

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SELECTMEN  
AND  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF ACUSHNET

For the Year Ending March 15, 1886.

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## TOWN OF ACUSHNET,

TO MARCH 15, 1886.

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George P. Morse, Ex-Collector, in account with the  
Town of Acushnet:

	DR.	
To uncollected taxes,		\$7.39
	CR.	
By cash paid Caleb Slade, Town Treasurer,		\$2.56
By taxes remitted,		4.83      \$7.39

I would most respectfully present to you my accounts as  
Collector of Taxes and Town Treasurer, for the financial  
year ending March 15, 1886.

Caleb Slade, Collector, in account with Town of Acush-  
net:

	DR.	
To uncollected taxes of 1882,		\$17.74
Uncollected taxes of 1883,		68.04
Uncollected taxes of 1884,		187.45
Amount of tax bills of 1885:		
State tax,		570.00
County tax,		613.50
Town tax,		4,389.80
Interest on taxes collected,		12.92      \$5,859.45

## CR.

By amount paid State Treasurer,	\$570.00	
Amount paid County Treasurer,	613.50	
Amount paid Town Treasurer,	3,863.53	
Discount for prompt payment,	283.65	
Abatement by assessors,	34.40	
Taxes remitted,	51.87	
Uncollected taxes of 1882,	6.68	
1883,	22.00	
1884,	62.85	
1885,	350.97	\$5,859.45

Caleb Slade, Town Treasurer, in account with the Town  
of Acushnet:

## DR.

1885, March 15, balance of cash,		\$473.14
To amount received from Benjamin White,	\$104.00	
To amount received from Edgar H. Gammons,	6.00	
To amount of discounted loan,	1,473.50	
To amount received from East Bridge- water,	11.50	
To amount received from New Bedford,	74.10	
To amount received from Asa M. Besse,	32.50	
To amount received from Martha Spooner,	1.50	
To amount received from State Treasurer:		
For corporation tax,	233.58	
National Bank tax,	914.12	
State aid,	141.00	
To amount received from Long Plain Lyceum,	5.00	
To amount received from County Trea- surer,	144.40	
To amount received from State Trea- surer, income of school fund,	210.88	
To amount received from Collector of Taxes,	3,863.53	
To amount received from the town of Westport,	8.33	



To amount received from Edward R. Ashley,	\$2.00	
To amount received from George P. Morse,	2.56	\$7,228.50
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		\$7,701.64

CR.

By amount paid for support of poor,	\$1,253.41	
Incidental expenses,	1,131.47	
Support of schools,	2,061.12	
Support of highways,	1,602.46	
State aid,	78.50	
Citizens' National Bank,	1,500.00	
By balance, cash in treasury,	74.68	\$7,701.64

Respectfully submitted.

CALEB SLADE,

Collector of Taxes and Town Treasurer.

#### UNCOLLECTED TAXES OF 1882.

George W. Pierce,	\$2.00	
NON-RESIDENTS.		
Seth M. Blackmer,	.78	
Jabez Jenney,	.78	
Joseph Jenney,	3.12	\$6.68

#### UNCOLLECTED TAXES OF 1883.

John F. Harding,	\$4.00	
Rodolphus Jenney,	4.00	
George W. Lawrence,	2.80	
George W. Pierce,	2.00	
James A. Wing,	2.00	
Samuel B. Wheldon,	3.20	
NON-RESIDENTS.		
Joseph Jenney,	3.20	
Jabez Jenney,	.80	\$22.00

# UNCOLLECTED TAXES OF 1884.

Frank H. Ashley,	\$2.00
Abram Brooks,	2.38
John B. Brooks,	2.00
Joseph F. Gifford,	2.96
John F. Harding,	3.28
George E. Harding,	2.64
Rodolphus Jenney,	3.60
George W. Lawrence,	2.64
William H. Maxim,	2.00
Reuben A. Peckham,	2.00
George W. Parris,	1.52
James A. Peckham,	5.57
George W. Pierce,	2.00
Asa C. Pope,	.10
James B. Sherman,	6.48
Charles L. Spooner,	8.40
Humphrey S. Taber,	3.28
James A. Wing,	5.20

## NON-RESIDENTS.

John E. Aiken,	.64	
Joseph Jenney,	2.56	
William Rounselle,	.96	
Jabez Jenney,	.64	\$62.85

# UNCOLLECTED TAXES OF 1885.

Frank H. Ashley,	\$2.00
William T. Barton,	4.80
Zenas Bowen,	6.80
Abram Brooks,	4.80
John B. Brooks,	2.00
Estate of Philip Crandon,	17.20
Philip H. Crandon,	2.00
William F. Chace,	4.40
Uriah S. Cole,	2.00
David Chace,	2.00
Estate of Harriet S. Dawley,	6.40
Charles L. Devoll,	2.00
Augustus P. Ellis,	2.00
Estate of Eben Ellis,	10.80
Martin B. Gammons,	2.00

Joseph F. Gifford,	\$3.20
Jeremiah Hammett,	4.80
John F. Harding,	4.00
Emeline A. Hammond,	12.80
George W. Hathaway,	3.97
F. T. Howland,	6.20
Latham T. Jennings,	27.60
John T. Low,	11.20
George W. Lawrence,	2.40
George L. Morse,	2.00
Reuben A. Peckham,	2.00
George W. Parris,	2.80
Bradford T. Pittsley,	2.00
James A. Peckham,	13.20
Jonathan Potter,	2.00
Thomas Potter,	6.40
Asa C. Pope,	4.40
Eli W. Pierce,	4.80
George W. Pierce,	2.00
James T. Reynolds,	2.40
James A. Skinner,	76.80
Daniel V. Smith,	6.00
George W. Spooner,	4.40
James B. Sherman,	7.60
Charles L. Spooner,	10.00
Humphrey S. Taber,	3.60
Marcus M. Thompson,	18.40
William R. Tripp,	2.00
John M. Vincent,	4.00
James A. Wing,	6.00
James B. Wheldon,	2.00
William H. Wright,	2.00
Milton B. Warren,	2.00
Frank Ward,	2.00

## NON-RESIDENTS.

John E. Aiken,	.80
Edward J. Howard,	1.60
Joseph Jenney,	3.20
Jabez Jenney,	.80
William Rounsiville,	1.20
Thomas Spooner,	2.40
Charles E. Washburn,	2.80
	\$350.97

## INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

Paid Abram Brooks for care of Perry Hill,		\$2.97
Mercury Publishing Co., print-		
ing reports,	\$25.92	
Tax bills,	2.50	28.42
Walter Spooner, stamps, stationery and		
expressage,		3.82
Henry F. Taber, setting posts,		1.00
Caleb Slade, school supplies,		7.83
James R. Sherman, cleaning school house,		3.00
Mrs. Reynolds, cleaning school house,		3.00
Jas. H. Sears, repairs on school house,		4.85
S. Hutchinson, school supplies,	265.25	
Caleb Slade, writing death index,		.75
Benjamin R. White, work on well,		1.50
George A. Macomber, work on school house,		1.50
Marie R. A. Taber, cleaning school house,		3.00
Heirs of Luther Howard, tax refunded,		.90
Julia Denham, cleaning school house,		4.00
C. A. Howland, cleaning stovepipe,		.50
C. W. Slocum, repairs on school house,		14.88
Richard Davis, for gravel,		4.28
Sylvester Pratt, serving dog warrant,		10.00
Estate of Pardon Taber, Jr., his services		
as town officer in 1884,		66.00
Benjamin White, running lines and draw-		
ing papers,		2.00
Caleb Slade, expressage,		4.40
Charles M. Morse, Jr., measuring wood,		.75
For killing 34 hawks in Acushnet,		17.00
Walter Spooner, expense on W. D. Taber case,		10.00
Levi Wing, work on pump,	\$3.25	
Services as town agent,	3.00	6.25
J. B. Hazzard & Son, painting blackboards,		23.06
Isaac C. Churchill, work on drain,		13.75
C. A. Howland, blacksmithing,		.45
Heirs of William Gammons, Jr., gravel lot,		58.75
Noah F. Mendall, work on sidewalk,		17.55
Charles L. Kenyon, for gravel,		10.00
Horatio N. Wilbur, for gravel,		4.00
Noah F. Mendall, work at Perry Hill school house,		4.00



Paid Charles F. Bennett, work at school house,	\$1.50	
Reuben Peckham, work on school house,	3.80	
Walter Spooner, expenses to Boston to correct corporation taxes,	3.50	
C. W. Slocum, painting signs,	2.00	
T. M. Stetson, legal advice,	10.00	
William Brownell, services on board of health for three years,	3.50	
Stephen White, pump and setting,	14.70	
Eben Aiken, Jr., copying Fairhaven records,	3.00	
Charles H. Taber, repairs on school house,	44.86	
William G. Allen, repairs on school house,	5.00	
A. J. Wing, clearing snow,	\$2.50	
Benjamin R. White, clearing snow,	1.00	
Jeremiah Hammett, clearing snow,	1.00	
Valmour Hammett, clearing snow,	1.00	
John F. Gifford, clearing snow,	.80	6.30
For administering oaths,		2.00
Thomas E. Braley, services as school committee,	25.00	
Caleb Slade, services as school committee,	30.00	
Recording births, deaths and marriages,	17.75	
For telephone,	\$ .40	
For school supplies,	5.23	
For indexing births and marriages,	1.00	
For stamps,	.18	6.81
Ebenezer Leonard, services as selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,		53.00
Charles M. Morse, Jr., services on board of health,		25.75
Noah F. Mendall, services as selectman, as- sessor, and overseer of poor,		50.00
Walter Spooner, services as selectman, asses- sor and overseer of poor,		90.00
Luther H. Reynolds, work on pump,		.75
George W. Hathaway, work on well,		1.50
Caleb Slade, collector,	\$75.71	
Treasurer,	30.63	106.34
Frank T. Howland, school committee,		25.00
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		\$1,131.47

## HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

ANDREW J. WING, SURVEYOR.

Paid Andrew J. Wing, $7\frac{1}{2}$ days, two horse team,	\$30.00	
Andrew J. Wing, $26\frac{6}{10}$ days with two one horse teams,	133.00	
Andrew J. Wing, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days with one horse,	10.50	\$173.50
Richard Davis, team 4 days at \$2.50,		10.00
Lewis Simons, $35\frac{1}{10}$ days at \$1.50,		52.65
G. L. Bennett, $2\frac{3}{10}$ days with team, at \$4,		9.20
John F. Gifford, $33\frac{1}{10}$ days at \$1.50,		49.65
Valmour Hammett, $3\frac{6}{10}$ days,		5.40
Asa M. Besse, 21 days,		31.50
Edwin F. Taber, $9\frac{1}{2}$ days,		14.25
Charles W. Slocum, $\frac{2}{10}$ day,		.30
Henry Slocum, $\frac{2}{10}$ day,		.30
Capt. E. R. Ashley, $\frac{2}{10}$ day,		.30
Granville A. Ashley, $\frac{2}{10}$ day,		.30
Joshua Morse, $\frac{2}{10}$ day,		.30
John S. Bell, $\frac{2}{10}$ day,		.30
C. A. Howland's bill, blacksmithing,		7.32
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		\$355.27

BENJAMIN WILSON, SURVEYOR.

Paid Benjamin Wilson, 35 days at \$2.	\$70.00	
Benjamin Wilson, man and two horse team, $19\frac{2}{10}$ days,	76.80	
Benjamin Wilson, man and one horse team, $14\frac{3}{10}$ days,	39.33	\$186.13
Gustavus L. Bennett, $17\frac{4}{10}$ days with team,		69.60
James H. Cobb, $30\frac{1}{2}$ days at \$1.50,		45.15
George W. Wheldon, $2\frac{3}{10}$ days with team,		9.20
Joseph T. Brownell, horse, $14\frac{3}{10}$ days at \$1.25,		17.88
L. D. Heath, $27\frac{4}{10}$ days at \$1.50,		41.40
C. H. Heath, $6\frac{6}{10}$ days at \$1.50,		9.90
Russell P. Hammett, $8\frac{1}{10}$ days,		12.90
W. E. Pittsley, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,		2.25
Samuel Moore, $\frac{9}{10}$ day,		1.35
Charles L. Spooner, $2\frac{7}{10}$ days,		4.05

Paid L. T. Jennings with two men, $\frac{1}{2}$ day, blowing up gravel with dynamite,	\$9.25
For plow,	1.50
For blacksmithing,	1.55
Abram Brooks, care of Perry Hill,	4.84
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	\$46.95

## WILLIAM H. DRAKE, SURVEYOR.

Paid William H. Drake, $7\frac{7}{10}$ days with horse, at \$3,	\$23.20	
Wm. H. Drake, $1\frac{7}{10}$ days at \$1.50,	2.75	\$25.95
Thos. Potter, 1 day with horse,	\$3.00	
$1\frac{1}{2}$ days at \$1.50,	2.25	
225 loads gravel at $2\frac{1}{2}$ cts.,	5.63	10.88
Edward W. Morse, three days with team,		12.00
Pardon Sowle, 3 days at \$1.50,		4.50
A. Dillingham, 2 days with team,	\$8.00	
cutting bushes,	4.00	12.00
Edmund A. Delano, 3 days,		4.50
James F. Reynolds, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days with horse,	\$4.50	
James F. Reynolds, 3 days at \$1.50,	4.50	9.00
Charles M. Morse, 3 days $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours with team,		12.60
Job A. E. Chase, 1 day with team,	\$4.00	
1 day at \$1.50,	1.50	5.50
Geo. W. Norton, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days with team,	\$6.00	
gravel,	6.72	12.72
Augustus White, $4\frac{8}{10}$ days with team,	\$19.20	
7 days $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours at \$1.50,	10.73	29.93
Geo. H. Morse, $1\frac{6}{10}$ days with horse,	\$4.80	
10 days $6\frac{1}{2}$ hours at \$1.50,	15.97	
hired man 8 days at \$1.50,	12.00	32.77
Asa C. Pope, $2\frac{7}{10}$ days,		4.05
Joseph W. Burt, $3\frac{7}{10}$ days,		5.55
Loring Potter, $1\frac{8}{10}$ days at \$1.50,		2.70
J. Frank Parker, $7\frac{8}{10}$ days,		11.70
George P. Morse, 11 days $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours with team,	\$46.20	

Paid George P. Morse, $2\frac{3}{4}$ days with 1 horse,	\$8.25	
George P. Morse, Frank Sylvia 6 days at \$1.50,	9.00	
George P. Morse, railing for bridges, labor on same,	2.00 1.75	\$67.20
George W. Nye, 4 days,		6.00
James R. Sherman, 1 day with horse, cutting bushes,	\$3.00 6.00	9.00
James Peckham, 2 days,		3.00
Charles P. Washburn, $2\frac{3}{10}$ days with horse,	\$6.90	
Chas. P. Washburn, $1\frac{5}{10}$ days at \$1.50,	2.25	9.15
Albert S. Morse, $3\frac{3}{10}$ " cutting bushes,	\$4.95 17.25	
Albert S. Morse, Jr., 1 day,	1.25	23.45
Charles T. Leonard, 2 days with team,	\$6.00	
$1\frac{3}{10}$ days at \$1.50,	1.95	7.95
Eben F. Leonard, $3\frac{3}{10}$ days at \$1.50,		4.95
George W. Bennett, $2\frac{3}{10}$ days at \$1.50,		3.45
Emerson W. Bennett, 1 day with horse,	\$3.00	
Emerson W. Bennett, 1 day at \$1.50,	1.50	4.50
Pardon Sowle, 1 day $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours with team,		5.40
Leander Randall, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,		3.75
George F. Sylvia, 2 days $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours,		3.82
Joseph Fernandez, 2 days $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours,		3.82
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		\$351.79

## NOAH F. MENDALL, SURVEYOR.

Paid N. F. Mendall, $26\frac{1}{2}$ days with team,	\$106.00	
N. F. Mendall, 30 days $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours at \$2, 60.90		\$166.90
Samuel Wing, 23 days $8\frac{1}{2}$ hours with team,	\$95.40	
Samuel Wing, $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours at \$1.50,	.50	
for boy 4 hours,	.40	
for 3 plow points,	1.20	97.50



Paid Eli Reed, 13 days 8 hours,		\$55.20
Philip A. Bradford, 1 day 3 hours with team,	\$5.10	
Philip A. Bradford, for man 18 days 8 hours,	28.20	33.30
Joseph Wallen, 19 days 6 hours,		29.40
Chas. F. Bennett, $19\frac{3}{10}$ days,		28.95
G. H. Dorcher, $23\frac{4}{10}$ days,		35.10
Horatio Morse, $13\frac{1}{10}$ days,		19.65
Wm. T. Barton, 2 days,		3.00
Albert H. King, $1\frac{9}{10}$ days,		2.85
Wm. S. Hall, 1 day,		1.50
Frederic Chase, $1\frac{8}{10}$ days,		2.40
Jos. Spooner, 1 day,		1.50
Wm. J. R. Mayo, 2 hours with team,		.60
B. Dexter, 2 hours,		.30
F. C. Terry, sharpening picks,		.30
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		\$478.45

## SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Paid John F. Parker, making fires,	\$4.00	
Avery O. Parker, making fires and sweeping,	7.00	
Bennie Hathaway, making fires,	4.00	
Albert S. Morse, Jr., making fires and sweeping,	4.05	
Harry Tripp, making fires and sweeping,	7.20	
Edwin Ashley, care of school house,	13.70	
Cornelia R. Church, teaching,	\$200.00	
Cornelia R. Church, cleaning house,	3.50	
Cornelia R. Church, care of school house,	4.00	207.50
Martha W. White, for teaching,		278.00
Mary E. Haney, for teaching,		278.00
Emma S. Richardson, for teaching,		315.00
Hattie O. Warren, for teaching,		300.00
Mary S. Howard, for teaching,		288.00
Lottie L. Holt, for teaching,		140.00
John D. Andrews, making fires and sweeping,	5.35	
Ernie A. Bumpus, making fires and sweeping,	5.20	
Harry G. Sherman, making fires and sweeping,	1.85	
Moses S. Douglass, for wood,		39.00

Paid C. C. D. Gilmore, for wood,	\$22.97
Caleb Slade, for wood,	39.88
B. R. White, preparing fuel,	22.91
Joseph Maxim, preparing fuel,	12.26
Willie B. Reynolds, making fires,	1.25
Fanny White, sweeping,	2.00
Freddie Tripp, making fires,	2.00
Town of Mattapoisett, for tuition,	60.00
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	\$2,061.12

## POOR ACCOUNT.

Paid Town of Sandwich for support of Mrs. Henry Braley,	\$34.50
Asa M. Besse, for cutting and drawing wood in 1885,	21.00
Expense funeral Laura G. Stevens' child,	3.00
Sylvester Pratt, for potatoes,	6.00
Taunton Lunatic Hospital for support of James Warren,	\$15.39
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Wm. D. Taber,	88.60
Asa M. Besse, superintendent of Alms-house,	103.99
Caleb Slade, supplies at Alms-house,	160.00
Caleb Slade, supplies and telephone for Robert Stevens,	\$124.28
Caleb Slade, wood for Charles W. Shepherd,	38.30
Richard Davis, supplies at Alms-house,	15.62
R. Davis, clothes for John Joseph,	178.20
goods to Foster Skiff,	\$133.68
telephone for R. Stevens,	9.40
wood for C. W. Shepherd,	7.00
Wm. H. Chappell, supplies to Chas. W. Shepherd,	.30
Wm. H. Chappell, supplies to Sarah F. Gifford,	5.50
	155.88
	\$80.00
	62.00
	142.00

Paid George S. Wilbur, support of Betsey Hervey,	\$29.00	
City of New Bedford, support of Abram Ashley and wife,	\$32.00	
City of New Bedford, for Cyrus E. Taber,	89.65	
City of New Bedford, Geo. F. Gibbs,	7.00	128.65
Charles L. Clapp, meat at Almshouse,		17.55
John Manter, Jr., shoemaking,		9.77
Chas. M. Morse, Jr., supplies to Alfred R. Tripp,		8.33
Charles H. Bassett, meat at Almshouse,		18.03
Geo. M. Eddy, dry goods,		7.00
B. F. Hathaway, for coal,		8.37
George A. Chase, support of Jonathan Potter,		50.00
Town of Lakeville, support of Foster Skiff,		32.17
Asa M. Besse, cutting and drawing wood, 1886,		22.50
Wm. G. Branscome, M. D., attendance on Jonathan Potter,		22.00
Town of Wareham, for support of Lucina G. Sears and daughter,		76.42
Ebenezer Leonard, for petroleum and filing saws,		2.85
J. & W. R. Wing, clothing for H. Gifford,		5.30
E. R. Ashley, wood at Almshouse,		3.00
Mrs. Besse, making clothing for inmates,		4.35
Asa M. Besse, balance due,		3.55
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		\$1,253.41

ASA M. BESSE, CR.

By cash paid for fish,	\$6.20	
Cash paid for 300 herrings,	2.25	
Cash paid Geo. W. Lawrence for whitewashing,	1.00	
Paid for onions,	1.00	
Stove back and grate,	1.10	
Killing two hogs at Almshouse,	2.00	
Taking J. Potter to Almshouse,	1.00	
Carting coal,	2.10	
Paid for plowing,	1.50	\$18.15

DR.

For milk sold,	\$5.60	
12 lbs. butter at 25,	3.00	
10 bushels potatoes at 60,	6.00	
Cash to balance,	3.55	\$18.15

## STATE AID PAID IN 1885-6.

Paid George D. Whitney,	\$56.00	
Francis Pittsley, Jr.,	10.50	
Cordelia M. Pittsley,	12.00	\$78.50

There is due the town from the State, for aid in 1885, chap. 301,	\$65.50	
For military aid, chap. 252,	36.00	
From Town of Freetown,	4.00	
From Benjamin White, guardian of Adaline Bennett,	104.00	\$209.50

There were 18 tramps lodged at the Almshouse in Acushnet during the year ending March 15, 1886.

The guide boards in town are in fair condition.

Respectfully submitted.

WALTER SPOONER,	} Selectmen of Acushnet.
EBENEZER LEONARD,	
NOAH F. MENDALL,	



I respectfully present to you my report as Town Clerk  
for the year ending Dec. 31, 1885:

### BIRTHS REGISTERED IN ACUSHNET IN 1885.

Date.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents.
March 6	—— Westgate,	Charles E. and Almira.
" 29		Laura G. Stephens.
May 14	John L. Dillingham,	Abram L. and Abbie L.
" 27	Herbert Leonard Sowle,	Theodore B. and Hattie L.
July 29	Edith L. Pittsley,	Bradford T. and Mary E.
Sept. 3	Granville Taber Norton,	George W. and Alice E.
" 7	Edward Irvine Perry,	Charles J. and M. Angie.
Dec. 21.	Henry Dillingham Pierce,	John W. and Essie R.

### MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN ACUSHNET IN 1885.

Date.	Names of Groom and Bride.	Residence.
Jan. 8	Leonard W. Hathaway, Nancy D. Swett,	Acushnet. Wellfleet.
Jan. 19	Henry F. Braley, Annie Louise James,	Acushnet. Acushnet.
Feb. 17	Henry W. Chase, Annie L. Terry,	Acushnet. Fairhaven.
Mar. 29	William J. Gibbs, Charlotte A. Howard,	Acushnet. New Bedford.
May 3	Stephen S. Haswell, Fannie Isabel Pierce,	Acushnet. Acushnet.
April 30	James Hartley, Annie L. Snell,	Rochester. Rochester.
July 18	Eugene B. Wetherell, Abbie L. Wilbur,	Freetown. Freetown.
Sept. 2	Franklin J. Gurney, Sadie F. Luscomb,	East Freetown. New Bedford.
Sept. 10	Jonathan R. Gurney, Jr., Gertrude E. Rounsville,	East Freetown. East Freetown.
Sept. 8	James H. Cobb, Ruth A. Hammond,	Marion. New Bedford.
Sept. 19	Gustavus F. Guild, Clara T. Wing,	Marblehead. Acushnet.
Oct. 1	Albert A. Dunbar, Hattie E. Darling,	New Bedford. New Bedford.
Oct. 19	Alonzo P. Stone, Ida M. Pittsley,	Fairhaven. Freetown.
Oct. 24	Edward H. Forbes, Annie L. Ryder,	New Bedford. New Bedford.
Oct. 29	Henry W. Cushman, Frances R. Eldredge,	Acushnet. Acushnet.
Nov. 12	Charles S. Freeman, Abbie F. Waterman,	Rochester. Rochester.
Dec. 24	Edward Elmer Sisson, Annie L. Tilden,	Acushnet. New Bedford.

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN ACUSHNET IN 1885.

Date.	Name.	Age.	Disease.
Jan. 13	James Lewis Pittsley,	y. m. d. 4 8 18	Diphtheria.
Jan. 14	Sylvia H. Douglas,	34 8	Diabetis.
Feb. 18	Susan Wheldon,	79 1 28	Old age.
Feb. 28	William Jenney,	68 2	Pyæmia.
Feb. 26	Elijah K. Howland,	42 3 12	Pneumonia.
Mar. 5	James Parke Cummings,	18 8	Diphtheria.
Mar. 7	Bertha M. Cory,	20 6 3	Acute pericarditis.
Mar. 18	James Hammett,	85	Paralysis.
Mar. 30	—	1	Inanition.
Mar. 31	Elizabeth P. Tobey,	72 2 11	Cancer.
April 8	Samuel Edwards Stacy,	81 1 12	Capillary bronchitis.
April 26	Nettie M. Chase,	1 3 26	Membranous croup.
May 1	Appollas Ricketson,	74	Pneumonia.
May 1	Sarah Wordell,	73 10	Pneumonia.
June 9	Sarah J. Hall,	56 8 8	Valvular disease of the heart.
June 10	Betsey Wing,	80 2 20	Gastric catarrh.
June 13	Susan Wilbur,	78 2 7	Paralysis.
June 13	Hattie Soule,	18 5 16	Puerperal septicæmia.
June 17	Emily W. Cole,	56 11 14	Bright's disease.
July 11	Peter D. Slade,	76 6 15	Hypertrophy of the heart.
July 28	John L. Dillingham,	2 14	Cholera infantum.
Aug. 7	Angeline M. White,	40 9 19	Consumption.
Aug. 11	Edward Coffin Hussey Nye,	60 9 26	Apoplexy.
Sept. 26	Pamelia L. Bradford,	79	Old age.
Sept. 27	Betsey W. Hervey,	74 2	Dropsy.
Oct. 4	Francis Pittsley, Jr.,	50 2	Cholera morbus.
Oct. 9	Cora E. Tripp,	4 11	Diphtheria.
Oct. 25	Millie E. Tripp,	9	Diphtheria.
Nov. 8	Louise C. Douglas,	36 4 17	Consumption.
Dec. 20	Annie E. Pittsley,	2 9 17	Diphtheria.
Dec. 21	Thomas Potter, Jr.,	64 11	Diphtheria.
Dec. 30	Hannah Booth,	79 7	Chronic bronchitis.

Number of dogs licensed in Acushnet in 1885, 75; 68 males and 7 females.

CALEB SLADE,  
Town Clerk of Acushnet.

REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF ACUSHNET,

*For the year 1885-86.*

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Your committee again submit their usual annual report. While our schools have not given entire satisfaction in every particular, especially in government and method of teaching, yet we believe, as a whole, that the work has been as efficient as in any year under our observation.

The three new laws passed by the legislature in 1884

and 1885 may be of special interest to the readers of this report.

*"An act to provide for the furnishing of free text books and school supplies to the pupils of the public schools.*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The school committee of every city and town shall purchase, at the expense of each city or town, text books and other school supplies used in the public schools; and said text books and supplies shall be loaned to the pupils of said public schools, free of charge, subject to such rules and regulations as to care and custody as the school committee may prescribe.

SECTION 2. Pupils supplied with text books at the time of the passage of this act shall not be supplied with similar books by the committee until needed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon the first day of August, eighteen hundred and eighty-four.

Approved March 22, 1884."

*"An act to prevent the spread of contagious diseases through the public schools.*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter sixty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four is hereby amended so that it shall read as follows:

The school committee shall not allow any pupil to attend the public schools while any member of the household to which such pupil belongs is sick of small pox, diphtheria or scarlet fever, or during a period of two weeks after the death, recovery, or removal of such sick person; and any pupil coming from such household shall be required to present to the teacher of the school the pupil desires to attend, a certificate from the attending physician or board of health of the facts necessary to entitle him to admission in accordance with the above regulation.

Approved April 29, 1885."

*"An act requiring physiology and hygiene to be taught in the public schools.*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Physiology and hygiene, which, in both divisions of the



subject shall include special instruction as to the effects of alcoholic drinks stimulants and narcotics on the human system, shall be taught as a regular branch of study, to all the pupils in all schools supported wholly or in part by public money, except special schools maintained solely for instruction in particular branches, such as drawing, mechanics, art and like studies. All acts or parts of acts relating to the qualification of teachers in the public schools shall apply to the branch of study prescribed in this act.

SECTION 2. All penalties now fixed for the neglect to provide instruction in the branches of study now prescribed by law shall apply to the branch of study prescribed in section one.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon the first day of August in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

Approved June 16, 1885."

Furnishing free text books and other supplies to the schools has caused an unusual bill to appear in the town report of expenditures. This expense will probably be nearly as large the ensuing year.

As no special appropriation has been made by the town for this purpose, it has been charged to the incidental account. No bill has been presented by the committee for the labor of purchasing and distributing these supplies to the different schools from time to time through the year. We have instructed the teachers to exercise economy in dealing out the smaller supplies, such as paper, pencils, pens, ink, etc., and also to use due care in the collection and custody of the text books at the close of the term.

With all the pains that may be taken in this direction, there will be more wastefulness by the pupils than would occur if the supplies were purchased directly by the parents.

Although there were several cases of diphtheria in town during the fall, yet, with the exception of the Perry Hill school, it did not seriously retard the usual progress of the school work.

Millie E. Tripp, a very promising pupil in the Perry Hill school, died of diphtheria, October 25, 1885.

Considerable care has been exercised by the board of

health in executing the law relative to the spread of contagious diseases in the public schools, and the result has been creditable to the officer of the board having it in charge.

The law requiring physiology and hygiene to be taught does not appear to be optional but mandatory, requiring special instruction to be given relative to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics upon the organs of the human body and their functions.

The proper execution of this law cannot fail to give the young a distinct knowledge of their own organization, and the laws for the preservation of health and to impress upon their young minds a desire to shun the many evils arising from an intemperate use of alcoholic drinks.

As we become more acquainted with our work, we see the importance of making a deliberate and choice selection of teachers, that we may raise the standard of our schools to that degree of excellence which the times demand.

We want talented teachers adapted and trained for the profession, who are teaching not merely as a stepping stone to some other business, but who are alive to their work and are daily qualifying themselves to become experts in teaching and in finishing and forming aright the characters of their pupils.

Let us be prompt and willing to assist in the education of our children, for, in only a few years they will occupy the place which we now fill, and upon them will fall the usual duties and responsibilities of life.

The following tables give the usual statistics of the schools :

SPRING.						FALL.						WINTER.						
No. of School.	No. of Pupils.	Pupils under five years.		Pupils over fifteen years.	Average membership.	Average attendance.	No. of Pupils.	Pupils under five years.		Pupils over fifteen years.	Average membership.	Average attendance.	No. of pupils.	Pupils under five years.		Pupils over fifteen years.	Average membership.	Average attendance.
		Pupils between 8 and 14 years.						Pupils between 8 and 14 years.						Pupils between 8 and 14 years.				
1	21	0	1	12	17.71	15.32	15	0	0	11	11.9	9.81	14	0	0	10	12.23	8.72
2	30	0	1	20	24	19.37	32	0	1	19	27.7	24.96	25	0	2	16	23	20.41
3	23	0	1	17	17.7	14.3	22	0	2	16	20	18	25	0	6	15	23.9	20.5
*3	27	0	0	13	26	20.6	25	0	0	11	21.7	19.7	22	0	0	13	21.75	19.13
4	35	0	5	23	32.7	31	38	0	7	23	33	31	36	0	8	23	35	31.3
5	42	0	6	27	38.9	33.4	43	0	7	23	41.3	38.17	39	0	11	25	35.51	28.2

\*Primary.

NO.	NAME.	TERMS.	TEACHERS.	WAGES.	LENGTH OF SCHOOL.
1.	Bog,	Spring, Fall, Winter,	Mattie W. White, Mattie W. White, Mattie W. White,	\$30.00 30.00 32.00	2½ months. 2½ months. 4 months.
2.	Wheldon,	Spring, Fall, Winter,	Mary E. Haney, Mary E. Haney, Mary E. Haney,	30.00 30.00 32.00	2½ months. 2½ months. 4 months.
3.	Village Grammar,	Spring, Fall, Winter,	Emma S. Richardson Emma S. Richardson Emma S. Richardson	35.00 35.00 35.00	2½ months. 2½ months. 4 months.
*3.	Village Primary,	Spring, Fall, Winter,	Mary S. Howard, Mary S. Howard, Mary S. Howard,	32.00 32.00 32.00	2½ months. 2½ months. 4 months.
4.	Perry Hill,	Spring, Fall, Winter,	Hattie O. Warren. Hattie O. Warren, Hattie O. Warren,	32.00 32.00 35.00	2½ months. 2½ months. 4 months.
5.	Long Plain,	Spring, Fall, Winter,	Cornelia R. Church, Cornelia R. Church, Lottie L. Holt,	40.00 40.00 35.00	2½ months. 2½ months. 4 months.



The number of children in the town May 1, 1885, between 5 and 15 years was 187.

Amount appropriated for schools,	\$1,700.00
Amount of income of school fund,	210.88
Amount of dog fund,	144.40
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	\$2,055.28

Pupils who have been neither absent nor tardy during the year:

#### BOG SCHOOL.

SPRING TERM—Mary E. Hawes and Charles Paterson.

FALL TERM—Rexford G. Morse, not absent; tardy once.

WINTER TERM—None.

#### WHELDON SCHOOL.

SPRING TERM—Theron R. Parker.

FALL TERM—Clarence M. Drake, Carrie C. Parker, Theron R. Parker and George Parris.

WINTER TERM—Avery O. Parker, Carrie C. Parker, Harry N. Parker, Frank J. Parker, Theron R. Parker and Henry C. White.

#### VILLAGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

SPRING TERM—Millie D. Allen.

FALL TERM—Frederic C. Taber, Alfred Wing, Bertha Andrews and Helen B. Collins.

WINTER TERM—Chester B. Wing, Harold C. Wing and Bertha Andrews.



## VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

SPRING TERM—Charles Gifford and Harry Taber.

FALL TERM—Mamie Collins, Susie Dexter, Hattie Houston, Alice Reynolds, Lizzie Andrews, Edith Dexter, Charles Gardiner, Charles Gifford, Bertie Reynolds and Harry Taber.

WINTER TERM—Lizzie Andrews, Edith Dexter, Charles Gifford, Lester Taber, Harry Taber.

## PERRY HILL SCHOOL.

SPRING TERM—Mabel F. Bumpus, Ebbie E. Bumpus, Lucy E. Hathaway, Willie T. Howland, Annie F. Howland, Georgie Howland, Etta M. Nichols, Martie Tripp, Millie E. Tripp.

FALL TERM—Roly E. Bumpus, Joel P. Bradford, Chester A. Doty, Lucy E. Hathaway, Willie T. Howland, Willie Sherman, Bennie A. Tripp, Martie Tripp.

WINTER TERM—Joel P. Bradford, Lucy E. Hathaway, Phebe Hathaway, Annie F. Howland, Jerome P. Tripp, Fred O. Tripp.

## LONG PLAIN SCHOOL.

SPRING TERM—Walton Braley, John Geggatt, Stephen Slocum, Julia Tripp and Clarence Tripp.

FALL TERM—Walton Braley, Alice Braley, John Geggatt, Louise Howland, Alice Howland, Susie Howland, Jennie Howland, Ida Leonard, Hattie Pierce, Stephen Slocum and Amah White.

WINTER TERM—Walton Braley, Louise Howland and Alice Howland.

Respectfully submitted.

CALEB SLADE,	} Committee.
THOMAS E. BRALEY,	
FRANK T. HOWLAND,	

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