

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

KINGSTON

MASSACHUSETTS

For the Financial Year Ending December 31,

1925

With the Report of the

School Committee

For the School Year 1925

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Report of Selectmen, Overseers of Poor and Board of Health

ANNUAL MARCH MEETING

In pursuance of a warrant duly served, the inhabitants of the Town of Kingston qualified to vote in town affairs met at their Town Hall on Saturday the 7th of March, 1925 at 6 o'clock A. M. The meeting was called to order by Henry S. Everson, Town Clerk. Albert E. Holmes was chosen moderator and the following tellers were appointed: Arthur A. Holmes, Chas. F. Cook, Chas. H. Childs, John S. Malone, Percy Bailey, and the following town officers were elected by ballot:

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor—Walter H. Faunce for 1 year, George E. Fogg for 1 year, Albert H. Holmes for 1 year.

Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector—Henry S. Everson for 1 year.

Auditor—George E. Cushman for 1 year.

Assessor—Walter H. Faunce for 3 years.

Water Commissioner—Charles H. Drew for 3 years.

Highway Surveyor—Warren S. Nickerson for 1 year.

Constables—Louis F. Bartz for 1 year, Howard L. Rushton for 1 year.

School Committee—Harold G. Kite for 3 years, Henry T. Sturtevant for 3 years.

Trustees of Public Library—George W. Adams for 3 years, F. Russell Adams for 3 years.

Tree Warden—Charles H. Childs for 1 year.

Meeting adjourned at 4 P. M., until Saturday, March 14 at 1.30 P. M., when the following business was transacted:

Offices were filled by nomination as follows:

Pound Keeper—Charles E. Low.

Field Driver—Thomas Kelliher.

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber—Fred G. Brackett, Edgar W. Loring.

Fence Viewers—Roland Bailey, George E. Cushman.

Fish Committee—Edward E. Bird, George E. Cushman, Arthur B. Holmes.

Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized to hire money with the approval of a majority of the Selectmen in anticipation of taxes, the same to be paid from receipt of taxes for the current year.

Voted, to accept the report of Town Officers.

Voted, to appropriate the sum of \$100 for the Farm Bureau and chose Horace Holmes as representative of said bureau.

Voted the following appropriations:

For Schools,	\$41,173 00
For Highways,	12,000 00
For Water Department,	8,500 00
For Poor,	5,000 00
For State Aid,	700 00
For Soldiers' Relief,	400 00
For Suppression of Crime,	1,500 00
For Suppression of Moths,	1,000 00
For Street Lighting,	1,800 00
For Public Library,	1,300 00
For Treasurer and Collector,	1,200 00
For Fire Department,	1,500 00
For Town House,	500 00
For Tree Warden,	100 00
For Contingent,	4,000 00
For Forest Fires,	400 00
For Town Green,	100 00
For Town Survey,	1,500 00
For Memorial Day,	150 00
For Bonds and Interest,	11,000 00
For American Legion,	300 00

For Chairs for Town House, 150 00

For Farm Bureau, 100 00

For Special Highway,

Main Street, 2,000 00

Howland Lane, 2,000 00

For Fire Hose, 300 00

For Fire Department Repairs, 300 00

Voted, that the Town accept aid from the State and County for the building of a section of Pembroke Street.

Voted, that the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,000 and accept aid from the State and County in rebuilding a section of Main Street beginning at junction of Summer and Main Street.

Voted, that the Fire Department be responsible for the inspection and proper operation of all hydrants and see that they are accessible at all times.

Voted, that Fred L. Bailey be appointed chairman of a committee to submit plans at some future meeting of the Town for proper observance of Kingston's 200th anniversary, he to select his associates and that the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated for committee use.

Voted, that there be appropriated the sum of \$4,000.00 for the purpose of securing an additional supply of water from driven wells, for laying pipe to connect such additional supply to the pumping station and for any other purposes that may appear to be essential to the efficiency of the Kingston Water System. That the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to borrow said sum of \$4,000 or any part of it, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town of Kingston therefor, said bonds or notes to be denominated "Kingston Water Loan, Act of 1920" and to be payable in accordance with the provision of Section 19, Chapter 44 of the General Laws so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than ten years from date of issue of the first bond or note on such earlier date as the Treasurer and Selectmen may determine.

On petition of Edgar W. and Waldo F. Loring for extension of the water main on River Street—Voted, that there be appropriated the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of extending the 4-inch water main on River Street from the hydrant near Mr. Dewing's to a point near the Stone Wharf (about 2,700 feet), and that the Treasurer with approval of the Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to borrow said sum of \$5,000 and issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, said bonds or notes to be denominated "Kingston Water Loan Act of 1920" and to be made payable in accordance with the provisions of Section 19, Chapter 44, of the General Laws so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than five years from the date of the first issue or at such earlier date as the Treasurer and the Selectmen may determine. Voted, Yes 114, No 9.

Agreement

We hereby agree if the said pipe is laid that we will pay 6 percent interest on the cost of installation, said interest to be paid semi-annually until such time as the regular water rates equal the 6 percent. Any and all water rates collected from River Street extension shall apply to the credit of said Lorings. When said water rates equal the 6 percent then this agreement shall be void. Being distinctly responsible for the cost of installation we reserve the right of approval on any and all contracts for work or material in the installation of said service. As a security we will give a good and sufficient bond to the approval of the Selectmen, payable to the Town of Kingston for the full amount of cost of installation.

Signed,

WALDO F. LORING,
EDGAR W. LORING.

On petition of Mrs. Oscar Packard and others—Voted, that this petition be referred to the Water Department and if a satisfactory agreement can be made whereby it will receive not less than 6 percent on the investment they are authorized to lay said pipe on May Avenue.

Voted, that the sum of \$1,311.13 returned to the Town of Kingston by the State Treasurer be deposited where it will draw interest. That this amount together with the interest received, be appropriated for the purpose of providing a suitable memorial or memorials to those residents of Kingston who served in the Army or Navy of the United States during the War with Germany. That any of this appropriation not expended during the present year, be reserved for future use for the above mentioned purpose and that the Selectmen appoint a committee of five to take charge of procuring this memorial or memorials.

Voted, that the Town authorize the School Committee to obtain plans and estimates of cost of additional school accommodations, same to be submitted to the Town with recommendations of said School Committee, not later than the annual Town Meeting in March 1926.

Voted, that the motion before the meeting be amended, to provide for a committee consisting of the School Committee and six other citizens of the Town, said six additional citizens to be appointed by the Moderator.

Committee appointed: Luke S. White, Arthur W. Pierce, Ezra S. Wright, Albert E. Holmes, John E. Wright, Jacob H. Dries.

Voted, that the Town appropriate a sum not exceeding \$300 to provide and maintain suitable headquarters for the "Kingston Post, American Legion".

Voted, that the Town accept Section 3, Chapter 143 of the General Laws covering issuance of permits by towns to cover building, remodeling, etc., in the Town.

Voted, that Section 10 of the By Laws of the Town of Kingston be changed to read, "Any person who shall vio-

late any provision of these by-laws in cases not otherwise provided for herein or by law, shall pay a penalty of not more than \$50.

Voted, that the salary of the Highway Surveyor be increased \$300.

Voted, that \$300 be appropriated for the purchase of new fire hose for use at Rocky Nook.

Voted, that the amount of unexpended balance remaining from the loan of 1924 for apparatus and equipment for the Fire Department be added to the regular appropriation for the Fire Department for 1925, also to include all balances of said department for the year 1924 and to appropriate the sum of \$300 in addition.

Voted that the salary of the Treasurer and Collector be increased to \$200.

Voted, that the Selectmen request the State Highway Commission to make suitable sidewalks from near house of Michael Malone to house of Mrs. Charles Cole.

Voted, that the sum of \$150 be appropriated for new seats for the Town Hall.

Voted, that the Water Commissioners if in their opinion it is best to use 6-inch pipe on River Street, to finance the difference in cost of pipe by adding to bond issue of the previous vote the sum of \$1,200.

Meeting adjourned at 4.30 P. M.

HENRY S. EVERSON, Town Clerk.

ORDERS PAID

The following appropriations were made and orders have been drawn for the various departments.

FOR SCHOOLS

An appropriation of \$41,173.00 was made at the Annual Town Meeting, held March 7, 1925, against which the following orders have been drawn:

Teachers' Wages,	\$23,202 25
Books and Supplies,	2,522 29
Repairs,	2,280 00
Fuel and Care,	5,409 99
Incidentals,	949 86
Conveyance,	3,421 12
School Nurse,	501 05
Music,	550 00
Drawing,	417 50
Superintendent,	1,269 91
Physician,	150 00
Clerk Hire,	200 00

For more detailed report of the School Department see separate section appended to this report.

The following appropriations have been paid in full:

Treasurer and Collector,	\$1,200 00
Public Library,	1,300 00
Memorial Day,	150 00
Town Survey,	1,500 00
Farm Bureau,	100 00

SUPPRESSION OF CRIME

The expenses in this department are increasing, but not as fast as the general lawlessness which has become a mania covering all degrees of crime from theft to murder of the most brutal kind imaginable. And those of the most brutal often committed by the young to whom we must look in a short time to conduct the business of this great country. Something is wrong. And shall we say that it is the result altogether of a population that has come upon us from abroad, or plead guilty in part, at least, ourselves. The first step in our Government should begin at home, the place that in after life we look back upon our happiest days. Is it not too true that the Home Government is of too short duration? Do not the father and mother take a back seat too early? Has not Home Government come to a stand-still? It certainly has to that extent that our schools are affected by it as in the community at large. Add to this the change of our method of travel upon our highways which are laid out for public travel; and which municipalities are ordered to make safe and convenient for public travel, have become dangerous in this state. More than two a day is the average number killed and you will readily see the cause of the increase in expense of this department. It is but a few years since the office of constable was a sinecure in this community. Today there are but few who desire to assume its responsibilities.

The appropriation for this department was \$1,500.00, of this amount \$1,226.52 has been expended.

STREET LIGHTING

The lighting of our streets is becoming more and more important. There has been expended in the year 1925, \$1,738.15, but there still are a number of places sadly in

need of this protection. The appropriation was \$1,800. An increase would be appreciated by many.

SUPPRESSION OF MOTHS

For this department there was appropriated \$1,000.00. \$1,421.17 has been expended, a part of which will be refunded by the State.

This is a work which in the past the State has supported to a considerable extent but it is very doubtful if much assistance will be forthcoming from that source in the future.

The question of the advisability of continuing such large expenditures in the future is being seriously discussed in many localities.

TREE WARDEN

The appropriation for this department was \$100. Of this amount \$63.88 has been expended.

TOWN HOUSE

There is a varying amount received each year for rental of the Town House, which is taken into consideration when annual appropriation is made. This year \$500 was appropriated and \$169 received for rentals. The expenditures amount to \$636.96.

HIGHWAY

At the Annual Town Meeting there was appropriated for Highways, \$12,000.00. Of this amount \$5,000.00 was

to be used for new work on Pembroke Street, together with a corresponding amount from both the State and County.

For regular Highways \$7,011.10 was expended. On Pembroke Street a total of \$15,575.22, of this amount \$10,247.50 has been contributed by the State and County.

SPECIAL HIGHWAY (HOWLANDS LANE)

A separate appropriation of \$2,000.00 was made for work on Howland Lane as ordered by the County Commissioners. There was expended \$1,840.55.

SPECIAL HIGHWAY (MAIN STREET)

This appropriation was \$2,000, same to be used in conjunction with \$1,000 from the State and a like amount from the County for rebuilding as much of Main Street as the \$4,000.00 would permit. That section between junction of Summer and Main Streets and Hall Corner was rebuilt in a very substantial manner with a six-inch, twenty-four foot Tar Bound Macadam, and certainly has every appearance of proving a very satisfactory piece of road work. Total cost of this job was \$4,007.56.

For the past three years the State and County have gone along with us on an equal basis for new permanent road work on our main through-highways. The work must be done in a manner specified by and satisfactory to both the State and County, by the local highway surveyor if he is capable, otherwise it is directed solely by the State and job put out to contract. The work of Mr. Nickerson has proven very pleasing to both the State and County and incidentally saved thousands of dollars for all concerned, as compared with similar work in

nearby towns where by necessity it was put out to contract.

See separate report of Highway department.

WATER

There was appropriated for this important work \$8,500.00 against which the expenditures total \$8,932.46, but in connection with which there has been paid unto the Town Treasurer \$445.95, resulting in a net expenditure of \$8,486.55.

At the annual meeting it was voted to authorize a Bond issue of \$4,000.00 for additional water supply. \$2,000.00 in Bonds have been issued against which \$2,997.94 has been expended. A very fine piece of work on the part of our Water Commissioners.

On petition of W. F. and E. W. Loring for extension of water mains on River Street it was voted to extend such mains to the Stone Wharf and a bond issue was authorized to cover the same. There has been issued for this work notes to the extent of \$6,000.00. Expenditures total \$4,746.23.

See separate detailed report of Water Department.

FIRE

There has been expended \$2,583.20. It is now equipped with first class equipment and the personnel which goes to make up the volunteer crews is of a high order. They are loyal willing workers at this hazardous task and have in most instances shown good judgment and no end of courage. Try climbing around on an icy roof in the black of the night with the thermometer down around zero and perhaps a gale a blowing and you can then fairly judge whether Chief Drew and his men are

doing all that should fairly be expected of them. We have a mighty good department, give the boys courage to continue this work, with a compliment now and then, rather than line up with the so-called "Sidewalk Knockers" whose remarks never assist or encourage.

POOR

The cost of maintaining this department is steadily on the increase. We have had an unusual number of calls for aid during the past year.

We are at present aiding several cases that have no settlement in Kingston, this condition makes the amount paid out large while the net cost is much less.

The amount appropriated for this department was \$5,000.00, there has been expended \$6,661.93. There has been returned by the State and other parties \$1,937.85, making the net cost to the town \$4,724.08.

With the present conditions a larger appropriation will be needed for the coming year.

CONTINGENT

\$4,000.00 was appropriated; \$5,122.62 has been expended. As all items which cannot be applied under any other department are charged to this account the appropriation for the last two years has been insufficient. It might be advisable to provide a larger amount for the coming year.

FOREST FIRES

Appropriation \$400.00; expended \$227.40. It is impossible to even approximate the amount which may be required by this department. This year just past has been most pleasing, there having been very little damage by forest fires. Great credit should be given Roland Bailey, (who has charge of this work), and the man in the fire tower on top of Monk's Hill. They work together and the results tell the story. It is not so much a case of how many fires start as it is how quickly the necessary equipment and men can be placed on the job to extinguish it before it gains too much headway.

STATE AID

The sums paid for State Aid are paid by order of the Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions and has varied more than usual the past year. One has been dropped, two have died, leaving but eight on the list of recipients, at this time, three soldiers and five widows of soldiers. There has been paid in this department \$572.00. The oldest recipient was born in 1830 and is next the oldest person in town.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

The account of Soldiers' Relief for which \$400.00 was appropriated, ceased with the death of Mrs. Mary C. Thayer, who died in March having received the sum of \$73.00 of that amount. Until other cases of necessity appear no further appropriation will be required.

BOARD OF HEALTH

The past year has certainly proven very satisfactory as regards contagious diseases, there having been but seventeen cases reported, and none of which attained serious proportions.

A really troublesome situation confronts us however, due to a bad sewerage situation in the south end of the town, where the ground is such as to afford very little natural cesspool drainage. A careful study of this situation suggested no worth while relief but to, if possible to finance it, establish a sewerage connection with the north end of Plymouth's sewerage outlet to the harbor near the Plymouth Cordage Co., by piping the distance. A survey was made by competent engineers, which demonstrated there was sufficient grade to permit a natural flow, whereupon negotiations were started toward securing the necessary authorities for the establishment of a pipe line and entrance to the Plymouth outlet, in case Kingston voters eventually saw fit to approve the project, when an order from the State Board of Health closed Plymouth harbor and a part of Kingston harbor for the taking of shell fish due to these waters having been found to be polluted to an alarming degree by excess sewerage.

With such a situation existing, further negotiations along this line for the present at least are useless. It is hoped some other workable solution can be found right away.

TOWN FINANCES

The outstanding notes against the Town on Jan. 1, 1925, were \$62,000. Eight notes amounting to \$8,000. have been paid as they became due and two new issues have been added, making the indebtedness as of Jan. 1, 1926, of \$63,000. as follows:

15 Kingston Water Loan Bonds of \$500. each at 5¼% interest, payable one each year beginning May 1, 1926,	\$7,500 00
6 Kingston Water Loan notes of \$1,000. each at 5¼% interest, one note payable each year beginning April, 1926,	6,000 00
16 Kingston Water Loan notes of \$1,000. each at 4¾% interest, made payable one each year beginning May 1, 1926,	16,000 00
4 Kingston Highway Damage Loan notes of \$1,000. each and one of \$500., one payable each year beginning Dec. 21, 1926,	4,500 00
1 Kingston Highway Loan bond of \$1,000. at 4½% interest, payable May 16, 1926,	1,000 00
11 Kingston High School Loan bonds of \$1,000. each at 4½% interest, one payable each year beginning Aug. 1, 1926,	11,000 00
6 Kingston Hospital Loan bonds of \$500. each at 5¼% interest, one payable each year beginning May 1, 1926,	3,000 00
3 Kingston Fire Apparatus notes, two notes of \$2,000 each, and one of \$1,000., each at 4% interest, one payable each year beginning Sept. 1, 1926,	5,000 00
2 Kingston Water Loan (Wells) notes of \$1,500. each at 4¼% interest, one payable each year beginning Oct. 1, 1926,	3,000 00
5 Kingston Water Loan (River Street) notes of \$1,200. each at 4¼% interest, one payable each year beginning May 1, 1926,	6,000 00

WILLIS FUND

This fund was given by William H. Willis, a former citizen of Kingston, the income to be paid by the Chairman of the Selectmen for the benefit of poor children.

No change has been made in securities.

Jan. 1, 1925, The balance of income on deposit was,	\$29 50
Jan. 10, 1925, received dividends from Old Colony Railroad,	13 00
Jan. 15, 1925, received dividends from Plymouth National Bank,	52 00
April 18, 1925, received dividends from Home Savings Bank,	45 00
July 1, 1925, received from Plymouth National Bank,	52 00
July 24, 1925, received from dividends from East Boston,	153 78
October 26, 1925, received dividends from Home Savings Bank,	45 00
Total receipts,	\$390 28
There has been paid and charged to expense,	\$5 00
For benefit of poor children,	342 75
Leaving a balance on deposit,	42 53
Total,	\$390 28

ICHABOD WASHBURN BENEVOLENT FUND

The report of the Trustees of the Ichabod Washburn Benevolent Fund for the year ending March 31st, 1925, is on file with the Selectmen as required by the will of Mr. Washburn, and shows the income to have been \$538.

There has been paid for a surety bond,	\$37 50
There has been distributed among 31 widows,	365 00
There has been distributed among 12 single women,	120 00
There has been expense,	15 50
	<hr/> \$538 00

AMES AND PRINCE FUND

The report of the Selectmen as trustees of the Ames and Prince Fund for the year ending Jan. 1st, 1926, is as follows:

No change has been made in the securities which consists of 12 \$1,000 Government Bonds,	\$12,000 00
And Government bond of,	500 00
Total investment,	\$12,500 00
There was an income on deposit in Plymouth National Bank,	
Jan. 1, 1925,	\$267 57
Received interest on bonds,	
April 18, 1925,	265 62
Received interest on bonds,	
October 16, 1925,	265 63
Total receipts,	\$798 82
There has been paid for labor,	367 99

Leaving a balance on deposit of, \$430 83
with which to begin the work of the Spring, and a part of which sum may be used in the purchase of new stones to take the place of those much dilapidated.

THE THOMAS PRINCE BENEVOLENT FUND

The permanent fund is invested as follows:

\$5,000 00	Plymouth Savings Bank, Book 44069
2,000 00	Plymouth Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 35499
4,000 00	Cambridge Savings Bank, Book 85073
5,000 00	Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 152465
4,000 00	East Cambridge Savings Bank, Book 885312
1,000 00	Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, book 877849

making a total permanent fund of \$21,000.00.

There was on hand Jan. 1, 1925, \$209 20
Received:

Jan. 12	Plymouth Savings Bank, interest	137 50
Jan. 12	Cambridge Savings Bank, interest,	100 00
Jan. 16	Plymouth Five Cents Savings Bank, interest,	45 00
April 16	East Cambridge Savings Bank, interest,	90 00
April 16	Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank, interest,	125 00
July 17	Plymouth Savings Bank, interest,	137 50
July 17	Cambridge Savings Bank, interest,	100 00
July 17	Plymouth Five Cents Savings Bank, interest,	45 00
Oct. 15	East Cambridge Savings Bank, interest,	90 00
Oct. 22	Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank, interest,	125 00
	Total Receipts,	\$1,204 20

There has been paid out:

July 27	Deposit in Boston Five Cents Bank,	\$500 00
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Nov. 18	Deposit in Boston Five Cents Bank,	200 00
	Distributed for the benefit of poor,	306 43
	Balance on hand,	197 77

\$1,204 20

Respectfully submitted

WALTER H. FAUNCE.

GEORGE E. FOGG.

ALBERT H. HOLMES.

Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor,
and Board of Health.

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Town Treasurer
Collector
and Town Clerk

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HENRY S. EVERSON, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF KINGSTON

Jan. 1, 1925	Dr.	Oct. 16, 1925	Cr.
To uncollected taxes, 1922,	\$209.80	By County Treasurer, County Tax,	\$5,479.04
1923,	5,370.67	County Treasurer, Repairs Powder	
1924,	22,204.89	Point Bridge,	246.56
		State Treasurer, State Tax,	4,920.00
To Cash on hand,	\$27,785.36	State Treasurer, Pilgrim Tercentenary	
County Treasurer, Dog Fund,	8,070.78	Committee,	36.11
Water Collectors,	294.19	Repairs on State Highway,	828.00
Poor,	12,399.57	State Treasurer, National Bank Tax, 1923,	5.35
Rent of Town House,	2,048.18	41,	
Forest Fire,	169.00	State Treasurer, Corporation Tax, 611,	6.52
Willis Fund,	386.05	Highway,	7,011.10
Fire Department,	17.00	Poor,	6,697.93
Plymouth National Bank,	8.00	Water,	8,932.46
Three Licenses,	20,000.00	State Aid,	572.00
Moth Department,	24.00	Fuel and Care,	5,409.99
Tuition,	274.86	Books and Supplies,	2,522.29
High School Insurance,	1,178.16	Teachers' Wages,	23,202.25
Water Department,	375.00	Repairs,	2,280.60
State Aid,	445.91	Music,	550.00
Soldiers' Exemption,	666.00	Drawing,	417.50
State Treasurer, Corporation Tax,	142.66	Conveyance,	3,421.12
State Treasurer, School Fund,	2,940.69	School Nurse,	501.05
State Treasurer, Income Tax,	5,039.56	Clerk Hire,	200.00
State Treasurer, Superintendent of Schools,	8,542.31	Incidental,	949.11
State Treasurer, on account of Highways,	765.82	Supt. of Schools,	1,209.91
County Treasurer, on account of Highways,	6,247.50	School Physician,	150.00
Stone sold,	6,000.00	Contingent,	5,122.62
Court Fines,	15.00	Town House,	636.96
Interest on taxes,	123.61	Town House for chairs,	144.00
	605.11	Town Green,	46.00
		Tree Warden,	63.88
		Moth Department,	1,421.17
		Crime,	1,226.52

Town Survey,	1,500.00
Fire Department,	2,583.20
Street Lights,	1,738.15
Soldiers' Relief,	73.00
Treasurer and Collector,	1,200.00
Memorial Day,	150.00
World War Memorial Fund,	1,311.00
Repairs on High School House,	347.20
Public Library,	1,300.00
Farm Bureau,	100.00
Forest Fire,	227.48
Highway Special, Howland's Lane,	1,845.55
American Legion,	75.00
Highway, Main Street,	4,007.56
Highway, Pembroke Street,	15,575.02
Notes and Interest, High School,	1,660.00
Notes and Interest, Fire Truck,	2,266.00
Notes and Interest, Water Department,	4,159.38
Notes and Interest, Plymouth County	
Hospital,	670.63
Notes and Interest, Highway Truck,	1,063.75
Notes and Interest, Land Damage,	1,275.00
Plymouth National Bank Loans,	20,492.22
Plymouth County Hospital,	755.90
Abatements,	1,899.57
Cash on hand,	8,908.97
Uncollected Taxes, 1923,	\$747.14
1924,	6,517.62
1925,	23,686.40

Tax List for Collection,	85,841.46		\$30,951.16
	\$190,405.78		\$190,405.78

This is to certify that I have examined all the Accounts of the Town Treasurer and find them correct, and all expenditures vouched for.
 Jan. 27, 1926.
 GEORGE E. CUSHMAN, Auditor

F. C. ADAMS SCHOOL FUND

1925.		
	Dr.	
Jan. 1.	To amount on hand,	\$11,000 00
	To amount received dividends,	541 92
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		\$11,541 92
	Cr.	
	By paid School Committee,	541 92
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	Amount in hands of Treasurer,	\$11,000 00

KINGSTON WATER DEPARTMENT LOAN, NO. 1

1925		
Oct. 1.	Deposit, Plymouth National Bank,	
	two notes, \$1,500 each,	\$3,000 00
	By amount paid on order of Selectmen,	2,997 94
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	Amount on hand in hands of Treasurer,	\$2 06

KINGSTON PLAYGROUND

1925		
Sept. 15.	To amount in bank,	\$1,492 00
	To interest in bank,	126 23
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		\$1,618 23
	Credit by amount paid on orders	
	of Selectmen,	1,505 31
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1925		
Dec. 31.	Amount in hands of Treasurer,	\$112 92

FIRE APPARATUS LOAN

1925		
Dec. 31.	To amount in hands of Treasurer,	\$109 40

KINGSTON WATER LOANS, NO. 3, RIVER STREET

1925		
May 8.	To deposit, Plymouth National Bank,	
	five notes, \$1,200 each,	\$6,000 00
	Credit by bills, paid on orders of	
	Selectmen,	4,746 23
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1925		
Dec. 31.	Balance on hand,	\$1,253 77

DEATHS RECORDED IN KINGSTON FOR THE YEAR 1925

Date		Name	Age			Cause of Death	Parent's Names
			Y.	M.	D.		
Jan.	19.	Georgianna M. Trow	78	7	23	Myocarditis	Daniel Cushman and Harriet D. Bartlett
Feb.	10.	Ella K. Beal	71	2	11	Fatty Heart	Jefferson Wilson and Cynthia Lambell
Feb.	19.	Louise E. Heath	91	3	30	Myocarditis	John R. Heath and Sarah A. Little
Feb.	20.	Augustus E. Delano	72	1	12	Diabetes	James W. Fish and Malvina Arnold
Feb.	21.	Flavio Borsari	11	9	30	Pneumonia	Gaetano Borsari and Laura Pretti
Feb.	25.	Rebecca S. Wright	89	11	12	Cerebral Hemorrhage	James Phillips and Martha Marshall
Mar.	3.	Alexander Barke	73	6	5	Disease of Heart	Karl Barke and Anna Grieko
Mar.	14.	Mary C. Thayer	77	4	23	Pneumonia	George W. Glass and Mary A. Bryant
Mar.	17.	Bayne A. Higgins	56	10	9	Nephritis	
Mar.	22.	Walter Baker	81	9	21	Disease of Heart	George Baker and Hannah Chandler
April	5.	Carrie L. Noyes	71	8	2	Myocarditis	
April	17.	George C. Fairbanks	52	6	6	Disease of Heart	C. Fairbanks and Uleca Vlenes
April	22.	Sarah A. Mange	77	11	1	Bronchitis	Isaac Mincher and Amelia Sanders
April	21.	Mellnoth E. Clark	55	—	—	Drowning, Suicidal	Benj. L. Clark and Elizabeth Powers
April	21.	Eugene G. Prendergast	42	2	26	Septicaemia	Edmond Prendergast and Margaret Ryan
April	28.	Elizabeth Nichols	93	1	—	Nephritis	Paul L. Nichols and Harriet Lazell
May	9.	Lynnan T. Cushman	72	10	27	Drowning, Accidental	John Cushman and Julia A. Bisbee
May	12.	Manuel Shotes	18	—	—	Pneumonia	Louis Shotes and Mary Fortes
May	13.	Elnathan S. Holmes	79	3	17	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Samuel Holmes and Susan A. Chester
May	17.	Mary E. Smith	68	1	30	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Jeremiah Driscoll and Catherine Feeney
May	19.	John Lang	56	1	12	Endocarditis	Peter Lang and Margaret Marden
June	1.	Richard E. Tassinari	—	2	25	Pneumonia	Louis R. Tassinari and Eleanor L. Noyes
June	6.	William P. Cobb	75	11	20	Arterio-Sclerosis	George W. Cobb and Catherine C. Norwich
June	8.	Clara L. Smith	61	9	13	Excessive Heat	George Rackliff and Hannah Thompson
June	10.	John B. Farrington	56	9	21	Acute Tonsillitis	Martin Farrington and Ann Tiernan
June	10.	Harriet T. Drew	68	1	9	Myocarditis	Joseph Holmes and Rebecca D. Chandler
June	28.	Michael T. Malone	62	3	21	Cystitis	Michael Morton and Jane Barnes
July	2.	Harriet G. Holman	67	2	28	Hypertension	Moses J. Haines and Hannah G. Clark
July	17.	Anne E. Cole	89	9	—	Old Age	Peter Lannan and Deborah Bisbee
July	20.	Abbie L. Reed	61	—	—	Hernia	George W. Glass and Mary A. Bryant
Aug.	1.	Amelia G. Bartlett	58	3	19	Cirrhosis of Liver	Louis Vergnaul and Matilda Seechl
Aug.	1.	Andrew A. Alberghini	1	7	15	Meningitis	Aldo Alberghini and Ida Tassinari
Aug.	2.	— Smith	—	—	—	Premature Birth	Humphrey Smith and Lena Ottani
Aug.	7.	Nancie W. Glass	75	1	21	Cancer of Liver	George W. Glass and Mary A. Bryant
Aug.	10.	Mary M. Basler	61	1	12	Pneumonia	George Braumcker
Aug.	17.	Emma H. Keene	61	2	7	Myocarditis	Isaac L. Sampson and Ann E. Peterson
Aug.	25.	Minnie E. Bruce	38	1	11	Mitral Insufficiency	Charles A. Lawry and Minnie Peck
Sept.	11.	Stillman B. Small	73	8	2	Suicidal Cancer of Liver	Harrison Small and Margaret Butler
Sept.	18.	Carl L. Sauer	13	9	30	Peritonitis	Jacob Sauer and Barbara Bechtel
Sept.	27.	— Ford	—	—	—	Stillborn	Robert E. Ford and Beatrice Gerrow
Oct.	30.	Elizabeth C. Garoldi	67	11	11	Heart Disease	Frank Fortini — Montorari
Nov.	10.	Clara E. Breach	69	7	3	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Joseph Holmes and Rebecca Chandler
Nov.	15.	Mary O'Brien	53	3	9	Cancer Stomach	Patrick O'Brien and Mary King
Nov.	23.	Henry H. Blair	72	5	20	Myocarditis	John Blair and Catherine Marvin
Dec.	13.	William W. Myrick	69	1	16	Cerebral Hemorrhage	William H. Myrick and Frances D. Weston
Dec.	17.	Abdura O. Baker	91	6	6	Bright's Disease	Solomon Eastman and Candia Dresser
Dec.	28.	Anna B. Sjodstrom	66	5	20	Acute Dilatation of Heart	Nilsson
Dec.	31.	Lucy B. Baskell	15	11	10	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Samuel Atwell and Caroline S. Bartlett

BIRTHS RECORDED IN KINGSTON FOR THE YEAR 1925

Date	Name	Names of Parents
January 6.	John Cazale	John Cazale and Pauline Bathlio
January 20.	Donald Leonard Sauer	Emil Sauer and Bertha M. Krueger
January 21.	Josephine Lella Finney	Joseph C. Finney and Mary Fries
January 27.	Marilyn Drew Ford	Winthrop O. Ford and Mabel F. Campbell
January 28.	Betty Lucille Tison	Colice Tison and Rosalind G. Miller
February 2.	Paul Francis Williams	Francis A. Williams and Louise M. Reidel
February 6.	Virginia Ashe	James E. Ashe and Virginia Wilbur
March 7.	Richard J. Tassinari	Louis Tassinari and Eleanor L. Noyes
March 8.	Pauline Fredericka Siebenschu	Robert H. Siebenschu and Otille Sauer
March 12.	Humphrey Smith Paul	----- and Eva Paul
March 26.	Catherine Helen Malaguti	Columbo Malaguti and Madeline Malaguti
April 18.	Helen Naomi Harris	Oliver M. Harris and Hazel M. Noyes
April 21.	Violet Cabral	Joseph Cabral and Susie Alexander
April 21.	Charlotte Adelaide Wall	William S. Wall and Mary A. Dlozzi
May 1.	William Paul Denchy	William Denchy and Dora M. Sherwood
May 12.	William Deane Santerro	Ralph F. Santaro and Ada B. Doane
May 28.	Nicholas Vernazzaro	Frank Vernazzaro and Lucia -----
June 10.	Marie Boldue	Ames A. Boldue and Louise E. Valecourt
June 18.	Robert Carl Reldenbach	Carl Reldenbach and Gladys Nickerson
June 18.	Margaret Ann Reldenbach	Lester A. Cline and Ada M. Facchini
June 29.	June Agnes Cline	Charles L. Farrington and Ruth E. Maglathlin
June 30.	John Bernard Farrington	Ernest E. Gibson and Sophia Morrison
July 5.	Frank Ernest Gibson	Benjamin Jannucci and Mary Sivari
July 10.	Benjamin J. S. Jannucci	Arthur Leonardi and Dorothy M. Slinnott
July 18.	Dorothy Lucia Leonardi	Otto Borghesani and Blanche Lessard
July 30.	Alton Borghesani	George Creffmon and Alice A. Basler
August 9.	Paul Creffmon	Joseph Govoni and Adele S. Peet
August 13.	Robert Joseph Govoni	Leander Groeroll and Adele Bosare
August 11.	Landrina Lorane Groeroll	Joseph M. Dupette and Rosanna Santerro
August 18.	Roland Dupette	Carroll W. Estes and Louise M. Wood
August 19.	Beverly Irene Estes	Nicholas P. Demmler and Magdelaine C. Walsh
September 1.	Nicholas Peter Demmler	Philip Joubert and Mary Verdell
September 5.	Althea Caroline Joubert	Antone Correa and Julia Carvalho
September 8.	Lillian Correa	Ralph A. Govoni and Sylvia Wood
September 17.	Ralph Adam Govoni	Fred C. Lovell and Mary Hall
September 25.	Mary Louise Lovell	

August 20.	Barbara Leslie Merry	Melbourn P. Merry and Charles S. Rogerson
September 26.	Roldo Anti	Harold Anti and Clara M. Rock
September 26.	Wilfred Joseph St. Amant	Wilfred J. St. Amant and Alice Walker
September 27.	----- Ford	Robert E. Ford and Beatrice A. Gerow
October 1.	Ralph Anthony Ghili	Lodovico Ghili and Ada Tarozzi
October 25.	Grace Eleanor Saunders	Leslie A. Saunders and Nellie S. Salt
October 25.	Henry William Kelly	Richard P. Kelly and Justine Wilhelm
October 30.	Jennie Eddy	Henry B. Eddy and Jennie F. Hall
November 14.	----- Nutterville	John J. Nutterville and Frances M. Thurman
November 23.	Margaret Josephine Smith	George F. Smith and Margaret J. Peeley
November 28.	Isaac Hathaway, Jr.	Isaac Hathaway and Dorothy Holmes
November 30.	Laura Taddla	Elie Taddla and Ada Malagodi
December 12.	Louise Clark	Kenneth O. Clarke and Frances R. Deans
December 3.	William Jackson Lamborghini	Joseph S. Lamborghini and Gladys Elliott

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN KINGSTON FOR 1925

Jan. 8. Julius Kouth of Plymouth and Freda Peck of Kingston, married in Plymouth.

April 12. Henry D. Straffin of Hanson and Elizabeth S. Carrier of Kingston, married in Hanson.

April 16. Ernest A. Hager of Plymouth and Esther L. Krueger of Kingston.

April 18. Kenneth O. Clarke of Kingston and Frances R. Deans of Plymouth, married in Plymouth.

April 19. Peter F. Dries and Gretchen B. Holmes, both of Kingston.

April 25. John W. Crake of Whitman and Mary Ottani of Kingston.

May 11. Humphrey J. Smith and Lena Ottani, both of Kingston.

May 27. Sidney C. Peterson and Alice J. McPhee, both of Duxbury.

June 4. Thomas A. McManus and Dorothy E. Goodell, both of Kingston.

June 7. Horace Roggi of Boston and Leontena Morisi of Kingston, married in Boston.

June 20. Primo Pederzini of Plymouth and Ida Malonei of Kingston, married in Plymouth.

June 27. William C. Chandler and Mamie E. Colpill, both of Kingston.

June 27. William F. Kane of Whitman and Caroline M. Ottani of Kingston.

July 8. Frank E. Phillips, Jr. of Duxbury and Marjorie Sampson of Kingston.

July 13. Homer A. Letender of Middleboro and Emma M. Arsenault of Plympton.

July 30. Walter D. Raymond of Plymouth and Emily M. Douglass of Kingston, married in Plymouth.

July 31. Everett L. Manchester and Annie M. Pratt, both of Marshfield.

Aug. 8. Joseph Joubert of Kingston and Aurale Fiola of Fall River, married in Fall River.

Aug. 10. Leseio Maloni of Kingston and Pearl Manganeli of Fairhaven, married in Fairhaven.

Sept. 5. Frank Wager of Plymouth and Joan Salvi of Kingston, married in Plymouth.

Oct. 8. Philip M. Stearns of Wakefield and Mary Gannett of Kingston, married in Boston.

Oct. 24. Frank Vancini of Plymouth and Mary O. Duperré of Kingston.

Oct. 31. Ferdinand M. Gallerani of Kingston and Annie M. Morin of Plymouth, married in Plymouth.

Oct. 31. John S. Malone of Kingston and Clara M. Muthig of Plymouth, married in Plymouth.

Nov. 12. John J. L. Losero of Boston and Dorothy F. Taylor of Kingston, married in Boston.

Nov. 14. Harry G. Hunt and Marion E. Caswell, both of Duxbury.

Nov. 19. Earl S. Wood and Grace M. T. Smith, both of Halifax.

Nov. 28. Leroy Cathcart of Pembroke and Eva Paul of Kingston, married in Hanson.

Nov. 28. Henry Williams of Kingston and Margaret Ruprecht of Plymouth.

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1925

Valuation of Personal Estate,	\$366,665 00
Valuation of Real Estate,	2,409,335 00
Total Valuation,	2,776,000 00
Rate of Taxation, \$30 per \$1,000	
Number of Polls, 818; Poll Tax, \$2.00	
Town Appropriations,	\$101,473 00
County Tax,	5,477 01
State Tax,	4,920 00
State Highway Tax,	828 00
Overlay,	518 00
Total sum to be raised,	113,216 01
Less estimated receipts from other sources,	28,300 01
Balance raised by Tax,	84,916 00
Tax on Polls,	1,636 00
Tax on Personal Estate,	10,999 95
Tax on Real Estate,	72,280 05
No. of horses taxed,	86
No. of cows, taxed,	195
No. of other cattle taxed,	39
No. of swine taxed,	17
No. of fowl taxed,	2,357
No. of dwelling houses taxed,	928
No. of acres of land taxed,	9,469.8
No. of residents taxed on property,	710
All others,	24
No. of non-residents taxed on property,	484
All others,	17
Poll Tax, only,	225
Total No. of Taxes,	1,460

The excessive demands made upon the people to be met by excessive tax rates, together with increasing demands made upon the Assessors by parties who sit in the State House, make the office of Assessors no sine-cure, and they should have an office where one or more of the Board can be found at least one day in each month. While they endeavor to meet these excessive demands with careful attention, and with a desire to keep the tax rate as low as possible it is not pleasant to find at the end of the year that one-third of their assessments have not been paid. This means, of course, that the Town Treasurer is hiring money to pay for that for which the assessment is intended to pay, and the interest, at least, is to be added to the levy of the following year.

OMITTED TAXES APRIL 1, 1925, AND TAXED IN DECEMBER, 1925

Valuation of Personal,	\$2 50
Valuation of Real,	215 00
Total Valuation,	217 50
Rate of Taxation, \$30 per \$1,000.	
Tax on Personal Estate,	7 50
Tax on Real Estate,	645 00
Total Tax,	652 50

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TREASURER'S REPORT

TOWN APPROPRIATION

Appropriation for 1925,	\$1,300 00	
Plymouth & Brockton Street Rail-		
way Co., pole rights,	5 00	
Income from Rosa A. Cole Fund,	121 58	
		<u>\$1,426 58</u>

Paid:—		
Librarian,	\$720 00	
Janitor,	240 00	
Treasurer, Salary for 1924 and		
1925,	100 00	
For Fuel and Lighting,	264 20	
For Repairs,	49 38	
For Rent of Safe,	3 00	
For Treasurer's Bond,	50 00	
		<u>\$1,426 58</u>

INCOME OF ROSA A. COLE FUND

Jan. 1, 1925, balance on hand,	\$15 25	
income for the year,	237 50	
		<u>\$252 75</u>
Paid to Town Appropriation Ac-		
count,	\$121 58	

Balance on hand,	131 17	
		<u>\$252 75</u>
The Rosa A. Cole Fund stands invested as follows:—		
\$1,000, Southern California Edison Co., 5% bond.		
\$1,000, Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph Co., 5% bond.		
\$1,000, Middlesex & Boston Street Railway Co., 4 1/4% bond.		
\$1,000, The Seattle Electric Co., 5% bond.		
\$1,000, The United States of America, Second Liberty Loan, Converted 4 1/4% Gold bond of 1927-42.		
\$135.20, and accrued interest on deposit in the Rockland Savings Bank.		

INCOME OF BYRON C. QUINBY FUND

Jan. 1, 1925, balance on hand,	\$365 87	
Income for the year,	20 34	
		<u>\$386 21</u>
This fund is on deposit in the Plymouth Savings Bank.		

INCOME OF ANNIE C. THOMAS FUND

Income for the year 1925,	\$42 50	
The Annie C. Thomas Fund stands invested as follows:—		
\$1,000, The United States of America, Second Liberty Loan, Converted 4 1/4% Gold bond of 1927-42.		
\$129.70 and accrued interest on deposit in the Fairhaven Institution for Savings.		

INCOME OF F. C. ADAMS FUND

Jan. 1, 1925, balance on hand,	\$6,269 61	
Income for the year,	914 69	
Received from the Librarian, 1925,	39 65	
Received from the Adams School		
Fund, one-fifth of \$235.60,	47 12	
		\$7,271 07
Paid for books, magazines, etc.,	\$484 74	
Balance on hand,	6,786 33	
		\$7,271 07

CHANGES IN THE FUND

January 15, 1926, deposited in the Plymouth Five Cents Savings Bank, \$8.25 which was received during 1924 from the sale of rights, American Tel. & Tel. Co., and originally deposited in the Merchants' National Bank. And with this change the F. C. Adams Fund stands invested as follows:—

- 6 shares Boston Elevated Railway Co., common stock.
- 1 share Boston Elevated Railway Co., preferred stock.
- 6 shares Boston Elevated Railway Co., second preferred stock.
- 28 shares Plymouth Cordage Co.
- 8 shares Plymouth National Bank.
- 2 shares Old Colony National Bank.
- 2 shares American Telephone & Telegraph Co.
- \$500, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Co., 4% general mortgage bond.
- \$1,000, American Telephone & Telegraph Co., 4% bond.
- \$1,000, Rio Grande Western Railway Co., 4% bond.
- \$1,000, Portland Railway, Light & Power Co., 5% bond.
- \$840.22 on deposit in the Plymouth Five Cents Savings Bank.

\$1,000, on deposit in the Whitman Savings Bank.
\$447.11 on deposit in the South Scituate Savings Bank.
\$1,000, on deposit in the New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank.

HENRY L. BARKER,
Treasurer.

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct and properly vouched for and all the securities on hand as stated.

GEORGE E. CUSHMAN,
Auditor.

Jan. 29, 1926.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

Number of books in the library,	11,300
Added the past year, of which eight replaced worn-out copies,	153
Number of magazines,	34
Number of weeklies,	12
Number of dailies,	4
Total attendance in the reading room,	4,003
Average attendance per day,	13
Total circulation of books,	10,110
Average per day,	33
Total circulation by classes as follows:	
Genealogy,	11
Philosophy,	25
Religion,	28
Sociology and Education,	152
Science,	62
Useful arts,	75
Fine arts,	173
Literature and Philology,	246
History,	133

Travel,		219
Biography,		200
Magazines: single, 115; bound, 8		
Fiction,		8,663
Cash received,	\$79 98	
Cash paid,	40 33	
Cash on hand,		\$39 65

MRS. JENNIE F. McLAUTHLEN,
Librarian.

GIFTS 1925

Book: "Packard Memorial," donated by Mr. Fred Packard, Brockton Mass.

The Trustees recommend that the sum of \$1,300. be appropriated for Library expenses for the year 1926.

F. RUSSELL ADAMS,
HARVEY A. SOULE,
GEORGE W. ADAMS,
ARTHUR W. PIERCE,
FRANK W. MAGLATHLIN,
HENRY L. BARKER.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Your Fire Department has a fine record the past year, and shows a very low fire loss.

While we have responded to thirty alarms of which seven were buildings, and 19 other fires, as well as four out of town calls, our loss has been very low.

The new equipment is greatly responsible for this, aided by the new alarm system which is working out satisfactorily, and speeds up the response.

We are also greatly aided by the very efficient work of our telephone central operators.

At present the town is divided into four sections, which is each covered by a number as follows: At Rocky Nook Park, 23; Seaside line to Jones River bridge, four; Center of town, seven, and west of Tura's store 12, we hope later to divide it into smaller districts, and eventually have a box system.

The Department does need to add a longer extension and a roof ladder to our equipment. This could be carried on the Chemical Truck. At present we are unable to reach the roof of a tall building.

All the men show a great improvement as they become better acquainted with the new apparatus, and can now give a good account of themselves wherever they may be called.

We have had the two hose houses repaired, and the No. 1 house painted, but there is still need of more money to put them in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. DREW, Chief

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

During 1925 we built 8,550 feet of permanent tar bound macadam, and 2,000 feet of gravel road in addition to the regular Highway work which received such attention as your appropriation for the purpose permitted. More money could well be spent on regular Highway work to splendid advantage, but this is a matter decided at each Annual Town Meeting, and so long as I have charge of the Highway Department, I will continue to make what ever is appropriated go just as far as possible.

A great deal of patching must necessarily be done, but this is neither a satisfactory or economical method in many cases. I am convinced that so long as the State and County are willing to cooperate, we should proceed to put in permanent macadam on our main thoroughfares to the full extent of our finances, as our old roads do not begin to be heavy enough to withstand the terrific pounding of the present day automobile and motor truck travel. I recall particularly one piece of so-called "Country Road," which we put in very good order last Spring, and in going over it several times after work was completed, found it in very good condition, but before July 1st, it was in wretched shape. That form of road cannot be expected to stand up under the heavy motor travel, and the sooner more permanent roads are put in the better.

PEMBROKE STREET

The past year an additional 6,550 feet of 7-inch 18-foot tar bound macadam was built on Pembroke Street, the

expense being divided equally between the State, County and Town. The State and County contributing \$10,247.50. This work was done under State supervision, which is invariably the case when they contribute toward the expense.

Several thousand dollars was saved due to use of local stone, town equipment and town labor. The use of town equipment and labor always appeals to me very strongly, as in addition to saving a lot of money, it makes it possible for our townspeople to profit as a result of their labor, truck rental, and etc.

MAIN STREET

We built 2,000 feet of 6-inch 24-foot tar bound macadam on Main Street, at an expense of \$4,007.56, this expense being contributed to by the State and County. I think most people will agree that this much traveled way was sadly in need of attention of this sort, and hope time demonstrates that the work was well done.

There was considerable doubt in the minds of some as to whether the grade was such that proper drainage would follow, but since the heavy rainfalls and thaws this Winter, am convinced no one need have further anxiety on this point.

HOWLAND'S LANE

On orders of the County Commissioners we repaired and rebuilt about three quarters of a mile of gravel road on Howland's Lane, at an expense of \$1,840.55, this section extending from East Avenue to Delano Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I am as much interested in keeping down expenses as any of you, but really feel next year's appropriation should not be less than \$14,000. That being \$4,000 less than last year, therefore may I suggest the following:

Regular Highway, \$7,000, or practically the same as last year.

If the Selectmen can prevail upon the State and County to join with us again this year, that \$6,000 be appropriated toward the completion of Main Street (Elm Street to Turas Store) and a portion of Wapping Road, much of which is sadly in need of attention of a permanent nature this spring. \$18,000 will build a lot of road on this route as quite a bit of it now has a stone base which although put there some 20 years ago, will be a big help in rebuilding.

I hope you can see your way clear to appropriate an additional sum to resurface Crescent Street and Prospect Hill. Crescent Street gets considerable travel, and I feel it is due the people in that vicinity that it be resurfaced with No. 2 stone and tar. Considerable work is done each year on Prospect Hill, but it is practically money thrown away, as the first heavy rain tears it all to pieces again. It should have a good substantial No. 2 stone and gravel surface, which I think would hold in good shape. \$1,000 will put Crescent Street, and Prospect Hill in good order.

Another \$1,000 should be spent on Maple Street. There is an uncompleted section on either end of the street, namely, from Summer Street to the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. crossing, and from near C. Drew & Co.'s Mill Pond to the Landing Road.

There are numerous places where our fences are in a dangerous condition, and I wish a sum not to exceed \$500 might be appropriated for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN S. NICKERSON,

Surveyor.

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

FOREST FIRES

Extract from the law relating to Setting of Fires in the Open Air. No person shall set, maintain or increase a fire in the open air between March first and December first except by written permission of the forest warden in towns; provided, that debris from fields, gardens and orchards, and leaves and rubbish from yards may be burned on ploughed fields by the owners thereof, their agents or lessees, if such fire is at least two hundred feet distant from any sprout or forest land and at least fifty feet distant from any building and is properly attended until extinguished.

All fires seen by the observer in the fire tower on Monk's Hill are reported at once to the Forest Warden, whether they are in the forest or in a person's back yard and unless the Warden has knowledge of what the reported fire is, he is obliged to investigate; and the expense incurred in investigating the fire will be charged to the person who set it if he is known and is maintaining the fire unlawfully.

Less than thirty calls were received this year for forest and grass fires which is about one half the usual number.

A thorough burning along the railroad right of way and adjacent property reduced the hazard of railroad fires to such an extent that there were no railroad fires after this burning.

Many of the woods roads that are used in going to forest fires have become so grown up with under brush that they are very difficult to travel and a portion of

the appropriation for forest fires should be spent each year in keeping these roads open and passable.

If all volunteer fire-fighters at a forest fire would place themselves under the direction of a deputy warden as soon as possible after reaching the fire line, the fire would be put out much easier and quicker; then after the fire is declared out by the warden, wait long enough to have the time for their labor taken, the warden's report and their payment for fighting the fire would both be greatly hastened.

ROLAND BAILEY,
Forest Fire Warden.

REPORT OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

The results obtained by the cleaning of water mains last summer were very satisfactory. A forty year accumulation of rust and sediment was cut or scraped out of pipes in certain sections of the town where conditions were bad and along with that accumulation came an occasional stone, or stick of wood, that had somehow gotten into the pipes when they were being laid. It is needless to say that the pressure at hydrants, when they were opened, was much improved, and it is probably nearly as good now as it ever was wherever cleaning has been done. We had thought that more wells were needed to provide for the ever increasing consumption of water but the cleaning of the line of pipe that conducts it from the wells to the pumping station proved at once, and unquestionably, our trouble was caused by the choking of that pipe and not by a lack of wells. With this fact established we saw no necessity for driving additional wells on the land that was bought recently for that purpose.

We recommend an appropriation for more cleaning this year, followed by others in the ensuing years until all of the older portions of the system has been renovated. The extension on River Street, that was authorized by the Town, cost much less than was estimated in consequence of freedom from rock cutting there. It was expected that some ledge or boulders would have to be blasted out, possibly a large amount, but fortunately there was none whatever. The appropriation for the job was \$6,000.00 and there was expended \$4,746.23 leaving a balance of \$1,253.77.

Mr. E. S. Wright asked to have water service extended on Pembroke Street to the locality where he has built dwelling houses, and he agreed to pay ten per cent on the

cost of the extension until such time as there are enough water takers there to pay the full ten per cent. Under the terms of a vote passed at the last annual Town Meeting we felt justified in granting the request of Mr. Wright, and we acted accordingly. He has furnished a written guarantee in accordance with his offer.

The short extension on May Avenue that we were instructed to put in has been laid and also another short one on Main Street south of the junction with Crescent Street. New hydrants have been set in place of old and defective ones and about the usual number of new services have been added to the list. The receipts from water takers for the year 1925 amounted to \$12,399.57, an increase of \$1,322.00 over the amount collected in 1924. There has been expended \$8,486.55 out of an appropriation of \$8,500.00 for maintenance, running expenses, and cleaning of pipe, leaving a balance of \$13.45. The debt of this department is now \$38,500.00.

CHARLES H. DREW,
WINTHROP D. FORD,
CLINTON T. KEITH,
Water Commissioners.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
Town of Kingston
For the Year Ending December 31
1925

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Henry T. Sturtevant, Chairman,	Term expires 1928
Harold G. Kite, Secretary,	Term expires 1928
Fred G. Brackett,	Term expires 1927
Carl W. Stegmaier,	Term expires 1926
Mary L. Trow,	Term expires 1927
Ruth L. Bailey,	Term expires 1926

The committee meets at the School Department Office, 7.45 P. M., on the third Tuesday of each month.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

John H. Parker—Residence, Kingston, Mass.; office telephone, Kingston 75-11.

Carrie Dunbar Holmes, Clerk.

School Department; office, Faunce School, Green Street.

Office hours: 8 to 9 A. M. and 1 to 5 P. M., on school days.

STAFF

Lee S. Merrill, A. B., Bates College, Principal, High.

Lucy E. Treat, A B. Colby College, High.

Glenn V. Butler, A. B., Bowdoin College, High.

Elsie Cowles, A. B., Brown University, High.

Dorothy W. Oliver, Burdett College, High.

Helen B. Cushing, Bridgewater Normal, Principal, Cobb.

Isabelle K. Daley, Salem Normal, Cobb.

Mary A. Curran, Bridgewater Normal, Cobb.

Adeline F. Keevey, Abington High, Cobb.

Elizabeth I. Taylor, Hyannis Normal, Maple Avenue.

Elva L. Browne, Concord High, Maple Avenue.

• Evelyn A. Eustis, Salem Normal, Faunce.

Florence Blume, Hyannis Normal, Patuxet.

Gladys Pratt, Bridgewater Normal, Stony Brook.
Rose B. Delano, Millsboro, N. Y., Rocky Nook.
Caroline L. Simmons, Hyannis Normal, Howland's Lane.
Ethel Henderson, Bridgewater Normal, Howland's Lane.
May Blair McCloskey, Supervisor of Music and Drawing.
H. G. Briggs, M. D., School Physician.
Emma J. Marge, School Nurse.

CALENDAR

Winter Term—

Beginning Monday, January 4, eleven weeks, ends
Friday, March 19. Vacation one week.

Spring Term—

Begins Monday, March 29, ends Wednesday, June 16.
High School graduation Wednesday evening, June 16.
Eighth Grade graduation, Tuesday evening, June 15.

Fall Term—

Begins Wednesday, September 8, sixteen weeks, ends
December 24 at noon. Teachers meeting Tuesday,
September 7, High School, 2 P. M.

Winter Term 1927—

Begins Monday, January 3.

Signals for No Sessions of Schools

7.30 A. M.—2-2 repeated: No session of High School.

8.15 A. M.—2-2 repeated: No forenoon session in grade
schools.

11.15 A. M.—2-2 repeated: Indicates the extension of ses-
sion to 12.30, when grade schools will close for the
day.

12.15 P. M.—2-2 repeated: No afternoon session for the
grades.

Holidays During Term Time in 1926

Columbus Day, Tuesday, October 12.

Teachers' Convention.

Thanksgiving Recess, November, noon the 24th to Mon-
day 28th.

Washington's Birthday, Monday, February 22.

Patriot's Day, Monday, April 19.

Memorial Day, Monday, May 31.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1925:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Dr.		
Appropriation,	\$41,173 00	
Cr.		
By amounts expended as follows:		Budget 1925
General Expenses:		
School Committee, salaries,	\$123 00	\$123 00
School Committee, expense,		
Superintendent's salary, expenses and clerk hire,	1,484 04	1,500 00
Expense of Instruction:		
Supervisors' salaries,	975 50	1,050 00
Teachers' salaries,	23,202 25	23,750 00
Books and supplies,	2,260 24	2,500 00
Operation and Maintenance:		
Janitors' wages,	2,524 00	2,500 00
Light and Fuel,	2,629 89	2,400 00
Repairs, etc.,	2,319 16	2,000 00
Auxiliary Agencies:		
Health — School Nurse,	505 35	700 00

Health — School

Physician,	150 00	150 00
Transportation,	3,610 58	3,500 00
Tuition,	35 89	
Miscellaneous,	807 34	500 00
Outlay:		
New Equipment,	366 36	500 00
Unexpended balance,	179 40	
	<u>\$41,173 00</u>	<u>\$41,173 00</u>

At the beginning of 1925, the condition of school buildings was such that the following repairs were made: Maple Avenue, roof shingled and building painted on the outside; Cobb, painted two coats outside; Howland's Lane, painted one coat outside; Faunce, office part, shingled and inside of office patched, kalsomined and painted.

The following repairs should be made this year: The Faunce school should have an outside coat of paint, and the schoolroom should be kalsomined and painted. There should be a fence built to enclose the school yard on the back and south side. The Cobb, Stony Brook, Rocky Nook and Howland's Lane schools all should be kalsomined and painted inside. Window shades are needed, several in every school building.

When the above repairs are completed, the school property will be in excellent condition as far as the nature of the various buildings will allow.

By transferring pupils to various schools, the committee found it no longer necessary to use the rear room at the Faunce school as a class room, so the office was moved to that room.

Mr. John H. Parker was elected superintendent to succeed Mr. Walter K. Putney who resigned August 1st.

During August the High School building was damaged by lightning. Insurance was promptly paid and repairs made.

We found that the school buildings were 50% under insured giving the town insufficient protection. We increased the insurance so that the amount now in force is \$59,000.00.

The overdraft on Transportation was caused by the placing of liability insurance on the school barges. We felt the Town owed this protection to the parents of those children who ride.

Owing to the closing of the rear room at the Faunce school, and the transfer of the Silver Lake pupils to schoolrooms in town, our schools are now operating with two less teachers. Such an arrangement will hold until the close of schools in June.

Resignations for the year were: High School, Mrs. Swift, Miss Elliot served in Mrs. Swift's position until December. She also resigned and Mrs. Elsie Cowles, a former teacher in the Brockton High School was elected to that department.

Stony Brook, Miss Goddard, succeeded by Miss Gladys Pratt.

Faunce Annex, Mrs. Briggs, no successor.

Maple Avenue, Miss Gearin, succeeded by Mrs. Brown who was transferred from Silver Lake.

Howland's Lane, Miss Howland, succeeded by Miss Ethel Henderson.

Mr. Samuel Warner resigned in November as Supervisor of Drawing and was succeeded by Mrs. McCloskey.

The committee wishes to thank the Parent-Teachers Association, the Community Service Committee of Kingston Grange, and the graduating class of last June for the substantial support and financial assistance rendered our schools. The eighth grade of the Cobb school is extended the appreciation of the committee for the fine sign placed on the front of that building.

The voters are well aware that additional school accommodations are necessary especially for the upper grades. The committee therefore recommends extensions to the

High School, and these recommendations are being considered by a joint committee appointed by the March meeting of 1925.

The committee recommends that the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) be appropriated for school purposes for the year 1926, to be expended as follows:

General Expenses:

School Committee's salaries, Superintendent's salary and Travelling expense, clerk	\$1,563 00
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Expense of Instruction:

Teachers' salaries,	\$22,434 00	
Supervisors' salaries,	1,000 00	
Text books and supplies,	2,500 00	
		25,934 00

Operation and Maintenance:

Janitors' Wages,	\$2,478 00	
Fuel and light,	2,700 00	
Repairs,	1,800 00	
		6,978 00
Insurance,	300 00	300 00

Auxiliary Agencies:

Health,	\$925 00	
Transportation,	4,100 00	
		5,025 00
Miscellaneous,	100 00	100 00
New equipment,		100 00

\$40,000 00

ADAMS LECTURE FUND

1925

1925		Dr.	Cr.
January	1, To balance on hand,	\$847 79	
"	5, Paid a/c Lectures,		\$11 00
"	5, " "		81 76
"	21, " "		102 40
"	26, Received check a/c Lecture Fund,	45 50	
"	26, Paid a/c Library,		47 12
"	26, Paid a/c Lectures,		6 00
"	26, " "		96 75
February	10, " "		2 50
"	16, " "		130 00
"	21, " "		12 00
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June	15, Paid a/c School Prizes,		47 12
November	21, Received check a/c Lecture Fund,	144 61	
	F. C. Adams Fund—		
	R. A. Cole, Fund,	55 74	
	A. C. Thomas Fund,	250 57	
December	30, Received check a/c Lecture Fund,	91 00	
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To balance on hand December
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I trust the Town will see its way clear to gradually do away with this type of school.

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1921 for the enlargement of the High School building by the addition of a second wing. Such enlargement would provide for the housing of the seventh and eighth grades thereby releasing three rooms for the use of grades below the seventh.

The School Committee is to be commended for the substantial repairs made to the school plant during the summer of 1925. With the completion of repairs contemplated for the present year the school buildings of Kingston will be in fine condition and should require only minor expenditures for the next five years.

THE TEACHING STAFF

With the changes made in September 1923 and since that date we can safely say that the teaching staff of this town represents as high an average of efficiency as can be found in any town in the state having an equal salary schedule. Fine buildings and abundant supplies and equipment alone, do not mean efficient schools. "The teacher is the school". My chief aim will be to keep the teaching force at the very highest possible level. To do this it will be necessary to compete with nearby towns in the matter of compensation to teachers. The more a teacher is worth to another school system, the more she is worth to this community. We should endeavor to economize along every other line before we allow another town to take our best teachers. In this connection I recommend that hereafter we employ no teacher who has not had the necessary professional training. In addition, I recommend that the committee take under consideration the matter of extra compensation to those teachers who take during the year special professional courses either at universities or normal schools.

ASSISTANCE TO THE SCHOOLS BY CIVIC AGENCIES

I wish to add my appreciation to that of the committee

for the encouragement given our work by several local associations, especially the Parent-Teachers Association who so generously supplied the necessary equipment for the work in dental hygiene. This work will begin again the first of February. The equipment has been installed at the rear of the Superintendent's office, and we shall chart the teeth of all pupils and clean the teeth of those pupils who have not as yet received dental attention.

This work is under the immediate direction of Dr. Carl Stegmaier who will be assisted by a graduate of the Forsyth Dental Institute, and will cover a period of one month.

ATHLETICS

Boys and girls should participate in athletic exercises for three reasons: First, as the means of assisting the physical development; second, because such participation affords an outlet for the exuberance of youth, and thus has a tendency to draw them away from the formation of bad habits peculiar to that critical age; third, belonging to a team and being responsible for the welfare and success of the team's schedule places a boy or girl in the position where co-operation and the sacrifice of selfish interests are absolutely demanded. When boys become men and girls become women, the possession of the power to co-operate and the ability to sink selfish interest marks the value of each individual to the community and is a sure index of broadminded character.

The school teams both high and elementary have had excellent success the past spring and fall, due very largely to the enthusiasm and hard work of those directing them and assisted by the advantages afforded by our beautiful public playground. No words of commendation are too strong to express appreciation to those men and women who have made this playground possible.

JOHN H. PARKER.

ENROLLMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF PUPILS, JANUARY 1, 1926

School	GRADE												Tot.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
High													96
Cobb					31	30	32	40					148
Maple Avenue ..					44	33							67
Howlands Lane ..	25	20	25										71
Rocky Nook					32								32
Patuxet				14	26								40
Faunce	25	20											45
Stony Brook	13	5	5										23
	63	45	45	58	75	39	65	46	37	26	16	17	522

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

	Elementary	High	Total
Pupils enrolled,	463	87	550
Average daily attendance,	403	80	483
Average membership,	444	84	528
Percent. of attendance,	91%	95%	
	Boys	Girls	Total
Persons 5 years of age or over, and under 7 years,	41	48	89
Persons 7 years of age or over, and under 14 years,	179	180	359
Persons 14 years of age or over, and under 16 years,	57	48	105
Totals,	277	276	553

School Year 1924-1925
Roll of Honor
Pupils Neither Absent nor Tardy

High School
Anna Reidenbach
Edmund Pimental
Edward Frasier

Maple Avenue
Thomas Glass
Lucy Glass

Cobb
Louise Reidenbach
Edward Richter
Carl Sauer
Leon Zinsius
Chester Morrison
Walter Richter
Caroline Peck
Evelyn Rogerson

Rocky Nook
Elio Vantangoli
J. Arthur Basler
Fortunato Benotti
Clara Drudi
Ella Bernagozzi

Patuxet
Malcolm Peterson

Howland's Lane
Baptista Progaccino
Lena Lenzi

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

The following report of the past year's health work is respectfully submitted:

I assisted Dr. H. G. Briggs in the physical examination of the Kingston school children, which was completed December 1st, 1925, showing a marked improvement as to health, posture and pediculosis. Only sixteen notices were sent to the parents regarding physical conditions.

There has been no epidemics in the schools up to date.

In May, one case of scarlet fever and four cases of measles were reported.

In October I assisted Dr. Briggs in vaccinating seven children in the William Bonney School, Silver Lake.

Of the 63 first grade children entering school this year, 61 had been vaccinated, two bringing certificates of unfitness.

Home calls were made on many children entering school at the beginning of the fall term.

Four tonsil cases were operated on during July and August.

One child from the Silver Lake school was sent to the Plymouth County Summer Health Camp for eight weeks, in this way using our quota of the Christmas Seal money, of 1924.

The schools are all doing splendid work in nutrition, the results showing in each weighing of the children, who have been weighed and measured twice up to date. There will be four weighings during the year.

One hundred dollars was appropriated by the Kingston Red Cross for nutrition work in the Cobb school and Howland's Lane school.

The Parent-Teachers Association has been very helpful the past year, paying for all school milk needed in

the up town schools, and have provided tooth brushes, Durbac soap and combs for pediculosis.

Before the opening of school in September, three girls from Silver Lake school were taken to the Plymouth County Hospital for physical examination, after examination, skin test and X-ray, by Dr. Pierce. It was found necessary to enter one of these girls in the Plymouth County Hospital for treatment, where she is now improving.

Twelve tonsil cases were operated on at the Jordan Hospital Clinic, and one eye case was treated at Dr. J. Holbrook Shaw's Clinic.

The conditions found by physical examination: 2 enlarged thyroid glands, 3 scoliosis, 6 pediculosis; contagious diseases, measles 5, scarlet fever 1, scabies 1.

I wish to thank the people for their support and cooperation, also the Board of Health, the Kingston Red Cross, the Parent-Teachers Association, and teachers who work with me with helpful interest which gives me courage to carry on this, at times most discouraging work. Yet I realize we are all doing good work and showing the right spirit.

EMMA J. MANGE,
School Nurse.

REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

Very satisfactory progress has been made in our music this year.

Results speak for themselves, and proof of this is found in High School where each year we have more boys and girls who are able to read new music at sight.

It is also proof of progress when we find them looking forward with pleasure to the music period of the week.

It is not necessary to make special mention of the boys' singing, but their good work is going to make possible a boys' glee club in the future.

In the Cobb school this year Mrs. Cushing is taking the work in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

Mrs. Cushing's work also speaks for itself, if the rooms could be visited at the music lesson period.

The interest and work of the teachers is an inspiration and help during the whole year, the children in some grades making fine progress.

Mr. Parker's advent into the schools is an added inspiration to the music, to the supervisor, the teachers and the pupils, and all have received help and encouragement in this work.

Our slogan for the remainder of the year will be—
Better tone, better singing, better reading.

Respectfully submitted,

MAY BLAIR McCLOSKEY,
Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF THE DRAWING SUPERVISOR

Having so recently taken charge of the drawing, and having only started our work, there is seemingly little to report.

After six weeks work in the grades and in the High School, it is not only encouraging but pleasurable to anticipate the prospects for the remaining year.

The children not only show eagerness to learn but many of them, considerable talent.

The most important work has to be done in the primary grades, where there seems to have been little or no work planned. In these grades should be laid the foundation for the more difficult work to be accomplished in the higher grades and at the High School.

With the combined interest of the teachers, which has been helpful, and the eagerness of the children, we should make some progress during the remaining months of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

MAY BLAIR McCLOSKEY,
Supervisor of Drawing.

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the School Committee:—

The examination of the pupils this school year showed results which were greatly improved over the preceeding year.

There were some cases of pediculosis (nits) but not as many as formerly and the cooperation of the parents, teachers, and school nurse in combatting this condition, has been most agreeable.

The findings of the throat examinations were encouraging. There is still opportunity for improvement, certainly, and it is hoped that another year will find the condition a minor one.

There were not as many cases of enlarged tonsils and adenoids for two reasons. One is that a number of pupils, namely, those who were afflicted worst, have had the tonsils removed. In other cases, tonsils which were not markedly diseased, showed improvement.

When a pupil does show symptoms due to diseased tonsils and adenoids it is often advisable to have the diseased tissues removed because of the effect upon the general health and mentality.

It was encouraging to note the great improvement in the posture of the pupils. Patience and perseverance does much.

The goitre cases were not markedly changed, although there was apparently some slight improvement. An additional case was discovered.

We have been fortunate thus far in having no epidemic of contagion. Keep in mind that the best way to prevent the spread of contagious diseases is by isolation of the ones with the disease, and remember that these cases, according to law, must be reported to the Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. BRIGGS, M. D.,
School Physician.

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Last spring for the first time in recent history a school paper was published by the pupils of the High School. I believe this is a very excellent project. It stimulates interest and provides an objective for the English classes because excellence in English would insure a place on the staff of the school paper. Of course a project of this kind costs money. It is only through the interest and help of the community that it can be successfully carried on.

During the present year a girls' club has been organized. The purpose being to promote the welfare of the school in any way possible. The club has been very successful with its social school programs, and is a very important addition to our school organization.

Last fall the Community Service Committee of the Grange repaired the iron fence in the school yard, provided a new silk flag for the Assembly Hall, and donated \$30 for the support of girls' athletics. I wish to thank the Grange for this very generous help, and to express my appreciation for their fine service in the community.

During last year the custom of having formal Friday morning assemblies has been adopted. These assemblies are in charge of the pupils. Well organized programs have been given. The programs are sometimes given by the pupils and sometimes by outside speakers who have given talks upon various subjects. I should like to take this opportunity to say that these assemblies are always open to the public. The people would be welcome visitors at these Friday morning assemblies.

Respectfully submitted,

LEE S. MERRILL, Principal.

KINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Class of 1925

Town Hall, Kingston, Wednesday June 24, At 8 O'clock

PROGRAM

1. March
2. Orchestra
3. Invocation
Rev. Lauren A. Sheffer
4. Chorus, "Send Out Thy Light".....Gounod
5. Signalling and Talking by Radio
Second Honor—William A. Di Marzio
6. *Presentation of Gifts
Isabel Mowl
7. Solo
a "The Open Road",
Gretchen Dick and William Stickles
b "Duna", "Keep on Hopin'",
K. Heron—Maxwell
G. Clinton Tibbetts
8. The History of the Novel
Third Honor—Anna D. Reidenbach
9. *Class Prophecy
Arthur J. Pimental
10. Chorus
a "Armorer's Song"Nevin
b "The Evening Wind"Saint Saens
c "Sing, Sing, Birds on the Wing".....Nutting
11. The American Indian
Fourth Honor—Elizabeth A. Kite

12. Orchestra
13. The History of Education
First Honor—Helen M. Hudson
14. Class Song
Words by Elizabeth A. Kite
15. Presentation of Diplomas and Awarding of Prizes
16. Orchestra

Class motto: Plus ultra

Class colors: Purple and Gold

Clarke's Orchestra

*To be delivered Class Night

GRADUATES

George Clinton Tibbetts
Arthur Joseph Pimental
William Albert Di Marzio
Vernon Briggs Cushman
Elizabeth Ann Kite
Aili May Alander
Anna Marion Alsheimer
Wilda Thayer Keevey
Isabel Lillian Mowll
Narda Doris Anti
Anna Dorothy Reidenbach
Helen Marjorie Hudson
Dorothy Tyson Woods

Adams Prizes Awarded to

Tina E. Bariffaldi
Isabel L. Mowll
Esther F. DeMarzio
Elsie P. Seigel
Mildred M. Bergonzoni
G. Clinton Tibbetts
Joseph A. Holmes
Lawrence A. Bailey
William I. Toabe
George J. Tura

Honorable Mention

Bettina Sollis
Marjorie M. Bruneau

English Prizes

Aili Anderson
Edward L. Frasier

GRADUATION EXERCISES
of the
KINGSTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL
at the

Town Hall, Kingston, June 23, 1925, at 8 P. M.

PROGRAM

March
Chorus, "The Heavens Are Declaring," *Beethoven*
"A Day in June"—James Russell Lowell
Kathryn Corrow
"Baseball" Henry Hardy, Jr.
Solo, "Rainbows" Harriet Glass
"Shipbuilding Days In Kingston" Evelyn Rogerson
Chorus, "Dreaming," *H. R. Shelley*
"Short Story of Music" Doris Brown
Piano Solo, "Cabaletta" Aurora Tassinari
"Carry On"—Robert W. Service Charles Richter
"Man's Progress in the Air" Henry Antoniotti
Chorus, "Fairy Footsteps," *V. Hollaender*
Presentation of Class Gift Frank Gardner
Presentation of Diplomas
Henry T. Sturtevant, Chairman
Class Song—Words by Francis Bennett

GRADUATES

Anne Matilda Alander
Laura Catherine Bailey
Sylvia Eva Benotti
Doris Charlotte Brown
Blanche Yvonne Bruneau
Mary Charlotte Correa
Kathryn Francis Corrow
Alice Harden Cushman
Mary Harriet Glass
Olive Morton Gould
Margaret Mary Harkins
Nina Leela Knight
Dorothy Louise Kriegel
Katherine Ida Mahler
Isadora Doris Michelini
Gladys Ella Mowll
Madeline Helen Mowll
Kathleen Louise Phinney
Dorothy Frances Raymond
Evelyn Elizabeth Rogerson
Aurora Mary Tassinari
Jessica Ellen Tobey
Margaret Justine Tobey
Henry Antoniotti
Robert Francis Bennett
John Louis Carrier
George William Cushman
Louis Carl Gallarani
Frank Raby Gardner
Henry Wheeler Hardy, Jr.

Carter Clayton Hemeon
Richard Herman Peck
Hillard Andrew Pratt
Charles Oscar Richter
Herbert Frederic Seigel
Caesar Julius Tarantino
Luelli Tassinari
Leon Peter Tura
Herbert Walters