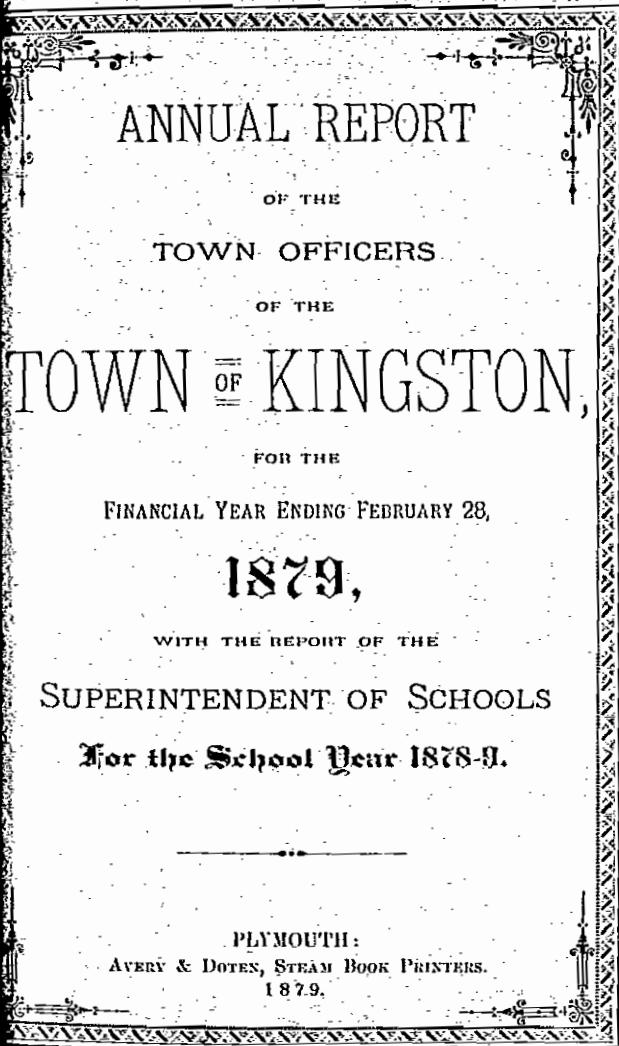


A P P E N D I X I I.

SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1877-8.

Names of Presidents.	Names of Schools.	WOMEN.		MEN.		AVERAGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS.		PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE OR DECREASE.	
		Names	of Presidents.	Names	of Presidents.	Names	of Presidents.	Names	of Presidents.
Mr. C. W. Blatherwick.....	High School.....	43	41	38	38	47	43	45	44
Mrs. G. D. Russell.....	Central Grammar.....	41	42	35	37	48	40	45	45
Miss M. G. Burgess.....	Central Primary.....	50	47	49	47	44	39	39	39
Miss L. A. Hammond.....	Rocky Neck.....	44	44	46	46	36	37	42	42
Miss Nellie E. Hartwell.....	Indian Pond.....	29	25	24	23	22	19	24	23
Miss Eliza Bosworth.....	North West.....	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35
Miss M. H. White.....	Stony Brook.....	24	25	20	19	21	18	24	23



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF KINGSTON,
FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28,
1879,
WITH THE REPORT OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
For the School Year 1878-9.

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1879.

REPORT.

ASSESSMENT OF TAXES.

Valuation of real estate	\$738,265.00
Valuation of personal estate	712,687.00
Total valuation	\$1,450,912.00

Rate of taxation, .0072, — \$7.20 per \$1,000.

Number of polls, 155. Poll tax, \$2.00.

Town tax	\$8,025.00
County tax	2,045.76
State tax	930.00
Overlayings	359.99
Unpaid school books	27.36
Total for collection	\$11,388.11

Number of dwelling houses taxed	314
Number of acres of land taxed	10,483
Number of horses taxed	193
Number of cows taxed	175
Number of sheep taxed	80

TAXES FOR 1878.

Adams, Abigail H.	\$189.72	Adams, Joseph	\$2.66
Adams, George T.	257.95	Ames, William M.	2.00
Adams, Horatio	37.61	Ames, Benjamin F.	2.00
Adams, F. C., estate of	239.98	Andrews, Mary	5.91
Adams, Eveline	37.55	Arwell, Samuel, Jr.	2.00
Adams, Henry L.	12.62	Ahearn, John	9.45
Adams, Charles H.	2.00	Atwood, Elbridge E.	3.41
Adams, Eleanor	15.12	Atwood, George S.	1.46
Adams, William S.	711.49		
Brewster, Clai-diana	\$2.16	Bailey, Nahum, heirs of	\$9.69
Brewster, C. D., heirs of	15.30	Bailey, Nahum	10.26
Brewster, Ann, heirs of	1.63	Bailey, Cynthia C.	10.26
Brewster, Henry	3.62	Bailey, Justus A.	21.85
Brewster, Spencer	21.44	Bailey, Fred. C.	2.00
Brewster, E. E. W.	2.72	Bailey, Caleb E.	38.11
Bartlett, Lysander	21.73	Beal, Joseph S.	155.81
Bartlett, Clement D.	2.00	Beal, Joseph S., trustee	82.65
Bartlett, George D. B.	2.00	Bisbee, Daniel, heirs of	8.46
Bartlett, Uriah	1.26	Bisbee, Daniel	5.69
Bartlett, Cornelius A.	10.10	Bradford, Alden S.	29.00
Bartlett, Susan	14.40	Bradford, Lydia F.	2.70
Bartlett, Lloyd G.	13.70	Bradford, William	12.11
Bonney, John	4.88	Bradford, George B.	2.00
Bonney, Charles F.	6.32	Bradford, Amos P.	2.00
Bonney, Wallace	2.00	Bradford, Horace S.	19.55
Bonney, George H., Jr.	5.60	Bradford, Sumner	2.00

Bradford, Rebecca M.	\$26.10	Bryant, Charles E.	\$6.21
Bradford, George A.	2.00	Bryant, Edgar W.	2.00
Bicknell, George T.	.72	Bryant, Nathaniel	11.31
Bates, Caleb	77.20	Bryant, Warren L.	3.26
Baker, Otis	77.60	Bryant, Sylvanus	30.23
Baker, Otis, Jr.	2.00	Bryant, James H.	4.99
Baker, Manlius	2.00	Bryant, Dolly B.	13.11
Bunker, Edward	7.76	Bryant, Peleg E.	7.04
Bunker, Nathaniel H.	2.00	Bryant, George B.	5.60
Bowker, Davis W.	3.62	Bryant, Oliver S.	2.00
Burns, Ebenezer E.	8.65	Bryant, William B.	2.00
Burns, Hiram H.	2.00	Bearce, Ichabod	4.52
Berry, Roscoe G.	7.76	Bearce, John, heirs of	6.48
Berry, James F.	2.00	Beytis, Antonio	6.32
Brooks, Nathan	18.56	Blanchard, Harriet N.	7.92
Brooks, Peleg T.	8.81	Blanchard, Henry N.	2.00
Bagnell, Frederie	3.24	Blanchard, Elliott W.	3.60
Bagnell, John C.	11.61	Badger, Edward Y.	2.00
Burges, William H.	21.06	Bosworth, Daniel M.	2.00
Burges & Keith,	118.62	Butler, John	2.00
Burgess, Charles, heirs of	4.32	Bunopus, George A.	2.00
Brown, David	11.00	Blandin, Lester D.	3.08
Brown, David, Jr.	4.32	Bishop, Charles	4.52
Brown, George	2.00	Brackett, Fred. G.	16.58
Brown, Robert A.	2.00	Brackett, George W.	2.00
Brown, Edward G.	17.12		
Cook, Martin, heirs of	\$6.84	Cook, Henry T.	\$27.46
Cooke, Martin	16.69	Cobb, Seth, heirs of	3.96
Cooke, Edwin	10.39	Cobb, Martin, heirs of	14.22
Cook, Benjamin	24.86	Cobb, Herbert W.	3.44
Cook, Josiah T.	23.42	Cobb, Philander	63.99
Cook, Mary W.	5.22	Cobb, Philander, 2d,	2.00

Cobb, Benjamin, estate of	\$62 52	Churchill, Otis	\$9 20
Cobb & Drew	172 80	Churchill, George L.	2 60
Cobb, Clarence O.	3 62	Chandler, John S.	10 00
Cobb, Henry	9 22	Chandler, Horace J.	17 80
Coddus, William	5 60	Chandler, Ira	32 56
Coley, Gustavus	15 32	Chandler, Nathan	25 90
Coleman, Daniel	5 63	Chandler, Edward D.	31 22
Coleman, Joseph S.	8 59	Chandler, Abigail	3 60
Coleman, George, 2d.	12 37	Chandler, Abbott	6 32
Coleman, Alonzo M.	2 00	Chandler, Noah J.	2 60
Coleman, Josiah	81 45	Chandler, Claude M.	2 60
Coleman, Arthur L.	2 00	Chandler, Algernon S.	57 22
Coleman, George	19 03	Cunningham, Hannah T.	25 56
Coleman, John	6 50	Cunningham, Theodore B.	2 88
Coleman, Lyman T.	2 00	Cole, Samuel P.	10 31
Coleman, Joseph T.	8 55	Cole, Thomas E., heirs of	20 70
Coleman, James H.	8 08	Cole, Leander S.	14 71
Coleman, Asa, heirs of	8 46	Cole, Charles H.	15 16
Coleman, Elvin	3 19	Cole, Orrin B.	9 29
Coleman, Frank D.	2 60	Cole, Alton B.	2 00
Coleman, George W.	8 51	Cole, Horace C.	2 00
Coleman, Caroline	42 18	Childs, Abner P.	1 00
Coleman, Samuel E.	39 66	Carey, Dennis	7 62
Coleman, George E.	5 60	Clark, George H.	21 89
Coleman, Sylvia, heirs of	1 08	Cushing, Samuel W., ex. of	51 00
Collister, William	2 00	Cushing, Sam'l W., heirs of	7 92
Colahan, Thomas	11 65	Clifford, Luther	17 39
Claybill, Albert S.	2 00	Clinch, Matthias	2 00
Claybill, Henry, heirs of	1 98	Car, Michael	16 51
Claybill, James T.	6 50	Crossen, John C.	2 00
Claybill, Henry	6 43		

Drew, Spencer	\$2 00	Davis, Lucy, heirs of	\$1 32
Drew, Seth	27 74	Denham, Benjamin	2 52
Drew, Christopher P.	29 51	Donley, John	10 28
Drew, Charles H.	9 27	Donley, William H.	2 00
Drew, Job W., heirs of	27 61	Delano, David	13 81
Drew, Eli G.	26 70	Delano, David, Jr.	2 00
Drew, John N.	2 00	Delano, Charles O.	5 60
Drew, John, heirs of	12 06	Delano, Lewis S., heirs of	8 64
Drew, Nathaniel D.	7 58	Delano, Leander S.	3 98
Drew, Frank A.	2 00	Delano, Joshua	195 96
Drew, Charles C.	2 00	Delano, Joshua, trustee,	10 08
Davie, Solomon	12 80	Delano, Joshua, Jr.	4 88
Drake, Martin	5 46	Devine, Patrick	10 93
Drake, Frank T.	2 00	Devine, Patrick, Jr.	2 00
Dawes, James H.	81 88	Dowd, John	2 00
Dawes, John C.	10 10	Douglass, Albert T.	2 00
Doten, Isaac	2 00	Dix, Henry S.	2 00
De Normandie, G. Y.	24 25	Davis, James	2 00
Daney, James W.	8 81		
Everson, Oliver, heirs of	\$6 48	Eldridge, David G.	\$13 36
Everson, James O.	2 29	Eldridge, John	2 00
Everson, Henry S.	4 88	Eldridge, Freeman R.	2 00
Everson, Warren N.	9 38	Evans, Green	14 89
Everson, Nancy	2 88	Evans & Atwood,	35 61
Everson, Lois	2 52	Eagar, Robert	36 42
Ellis, Wylie R.	17 91		
Farrington, Martin	\$5 21	Faunce, Walter H.	\$21 86
Farrington, John P.	2 00	Faunce, Ann E.	17 82
Faunce, Elizabeth F.	30 49	Faunce, Sewall A.	72
Faunce, Cornelius A.	2 00	Faunce, Eliezer	19 57
Faunce, George	17 59	Faunce, Martin	8 01

Faunce, Linus	\$2 00	French, Timothy, heirs of	37 74
Faunce, Winslow	2 00	Fuller, Truman H.	2 60
Faunce, Myron	2 00	Fuller, Alexander, heirs of	9 36
Faunce, Alton	2 00	Fuller, John	16 40
Faunce, Sarah	11 84	Fuller, John A., heirs of	13 14
Faunce, Albert	8 94	Fuller, John A.	2 52
Faunce, Seth W.	8 37	Fuller, Ezra	21 07
Faunce, Albert L.	2 00	Fuller, Samuel	3 08
Faunce, Charles T.	10 82	Fuller, Daniel W.	2 00
Faunce, Charles C.	61 04	Fuller, Smith	3 62
Fitzpatrick, Michael	12 41	Fuller, Sophia, heirs of	1 80
Fremant, David C.	2 00	Fuller, Frank	25 40
Ford, Frank B.	2 60	Fuller, Frank W.	2 00
Ford, Lemuel K.	4 88	Fuller, James	11 96
Ford, Charles H.	2 00	Fuller, Chester W.	2 00
Ford, Elijah T.	3 26	Foster, James	22 27
Ford, Levi E.	2 00	Foster, Asenath	9 36
Funny, William A.	7 49	Foster, Alex. B., heirs of	10 11
Gray, Edward, heirs of	\$3 60	Graves, George A.	\$2 60
Gray, Lydia	1 08	Gruill, John	2 00
Gray, John, heirs of	16 56	Grozinger, George	14 10
Gray, Samuel W.	4 16		
Hernandez, Jose	\$2 00	Holmes, Joseph	\$11 61
Haney, Dennis	8 52	Holmes, Ephraim	1 41
Hennessey, John, estate of	3 60	Holmes, Richard E.	17 66
Haggerty, William	5 21	Holmes, Eliza A.	111 00
Haggerty, Margaret	1 80	Holmes, Joseph A.	457 33
Hall, John, heirs of	21 24	Holmes, Frank H.	431 82
Hall, John F.	29 29	Holmes, Alex., heirs of	66 16
Holmes, Robert W.	4 14	Holmes, Edward	361 89
Holmes, Samuel	13 63	Holmes, Edward K.	29 22

Holmes, Paschete W.	\$3 01	Hayward, Lucius	\$1 88
Holmes, Ira	7 87	Hunt, Henry	69 07
Holmes, John F.	26 44	Hunt & Sampson,	63 68
Holmes, George, estate of	22 68	Hunt, Marcia O.	6 30
Holmes, Elathan S.	2 00	Hammond, Asa C.	18 49
Holmes, Stephen	9 20	Hammond, Eugene H.	2 00
Holmes, George B.	2 90	Hammond, Walter C.	8 12
Hohacs, Gaius	6 97	Hickey, James	9 71
Holmes, Lothrop T.	35 30	Hall, George W.	2 00
Holmes, Frank B.	2 00	Hall, William C.	3 98
Howland, Daniel F.	8 95	Harlow, James M.	2 00
Howland, Charles F.	3 08	Harlow, George L.	2 00
Howland, Perez A.	3 08	Howe, Wallace F.	5 06
Hart, Dennis	8 66		
Johnson, F. M. and others	\$0 36	Jones, Abbott	\$2 72
Joyce, John A.	2 00	Josselyn, John E.	2 00
Jones, Henry X.	51 68	Jameson, Frank A.	2 00
Jones, P. M. C.	14 42		
Kennedy, James	\$14 28	Kingston Foundry Co.	\$19 41
Kennedy, James, Jr.	3 80	Kelly, John	2 00
Kennedy, Frank M.	5 06	Keely, Hannah E.	11 40
Keith, Henry K.	77 60	King, Rufus	2 00
Keith, Lewis H.	467 48		
Lamman, Thomas	\$26 77	Lucas, Hiram B.	\$6 32
Lapham, Charles	4 16	Long, Albert W.	5 41
Leonard, Henry	4 52	Long, Henry A.	2 00
Lovering, John P.	2 00	Langdon, Augustus	2 00
Low, Samuel	12 48	Loffendale, Joseph	2 00
Low, Charles E.	2 00	Lane, James F.	2 00
Luie, George F.	2 00	Lent, George H.	2 00
Lucas, Adoniram B.	4 27		

McDonald, Allen	\$2 00	McGrath, Thomas	\$2 66
McGuire, William	6 61	McGrath, Robert	11 71
McCrate, William	5 42	McGrath, Michael	11 35
McCute, Michael	2 00	McGrath, Michael, Jr.	2 66
McCatty, Charles	1 00	Murray, John	3 98
McLaughlin, Elisha, heirs of	3 78	McManus, Michael	6 68
McLaughlin, George W.	15 25	Mitchell, Ransom	6 56
McLaughlin, Ouslow W.	2 29	Mitchell, Susan	1 98
McLaughlin, O. W. & others	7 2	Morse, George	9 56
McLaughlin, P. W., heirs of	6 48	Morse, Francis	2 09
McLaughlin, Horace B.	15 11	Myrick, William H.	26 30
McLaughlin, Simon W.	45 91	Myrick, William M.	2 66
McLaughlin, Herbert W.	2 00	Mahoney, John	12 08
McLaughlin, Philemon W.	3 41	McSweeney, Felix	2 00
Malone, Patrick	1 00	Manter, Pelham	2 66
Malone, James T.	2 00	Marshall, Horace B.	2 29
Nichols, P. L., admr' of	\$11 69	Norton, Andrew	38 05
Nichols, P. L., heirs of	21 96	Norton, Andrew, Jr.	2 00
Newcomb, Thomas	110 71	Norton, John S.	2 40
Newcomb, Marcello	43 18	Nolan, Thomas	7 04
Nutter, Samuel W.	5 49		
O'Brien, Patrick H.	\$2 00	Oldham, John	\$8 66
O'Brien, Patrick	7 57	Oldham, Adoniram J.	2 49
O'Brien, Michael E.	2 00	Old Colony Rivet Co.	61 89
O'Rourke, Margaret	2 16	Old Colony Co-operative	
Ormond, Michael	2 00	Association	13 68
Owens, George E.	2 36		
Phipps, Jos. H., admr' of	\$16 67	Phipps, Laura M.	\$11 40
Phipps, Jos. H., heirs of	9 36	Prince, Daniel	\$5 00

Prince, Thomas	\$8 81	Perkins, Ezra	\$6 60
Peterson, Ichabod	8 18	Paine, Reuben C.	9 92
Peterson, Esias	9 67	Prince, Noah	29 47
Peterson, Henry R.	2 00	Pendegast, Edward	2 00
Peterson, Herman J.	2 00	Parker, Frank H.	5 60
Peterson, Albert O.	2 00	Partridge, Otis	2 00
Peckham, Joseph	12 44	Phillips, George	2 00
Quinn, Thomas	\$2 31		
Reed, Franklin	\$2 00	Ring, Daniel W., heirs of	\$11 83
Reed, Isaac	2 00	Ring, Daniel W.	5 21
Reed, Porter C.	22 99	Ring, Samuel, heirs of	7 81
Reed, Edwin	28 93	Ransom, Harvey	11 00
Reed, Joseph E., heirs of	10 26	Ransom, Winslow H.	2 00
Reed, Edgar	2 00	Ransom, Edward A.	7 76
Russell, C. D. and sister	9 36	Rickard, Giles	2 00
Robbins, Joseph S.	16 05	Richardson, Ebenezer P.	4 88
Robbins, Wm. A., heirs of	12 13	Richardson, Edwin H.	2 00
Robbins, Charles	16 76	Ryan, John	7 01
Ripley, Cyrus W.	13 16	Reinhart, Henry	11 21
Ripley, Lewis	20 55	Reekenbiel, Henry	13 52
Ripley, Henry L.	2 00	Raymond, Adoniram J., Jr.	2 00
Ripley, Obed	20 72	Randall, Frank	2 00
Ripley, Nathaniel	13 68	Ridder, Charles E.	2 00
Stevens, James H.	\$10 28	Sampson, Benjamin	\$15 07
Sprout, Francis	12 98	Sampson, Hulda	11 40
Sampson, George H.	2 00	Sampson, Clement H.	14 06
Sampson, Constant, heirs of	3 96	Sampson, Hinum	7 07
Sampson, Azel A.	45 92	Sampson, William A.	5 71
Sampson, Edward L.	2 00	Sampson, Peleg W.	4 31
Sampson, Oliver	12 09	Sever, James N., heirs of	33 66

Simmons, Nahum	\$16 69	Smith, John	\$9 56
Simmons, Wendell	3 62	Smith, Richard J.	2 00
Simmons, Francis O.	11 11	Soule, Henry	51 51
Simmons, Edmund F.	2 00	Soule, Henry, Jr.	2 00
Simmons, Augustus	5 57	Soule, Herbert	29 00
Simmons, Melvin, heirs of	1 80	Soule, William F.	4 31
Simmons, Mary A.	23 76	Soule, James C.	2 00
Simmons, Henry	5 21	Soule, Samuel E.	2 00
Sturtevant, Henry, estate of	5 04	Stranger, Joseph A.	15 48
Sturtevant, Henry	12 19	Stranger, Andrew R.	2 00
Sturtevant, Nancy & others,	11 40	Stranger, William A.	2 00
Sturtevant, John S.	2 00	Symmes, William	12 79
Stetson, Kimball W.	50 96	Symmes, Hannah	6 46
Stetson, James H.	12 61	Society, Treas. of Baptist	9 72
Stetson, Arthur A.	2 00	Society, Treas. of 1st Cong.	3 78
Stetson, Elisha	10 57	Sladehan, Thomas	3 80
Stetson, Henry T.	2 00	Sherman, Ebenezer	7 04
Stetson, Wiswall S., heirs of	6 12	Souther, Frederic	16 20
Stetson, Charles	50 96	Studley & Delano,	7 26
Stetson, Maria D.	25 20	Stidles, John O.	2 00
Stetson, Joseph	30 55	Savery, Nehemiah L.	3 91
Smith, Patrick W.	2 00	Saunder, Charles W.	10 64
Smith, Patrick	4 00	Sears, Benjamin	2 00
Tupper, Seth	\$0 51	Thompson, Charles L.	\$11 51
Thomas, Augustus	23 60	Tobin, John	2 00
Thomas, William A.	122 53	Tobin, Thomas S.	2 00
Thomas, William R.	2 00	Taylor, Thomas	2 00
Thompson, James H.	5 78	Tout, Thomas	12 49
Thompson, James S.	11 58	Trow, Charles W.	2 00
Thompson, Webster C.	2 00	Tierman, James	2 00

United States Lock Co., \$158-22

Wixon, Oscar F.	\$2 00	Waterman, Nathaniel	\$3 42
Willis, Jonah	21 96	Waterman, John	12 08
Willis, Jonah, Jr.	3 08	Waterman, Eleazer E.	6 61
Willis, Edward	39 73	Waterman, Thomas E.	3 11
Willis, William H.	3 11	Waterman, Austin B.	2 72
Willis, Sarah T.	17 35	Waterman, Amanda F.	21 42
Willis, Bethiah H.	17 35	Wright, John L.	3 21
Willis, Everett W.	2 00	Wright, Newland H.	2 00
Winsor, Elbridge G.	13 04	Wilson, Eli	13 16
Winsor, William D.	13 75	Wadsworth, William A.	7 76
Washburn, George L.	11 51	Wadsworth, Arthur	2 00
Washburn, George H.	3 11	Wadsworth, George	2 00
Washburn, Charles H.	5 06	Watson, Nathan B.	1 52
Washburn, Francis	20 36	Willeott, William	5 60
Washburn, Azel W.	2 00	Warden, Henry H.	26 68
Washburn, Wm. D., heirs of	7 92	Warden, Henry P.	3 50
Washburn, George	3 26	Ward, William G.	10 21
Washburn, John	2 00	Ward, Lester E.	2 29
Washburn, Martin P.	1 34	Walker, Asaph	2 00
Washburn, Charles	.36	Walker, George H.	2 00
Washburn, Nath'l, heirs of	7 20	Weston, Daniel	1 70
Washburn, Waldo	18 20		
Young, Frederic H.	\$2 00		

NON-RESIDENTS.

Adams, Nathaniel	\$13 86		
Blake, George H.	\$0 36	Bradford, Wm. H., heirs of	\$7 56
Beal, Thomas P.	2 16	Bradford, Gershon	4 41
Beal, Alexander	1 50	Bradford, Andrew L.	2 88
Barnes, E. & J. C.	\$38 42	Bradford, Thomas B.	\$1 46
Barker, Sally	3 06	Briggs, Seneca	1 68
Bank, Plymouth National	10 33	Bryant, Lemuel	3 47
Bonney, James S.	26		
Crocker, Walter	\$0 36	Carl, Hannah	\$0 72
Chandler, David	25	Chase, Sylvanus	36
Chandler, George	1 62	Cobb, Charles	28 98
Chandler, Horatio	51	Cobb, F. B.	11 41
Clark, Zoath C.	1 08	Cobb, John M.	2 46
Clark, Robert	36	Churchill, Charles O.	1 62
Clark, Stephen, heirs of	51		
Drake, Nathaniel M.	\$22 82	Dunbar, William H.	\$1 26
Drake, Zenna A.	36	Diman, Ezra S.	36
Deane, Clarissa	40		
Faunce, Ichabod W.	\$0 51	Ford, Baker	\$0 36
Faunce, Zenas, heirs of	4 11		
Glass, Daniel P.	\$0 90	Gray, Frances A.	80 99
Glass, Stephen P.	1 26		
Holmes, Charles H.	\$0 51	Holmes, James W.	\$3 21
Holmes, Nathaniel	1 11	Hall, William	2 52
Holmes, Peter	16 92	Hall, James, heirs of	2 95

Loring, Harrison	\$12 21	Lumm, Mary E.	\$1 62
Loring, Samuel	19 73	Lumm, Henry P.	6 12
Lyon, Sarah B.	1 08		
McLaughlin, Samuel	\$1 62	McLaughlin, Henry B.	\$6 12
Nelson, Elisha	\$0 72	Nelson, George W.	\$0 36
Nelson, Charles and others	36		
Pratt, William B.	\$2 16	Perkins, Jacob, heirs of	\$2 52
Pratt, Lucius	1 43	Perry, Edward Y.	36
Plymouth Cordage Co.	1 68	Packard, Ida	90
Plymouth, Town of	2 16		
Russell, Wm. G., guardian	\$93 60	Ring, Samuel A.	\$0 36
Rickard, Martin	72		
Sprague, Betsey	\$1 11	Sever, Charles	\$28 08
Sherman, Henry	3 21	Simmons, William	3 21
Sherman, Nelson	1 26	Stetson, William	1 08
Sherman, Eleazer C.	1 80	Sampson, Thomas H.	2 52
Southworth, Deborah J.	4 32		
Thompson, Zadoc	\$0 36	Thomas, William	\$2 16
Thompson, Walter	3 60	Thomas, Gamaliel	51
Thompson, Josiah L.	3 60		
Vaughn, Thomas	\$0 72		
Wright, Samuel C.	\$2 31	Washburn, Philip, heirs of	\$0 36
Wright, Rufus	36	Warren, Leander	11 88
Washburn, Cephas	51	Willis, George F.	5 10
Whiting, Benjamin	1 08	White, Daniel	72
Waterman, Charles	90	White, Otis	72
Wateman, Betsey, heirs of	1 80	White, Alden	12 96
Wadsworth, Wait	17 50	Witherell, Alden	3 60

ORDERS PAID.

REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Charles H. Washburn,	\$31 83	Arthur W. Pierce,	\$3 40
Obed Ripley,	26 07	Kimball W. Stetson,	2 55
Philander Cobb,	35 61	Hunt & Sampson,	.56
Joseph A. Holmes,	16 32	Thomas Jackson,	13 76
Andrew Norton,	10 20	Benjamin F. Sears,	.85
Leander S. Cole,	21 06	William Collins,	1 96
Frank D. Cushman,	39 56	Charles Robbins,	.92
Hiram Sampson,	13 00	William Bradford,	8 50
Edwin Cushman,	18 70	Nehemiah L. Sawyer,	39 61
Henry X. Blauchard,	20 31	Dennis Haney,	1 70
John Griffin,	1 70	Henry Brewster,	1 50
Samuel W. Gray,	15 55	Seth Cobb,	2 00
			\$327 52

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Lewis Ripley,	\$5 00	Patrick W. Smith,	\$11 90
Otis Churchill,	1 70	William A. Stranger,	11 90
Jesiah T. Cook,	2 85	Nathan Chandler,	3 40
James C. Siple,	.85	Adoniram B. Lucas,	5 10
Edward Holmes,	71 30	Spencer Drew,	1 70
Dennis Haney,	37 69	Thomas Callahan,	12 50
John Murray,	29 21	Edwin Powers,	5 10
Eli Wilson,	2 25	Francis Sproul,	1 70
Andrew Norton,	5 10	Hunt & Sampson,	.57
Walter H. Faunce,	3 46	Charles H. Powers,	1 70

Joseph A. Stranger,	\$18 90	John Smith,	\$20 23
Richard J. Smith,	30 60	M. Day & Co.,	24 85
Evans & Atwood,	21 40	Old Colony Railroad,	6 03
Robbins & Morton,	1 56	Charles T. Faunce,	1 75
Stephen Holmes,	21 20	Martin P. Washburn,	11 22
John N. Drew,	10 92	Robert Eagar,	.51
James McCrate,	.85	William Devine,	6 00
James H. Stetson,	3 70		
			\$105 70

DISTRICT NO. 3, AND GREEN ROAD.

Martin P. Washburn,	\$35 92	Hunt & Sampson,	\$0 56
Richard J. Smith,	23 80	Estate of James Foster,	6 72
John Smith,	8 50	M. Day & Co.,	28 69
Patrick Smith,	6 63	Old Colony Railroad,	7 31
Clement D. Bartlett,	22 29	Dennis Haney,	19 55
Joseph A. Stranger,	30 11	Nathan Chandler,	18 02
Seth W. Faunce,	.85	Caleb E. Bailey,	13 88
Lysander Bartlett,	6 80	James H. Stetson,	2 03
Luther Clifford,	4 93	Ichabod Peterson,	2 29
Charles T. Faunce,	4 25	William A. Finney,	1 70
Summer Bradford,	21 93	John Murray,	3 57
George T. Adams,	10 67	John Ahearne,	1 53
Frank R. Holmes,	2 00	Josiah T. Cook,	3 06
Horace J. Chandler,	31 15	Walter H. Faunce,	1 42
John F. Hall,	10 58	Andrew Norton,	4 12
Frank H. Holmes,	31 08	Thomas Callahan,	6 00
Charles McCarty,	6 37	Edward Holmes,	1 18
Marcello Newcomb,	8 80	Estate of F. C. Adams,	2 08
Fred M. Hairub,	3 00		
			\$403 30

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Algeron S. Chandler,	\$11 88	Darius Westgate,	\$21 99
Oliver Sampson,	26 01	Ephraim Holmes,	2 01
William A. Finney,	16 83	Frank O. Simmons,	5 10
Charles Washburn,	5 10	John Bonney,	15 30
Augustus Simmons,	38 67	Esaias Peterson,	30 60
Ralph Simmons,	7 65	William G. Ward,	12 83
John F. Hall,	21 25	Elijah T. Poid,	15 30
Charles E. Low,	5 95	Wallace F. Howe,	28 00
John S. Chandler,	2 55	Tom Holmes,	21 25
Edwin Cooke,	3 00	Philemon W. McLauthlin,	6 80
Hunt & Sampson,	57	John S. Sturtevant,	3 82
George Chandler,	7 12		
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DISTRICT NO. 5.

William B. Bryant,	\$20 23	Hunt & Sampson,	\$0 56
Everett Bryant,	12 75	Peleg E. Bryant,	11 41
Maud Drake,	19 55	Dolly B. Bryant,	10 65
Frank T. Drake,	27 03	Daniel Weston,	9 50
Charles Bryant,	8 50	Old Colony Railroad,	2 61
Franklin Reed,	13 60	Marcellus Day & Co.,	13 05
Michael Fitzpatrick,	31 96	Ouslow McLauthlin,	12 01
John F. Hall,	31 98	Oliver S. Bryant,	6 12
Horace R. McLauthlin,	10 29	Nathaniel M. Drake,	13 16
John S. Sturtevant,	9 18	A. H. Sampson,	1 62
Frank O. Simmons,	51 67	Edmund F. Simmons,	2 72
Algeron S. Chandler,	5 10		
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DISTRICT NO. 6, AND NEW ROAD.

Josiah T. Cook,	\$71 31	Horne J. Chandler,	\$28 05
Andrew Norton,	75 22	William A. Sampson,	7 65
James C. Soule,	15 89	Joseph A. Stranger,	5 10
Daniel Weston,	1 70	Ira Chandler,	7 00
Frank H. Holmes,	85 51	Richard J. Smith,	3 10
Noah Prince,	2 55	Patrick W. Smith,	1 70
Walter H. Faunce,	39 89	Myron Faunce,	13 26
George Faunce,	33 49	Algeron S. Chandler,	20 40
Eugene O'Brien,	9 86	Patrick Malone,	11 05
Edwin Cooke,	1 70	John S. Norton,	11 05
Asa G. Hammond,	15 30	James Foster,	7 52
Fred. G. Brackett,	1 36	Estate of F. G. Adams,	20 20
Sumner Bradford,	1 70	Patrick H. O'Brien,	21 25
Linus Faunce,	85	John Ahern,	11 62
Hunt & Sampson,	57	Eleazer E. Waterman,	1 41
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DISTRICT NO. 7.

Ephraim Pratt,	\$14 79	Samuel Fuller,	\$6 80
George Cushman,	24 05	Samuel W. Nutter,	1 28
James H. Cushman,	21 16	John F. Holmes,	30 60
Richard E. Holmes,	27 20	Henry T. Cook,	33 30
Sylvanus Bryant,	31 71	William R. Thomas,	15 30
Henry Churchill,	15 30	George Cushman, 2d,	21 08
John Cushman,	35 69	Otis Churchill,	15 30
Eliezer Faunce,	53 29	Joseph S. Cushman,	5 95
Daniel Bisbee,	30 43	James T. Churchill,	15 30
Joseph T. Cushman,	22 55	Hunt & Sampson,	56
Asa G. Hammond,	25 50		

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DISTRICT NO. 8.

Daniel Weston,	\$27 57	Andrew Norton,	\$11 95
Charlie F. Cooke,	23 73	Frank H. Parker,	6 89
Thomas Hayward,	15 80	Henry Sturtevant,	31 74
Fred. G. Buckett,	11 82	Daniel W. Ring,	5 10
James O. Everson,	31 91	John Bisbee,	2 89
Edwin Cooke,	15 41	Fred. M. Harrub,	3 09
Edward Holmes,	5 70	Hunt & Sampson,	.57
Nathl Prince,	29 17	Estate of Martin Cook,	2 50
Ransom Mitchell,	17 17	John L. Wright,	7 23
Charles E. Bryant,	3 40	Herbert F. Parker,	3 49

			8320 45

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Joseph T. Cushman,	53 40	Joseph S. Cushman,	\$3 10

			56 89

Amounts brought forward,—

District No. 1,	\$327 52	District No. 9,	56 89
District No. 2,	405 70	Martin Cooke, Surveyor,	352 46
District No. 3,	403 30	C. E. Bailey, iron work,	4 00
District No. 4,	375 61		
District No. 5,	330 48		\$3,504 35
District No. 6,	530 59	Appropriation,	3,500 00
District No. 7,	447 41		-----
District No. 8,	320 45	Overdrawn,	\$1 35

SNOW AND SPECIAL REPAIRS.

REMOVING SNOW.

Ouslow W. McLanthlin,	\$6 40	Robert Eagar,	\$1 03
Michael Fitzpatrick,	4 00	Robert Eagar, Jr.,	2 40
Ira Hobins,	2 40	Albert T. Douglas,	2 40
Isaac Reed,	1 20	Robert McGrath,	3 60
Oliver S. Bryant,	8 80	John Murray,	2 00
George B. Bryant,	8 00	Dennis Haney,	9 80
William B. Bryant,	7 10	Frank H. Holmes,	15 20
Fred. Bryant,	6 60	Lewis Ripley,	2 00
Everett Bryant,	3 00	Nehemiah L. Savery,	5 60
Edmund P. Simmons,	5 30	James B. Pierce,	1 00
Elliott W. Blanchard,	8 00	Charles L. Delano,	1 40
Frank P. Drake,	7 30	William Bradford,	2 00
Martin Drake,	6 50	Edwin Cushman,	1 60
John S. Sturtevant,	2 50	John Griffin,	1 10
Francis O. Simmons,	4 10	Obed Ripley,	1 40
John Kelly,	5 30	Chester H. Fuller,	.90
William McGuire,	1 80	Gustavus Corey,	.90
William Collins,	.90	Martin Farrington,	.60
John Devine,	1 40	Richard J. Smith,	.60
Benjamin Sears,	1 40	James C. Soule,	.40
Charles H. Washburn,	5 00	Robert A. Drew,	.60
Hiram Sampson,	3 40	Chauncey R. Stranger,	.20
Henry Brewster,	.70	Andrew Norton,	15 80
John Smith,	2 20	Josiah T. Cook,	13 90
Patrick W. Smith,	.70	Walter H. Faunce,	2 40
Philip Smith,	.70	Jose Hernandez,	3 90
Patrick Smith,	1 00	Clement H. Sampson,	1 90
Michael McCrate,	.70	John Malone,	2 40

James McCrate,	\$0 70	Eugene O'Brien,	\$3 00
Michael Callahan,	.90	George Faunce,	1 10
William Haggerty,	.70	George Cushman,	3 33
John Chandler,	2 40	James H. Cushman,	3 33
Augustus Simmons,	1 20	John F. Holmes,	.60
Philemon W. McLaughlin,	1 60	Henry T. Cook,	.70
Darius Westgate,	1 60	William R. Thomas,	.70
Algeron S. Chandler,	10 50	Wihrd B. Loring,	.80
Hiram Holmes,	3 05	Ephraim Pratt,	.30
William A. Finney,	3 60	George Bryant,	.80
Oliver Sampson,	2 20	Joseph T. Cushman,	1 20
Charles E. Low,	2 00	George Cushman, 2d,	.40
Charles Washburn,	.50	John Cushman,	1 60
Nathan Chandler,	10 20	Richard E. Holmes,	1 60
James H. Stetson,	1 40	Dennis Haggerty,	1 80
George T. Adams,	1 80	Daniel W. Ring,	.80
Abbot Chandler,	.60	Frank H. Parker,	1 30
George L. Churchill,	.80	Charles F. Cooke,	1 90
Horace J. Chandler,	1 60	Edwin Cooke,	1 00
Luther Clifford,	1 90	Charles E. Bryant,	1 00
Charles L. Thompson,	1 00	Noah Prince,	3 90
Jahn L. Wright,	1 20	Martin Cooke,	2 50
Daniel Weston,	1 70	Frank D. Cushman,	.85
Henry Sturtevant,	1 60		
James O. Everson,	1 50		
			\$300 71

SPECIAL REPAIRS.

Robbins & Morton, lumber for bridge,	\$18 72
James H. Stetson, paving gutter,	33 15
Eveline Adams, paving gutter,	15 00
James Hickey, gravel, 1877-S,	9 00
James T. Churchill, labor, 1877-S,	1 00
William A. Wadsworth, labor, 1877-S,	.50
Asa C. Hammon, labor, 1877-S,	2 60
Linus Faunce, labor, 1877-S,	.8 25
George Faunce, labor, 1877-S,	.8 25
Josiah T. Cook, labor, 1877-S,	16 49
Walter H. Faunce, labor, 1877-S,	75
	\$113 71
Appropriation,	\$111 42
Unexpended,	500 00
	\$85 58

The belief, at one time current, that a satisfactory arrangement might be made with the abutters upon the Green Road, for widening the same, proved, upon examination, to be utterly without foundation. The Selectmen have not felt warranted in petitioning the County Commissioners without further action on the part of the town, because we think that such a location as that Board would be likely to make would require a needlessly large expenditure for a wall and embankment; would involve the destruction of many, perhaps most of the shade trees upon both sides of the way; would require either an encroachment upon the cemetery, (which the Commissioners cannot make except by consent), or an irreparable injury to private grounds or the public common, perhaps to both.

For these reasons we directed the Surveyor to make such repairs as the present location seemed to warrant, leaving the matter of an application to the Commissioners for the future consideration of the town or of individuals interested.

The wooden bridge at the Northwest Iron Works must soon be entirely rebuilt, and we recommend an appropriation sufficient for a permanent stone bridge, in accordance with the wise policy heretofore adopted by the town in similar cases.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

WAGES OF TEACHERS.

C. E. Ridder,	\$1,025 00	O. M. Simmons,	\$333 00
C. D. Russell,	370 00	M. Harlow,	108 00
M. B. Burgess,	333 00	L. A. Spaulding,	207 00
E. F. Bosworth,	225 00	S. H. Robertson,	63 00
I. A. Hammond,	231 00		
M. H. White,	117 00		
Appropriation, \$3,000.00.			

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Mrs. W. S. Bartlett, water for schools,	\$6 00
Philemon W. McLauthlin, water for schools,	3 00
Robert Torrey, preparing diplomas,	2 25
Burges & Keith, books and stationery,	105 53
P. Cobb, stationery,	2 31
C. E. Ridder, expenses of exhibitions of drawings,	1 70
John Eldridge, labor,	1 50
William A. Wadsworth, staining frames,	2 00
Appropriation,	
Unexpended,	

FUEL AND CARE OF SCHOOL-ROOMS.

José Hernandez, care of High school house,	\$100 50
Hiram R. Eldridge, care of fires and school-rooms,	10 25

Harvey Cushman, care of fires and school-rooms,	\$8 00
F. W. McLauthlin, care of fires and school-rooms,	3 00
Burges & Keith, care of fires and school-rooms,	3 40
George K. Marshall, care of fires and school-rooms,	4 50
Edmund E. Berry, care of fires and school-rooms,	4 50
Edward Holmes, wood,	1 50
C. G. Faunce, wood,	13 50
Lewis Ripley, wood,	9 00
Richard E. Holmes, wood,	8 75
J. A. Stranger, wood and housing,	11 25
P. Cobb, wood and housing,	19 50
John Smith, wood and housing,	6 25
P. W. McLauthlin, wood and housing,	15 00
Asa C. Hamond, wood and housing,	17 00
John Eldridge, housing wood,	3 63
G. F. Waterman, curtains,	1 00
Mrs. Mahoney, cleaning school house,	1 30
P. Cobb, sundries,	5 08

Appropriation,	\$249 91
	250 00

Unexpended,	\$0 09

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Lambert Brothers, glass,	\$1 95
Burges & Keith, sundries,	19 70
Joseph S. Robbins, stock and labor,	9 13
Charles T. Faunce, stock and labor,	10 05
James H. Stetson, stock and labor,	6 17
Philander Cobb, stock and labor,	17 49
George H. Bonney, Jr., stock and labor,	14 42
William A. Wadsworth, stock and labor,	28 40

Appropriation,	\$110 31
	250 00
Unexpended,	\$139 69

CONVEYANCE OF CHILDREN.

C. H. Sampson,	\$188 50
Appropriation,	200 00
Unexpended,	\$11 50

SUPPORT OF POOR.

ALMSHOUSE EXPENSES.

James H. Stetson, repairs at Almshouse,	55 15
George H. Clark, repairs at Almshouse,	1 15
George H. Bonney, Jr., repairs at Almshouse,	1 19
F. B. Washburn, supplies,	5 21
Edward Holmes, supplies,	50 50
Old Colony Co-operative Association, supplies,	193 23
Hunt & Sampson, supplies,	61 37
Philander Cobb, supplies,	107 41
Samuel E. Soule, supplies,	9 72
Evans & Atwood, supplies,	82
Patridge & Chandler, supplies,	12 42
George W. Cushman, shoes and repairing,	8 20
George R. Bradford, shoes and repairing,	2 29
Lucy B. Everson, services as housekeeper,	106 00
Mrs. M. E. Powers, services as housekeeper,	35 75
Orin B. Cole, truss,	3 50
Mrs. A. T. Marshall, bedding,	3 50
Mrs. George Brewster, bedding,	3 00
E. N. Stringer, clothing,	9 50
Lewis Ripley, collar for A. Witherell,	6 00
Mrs. S. A. Cushman, robe for A. Witherell,	1 57
Dr. William C. Hall, professional services,	9 00
David G. Eldridge, sharpening saws,	1 00
	\$641 51

OUTSIDE POOR.

Old Colony Co. Association, supplies for Mrs. Smith Fuller,	\$15 43
Old Colony Co. Association, supplies for P. Sullivan,	61 24
Lewis Ripley, supplies for P. Sullivan,	5 25
Marcello Newcomb, supplies for P. Sullivan,	9 03
Old Colony Co. Association, supplies for R. A. Drew and family,	186 40
Philander Cobb, supplies for R. A. Drew and family,	3 93
Hunt & Sampson, supplies for R. A. Drew and family,	1 30
George W. Cushman, supplies for R. A. Drew and family,	6 20
Old Colony Co. Association, supplies for Daniel W. Fuller,	7 86
Philander Cobb, supplies for Eli Joyce,	2 50
Treasurer of Abington, supplies for Joseph Pratt and family,	293 00
Lunatic Hospital, Taunton, support of Sarah H. Faunce,	192 83
Lunatic Hospital, Taunton, support of S. E. Mauter,	30 50
Lunatic Hospital, Taunton, support of Nathaniel Cobb,	161 02
J. S. Robbins, case for coffin for Nathaniel Cobb,	2 00
Treasurer of Hanson, support of Mrs. J. Fitzpatrick,	107 00
Treasurer of Wellfleet, supplies for Cornelius Drew,	29 00
Treasurer of Chatham, supplies for Cornelius Drew,	15 67
City of Boston, support of Wallace children,	48 00
Lunatic Hospital, Brattleboro', support of D. Lucas,	163 00
Spencer Drew, fares and expenses in pauper cases,	8 35
Old Colony Co. Association, supplies for D. Lucas,	8 95
United States Express Co., transporting D. Lucas,	4 60
Franklin Leonard, support of Celia D. Morton,	19 50
City of Boston, relief of Rooney family,	24 78
State of Massachusetts, relief of Rooney family,	101 94
Treasurer of South Abington, relief of W. O. Nutter,	14 00
J. H. Stetson, fares and expenses in pauper cases,	23 67

Expense out of Almshouse,	\$1,682 95
Almshouse expenses,	611 51
	\$2,297 49
Appropriation,	\$1,600 00
Overdrawn,	\$627 49

Of the sum expended, as above, one hundred and seventy-two dollars is on account of expenses incurred during the preceding year, but not presented until after settlement with the Treasurer; one hundred and sixty dollars and fifty cents is due from the State for support of William Soule; two hundred dollars has been received from Lucy M. Cobb, towards the final reimbursement of the expense of supporting her father, Nathaniel Cobb; and thirty dollars and fifty cents has been received from Pelham Mauter, in full, of the sum paid for support of his wife at Taunton.

The number of paupers and the cost of their support, not only in our own town, but in most others, have been larger than in almost any previous year. The duties of the Overseers have been unusually onerous. To decide rightly upon claims for assistance coming from honest poverty, natural decrepitude, and unavoidable misfortune on the one hand, and shameless impudence, feigned infirmity, or voluntary idleness on the other, is no easy task. It is far more easy to cavil at the official acts of those upon whom are imposed the burdens of caring personally for the poor; and censure comes oftenest from men who would not themselves touch these burdens with so much as one of their fingers.

The present Board of Overseers must be more than men if they have escaped all errors of omission or commission. If their failings have leaned to the side of undue liberality, as is sometimes charged in disapproval, they can find, in the lessons of past years, abundant evidence that, in respect to our own poor, any decided leaning in the opposite direction would only have subjected them to still sharper censure.

It is earnestly to be hoped that, ere long, some change may occur in our industrial relations, through which the number of non-self-supporting adult members of the community may be very considerably lessened.

TRAMPS.

The number of tramps lodged during the year was two hundred and twenty-seven against four hundred and ninety-eight last year.

BURYING GROUND.

Edward D. Chandler,	\$13 50	Jonah Willis, Jr.,	\$7 50
John Cushman,	8 75		
Joseph T. Cushman,	8 75		\$28 50
Appropriation,		100 00	
Unexpended,			\$71 50

POLICE.

George H. Bonney, Jr.,	\$25 00	Joseph S. Robbins,	\$25 00
Cyrus W. Ripley,	50 00	George H. Sampson,	25 00
Patrick O'Brien,	50 00		\$125 00
Appropriation,		200 00	
Unexpended,			\$25 00

FISHERIES.

E. E. Waterman, labor on fishways,	\$5 75
Marcello Newcomb, labor on fishways,	1 00
Austin B. Waterman, labor on fishways,	1 75
	\$8 50
Appropriation,	\$50 00

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

Paid Nathan Brooks,	\$275 00
Appropriation,	\$275 00

STATE AID.

Eliza B. Sherman,	twelve months,	\$18.00
Mary L. Taylor,	twelve months,	18.00
Margaret O'Rourke,	twelve months,	18.00
Mary McGuire,	twelve months,	18.00
Xancy Harlow,	twelve months,	18.00
Laura Westgate,	twelve months,	18.00
John C. Bagnell,	twelve months,	51.00
Sarah Bagnell,	six months,	12.00
Joseph S. Robbins,	twelve months,	72.00
Hannah J. Holmes,	eleven months,	44.00
Edmund F. Simmons,	six months,	27.00

Appropriation.

Overdrawn,

SOLDIERS' AID, ACT OF 1878.

Nosie J. Chandler, four months,	\$10.33
Andrew R. Stranger, two months,	25.00
William Soule (in part).*	18.00

No appropriation.

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

W. R. Ellis, services as Superintendent of Schools, 1877-\$,	\$250.00
Spencer Drew, services as Overseer of the Poor, 1877-\$,	100.00
D. Clifton Freeman, services as Overseer of the Poor, 1877-\$,	10.00

*The principal part of the expenditure for William Soule is included in the Almshouse account.

William F. Soule, ringing bell, 1877-\$,	\$2.00
Avery & Dolen, printing five hundred and fifty copies of town report,	82.15
Avery & Dolen, printing blank orders,	9.00
George H. Bonney, Jr., services as Constable,	6.00
Cyrus W. Ripley, services as Constable,	10.00
Cyrus W. Ripley, cash paid for hand cuffs,	7.00
Abden S. Bradford, services and expenses as Selectman,	110.00
William S. Adams, services and expenses as Selectman,	55.00
John F. Holmes, services and expenses as Selectman,	105.00
John Oldham, making book case,	8.10
George H. Bonney, painting book case,	2.12
Hunt & Sampson, stationery and postage,	1.23
Abden S. Bradford, services as Assessor,	100.00
John F. Holmes, services as Assessor,	100.00
William S. Adams, services as Assessor,	100.00
Burges & Keith, school books,	10.53
William C. Hall, examination of William Soule,	1.00
P. G. Chandler & Co., damages and expenses on cattle,	32.50
Nathan Brooks, services as Town Clerk,	10.00
David G. Eldridge, repairing hearse,	25
William S. Danforth, insurance on High school house,	51.00
Caleb E. Bailey, repairing hearse,	1.00
Nathan Chandler, returning debts,	10.00
Brooks' Express,	21.55
Seth Drew, outstanding order of last year,	1.10

Appropriation, \$1,309.83

Unexpended, \$190.17

TOWN TREASURY.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in the Treasury, March 2, 1878,	\$2,855 56
Outstanding taxes of 1877, collected,	139 76
Assessment of taxes and school books, 1878,	11,388 41
Plymouth National Bank, temporary loan,	2,000 69
State Treasurer, corporation tax,	2,223 4
State Treasurer, National Bank tax,	2,135 90
State Treasurer, reimbursement of State Aid,	138 00
State Treasurer, income of school fund,	155 99
County Treasurer, dog licenses,	93 48
George B. Fuller, pedlar's license,	6 49
Azel H. Sampson, auctioneer's license,	2 00
Pelham Mauter, reimbursement of wife's support,	30 50
Lucy M. Cobb, in reimbursement of support of N. Cobb,	200 00
Michael Carr, reimbursement of damages to steers,	16 00
Arlen Witherell, reimbursement of funeral expenses of Ames Mitchell,	7 77
Nathan Chandler, use of town house, 1877-8,	11 12
Cobb & Drew, rent of fisheries,	101 00
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	\$22,161 93

EXPENDITURES.

State Treasurer, State tax,	\$930 00
County Treasurer, County tax,	2,045 76
Plymouth National Bank, loan and interest,	2,020 00
Highway district orders,	3,601 35
Snow and special highway orders,	111 42
Wages of teachers, orders,	3,015 00
Repairs of school houses, orders,	110 31
Fuel and care of fires, orders,	249 91
School incidentals, orders,	127 32
Conveyance of children, orders,	188 50
Almshouse, orders,	611 51
Outside poor, orders,	1,582 95
Police, orders,	175 00
Fisheries, orders,	8 50
Treasurer and Collector, orders,	275 00
Contingent, orders,	1,309 83
Abatements of taxes, orders,	6 00
Uncollected taxes and school books, 1878,	113 63
Bounties on crows, hawks, and woodchucks,	125 00
State aid orders,	497 00
Soldiers' aid orders,	83 35
Burying ground orders,	38 50
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Balance in the treasury, March 3d, 1879,	\$17,467 57
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Balance in the treasury, March 3d, 1879,	4,697 06
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	\$22,164 93

For the ensuing year we recommend appropriations as follows:

Repairs of highways,	\$3,000 00
Removing snow, and special repairs,	500 00
New bridge,	500 00
Wages of teachers,	3,000 00
Repairs of school houses,	250 00
Fuel, and care of school houses.	250 00
School incidentals,	150 00
Conveyance,	200 00
Contingencies,	1,500 00
Support of poor,	1,800 00
State aid,	500 00
Treasurer and Collector,	275 00
Police,	200 00
Fisheries,	50 00
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	\$12,175 00

The receipts into the treasury, during the past year, from corporation and bank taxes, and from reimbursement of State aid, amounted, in round numbers, to four thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars. Assuming the amount for the current year to be the same, and that the balance in the treasury be reduced by about one thousand four hundred dollars, which we think may be safely done, there will remain to be raised by taxation about six thousand dollars, being about three quarters of the assessment of last year, exclusive of State aid County taxes.

The following is a list of jurors, prepared by the Selectmen, for acceptance by the town, at the annual meeting to be held March 31st, 1879, at ten o'clock in the forenoon:

Charles H. Cole, Edwin Cooke, Josiah Cushman; Christopher P. Drew, Charles H. Drew, George Faunce, Samuel W. Gray, Lothrop T.

Holmes, John F. Holmes, Asa C. Hammond, Francis Jamison, Thomas Prince, Joseph S. Robbins, Augustus Simmons, James H. Stetson, Kimball W. Stetson, Herbert Soule, Nehemiah L. Savery, Thomas E. Waterman.

ALDEN S. BRADFORD, *of*
JOHN F. HOLMES, *of*
WILLIAM S. ADAMS, *Kingston.*

PERSONAL.

With the ensuing annual meeting will terminate my twenty-eighth year of service as one of the Selectmen and Assessors of Kingston. I most sincerely thank the town for their generous and long continued confidence. Personally, I have no desire for a re-election. Whether the town desire it I have no knowledge. I abide to the subject only for the purpose of saying, in advance of the meeting, that if I am again voted for it must be upon the express condition that I am not to be required to serve as one of the Overseers of the Poor; a condition rendered necessary by ill health, and one which ten years of gratuitous service in that office, in the past, ought to warrant me in making, without any imputation of attempting to avoid a due share of an undesirable duty. If the town deem it for their interest to unite the two offices in some other person than myself, I shall be fully content.

ALDEN S. BRADFORD.

SCHEDULE OF PRICES FOR LETTING TOWN HALL.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

FELLOW CITIZENS:

Your committee chosen at the last annual meeting, to have charge of the Town Hall and to be governed in their actions by the following vote passed at said meeting, viz.: "VOTED—That the Town Hall Committee regulate prices of letting for the ensuing year," respectfully submit the following for your consideration.

Your committee considering that the letting of the hall this first year would be, in a great measure, experimental, and that whoever has the letting of it for the coming year would be guided somewhat by our experience, make this report in more detail than might be necessary at any other time, although we think a town cannot know too much of its own affairs.

Your committee ascertained the prices at which halls in neighboring towns were let, the accommodation given, and concluded the accompanying schedule of prices would not be exorbitant for the conveniences furnished. We also had in mind the fact that several of our citizens, who by taxation contributed largely towards paying for the hall, make no use of it excepting on election and town meeting days; and while we wished to use fairness to all citizens, we did not feel authorized to make a too free use of the property in which such citizens are interested.

After adopting the following schedule of prices, we placed the care of the hall in the hands of Mr. Thomas E. Waterman; and as to his faithfulness in the discharge of his duties, all who have used the hall from time to time can testify.

Lectures.	
CITIZENS.	\$1.50 for main hall and dressing room, 5.00 " " " two dressing rooms, 1.50 " small " { 50c. additional if heated by stove, \$1.00 " " " steam.
OTHERS.	{ 4.50 for main hall and dressing room, if free, { 50c. additional 6.00 " " " " if not free, { for two 2.00 " small " \$1.25 extra for heating.
Concerts.	CITIZENS. Same price as for lectures.
OTHERS.	{ \$8.00 for main hall, 10.00 " " " and dressing rooms.
Dances.	
CITIZENS.	{ \$5.00 for main hall and dressing rooms, 6.00 " " " and kitchen, } Until twelve o'clock. 8.00 for entire building. } After that, { \$1 per hour after. { \$2 extra for heating.
OTHERS.	Optional, but not less than to citizens.
Pairs.	
CITIZENS.	{ \$5.00 for main hall, 6.00 " " " and dressing rooms, } Heating, \$2.00 8.00 " entire building. OTHERS. { 8.00 " main hall, } extra. 10.00 " " and dressing rooms.
Theatres, Operettas, Shows.	CITIZENS. { \$5.00 for main hall, 6.00 " " " and dressing rooms. OTHERS. { 10.00 " " " and dressing rooms, 12.00 " " " and dressing rooms, 3.00 " small hall, and \$1.25 extra for heating.
Parish Party, Socialie, Christmas Tree, or Festival.	CITIZENS. { \$5.00 for main hall, 6.00 " " " dressing rooms, and kitchen, } Until twelve o'clock; { \$1.00 per hour. 8.00 for entire building. } after that at the rate of \$1.00 per hour. Heating, \$2.00 extra in each case.
Religious Meetings.	CITIZENS. { \$3.00 for main hall for a morning or afternoon service, fire, \$1.00 extra; lights, \$1.00 extra. 1.50 for small hall. 50c. additional if heated by stove. 8.10 " " " steam.

SOCIETIES, viz.:

Good Templars,	\$1.50 for small hall, 50c. additional if heated by stove.
Knights of Honor,	" " " \$1.00 " " steam.
Auctions.	For citizens, see prices for "Conventions."
" "	for small hall, \$1.50, 50c. additional if heated by stove.
" others,	\$12.00 for main hall, 3.00 " small "

Conventions. For citizens and others the same, viz.:

\$1.50 for main hall for all day; or for all day and evening at \$1.00 per hour from time convention is called until adjourned.
\$6.50 for entire building for all day; or for all day and evening, at \$1.25 per hour from time convention is called until adjourned.

Causes. For citizens and others the same, viz.:

Enough to pay for heating and lighting.
Small hall, all day, 50 cents per hour.

Note. Fractional hours counted as full hours.

"Entire building" does not include Selectmen's room.

When a citizen (or citizens) has the hall for rehearsals or preparatory exercises, in case the hall is wanted and the party using desire to retain it, the party so occupying must pay at the rate established for the object for which the hall is wanted; otherwise, simply for care, heating, and lighting.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

From March 25th, 1878, to March 1st, 1879.

Receipts or—

D. E. Skinner for Cantata of Esther,	Good Hope Lodge, small hall, \$1.50 \$12.00 Republican Town Com. caucus, 1.00
Unitarian Society, festival,	8.00 Democrats for caucus, 1.00
Lecture Committee for '78 & '79,	9.50 Lent's Combinat'n, theatricals, 12.00

RECEIPTS OR—

Duxbury Minstrels,	\$10.00	Republicans for caucus	\$2.00
A. M. Cushman for ball,	11.00	Flora Myers, theatricals,	10.00
Knights of Honor,	1.50	Republicans for rally,	1.50
J. C. Dawes for ball,	11.00	Democrats for rally,	1.50
Standish Guards for theatricals,	12.00	Baptist Society, Christmas Eve,	7.00
Black Diamonds, " " 12.00		Unitarian " " night, 11.00	
Unitarian Society, convention, 8.50		Professor Harrington, show, 8.00	
" " festival, 8.00		May Flower Cong. Church, New Year's festival, 10.00	
H. H. Warden, use of furniture, 5.00		A. P. Bradford, reading, 1.50	
Linus Faunce, concert, 1.50		Lecture Committee, '78 & '79, 12.00	
Frank H. Holmes, use of chairs, 1.25			
			\$239.25

LESS EXPENDITURES—

Paid Nathan Chandler, 117 hours labor, at 1s. per hour,	\$19.59
" " fifteen gallons oil,	2.70
" " one half cord wood cut for stove,	2.50
	\$24.70
" for thirty-six gallons of oil,	5.68
" " wood,	9.37
" " coal,	3.11
" " signs and placards,	6.15
" " concreting gutter,	3.50
" " window glass and express,	3.20
" Kingston Aqueduct Co. for water,	10.00
" for window shades,	6.00
" " oil can,	1.50
" " one half dozen espaldores, and express,	4.75
" shovel, 87c.; wire and screws, 9c.; steam fittings, \$1.91,	2.90
Austin B. Waterman, 31 hours' labor, at 1s. per hour,	5.67
Thomas E. Waterman, 494 " " " " "	82.33
	\$169.19

Balance on hand, \$70.06

HORATIO ADAMS,
L. H. KEITH,
THOMAS E. WATERMAN, } Comm'r.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF KINGSTON IN 1878.

Date. Name of Groom and Bride, and Residence.

- Feb. 15. George L. Phillips of Kingston and Harriet E. Greenfield of Plymouth.
- April 9. Lawrence Bradford of Boston and Hattie H. Phillips of Kingston.
- April 16. Arthur J. Chandler of Kingston and Rebecca R. Ellis of Plymouth.
- April 20. Edward W. Clark of Plymouth and Ruth A. Sampson of Kingston.
- April 30. Richard J. Smith and Mary E. Driscoll, both of Kingston.
- May 9. Lemuel Robert Ford and Emma Parkman Drew, both of Kingston.
- May 18. George Henry Bagnell and Mary A. Banks, both of Brockton.
- May 19. George H. Walker and Nettie Reed, both of Kingston.
- June 21. William Torrey Barker of Hanson and Susan W. Wanless of Kingston.

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Date. Name of Groom and Bride, and Residence.

- June 26. Elzathan S. Holmes of Kingston and Bessie L. Hoyt of Plymouth.
- Sept. 4. John G. Dawes of Kingston and Mary T. Whitman of Pembroke.
- Sept. 7. Franklin Reed of Kingston and Lydia T. Reed of Pembroke.
- Sept. 23. George Francis Lane of Kingston and Abbie Maglathlen of Duxbury.
- Oct. 6. Webster Harrab and Flora Bryant, both of Plympton.
- Nov. 3. Henry Smith Everson and Mary Phene Baker, both of Kingston.
- Nov. 27. Wilfred L. Loring and Lucy H. Whitten, both of Kingston.
- Dec. 3. Charles F. Perkins and Lizzie L. Mauter, both of Plymouth.
- Dec. 5. John S. Butler of Kingston and Mary D. Vaughn of Plymouth.

Number of deaths recorded in Kingston in 1878..... 23

Males..... 12
Females..... 11

Number of births registered in Kingston in 1878..... 20

Males..... 12
Females..... 8

NATHAN BROOKS, *Town Clerk.*

REPORT.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF 1878-9.

	Year
WALTER H. FAUNCE, <i>Chairman,</i>	1880
PHILEMON W. McLAUTHLEN,	1880
WILLIAM H. MYRICK, <i>Librarian,</i>	1881
ASA C. HAMMOND,	1881
PHILANDER COBB;	1879
FRANK H. HOLMES, <i>Secretary.</i>	1879

Superintendent of Schools,
WYLIE R. ELLIS, A. M.

The School Committee present the following report of their expenditures for the school year ending with the close of the Winter term of 1878-9.

The Wapping school buildings have been painted one coat on the outside at an expense of \$28.10, this was deemed necessary for the proper preservation of the property.

The inside of the Primary house was painted with a lighter color and the walls and ceiling whitened, thereby improving the light, and giving the room a more cheery look.

The North West house needs extensive repairs, the floor timbers being decayed and the inside thoroughly worn out. The Committee would have made the repairs during the last Summer vacation had they not recognized the fact that the growth of that portion of the town is all at or near the Plympton Station, and thought it wise to give parties interested a year to consider the matter of a new location, which would include the moving or building of a new house.

All the other school property of the town is in good condition, all depreciation having been made good by renewals.

The salary of the Principal of the High School was reduced from thirty-five to thirty dollars per week at the close of the Spring term. The other salaries have not been changed, and we think that the educational interests of the town will be best served by continuing the same salaries.

Books to the amount of fifty-four dollars and fifty-four cents have been furnished to scholars and charged to parents, and a list of the same returned to the Assessors.

The amount used from the respective appropriations for each school is as follows:

HIGH SCHOOL.

C. E. Bidder, teaching thirty-eight weeks,	11 at \$35 }	\$1,300 00
Fuel and care of school room,	fuel, \$15.63 }	61 59
	care, 16.17 }	27 82
Incidentals,		31 69
Repairs,		<hr/>
		\$1,321 31

CENTER GRAMMAR.

Miss Catharine D. Russell, teaching thirty-eight weeks,		\$350 00
Fuel and care of school room,	fuel, \$15.62 }	61 55
	care, 46.23 }	7 25
Incidentals,		13 56
Repairs,		<hr/>
		\$162 66

CENTER PRIMARY.

Miss Marion B. Burgess, teaching thirty-seven weeks,		\$333 00
Fuel and care of school room,	fuel, \$18.63 }	38 61
	care, 19.98 }	12 52
Incidentals,		16 04
Repairs,		<hr/>
		\$100 17

ROCKY NOOK.

Miss Isabel Hammaend, teaching fourteen weeks,		\$126 00
Mrs. Susan H. Robertson, teaching twenty-one weeks,		189 00
Fuel and care of school room,	fuel, \$17.10 }	30 15
	care, 13.08 }	17 88
Incidentals,		17 49
Repairs,		<hr/>
		\$350 35

STONY BROOK.

Miss Lu. A. Spaulding, teaching thirty-seven weeks,		\$333 00
Fuel and care of school room,	fuel, \$14.25 }	17 85
	care, 6.60 }	
Incidentals,		10 55
Repairs,		1 98
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		\$366 38

NORTH WEST.

Miss Olive M. Simmons, teaching thirty-seven weeks,		\$333 00
Fuel and care of school room,	fuel, \$15.00 }	22 00
	care, 7.00 }	
Incidentals,		11 88
Repairs,		0 00
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		\$369 88

INDIAN POND.

Miss Eliza F. Bosworth, teaching twenty-five weeks,		\$225 00
Miss Marilla Harlow, teaching twelve weeks,		108 00
Fuel and care of school room,	fuel, \$17.00 }	21 10
	care, 4.10 }	
Incidentals,		11 56
Repairs,		9 71
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		\$375 97

WAPPING.

C. H. Sampson, conveyance of scholars,		\$185 00
C. H. Sampson, paid for repairs of wagon,		2 50
Repairs of school house,		28 40
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		\$215 90

RECAPITULATION.

For wages and board of teachers—	Appropriation	Expenditure
Amount raised by tax,	\$3,000.00	
From state school fund,	175.99	
From dog licenses,	93.08	
Total,	\$3,269.07	\$3,237.66
For fuel and care of school rooms,	\$250.00	\$253.69
For repairs of school houses,	250.00	121.87
For incidentals,	150.00	102.56
For conveyance of scholars,	200.00	187.50
		226.23
Unexpended		
	\$4,119.07	\$4,119.07

The Committee have voted the Superintendent a salary of two hundred and fifty dollars.

APPROPRIATIONS.

We recommend the following appropriations of money for the support of schools by the town, for the ensuing year, namely:

For wages and board of teachers,	\$3,000.00
Fuel and care of school rooms,	250.00
School incidentals,	150.00
Repairs of school houses,	250.00
Conveyance of scholars,	200.00

For the Committee,

FRANK H. HOLMES, *Secretary.*

REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS:

The School Committee, through the Superintendent, offer the following report:

The necessity that exists that our report should be written before the yearly examinations of the schools take place, make it a matter of impossibility to give the results of the year's work in as satisfactory a manner as we could desire. We, therefore, are compelled to speak of our schools as they have appeared during the year.

The school in Rocky Nook was for one term (the first) under the charge of Miss Hammond. Miss H. commenced the second term, but was prostrated by severe sickness, and Mrs. Robertson was engaged to fill the vacancy.

This school was under the charge of Miss Hammond two terms of last year, and although it labored under the very serious disadvantage of an unusual amount of sickness during most of the time, yet, at the close of the year, the examination showed some peculiar excellencies, which must have been the result of earnest and faithful effort on the

part of the teacher. Miss Hammond's year in this school was marked by a discipline firm and efficient, commanding the obedience of the most restless and troublesome pupils, and insuring most excellent order, and she seems in no respect to have been remiss in her duty to those under her charge.

We were exceedingly fortunate in being able to secure the services of Mrs. Robertson to complete the year in this school. Her experience as a teacher, and her excellence as a disciplinarian, have brought the school to a most successful conclusion.

The school in Stony Brook has been, during the year, under the charge of Miss Spalding. Miss S., by her great care and kindness, appears to have endeared herself in a peculiar manner to her pupils; and has succeeded in awakening an interest in some of her children who have heretofore exhibited little, if *any*, desire for improvement. In this respect, she is doing good work in Stony Brook; and the school has made most satisfactory advancement during the year.

We think that the system of reciting in concert is carried somewhat too far in this school, and recommend a change in that respect, and a more persistent effort to make each member of every class *responsible for a good recitation.*

A spirit has been manifested among the larger boys of the school, which seemed at one time to require the intervention of the Superintendent to repress. Before or after school sessions, younger pupils have been roughly treated and badly frightened by those who are old enough to know better. It is unpleasant to think that we have in our schools pupils who can thus mischievously frighten or injure little children. We trust that both teacher and parents will do all in their power to prevent a repetition of such offences.

Miss Olive Simmons has been the teacher of North West school during the year. The zeal and activity of Miss Simmons is worthy of the highest commendation. We wish that her pupils fully realized what she is endeavoring to do for them, and would put forth the

necessary effort to aid her. A teacher has a hard task to perform when children are indifferent and careless.

We find in this school a habit of rapid reading gaining ground that it will be well for the teacher to use every effort to check. That habit, once formed, is a most difficult one to contend against, and the pupils should assist the teacher all that is possible in her efforts to obtain distinct, clear, and deliberate enunciation of words.

The children of Wapping are still carried to Indian Pond school, at a cost very much less than would be incurred by hiring a teacher for the few pupils who come from Wapping. This union of the two schools has been most eminently successful.

Ill health prevented Miss Bosworth from taking her school at the commencement of the year, and her place was filled by Miss Harlow as a substitute. It was unfortunate that the labors of so successful a teacher as Miss Bosworth has proved herself to be, should have been suspended for even one term.

The school did not make the progress under Miss Harlow that it would have made had Miss Bosworth's administration not been interrupted, and we could not reasonably expect that it would do so.

Miss Bosworth returned to her school at the commencement of the fall term, and has taught the rest of the year with her usual marked success.

We notice one thing in this school especially to be commended, and which we are happy to say is adopted also by our best teachers in town. We allude to the skilful questioning, which tends to develop what the pupils may happen to know on matters perhaps not to be found in the *text books*; thus, in a measure, breaking up that wearisome monotony of question and answer "*by the book*." We recommend this to the consideration of all our teachers. They will find their pupils richly repaying them for any efforts in this direction by the increased interest they will show in all their studies.

The Centre Primary still continues under the instruction of Miss

Burgess. With a school sometimes numbering sixty pupils, she yet finds time to thoroughly instruct the whole. The children in this school are *started* right in their educational career, and each one is made to feel that *their personal effort* is necessary throughout the day, to aid in making the recitations pass off well. And where, from heedlessness or illness, this effort is not made at the proper time to insure good lessons, the teacher remains faithfully at her post, and the delinquents are made to feel that if the necessary work is not done in the school hours, it *must* be done afterwards. Thus, early in life, is a good and useful lesson taught to these children,—that there are duties to perform and work to be done by them, individually.

As the children of this Primary school pass on and up into the Centre Grammar school, they are then taken in charge by Miss Russell, and the good work so well begun in the Primary is steadily and persistently pursued in the Grammar school.

The instruction given by Miss Russell in Arithmetic is exceedingly accurate and thorough. She seems to take unwearyed pains to satisfy herself that each pupil in the class that may be reciting, shall obtain some positive knowledge of the subject under consideration. *Examples not in their books* are placed by the teacher upon the blackboard; and they are called on to perform these examples at their seat and afterwards to explain them at the board. They are thus subjected to some pretty severe tests, greatly to their advantage. Such thorough instruction ought greatly to facilitate their progress when they come to take up the more difficult studies in the High school, and they should show us by their excellent scholarship *there* that they fully appreciate the advantages of such correct instruction.

Mr. Ridder is now upon his fifth year as principal of the High school. We can truly say that his administration compares favorably with that of other teachers since the formation of the school. The faithful, honorable scholar makes good progress under his instruction. The criticism that it seems to us just to make is this: those pupils who

do not have any ambition to progress in study are not *made to feel* what a wrong they are doing themselves, and what a hindrance they are to the school. The model High school, we know, is supposed to consist of pupils old enough to have that ambition for improvement which makes teaching a great pleasure and the progress of the pupil sure; but if our children do not all happen to be of this class, then it becomes a question for the serious consideration of the teacher what shall be done to infuse a spirit of industry into those who are indifferent and heedless.

We thoroughly understand the difficulties that surround the teacher who attempts to arouse the indolent and careless pupil, and well know that in some cases it may be considered an impossibility. Still we believe that much may be done to remedy this evil of indifference and carelessness.

The High school maintains its accustomed excellence in the matter of drawing. In June last it received from the State the award of honorary mention; and, in September, from Plymouth County Agricultural Society the sum of four dollars from exhibition of pupils' drawings. Miss S. B. Faunce received, also, two dollars for the best drawing in the collection from Kingston,—an original design in water colors. The money awarded in 1877 and 1878 has been expended in pictures which adorn the walls of the High school room.

The inclement weather of the past winter has had the effect to materially diminish the attendance upon our schools. The benefit to be derived from the school depends so much upon regularity of attendance, that any cause tending to affect this unfavorably is to be regretted. Absence from school should always have good and sufficient reasons, and parents should look to it carefully that no trivial causes deprive their children of the benefits to be derived from regular attendance.

We must again urge (at the risk of repeating what may have been said in former reports), the necessity, on the part of parents, of extreme

pudence and caution in regard to finding fault with teachers. Unfavorable criticisms should never be made from the REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILDREN alone. Personal observation by visits to the school-room, thus seeing the school in actual operation, is the only safe and sure way to detect faults and omissions of duty on the part of the teacher. When the parent has performed this evident duty, and then feels that his child is being injured instead of being benefited, it becomes necessary for him to speak plainly; and those who have the matter in charge will feel that he speaks *advisedly*, and will be plainly remiss in their duty if they do not give attention at once, and take measures to remedy the defects complained of.

The Committee, or the Superintendent, are placed in a difficult position when, by repeated visits to the school, they can see no omissions of duty, no defects in discipline, and cannot conscientiously bring any charge against the teacher.

In conclusion, fellow citizens, we feel that our schools are in a prosperous condition, and that the progress made during the year fully equals that of former years.

In behalf of the School Committee,

W. R. ELLIS, *Superintendent of Schools.*

KINGSTON, March 10th, 1879.

APPENDIX I. STATISTICS OF ATTENDANCE IN THE KINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR TWELVE YEARS.

YEAR.	NAMES OF PRINCIPALS.	FROM WHAT COLLEGES GRADUATED.	NUMBER OF MEMBERS ENROLLED.	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.		PER CENT. OF ATTENDANCE.
				Sept.	Oct.	
1867-68.....	Benjamin Wormell.....	Auburnd.....	35	46	43	82
1868-69.....	Benjamin Wormell.....	Auburnd.....	39	36	37	89
1869-70.....	Addison G. Smith.....	Harvard.....	30	38	40	82
1870-71.....	George L. Chandler.....	Bowdoin.....	44	38	37	80
1871-72.....	George L. Chandler	Bowdoin	39	41	43	87.5
	Horatio B. Lawrence	Bowdoin	39	41	38	41
1872-73.....	C. C. Sheldon.....	Harvard.....	20	33	18	55
1873-74.....	{ C. C. Sheldon	Harvard	31	35	27	87
	{ G. B. Tawle	Bowdoin	31	46	40	88
1874-75.....	G. E. Ritter	Tufts	33	31	35	86
1875-76.....	G. E. Ritter	Tufts	45	38	43	87
1876-77.....	G. E. Ritter	Tufts	50	58	47	85
1877-78.....	G. E. Ritter	Tufts	40	53	51	87
1878-79.....	G. E. Ritter	Tufts	48	59	45	84

APPENDIX II.

SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING 1878-79.

SCHOOL OF TEACHERS	NUMBER OF STUDENTS	NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE	NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN CLASSES	NUMBER OF CHILDREN OUT OF CLASSES	PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN WORK
Mr. Charles E. Miller, ...	High School, ...	18	10	8	12
Miss Catharine D. Russ, ...	Lower Grammar, ...	18	10	8	12
Miss Marion B. Burgess, ...	Lower Primary, ...	28	21	17	16
Miss Isabella A. Hammard, ...	Rocky Neck, ...	31	18	15	17
Mrs. Susan H. Robertson, ...	Indian Point, ...	36	25	20	20
Miss Marilla Harlow, ...	Indian Point, ...	35	20	19	18
Miss Eliza F. Bosworth, ...	South Worcester, ...	19	13	10	13
Miss Olive M. Simmons, ...	Stony Brook, ...	28	25	22	14
Miss Lydia A. Spaulding, ...	Westerly, ...	27	25	23	14

Number of children between twelve and fifteen on May 1st, 1878, ... 221

REPORT, TOWN OF KINGSTON

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