

46<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

# ACUSHNET

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 1, 1906.

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NEW BEDFORD, MASS.:

NEW BEDFORD PRINTING COMPANY.

1906



## TOWN OFFICERS

Elected at the Annual Town Meeting held March 6, 1905.

*Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector of Taxes.*

ALDEN WHITE.

*Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.*

HENRY F. TABER.

EBEN F. LEONARD, MOSES S. DOUGLASS.

*School Committee for Three Years,*

EMERY E. CUSHMAN.

*Board of Health for Three Years.*

EMERY E. CUSHMAN.

*Single Highway Surveyor for One Year.*

GEORGE S. CROCKER.

*Tree Warden for One Year.*

WILLARD B. PECKHAM.

*Trustee of Free Public Library for Three Years.*

GEORGE J. PARKER.

*Auditor.*

JOSEPH T. BROWNELL.

*Constables.*

SYLVESTER PRATT, CHARLES P. COTTLE.  
HENRY A. JACKSON.

*Surveyors of Lumber.*

EDWARD W. ASHLEY, CHARLES F. LEONARD  
EMERY E. CUSHMAN, SAMUEL WING,  
HENRY F. TABER.

*Pound Keepers.*

JOSEPH GREENWOOD, HENRY A. JACKSON.

*Field Drivers.*

JOSEPH B. SLOCUM, JOHN GEGGATT.

*Fence Viewers.*

JOSEPH B. SLOCUM, HENRY F. TABER,  
WILLARD B. PECKHAM.

ALDEN WHITE, Collector.

In account with the Town of Acushnet.

DR.

To uncollected taxes of 1903,	\$334.12
“ “ 1904,	834.17
Amount of tax bills of 1905:	
State tax,	840.00
State highway tax,	135.35
County tax,	1,043.05
Town tax,	10,862.10
Additional assessment,	7.60
Interest on taxes collected,	38.77
	<hr/> \$14,095.16

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By amount paid State Treasurer,	\$840.00
Amount paid County Treasurer,	1,043.05
Amount paid State Treasurer,	135.35
Amount paid Town Treasurer,	9,815.68
Discount for prompt payment,	641.17
Abatement by assessors,	19.40
Remitted by assessors,	18.68
Uncollected taxes of 1904,	368.29
Uncollected taxes of of 1905,	1,213.54
	<hr/> \$14,095.16



**ALDEN WHITE, Treasurer.**

In account with the Town of Acushnet.

**DR.**

Feb. 1, 1905.	
To balance in treasury,	\$881.96
Amounts received from State Treasurer:	
Corporation tax,	133.96
Balance of corporation tax,	6.31
National bank tax,	469.52
Income from state school fund,	831.75
Return of high school tuition, acct. '04,	445.90
High school tuition,	702.65
Return of state aid,	391.00
For supt. of schools,	250.00
For inspection of animals,	20.25
For support of sick paupers,	3.11
For support of poor,	26.00
From County Treasurer, dog fund,	282.21
Merchants National Bank, loans,	3,000.00
Acushnet M. E. Church Society, loans,	1,000.00
Moses S. Douglass, loans,	250.00
Eben F. Leonard, loans,	500.00
Methodist Society, Long Plain, rent of barge,	2.00
Melbourne P. Morton, rent of town farm,	84.00
Town of Rochester, tuition,	19.50
Town of Lakeville, poor,	11.76
Town of Freetown, tuition,	30.00
J. O. Douglass, auctioneer's license,	2.00
Subscriptions to macadam Morse road,	189.00
Joseph Sylvia, stone screenings,	.25
Manuel Fagundez, stone screenings,	.50
Mr. Peabody, stone screenings,	1.00
James Fanning, stone screenings,	.25
State, account of Highway Com.,	3.75
Alden White, collector,	9,815.68
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	\$19,354.31

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By amount paid for support of poor,	\$802.11
Amount paid for incidentals and interest,	1,651.43
Amount paid for notes,	7,250.00
" " state aid,	451.00
" " support of schools,	5,497.65
" " highways,	3,196.26
" " public library,	247.54
Balance in town treasury,	258.32
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	\$19,354.31

**Gift Fund.**

To amount of fund Feb. 1, 1905,	\$1,038.14
Interest to October, 1905,	41.92
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	\$1,080.06
Paid E. F. Penney,	\$84.25
George W. Randall,	22.55
American School Furniture Co.,	151.75
Amos R. Caswell, account of barge,	125.00
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	383.55
Balance,	<hr/>
	\$696.51



## CEMETERY FUNDS.

Held in trust by the Town of Acushnet.

To principal of Elizabeth Taber fund,	\$205.09	
Interest to October, 1905,	13.27	
	<u>          </u>	\$218.36
To principal of William D. Taber fund,	\$50.00	
Interest to October, 1905,	3.06	
	<u>          </u>	\$53.06
To principal of Alfred Morse fund,	\$100.00	
Interest to October, 1905,	7.96	
	<u>          </u>	107.96
Paid for care of lot, summer 1904 and 1905,		7.00
Balance,		<u>          </u>
		\$100.96
To principal of estate of Jacob Taber		
fund for Joseph Taber burial lot,	\$100.00	
Interest to October, 1905,	3.02	
	<u>          </u>	\$103.02
Paid R. P. Hammett for care of lot,		.75
Balance,		<u>          </u>
		\$102.27
To principal of estate of Jacob Taber		
fund for Ellis Mendall burial lot,	\$100.00	
Interest to October, 1905,	3.02	
	<u>          </u>	\$103.02
Paid Alden White and Robert E. Parker for care		
of lot,		2.15
Balance,		<u>          </u>
		\$100.87

To principal John B. Fowler Fund,	\$200.00	
Interest to October, 1905,	2.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$202.00
Paid R. P. Hammett, care of lot,		1.00
Balance,		<u>          </u>
		\$201.00
To principal of John S. Perry fund,		
for the Wing burial lot,	\$100.00	
Interest to October, 1905,	1.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$101.00
Paid Richard Davis for care of lot,		1.00
Balance,		<u>          </u>
		\$100.00



## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

I respectfully present to you my report as Town Clerk for the year ending December 31, 1905.

## Births Registered in Acushnet in 1905.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Jan. 22	Myrtle Francis Morse	Everett C. and Minnie L.
Jan. 27	Otis Jerome Tripp	Frederick O. and Edith M.
Jan. 28	Caroline Hughes	James M. and Mary I.
Feb. 7	Leslie Holden Morse	Leslie P. and Susie T.
Feb. 22	Helen Gould Jackson	Henry A. and Susie H.
Mar. 2	Oscar Leroy Norton	Thomas L. and Irene E.
Mar. 8	Charles Clifton Leonard	Charles F. and Bertha D.
Mar. 11	Ernest Robert Blackburn	George P. and Annie D.
Mar. 14	Edward Leroy Ashley	Edward W. and Nannie W.
Mar. 31	Edward Forest Quintin	Theodore and Ella L.
April 6	Willie Leger	Phillip and Annie
May 6	Cecelia Rose Guilbeault	Saul and Fanny
May 7	Delia Washburn Peckham	Alva R. and Annie W.
May 22	— Tripp	Charles A. and Dora S.
July 17	Avery Whitmarsh White	Walter A. and Annie F.
July 20	Winfield Nye Robinson	Fred H. and Helen
Aug. 21	Alice May Boyd	William M. and Daisy M.
Sept. 14	Francis Everett Borden	Frank E. and Clara M.
Sept. 15	— Parris	George and Edith A.
Sept. 23	{ Roland W. Surprenant	Wilfred and Marie L.
(Twins)	{ Armand L. Surprenant	Wilfred and Marie L.
Oct. 2	{ Irene Eva Lambert	Edmund A. and Rosalind
(Twins)	{ Albert Arthur Lambert	Edmund A. and Rosalind
Oct. 5	Herbert Francis Pittsley	Charles H. and Mary O.
Nov. 5	Lora Lena Bousquet	John J. and Mary E.
Nov. 10	— Petty	George G. and Mary E.
Nov. 24	Ovila Reindeau	Ovila and Clara

## Marriages Registered in Acushnet in 1905.

DATE.	NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.
January 20	Theodore Quintin, Ella L. Braley.	Acushnet. Acushnet.
April 11	Ellwood M. Sturtevant, Lurana S. Reynolds.	Acushnet. New Bedford.
April 20	William E. Sherman, Rachel M. Ellis.	Acushnet. Acushnet.
September 17	James A. Dexter, Lizzie Jefferson.	Acushnet. New Bedford.
October 4	James F. Leshures, Helen H. Pittsley.	Easton. East Freetown.
October 17	Harold E. Taber, Roselma F. Davis.	Acushnet. Acushnet.
October 21	Thomas Hersom, Martha J. Kent.	Acushnet. Acushnet.
November 22	Eben E. Bumpus, Emma B. Hazard.	Acushnet. Acushnet.



## Deaths Registered in Acushnet in 1905.

DATE	NAME	AGE			CAUSE OF DEATH
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan. 11	Charles W. Macomber	75			Apoplexy
Jan. 27	Meribah Crane	84	8		Fracture of femur
Jan. 27	Alden W. Ball	89		16	Senility
Feb. 11	Matthew Merry	78			Fracture of femur
Feb. 8	Catherine H. Turner	72	10		Old age
Feb. 13	Catherine Mahoney	72			Old age
Feb. 28	Adeline Morse	89		21	Pneumonia
Mar. 5	John B. Fowler	62	5	7	Lagrippe, bronchitis
Mar. 8	Lucy A. Mason	82	5	3	Bright's disease
Mar. 20	Valmore Millette	2	7		Broncho pneumonia
May 5	Mary J. Bates	63			Cancer
June 26	John M. Hammett	76		20	Senility
June 28	William T. Gifford	58	11	13	Cancer, nephritis
July 1	Norman T. Morse	4	9	7	Sarcoma of liver
July 10	Jennie Dexter	48			Eczema, blood poison
July 19	Joseph S. Lewis	73	10		Epilepsy, shock
July 31	George W. Horton	50	2	30	Heart disease
Aug. 8	Benjamin F. Beetle	77	3	15	Cancer, ch. nephritis
Aug. 11	Albeni Gladdu	3	10	27	Cholera infantum
Sept. 10	George H. Palmer	82	5		Old age
Sept. 21	Lucie A. Duntlin	65	2	3	Fracture of femur
Nov. 10	— Petty			1	Inanition
Nov. 18	Sarah C. Hart	92			Old age
Nov. 19	Mary A. Russell	62	3		Cancer
Dec. 16	Hesper May Rogers	9		7	Abscess of brain
Dec. 20	Annie G. Crocker	47	2	11	Heart disease, dropsy
Dec. 21	Armand Surprenant		3		Infantile debility

ALDEN WHITE,  
Town Clerk.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the Town of Acushnet submit the following annual report of the financial affairs of the town for the year ending Feb. 1, 1906.

## Poor Account.

Mass. School for Feeble Minded, for Fred Besse,	\$33.88
Sylvester Pratt, Jerry Roberts case,	14.05
Fred Roby, nurse, " "	12.00
Dr. F. H. Robinson, " "	7.50
St. Luke's Hospital, board Jerry Roberts,	42.00
J. E. Borden, supplies, Jerry Roberts,	2.00
W. F. Douglass, on account of A. Cole,	57.63
Dr. F. H. Robinson, medical attendance, A. Cole.	18.00
Nichols & Damon,	2.00
F. W. Wentworth,	2.00
Margaret P. Gammons, board of L. Hunniwell,	101.75
David A. Rogers, board of L. Hunniwell,	49.50
City of New Bedford, L. Hunniwell's bill, 1904,	4.00
Dr. F. H. Robinson, medical attendance, L. Hunniwell,	4.00
City of New Bedford, Wm. Thatcher's bill, 1904,	9.50
Margaret P. Gammons, board of M. Patterson and wife,	202.00
David Duff & Son, coal, M. Patterson and wife,	15.00
Mrs. Bettencourt, washing, " "	1.40
Boston & Maine Railroad, express, M. Patterson and wife,	1.00
W. F. Douglass, supplies, M. Freeman,	75.00
St. Luke's Hospital, board of Rosa Serra Agros,	77.86
Dr. F. H. Robinson, medical attendance, Rosa Serra Agros,	7.50
Michael Frank, board of Mrs. Yanack,	15.00
City of New Bedford, on acct. of Mrs. Yanack,	22.00
Sylvester Pratt, " " "	2.00
Paid Eli W. Pierce, soldier's relief,	24.00
	<u>\$802.11</u>

Tramps lodged at almshouse during the year, 49.



## Incidental Account.

Charles P. Cottle, services as constable,	\$7.00
Sylvester Pratt, truant officer,	3.00
Eugene White, teller, two elections,	4.00
New Bedford Printing Co., 450 town reports,	40.00
W. R. Spooner, Com. vs. Chas. Riley,	2.00
E. W. Ashley, teller, two elections,	4.00
John W. Paul, town treasurer's bond,	24.00
Dr. Lester W. Howe, birth return,	.75
Manuel P. Sylvia, fighting fire,	1.00
Joseph Sylvia, " "	2.80
Joseph Sylvia, " "	1.60
Wakefield Daily Item, town printing,	3.60
John W. Paul, insurance on townhouse,	9.12
Joseph T. Brownell, auditor,	3.00
Theodore Quinton, fighting fire,	1.60
E. W. Ashley, " "	3.00
Emerson W. Bennett, " "	1.00
E. W. Ashley, board of health, fumigating,	4.00
A. P. R. Gilmore, teller, two elections,	4.00
Wood, Brightman & Co., repairs on pump, Parting Ways,	3.62
James H. Cobb, fighting fire,	.60
Cyrus B. Sherman, "	1.30
Wm. C. Sherman, "	2.00
Antone Enos, "	4.80
Chas. L. Peckham, "	1.00
August Irchenhauser, "	4.80
E. W. Ashley, "	4.00
Lambert Adams, "	4.80
E. W. Anthony, printing fire warden's notices, etc.,	5.37
Sylvester Pratt, for Memorial Day,	6.00
M. P. Morton, paint, paper, etc., almshouse,	8.91
August Irchenhauser, fighting fire,	2.60
E. W. Ashley, posting fire warden's notices,	3.00
N. P. Hayes, 2 doz. shovels, paint, etc.,	14.80
Michael Frank, fighting fire,	1.50
John R. Thompson, board of health,	4.75
N. B. Printing Co., 2 order books,	7.50
N. B. Printing Co., 600 tax bills,	4.75

Geo. W. Lawrence, repairs at almshouse,	89.02
Chas. H. Dillingham, " "	12.50
H. S. Hutchinson, tax book,	4.50
Sylvester Pratt, services as constable,	24.00
W. G. Taber, services as fire warden,	12.50
Albert S. Morse, fighting fire,	1.60
Sylvester Pratt, services as truant officer,	4.00
Ernest L. Morse, fighting fire,	1.00
Avery O. Parker, shelves at townhouse,	3.21
James C. Morse, fire,	1.00
A. Rounseville, lumber at town farm,	7.58
N. B. Printing Co., registration sheets,	3.50
N. B. Printing Co., 1000 receipts,	2.25
A. C. Shattuck, expressage,	6.65
Wm. Leominster, fire,	1.10
Sylvester Pratt, Com. vs. E. C. Morse,	11.54
W. R. Spooner, Com. vs. Ralph Dean,	2.50
Charles Cole, fire,	.50
E. E. Cushman, for deed,	3.00
Wood, Brightman & Co., pump, Perry Hill,	12.00
Wood, Brightman & Co., repairing, Whelden,	3.00
F. O. Tripp, inspector of cattle,	48.00
Dr. F. H. Robinson, return of births,	1.25
W. R. Spooner, Com. vs. John Bosquet,	6.40
E. Anthony & Sons, 1000 note heads,	2.75
E. W. Ashley, fire warden,	10.00
W. C. Vaughn, death returns,	1.75
Samuel Corey, teller,	2.00
Alden White, stamps, express, etc.,	8.22
Dr. J. F. Weeks, return of births,	2.25
George A. Cobb, repairs at townhouse,	.75
E. W. Ashley, fumigating,	3.00
Eben F. Leonard, services as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	68.00
Moses S. Douglass, services as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	70.00
Henry F. Taber, services as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	115.00
Henry F. Taber, stamps, etc.,	5.50
M. S. Douglass, moderator,	5.00
M. S. Douglass, bank and corporation tax,	5.00



M. S. Douglass, rendering oaths,	3.50
Alden White, attending and recording two elections and special town meetings,	12.00
Sylvester Pratt, two special town meetings,	6.00
Sylvester Pratt, truant officer,	12.00
Wood, Brightman & Co., pump, Parting Ways,	13.75
Alden White, recording births, deaths and marriages,	23.25
Emery E. Cushman, truancy cases,	2.50
Emery E. Cushman, board of health,	9.00
Richard Davis, hardware, etc., town farm,	17.61
A. White, commission as collector,	176.93
A. White, commission as treasurer,	96.91
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	\$1,140.84

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#### Interest Account.

Jose, Parker & Co.,	\$255.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	80.00
Melrose Savings Bank,	98.00
Merchants National Bank,	54.67
Acushnet M. E. Church Society,	12.50
Eben F. Leonard,	10.42
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	\$510.59

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#### Notes Paid by the Town, 1905.

Jose, Parker & Co.,	\$1,500.00
Melrose Savings Bank,	1,000.00
Merchants National Bank,	3,000.00
Acushnet M. E. Church Society,	1,000.00
M. S. Douglass,	250.00
Eben F. Leonard,	500.00
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	\$7,250.00

#### State Aid.

Sylvester Pratt,	\$48.00
Edward C. Tew,	48.00
Daniel V. Smith,	48.00
Samuel J. Russell,	48.00
Nathan C. Bumpus,	48.00
Isaac V. Braley,	48.00
Lois E. Chace,	48.00
Chloe J. Dillingham,	48.00
Elizabeth Potter,	36.00
Ruth A. Haskell,	27.00
Henrietta Baker,	4.00
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	\$451.00

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Orders given by the Selectmen on bills approved  
by the School Committee, \$5,497.65

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Orders given by the Selectmen on bills approved  
by the School Committee from gift fund, \$383.55

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#### Appropriations for 1905.

Schools and supt.'s salary,	\$3,500.00
Poor,	475.00
Incidentals,	1,500.00
Highways and bridges,	1,000.00
Library,	250.00
Notes and interest,	2,500.00
Macadamizing new road,	1,000.00
Slocum Street,	250.00
Moderator,	5.00

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#### Valuation of Town May 1, 1905.

Personal property,	\$134,550.00
Buildings,	282,800.00
Land,	263,900.00
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Total,	\$681,250.00



Rate of taxation,	\$18.00
Number of polls assessed,	309
Number of horses assessed,	345
Number of cows assessed,	399
Number of neat cattle assessed,	102
Number of swine assessed,	74
Number of dwellings assessed,	301
Number of acres of land assessed,	11,081
Number of fowls assessed,	7,965
Valuation of fowls,	\$3,110.00

The Town Owns Property as follows :

School houses and lots,	\$8,100.00
Town house and lot,	1,000.00
Town farm,	1,600.00
Crusher plant,	500.00
Library books,	400.00
Safes, etc.,	200.00
Gravel lots,	200.00
Total,	\$12,000.00

Present Town Debt.

Note held by Melrose Savings Bank, due Oct. 15, 1906, at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ ,	\$1,000.00
Note held by Melrose Savings Bank, due Oct. 15, 1907, at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ ,	800.00
Note in favor of Jose, Parker & Co., due Oct. 15, 1906, at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ ,	1,000.00
Note in favor of Jose, Parker & Co., due Oct. 15, 1907, at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ ,	1,000.00
Note in favor of Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due Oct. 15, 1909, at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ ,	1,000.00

Note in favor of Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due Oct. 15, 1910, at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ ,	1,000.00
Notes in favor of Jose, Parker & Co :	
Due Sept. 1, 1906, at $4\%$ ,	500.00
" 1, 1907, "	500.00
" 1, 1908, "	500.00
" 1, 1909, "	500.00
" 1, 1910, "	500.00
" 1, 1911, "	500.00
" 1, 1912, "	500.00
	<u>\$9,300.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. TABER,  
MOSES S. DOUGLASS,  
EBEN F. LEONARD,

*Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor.*

LIST OF JURORS AS PREPARED BY  
THE SELECTMEN.

Eben F. Leonard, boat builder.  
John M. Vincent, farmer.  
Abiel P. R. Gilmore, farmer.  
Joseph W. Burt, farmer.  
Emery E. Cushman, farmer.  
Charles F. Leonard, boat builder.  
Frank T. Howland, farmer.  
Eugene White, farmer.  
Thomas E. Braley, retired.  
Frederic O. Tripp, farmer.  
Henry W. Kenyon, farmer.  
Walter A. White, farmer.  
James H. Hathaway, farmer.



Orders Given by the Selectmen on Bills Approved by  
the Highway Surveyor.

Snow Bills.

Samuel Wing,	\$17.97	
W. B. Peckham,	2.26	
Uriah S. Cole,	5.78	
Antone Enos,	6.00	
Fred O. Tripp,	2.20	
Harry G. Sherman,	8.20	
George S. Crocker,	7.00	
Charles H. Crandon,	.88	
C. L. Peckham,	1.40	
		\$51.69

Incidentals.

Richard Davis, tools,	\$4.36	
C. S. Paisler, piping,	31.59	
J. E. Borden, tools,	7.05	
J. G. Nicholson, lumber,	72.67	
Wm. F. Nye, oil,	13.25	
Babbitt & Wood, supplies,	53.95	
Good Roads Machinery Co., supplies,	60.50	
Denison Bros. Co., coal,	56.20	
G. A. Cobb, supplies,	3.60	
City of New Bedford, rent of water cart,	22.00	
B. F. White, repairs,	11.80	
		336.97

Labor.

Wm. Hussey,	\$2.62	
W. B. Peckham,	20.00	
G. S. Crocker,	2,178.80	
		2,201.42

Stone Account.

Charles F. Norton,	31,460 lbs.,	\$6.29
John M. Vincent,	174,040	34.81
James H. Hathaway,	185,980	37.20

John M. Vincent,	134,610	26.92
Joseph Sylvia,	139,960	27.99
M. J. Fagundi,	263,620	52.72
J. T. Brownell,	200,210	40.04
Mrs. C. D. Gilmore,	244,610	48.92
George Enos,	176,040	35.20
H. A. Jackson,	317,660	63.53
Charles F. Norton,	269,125	53.82
Walter E. Crapo,	160,875	32.18
E. W. Morse,	63,700	12.74
Fred Leonard,	111,900	22.38
Job A. E. Chase,	24,900	4.98
Wm. C. Taber,	144,600	28.92
Eugene White,	25,040	5.00
Henry Jackson,	72,290	14.46
Jeremi Gagni,	113,150	22.63
Onesinine Provencher,	70,290	14.06
Harry G. Sherman,	19,980	4.00
Antone Bono,	63,130	12.63
J. C. Gammons,	23,810	4.76
		606.18
		\$3,196.26

Subscriptions received by Town Treasurer for use in  
Macadamizing Morse Road.

Henry A. Jackson,	\$5.00
Benj. F. White,	10.00
Clarence W. Gifford,	5.00
James B. Hamlin,	25.00
Richard Davis,	5.00
George F. Thompson,	5.00
Alden White,	10.00
Henry T. Russell,	20.00
Antone Enos,	5.00
Cyrus Sherman,	5.00
Mrs. A. E. White,	2.00



Estate H. W. Cushman,	50.00
Eben F. Leonard,	10.00
Charles F. Norton,	20.00
E. C. and R. G. Morse,	7.00
J. C. Gammons,	5.00
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	\$189.00

Subscriptions received by Highway Surveyor for use  
in Macadamizing.

E. C. and R. G. Morse,	\$86.94
G. S. Crocker,	24.00
George P. Morse,	5.00
Wm. G. Taber,	25.00
Harry G. Sherman,	5.00
August Irchenhauser,	5.00
Everett C. Hawes,	24.00
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	\$174.94

# REPORT OF HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

## Slocum Road.

Charles Norton 12 days at 1.50,	\$18.00
George Crocker, 13 days at 2.50,	32.50
Charles D. Bennett, 11 days at 4.00,	44.00
Frank Morton, 16 days at 1.50,	24.00
James Cobb, 16 days at 1.50,	24.00
George Crocker, 12 days at 2.50,	30.00
Roland Cobb, 11 days at 1.50,	16.50
Theodore Quintin, 13 days $\frac{1}{2}$ hour at 1.50,	19.58
Valamore Hammett, 1 day,	1.50
Samuel Bousquet, 5 days at 1.50,	7.50
Antone Enos, 6 days at 1.50,	9.00
C. S. Paisler, pipe,	31.59
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	\$258.17

## Road Work.

George S. Crocker, 43 days 4 hours at 2.50,	\$108.62
George S. Crocker, team 55 days at 2.50,	138.62
George S. Crocker, 22 days at 2.50,	55.00
Charles Norton, 41 days $6\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 1.50,	62.54
Willard Peckham, team 5 days at 4.00,	20.00
Phillip Crandon, team 1 day,	4.00
Frank Morton, 45 days $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 1.50,	68.06
Antone Enos, 17 days at 1.50,	25.50
James C. Gammons, team and man 3 days at 5.50,	16.50
James C. Gammons, on scraper 6 days at 5.00,	30.00
James C. Gammons, team 5 days at 4.00,	20.00
Antone Furgundas, team 2 days at 4.00,	8.00
Valamore Hammett, 37 days $2\frac{1}{4}$ hours at 1.50,	55.83
Leslie Morse, team 11 days 5 hours at 4.00,	46.20
F. J. Braley, team 4 days at 4.00,	16.00
F. J. Braley, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days at 1.50,	2.25
Andrew Cole, 1 day,	1.50
Clinton Morse, team 6 days at 4.00,	24.00



George Norton, team 6 days at 4.00,	24.00
Theodore Quintin, 22 days at 1.50,	33.00
Roland Cobb, 22 days at 1.50,	33.00
James Cobb, 41 $\frac{1}{2}$ days at 1.50,	62.25
Everett Hawes, 50 loads gravel at .06,	3.00
Charles Bennett, team 3 days at 4.00,	12.00
Samuel Bousquet, 6 days at 1.50,	9.00
Harry Sherman, team 9 days $\frac{1}{2}$ hour at 4.00,	36.22
Gus Irchenhauser, 23 days 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 1.50,	35.73
Levi Hawes, team 5 days at 4.00,	20.00
Valamore Hammett, 22 days at 1.50,	33.00
Everett Hawes, team 2 days at 4.00,	8.00
Ralph Paris, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ days at 1.50,	6.75
George Macomber, 6 days at 1.50,	9.00
—— Gifford, 7 hours at .16 $\frac{1}{2}$ ,	1.16
William Hersey, 2 days at 1.50,	3.00
C. Hersey, 1 day,	1.50
C. Taber, one-half day,	.75
George S. Crocker, 5 days at 2.50,	12.50
George S. Crocker, 2 days at 2.50,	5.00
Valmour Hammett,	1.50
—— Gifford,	1.16
Eugene White,	1.75
J. C. Gammons,	8.00
F. J. Braley,	5.50
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	\$1,069.39

#### Morse Road.

Geo. S. Crocker, 30 days at 2.50,	\$75.00
George S. Crocker, team 30 days at 2.50,	75.00
Charles Norton, 33 days at 1.50,	49.50
James Cobb, engineer, 32 days 6 hours at 2.00	65.37
William Sherman, 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ days at 2.25,	61.88
Clinton Morse, four horses 2 days at 6.50	13.00
Clinton Morse, two horses 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ days at 4.00,	66.00
Clinton Morse, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at .75,	.75
Clinton Morse team 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours at .44,	3.19
Roland Cobb, 13 days 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours at 1.50,	20.24
Geo. S. Crocker, subscription,	24.00

George A. Macomber, 18 days 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours at 1.50,	27.76
Louis Irchenhauser, 22 days 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours at 1.50,	33.76
Antone Enos, 22 days 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours at 1.50,	33.44
George Morse, team 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ days at 4.00,	26.00
Edward Morse, team 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ days at 4.00,	14.00
William Taber, team 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ days at 4.00,	50.00
Manuel Enos, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ days at 1.50,	24.75
David Hayes, 15 days at 1.50,	22.50
—— Thompson, 3 days 2 hours at 1.50,	4.82
Everett Hawes, team 13 days at 4.00,	52.00
Valamore Hammett, 4 days at 1.50,	6.00
Valamore Hammett, 10 days at 1.75,	17.50
Henry Jackson, 1 day,	1.50
Harry Sherman, team 8 days at 4.00,	32.00
Gus Chace, team 3 days at 4.00,	12.00
John Sherman, 3 days at 1.50,	4.50
Albert Morse, 16 days at 1.00,	16.00
Ernest Morse, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ days at 1.50,	23.25
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	\$855.71

#### Incidental Account.

Building new bin for crusher:	
Geo. S. Crocker, man 1 day, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours team,	\$9.05
Geo. S. Crocker, man and team 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days at 4.00,	6.00
Geo. S. Crocker, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ days at 2.50,	23.75
Charles Norton, one horse team 1 day,	2.50
Charles Norton, 3 days at 1.50,	4.50
One pulley,	4.00
Telephoning,	.30
George Fisher, for use of steam roller,	2.25
One water pail,	.30
Atlas powder,	1.55
Coal, barrel and shovel,	1.65
Lumber for crusher,	72.67
Oil for crusher,	13.25
Coal for crusher,	56.20
Material for crusher, Good Roads,	60.50
Babbitt & Wood, bill,	53.95



Edward Borden, tools,	7.05
Watering cart,	22.00
Snow bill for 1905,	1.40
Freight bill,	.76
Inspection of boilers,	7.00
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	\$350.63
Paid for 1,515 $\frac{45}{100}$ tons of stone at .40,	\$606.18
Snow bills,	\$51.69

### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

ACUSHNET, Mass., Feb. 13, 1906.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Surveyor, and School Committee's report of the Town of Acushnet for the financial year ending Feb. 1, 1906, and find them correct.

JOSEPH T. BROWNELL,  
*Auditor.*

### REPORT OF CATTLE INSPECTOR FOR 1905.

I received notice from the Cattle Bureau of the State Board of Agriculture to begin inspection the first of October, to be completed by the middle of November.

I inspected 133 barns, 589 cattle, 332 swine and 2 goats. Killed one cow afflicted with tuberculosis. Had one barn thoroughly cleansed and four properly cleaned.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED O. TRIPP,  
*Inspector.*

### REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH, 1905.

Contagious diseases during 1905 :

Scarlet fever, 1

Deaths in Acushnet, 27  
Deaths from other towns, burial in Acushnet, 3  
Total burials in Acushnet, 8  
Burials in other cemeteries, 19  
Removal permits, 0

EMERY E. CUSHMAN,  
*Clerk Board of Health.*

### DOGS.

Number of dogs licensed in town of Acushnet, 1905, 159 ;  
145 males ; 14 females.

ALDEN WHITE,  
*Town Clerk.*



# ACUSHNET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

There are in the Acushnet Public Library about 3,000 volumes. The increasing supply of books, and increasing demand for them, make it urgently necessary that we have better accommodations. If the public spirited citizens of Acushnet would call occasionally, or even once, and see for themselves the limitations and inconvenience of the present conditions, we feel convinced that there would be no delay in securing a building, or more commodious rooms for books, reading table, and the convenience of the patrons of the library.

A visitor would now find many books placed upon the settees and desk, for want of room on the already crowded shelves. This fact alone speaks eloquently of our needs.

Mrs. George A. Fuller, who has been the faithful and interested librarian of the Perry Hill branch, resigned last month.

Mrs. Clarence Ellis kindly consented to take charge of the books.

Our thanks are due the Millicent Library, Fairhaven, for 300 volumes last year, which gift was gratefully received.

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY A. BROWNELL,

*Secretary.*

## Financial Report.

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Appropriation by town,		\$200.00
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Paid librarians,		\$79.00
Subscriptions to magazines,		15.80

Library Bureau, index case,	8.00
A. E. Coffin, slips,	2.50
For books,	135.44
Mrs. A. A. Swift, bookcase,	3.30
George J. Parker, wood,	3.50
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	247.54

Balance,

\$2.46

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE J. PARKER,

*Chairman of Trustees.*

## Librarians' Report.

Report of the Librarian of the Acushnet Free Public Library for the year ending Feb. 1, 1906:

Books taken out during year,	2990
Average per week,	58
Books taken out at Perry Hill branch from March 19 to Dec. 31, 1905,	175
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1905,	\$1.87
Fines, etc., Feb. 1, 1905, to Feb. 1, 1906,	10.57
Received from Mrs. Fuller, Perry Hill branch,	.46
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	\$12.90

## EXPENSES.

Magazines,	\$2.15
Stamps,	.30
Books,	2.25
A. C. Shattuck,	1.10
Paper for book slips,	.19
Snow shovelled,	.10
Dating stamps,	.50
Paste,	.35
Blank books,	.10
Books bound and sewed,	2.85
Freight,	.50
M. E. church, for lamp,	1.00
Oil,	.14
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	11.53
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1906,	<hr/>
	\$1.37



The library subscribes for Harper's Monthly, Harper's Weekly, Collier's, the Delineator, Munsey's, McClure's, and the American Illustrated Magazine. Mrs. Clement Swift gives Our Dumb Animals. The Woman's Journal is given by the publishers, and Mrs. Thomas Knowles gives The Graphic at second hand. The Saturday Evening Post is received in the same way.

The attendance at the reading room during the year has been three hundred and sixty-six.

One hundred and sixty-five books have been bought by the town during the past year.

One or more books have been donated by the following:

Miss Emily A. Brownell, Miss Edith H. Cobb, Mrs. Thomas Knowles, Miss M. H. Nye, Mr. Samuel Russell, Mrs. Clement Swift, and the Misses Swift.

A postal card album was presented by Mr. William Wing. The Millicent Library, of Fairhaven, has given about three hundred of its rejected books.

Respectfully submitted,

ELSIE COLLINS,

*Librarian.*

#### LONG PLAIN BRANCH.

Report of Long Plain Branch Library for year ending Feb. 1, 1906:

Number of books taken out from Feb. 1, 1905, to Feb. 1, 1906, 498. Fines, \$1.17.

SOPHRONIA W. VEAZIE,

*Librarian.*

#### PERRY HILL BRANCH.

Report of the Perry Hill Branch Free Public Library from Jan. 10, 1906, to Feb. 7, 1906:

Thirty-six books and two magazines have been taken out of the Library since Jan. 10.

ALTHEA I. ELLIS,

*Librarian.*

# BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

1906

## MEMBERS

THOMAS J. ROBINSON,

Term expires 1906

WILLIAMS C. ASHLEY,

Term expires 1907

EMERY E. CUSHMAN,

Term expires 1908

WILLIAMS C. ASHLEY, Chairman.

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



# CALENDAR, 1906-1907.

## 1906.

MONDAY, JAN. 8	.	.	.	.	Schools re-open
THURSDAY, FEB. 22	.	.	.	.	Washington's birthday
FRIDAY, MARCH 30	.				All schools close. Spring vacation
MONDAY, APRIL 9	.	.	.	.	Schools re-open
THURSDAY, APRIL 19	.	.	.	.	Patriots' day
WEDNESDAY, MAY 30	.	.	.	.	Memorial day
FRIDAY, JUNE 22	.				All schools close. Summer vacation
MONDAY, SEPT. 10	.	.	.	.	All schools open
THURSDAY, NOV. 29 and 30	.				Thanksgiving holidays
FRIDAY, DEC. 21					All schools close. Christmas vacation

## 1907.

MONDAY, JAN. 7	.	.	.	.	All schools re-open
FRIDAY, MARCH 29	.				All schools close. Spring vacation
MONDAY, APRIL 8	.	.	.	.	All schools re-open

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

1906.

## Receipts.

Appropriation,	\$3,650.00
Received from state (school fund),	831.75
" " " (acct. superintendent)	250.00
" " county (dog tax),	282.21
" " town of Freetown (tuition)	30.00
" " town of Rochester (tuition)	19.50
" " rent of barge,	2.00
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	\$5,065.46
Deficit Feb. 1, 1905,	181.61
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Net available receipts,	\$4,883.85

## Expenditures.

Teachers' salaries,	\$2,775.50
Superintendent,	360.00
Janitors,	355.23
Conveyance,	484.00
Fuel,	266.53
Repairs,	168.16
Books and supplies,	282.26
Miscellaneous,	312.11
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	5,003.79
Overdrawn,	<hr/>
	\$119.94

## High School.

### TUITION ACCOUNT. RECEIPTS.

Received from state (1903-1904),	\$445.90
" " " (1904-1905),	702.65
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	\$1,148.55

### EXPENDITURES.

Paid town of Fairhaven,	\$220.00
" city of New Bedford,	273.86
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	493.86

Balance (to meet tuition bills falling due before state money is received),	\$654.69
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## Teachers.

Vashti M. Crosby,	\$477.50
Marie S. Howard,	390.00
Alice Lilley,	390.00
Laura C. Kelsey,	228.00
Bethia S. Keith,	228.00
Margaret J. Marshall,	190.00
Ethel R. Fothergill,	171.00
Minerva M. Sparrow,	171.00
Gertrude E. Gibbs,	142.50
Bertha L. Hamblin,	142.50
Leola G. Watson,	135.00
Emma F. Longley,	45.00
Carolyn P. Brightman,	36.00
Bessie Hirst,	27.00
Anna B. Trowbridge,	2.00
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	\$2,775.50

## Janitors.

Robinson Robinson,	\$260.00
Clifford Ashley,	34.50
Harold Bennett,	13.75
Mrs. Ann Pittsley,	10.50
C. W. Spooner,	7.20
George Enos,	7.00
W. R. Butts,	4.00
Mrs. Ellen Cole,	4.00
Elsie S. Jenney,	3.51
Emily Cole,	3.13
Leroy E. Ellis,	3.00
Valetta Bumpus,	2.76
Maud W. Sherman,	1.88
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	\$355.23

## Conveyance.

L. A. Tripp,	\$358.00
D. S. Mason,	126.00
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	\$484.00

## Fuel.

F. T. Akin & Co.,	\$175.00
Alden Rounseville,	70.90
Williams C. Ashley,	16.10
City Coal Co.,	4.53
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	\$266.53

## Repairs.

E. V. Hazzard,	\$40.00
C. F. Wing,	23.31
George A. Cobb,	17.15
L. A. Tripp,	17.10
W. D. Brun,	12.00
T. J. Robinson,	11.50
John Geggatt, Jr.,	9.66
Jonathan Handy,	5.49
Chas. H. Dillingham,	4.80
H. B. Braley,	4.30
Allen E. Weeks,	3.60
George W. Bennett,	3.40
Burbo & Bouchard,	3.25
Richard Davis,	2.98
DeWolf & Vincent,	2.95
B. F. White,	2.70
Blossom Bros.,	2.18
H. B. Howland,	1.00
William P. Butler,	.79
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	\$168.16

## Books and Supplies.

E. E. Babb & Co.,	\$97.47
J. L. Hammett Co.,	65.51
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	43.01
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	30.75
Rand, McNally & Co.,	20.52
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	8.34
J. B. Lippincott Co.,	8.00
Maynard, Merrill & Co.,	6.26
Little, Brown & Co.,	2.40
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	\$282.26



## Miscellaneous.

A. R. Caswell,	\$200.00
C. F. Cushing,	16.55
E. W. Ashley,	13.00
James Brierley,	12.75
F. M. Marsh,	11.94
Richard Davis,	10.37
Samuel Wing,	10.00
Bryant & Co.,	9.00
Hatch & Co.,	7.00
Howard & Brown,	6.25
Bliss & Nye,	4.78
A. H. Wordell,	4.37
W. C. Ashley,	4.10
C. D. Waldron,	2.00
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	\$312.11

## PRESENT CORPS OF TEACHERS.

Name	School	Education
Vashti M. Crosby, <i>Prin.</i>	Acushnet	Castine Normal
Alice Lilley	Acushnet	Hyannis Normal
Margaret J. Marshall	Acushnet	Bridgewater Normal
Marie S. Howard	Acushnet	New Bedford High
Bethia S. Keith, <i>Prin.</i>	Long Plain	Bridgewater Normal
Carolyn P. Brightman	Long Plain	Bridgewater Normal
Minerva M. Sparrow	Perry Hill	Mt. Holyoke College

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

SCHOOL YEAR. September, 1904—June, 1905.

SCHOOLS	Grades.	TEACHERS	Salary per month.	Whole No. enrolled.	Average membership.	Average daily attendance.	Per cent. attendance.	Total days absence.	Cases of tardiness.	Dismissals.
Acushnet .....	5-8	Vashti M. Crosby .....	48.00	47	36	33	.92	546.5	57	21
Acushnet .....	3-4	Alice Lilley .....	40.00	46	41	39	.95	476.	53	13
Acushnet .....	1-2	Marie S. Howard .....	40.00	41	37	36	.95	350.5	15	0
Long Plain .....	5-9	Laura C. Kelsey .....	48.00	26	21	19	.90	390.	41	32
Long Plain .....	1-4	Gertrude E. Gibbs .....	30.00	22	20	18	.91	263.	105	26
Perry Hill .....	1-8	Ethel R. Fothergill .....	36.00	34	24	22	.93	296.	16	18
Bisbee .....	1-5	Bertha L. Hamblin .....	30.00	13	11	10	.90	192.	50	16
TOTALS, 1905 .....			272.00	229	190	177	.92	2514.	337	126
TOTALS, 1904 .....			298.00	219	187	164	.88	3565	714	333
TOTALS, 1903 .....			290.00	218	172	152	.86	3444	407	.....
TOTALS, 1902 .....			278.00	181	155	139	.88	2961	653	.....



### ROLL OF HONOR.

Pupils neither absent nor tardy for the year 1904-1905:

Helen L. Mahony                      Elsie Jenny

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

Margaret Murphy**	Ruth Dillingham*
Agnes Murphy**	Frank Sylvia*
Alice W. Taber**	Henry Saucier*
Alton M. Tripp**	Gardner Taber*
Albert Taber**	Flora Tripp*
Alma Champagne**	A. Paquette*
Leslie Tripp**	Jos. Guilbeault*
Harold Tripp**	Edith Tripp*
Modest Lelivre**	E. Lague*
Lawrence Mason**	Mary Petty*
Lizzie Hemman**	A. Lariviere*
Susan J. Culhane**	K. Lariviere*
Henry Tripp**	Elliot Taber*
Mildred Jenny**	Theodore Tripp*
Mary Ward**	Maurice Dean*
John Ward*	Emile Gentilhomme*
Joseph Sylvia*	Mildred Hammond*
Hannah Norton*	Sadie Sylvia*
Myrtle Weldon*	Lottie Pittsley*
Katie I. Butts*	Carlton Sherman*
George H. Ellis*	Willard Butts*
Stanley Morton*	Albert Parker*

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF ACUSHNET:—

In accordance with your requirements, I herewith present my fifth annual report, which outlines in brief the conditions at the present time and the results that may be looked for in the future.

In our last report we pointed out that a kind of educational revival had begun in Acushnet, and noted that the educational interests of the town had taken a decided advance, as a direct result of the efforts of the town and the friends of the town to provide not only adequate accommodations for the children, but to renovate and improve the school buildings and surroundings.

We mentioned that splendid material foundations were furnished for a better school spirit and for educational possibilities which had before been impossible of attainment. I desire publicly to commend the pupils and teachers who have responded to the stimulus of this improved environment and have taken a wholesome pride in the care of furniture and property. At one school a faithful and successful attempt was made to continue these exterior improvements by making beds, planting seeds, and growing plants and flowers along the borders of the yard. This is only one of many indications, not only of a wholesome and helpful attitude towards the school work, but of a personal interest and pride on the part of pupils in their schools; which as now organized and taught, command respect and confidence. Children, far more quickly than parents, catch the spirit of a school, whether it be good or whether it be bad.

In the past *four years*, and judging by the past records and reports, for many years back it has not been possible to report that *all* the schools of the town were imbued with this desired helpful and wholesome spirit, which now is manifested in every



building and school room in the town. This spirit is not only there, but it is working far-reaching results upon your children.

Hitherto, I have had to report that "Teachers are doing conscientious and faithful work—some under *most discouraging* conditions, and others under favoring circumstances."

In the report of 1904, it was necessary to remind the citizens that it was difficult "For a teacher to gain any but *inferior* results when the parents in any district maintain a spirit of avowed neutrality or of *actual opposition* to the efforts and work of the school," and to say, "This spirit is fortunately limited to a small area and a few individuals, who cannot realize how many problems involved in educating their children, demand not only their constant sympathy, but also their intelligent assistance." In the last report we could only say that "The schools *as a whole* were in charge of an efficient corps of teachers," and then explain that "There were, however, *weak places*, which would, as the system was then organized, necessarily always exist and probably grow worse."

It is with very great satisfaction that, in this fifth report, after as many years of constant thought and endeavor, we are able to say that in every case *all* the children of Acushnet are having the advantages of schools which are excellent in spirit, and taught by teachers who have had either excellent experience or training or both, as can be seen by the list on another page.

I regret that so few of the citizens have been able to enjoy with me the pleasure of seeing children, who for several years had either been doing little more than mark time, or actually losing ground, take advantage of the new opportunities which had long since rightfully belonged to them.

It is possible to point to more than one boy and girl whose whole attitude and life have been changed from viciousness and indifference to one of respect and studiousness.

The Long Plain schools are doing excellent work and promise to bring about even better results. The Perry Hill

school continues to do very creditable work, meriting and receiving the co-operating influence of the community.

The school at Parting Ways, with its four rooms well filled, is on a par with the best schools of its type in Massachusetts. Outside teachers, who have visited this school within the year, have been surprised at the order, industry and general excellence.

With the improved organization of the schools and the better trained and experienced teachers, it has been possible to make some very satisfactory beginnings in music and drawing, though we have been able to furnish but few books or materials with which to carry on these branches. There are very few towns in the state that do not have some supervision for the subjects of drawing and music. The high schools demand that pupils be prepared for examination in these subjects. For a small sum suitable supervision and proper organization of the work can be obtained.

At this time it is not necessary to set forth any argument as to the educational value of these subjects. They have become well established, and every child is entitled to the aesthetic and practical values derived therefrom.

The whole school situation in Acushnet is very hopeful. I trust there will be an increasing public interest in this most important business of the town. The best gauge of the character of a town is the character of its schools. If the schools can be brought to a plane of sufficient merit to keep the boys and girls in the schools till they are ready for the high school, many of them can be persuaded to secure the almost priceless opportunities there afforded. Such pupils will greatly improve the citizenship of any town, and stand out in marked contrast to that boy who gets disgusted with school and drags along with indifference till the law allows him to drop out. Such cases, too, often develop into specimens of citizenship which are not only a disgrace to the town, but also frequently a public burden.



Now that the *common schools* are approaching a better standard, with improved opportunities and advantages, and since the state is not only contributing generously from the school fund, but also paying the total cost of high school tuition, there is every reason for the town to rejoice. Every boy and girl in town can have his or her training extended beyond the grades through four years in the high school.

The co-operation of the thinking citizens of Acushnet will be necessary to aid your committee to keep the school system up to its present efficiency.

I wish to thank your board for your never-failing support and aid in the effort to serve the best interests of the children who, if they can be trained into fair-minded and honest citizenship, will prove an asset more valuable than houses and lands.

FRANK M. MARSH,

*Superintendent of Schools.*

January 15, 1906.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

*To the Citizens of Acushnet :*

The circulation of so many unwarranted and baseless statements and rumors during the year, make it seem advisable for the committee to make the following brief statement of facts.

After many years of unsuccessful attempts to maintain a respectable and profitable school in the Whelden district, and after two or three teachers, who could manage the school, refused to stay there at any price, the chairman of the committee, together with the superintendent, visited all the parents, with the exception of three, one of whom could not speak English, another of whom was already sending his child to the Acushnet school, while the third was not to be found.

The fact, which we had all known well for years, that this had been a most unsatisfactory, not to say bad school, was talked over with the parents. It was stated that good teachers would *not* stay in the school, and that the conditions were so bad that it had proved impossible to better them. The only alternative was to have these children carried to the Parting Ways school, where the best of the teachers and advantages could be available.

Two propositions were made to these parents: First—the school could go on as it had in the past, having a good teacher about once in four or five years, who, in the short time she was willing to stay, could not counteract all the evil and failures of the previous years. Second—the committee would allow these twenty-five children to attend the Parting Ways school and provide means of conveyance.

With the exception of the three mentioned above, the parents of the children then in the school were unanimous in fa-



vor of the second proposition, and seemed glad that some relief was found for the conditions, which at times were intolerable.

The committee, acting in good faith, and glad to make better provisions for these children, even at a greater cost, if necessary, at once voted to provide a wagon and made arrangements for their conveyance.

The children went happily and regularly, gaining a record of 98%, and getting for the first time in many years a full term's work. Here they received more than their share of the teacher's time and patience, since their needs were so great. The term was completed, and everything seemed satisfactory—not a single complaint had been heard—this was a remarkable contrast to the stream of complaints and troubles that came from the old school.

Suddenly, about two weeks before the opening of the schools in September, a town meeting was called, asking the town to request the committee to re-open the school.

Hitherto no objection had been heard, and now the opposition was largely based on the statement made by an irresponsible boy that the conduct in the barge was bad. (Yet this boy himself had been about the only troublesome case).

The unfounded assertions made in the town meeting forced the school officials, at the request of the voters, to speak in plain terms as to the conditions which had prevailed in the Whelden school, which when only half told were a disgrace to the town.

The people who wanted this school opened, whether good or bad, so voted, and the rest of the citizens largely stayed at home. As a committee we were unable to do one thing one minute and something else in another; and having been put into office to conduct the schools in accordance with our best judgment, and in accordance with the laws of the common-

wealth, could do nothing else except to continue the conveyance of these children as before arranged.

For several years the committees had acted against their best judgment and wasted much of the town's money for nine or ten pupils in the so-called Bisbee school. When the other schools opened in September it had not been possible to obtain a suitable teacher for this school, and in view of the waste of effort and money, since these few pupils had cost about \$40 per pupil—double what it cost for the rest of the town, and with vastly inferior results—the committee voted to bring the children to the Long Plain schools. Many children in town were, and are, *walking* as far, and farther, than most of these children have to *ride*. It seemed unreasonable to longer attempt to keep the school house open; it was unfair to the children not to have better opportunities; it seemed unjust to the town to longer waste the public money, and the school was discontinued. Instead of asking all the children in this locality to walk, as some were already doing, and as many other children in other parts of the town were doing, it was voted to send a carriage right to their homes.

The resulting bitterness and abuse is familiar to all. The town has been put to needless expense, the work of the committee doubled. With the committee it has been more than a question of prejudice and selfish interest. It has been a question of providing better schooling for all the children of Acushnet. By your votes the schools have been placed in our care, and their interests are our interests while they are in our charge.

We hope we are right in thinking that the large majority of the citizens place the welfare and education of the children above prejudice and imaginary troubles.

Acushnet can be proud of her schools at the present time. It will not take long to put them back where you can be ashamed of them.



The town must decide whether it wants to maintain good or bad schools, and we believe with the superintendent and many others that the character of any town will depend upon the quality and character of its schools.

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