desire to do so. From the point of view that the town as a whole owes a high school education to its boys and girls, even though the many are taxed for the sake of a few, such a request seems highly just and reasonable. On the other hand, from the point of view that those who do not have children to send either to the grammar school or high school, may feel that the town has done its duty when it has provided an elementary education, up to the age of 14. As

a matter of fact, it is in accordance with the trend of experience and practice, that every possible opportunity should be given the boys and girls to complete at public expense the high school course. In Acushnet, however, it would be exceedingly difficult to provide complete transportation facilities for high school. It would be necessary to run at least two teams; one from Long Plain by way of the Middle Road, and another by way of the Old Stage Road and Perry Hill. This method would be extremely expensive. On the other hand, it might be practical and afford partial relief at least if transportation should be furnished on the electric cars, leaving it to the enterprise and personal sacrifice of the high school pupils to get to the car line.

In general the conditions in the various departments of the school system are reasonably satisfactory. Since the adjustments of the first two or three months, the schools have been running smoothly and satisfactorily. If there were any way possible to have the present conditions with the present corps of teachers continue longer than the end of June without a change it would be a source of satisfaction to those who are interested in the schools, and of great profit to the pupils.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK M. MARSH,
Superintendent.

Feb 14, 1912.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Feb. 1, 1911, to Feb. 1, 1912.

Receipts.

Annual town appropriation,	\$4,500.00
State for superintendent's salary,	208.33
State school fund,	1,057.10
Rent of barges,	8.00
Sale of grass,	5.00
County dog tax,	361.78
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	\$6,140.21
Overdraft,	325.87
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	\$6,466.08

Expenditures.

Superintendent's salary,	\$425.04
Teachers' salaries,	3,448.12
Transportation,	1,273.00
School physician,	40.00
Janitors,	439.00
Books and stationery,	181.59
Seats and desks,	150.00
Other repairs,	171.17
Fuel,	213.50
Incidentals,	124.66
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Total,	\$6,466.08

Teachers' Salaries.

Vashti M. Crosby,	\$378.85
Ethel I. Moulton,	198.00
Emma J. Sherman,	198.00
Marie S. Howard,	418.00
Sarah E. Hathaway,	362.00
Jessie H. Gullifer,	236.67
Marjorie H. Davenport,	198.00
Elizabeth L. Norell,	350.00
Hazel E. Patterson,	220.00
Beulah Wood,	191.40
Lillian E. Knowlton,	250.00
Bessie White,	220.00
Edith M. Hathaway,	190.00
Florence S. Browne,	6.60
Miss Riley,	28.60
Louise B. Bushnell,	2.00
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	\$3,448.12

Janitors.

John S. Geggatt,	\$27.00
Leslie Tripp,	300.00
Leo T. Jackson,	30.00
Charles E. Ashley,	30.00
Sarah E. Hathaway,	37.00
Jason F. Pierce,	15.00
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	\$39.00

Superintendent.

Frank M. Marsh, salary as superindent,	\$425.04
Received from State,	208.33
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Expense to town,	\$216.71

Transportation.

Charles L. Spooner,	\$513.00
Leo A. Tripp,	570.00
Mrs. William J. Pittsley,	25.00
Clara Ross,	42.50
Allen Weeks,	95.00
E. H. Morse,	2.50
Annie Lewis,	10.00
A. Durfee,	15.00
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	\$1,273.00

Fuel.

F. T. Akin & Co.,	\$17.00
Alden Rounseville,	63.00
Emery Cushman,	14.50
Dennison Bros.,	82.00
H. N. Wilbur,	22.00
Walter Tripp,	15.00
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	\$213.50

Repairs.

W. R. West,	\$.30
Z. B. Davis,	12.38
Walter Tripp,	5.75
H. H. Hathaway,	16.64
Edw. Hazzard,	35.00
E. L. Macomber,	8.60
LeRoy Ellis,	1.00
Henry Jackson,	5.82
Acushnet Saw Mill,	4.40
W. H. Drake,	1.00
C. L. Dunham,	7.38

John W. Pierce,	48.40
Leslie Tripp,	13.75
F. T. Akin Co.,	10.75
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	\$171.17

Books and Stationery.

Edward E. Babb,	\$68.21
Jessie Gullifer,	1.50
Benj. Sanborn,	15.00
F. S. Webster Co.,	3.00
J. L. Hammett & Co.	93.88
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	\$181.59

Seats and Desks.

American Seating Co.,	\$150.00
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School Physician.

J. P. Bradford, M. D., 8 months at \$5.00,	\$40.00
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Miscellaneous.

George Cobb,	\$7.26
N. A. Lineweaver,	7.50
J. C. Tripp,	.50
Chas. Breman,	2.75
F. M. Marsh,	22.00
Somerville Brush Co.,	4.00
E. E. Cushman,	11.20
Geo. Haskell,	.75
Richard Davis,	1.70
Adams Express Co.,	1.60
C. D. Waldron,	2.00
New Bedford School Department,	5.00

E. W. Ashley,	16.00
John Vincent,	9.00
A. E. Wordell,	13.00
Arthur Tripp,	2.10
T. G. Tripp,	10.00
E. J. Whitney, Jr.,	8.30
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	\$124.66

High School Tuition.

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Balance on hand,	\$737.13
Received from State,	1,095.00
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	\$1,832.13

DR.

Paid town of Fairhaven,	\$945.00
Paid City of New Bedford,	187.50
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	\$1,132.50
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Balance,	\$699.63