

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN OF ACUSHNET

ON THE
Financial Affairs of the Town,

AND OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

For the year 1878-9.

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OF THE

SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF ACUSHNET.

MARCH, 1879.

The Selectmen of the town of Acushnet respectfully submit the following report:

George P. Morse, collector of taxes, is charged with			
tax bills of 1878,			\$6,199.50
Also with tax bills of	1871,		22.40
“ “	1873,		23.20
“ “	1874,		23.20
“ “	1875,		24.00
“ “	1876,		16.00
“ “	1877,		120.00
			\$6,428.30

COLLECTOR'S CREDIT.

Paid state tax,			\$340.00
Paid county tax,			588.81
Six per cent. discount on taxes collected on			
or before October 10th, 1878,			325.98
Commission on taxes collected,			59.65
Taxes remitted,			54.00
Uncollected taxes for	1871,		22.40
“ “	1873,		23.20
“ “	1874,		25.20
“ “	1875,		24.00
“ “	1876,		16.00
“ “	1877,		120.00
“ “	1878,		374.00
			1,973.24
			<u>1,973.24</u>
			\$4,455.06

Amount paid town treasurer,

Treasurer's Account.

Dr.

Balance of last year's account,	\$910.12	
Received of collector,	4,455.06	
Of state, bank tax,	538.14	
Of state, corporation tax,	104.68	
Of state, state aid,	255.00	
Of state, school fund,	222.29	
Of county, dog fund,	111.03	
Of Edgar H. Gammons, peddler's license,	6.00	
Of George Glasse, 1872 taxes,	40.00	
Of Wm. Hall for Perry Hill school-house,	13.25	
Of city of New Bedford for helping poor,	72.50	
Of town of Mattapoisett for helping poor,	151.75	
Of city of Taunton for helping poor,	14.87	
Of town of Waltham for helping poor,	33.00	
Of town of Freetown for helping poor,	15.00	
Of Daniel V. Smith for use of gravel lot,	10.00	
Of James Dall for schooling,	8.00	
Of Richard Davis, Jr., Bog school-house,	45.00	
Of S. B. Hamlin for use of school-house lot,	3.00	
Interest on taxes,	13.98	
Of Edward R. Ashley as auctioneer,	2.00	\$7,024.67

Treasurer's Account.

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Paid for support of poor,	\$1,102.01	
For support of public schools,	2,058.64	
For incidental expenses,	870.96	
For repairs on highways,	1,498.60	
For new school-house,	915.59	
For state aid,	160.50	
For soldiers' aid,	57.50	
For treasurer's commission,	33.85	
Balance in treasury March 25th, 1879,	327.02	\$7,024.67

Poor Account.

Paid Sylvester Pratt, services at alms-house,	\$125.00
Richard Davis, Jr., supplies at alms-house,	95.85
Slade & Macomber, supplies at alms-house,	211.75
D. H. Cannon for medical attendance,	2.00
Wm. H. Chappell, for C. W. Shepard and S. F. Gifford,	59.00

Paid Aid to Betsey Oliver,	39.00	
Aid to Ruth Cook,	26.00	
Aid to Mary J. Wilber,	78.00	
Aid to New Bedford poor,	83.75	
Aid to Mattapoisett poor,	68.25	
Aid to Taunton poor,	6.00	
Aid to Waltham poor,	33.00	
Caleb Slade for 2 shoats,	16.00	
Aid to Freetown poor,	15.00	
George W. Lawrence for whitewashing at alms-house,	2.75	
Pratt & Alley, for Sarah F. Gifford, supplies,	37.00	
John Manter, Jr., box soap, boots and shoes,	14.15	
Eben Leonard, funeral expenses of Geo. Green,	7.50	
City of Taunton, for Eunice Pierce,	13.08	
Sylvester Pratt, bought for alms-house,	17.81	
Mrs. Pratt, making clothes for inmates,	3.00	
Joshua Morse, wood to Charles W. Shepard,	4.84	
Town of Fairhaven, for B. Oliver and Mrs. Besse,	19.50	
Joseph Wallen for cutting wood,	3.75	
Davis Pickens for meat at alms-house,	30.00	
Ebenezer Leonard, wood to Lucy Ham- mond and preparing,	10.70	
Richard Davis, Jr., wood to C. W. Shepard and others,	26.03	
City of New Bedford, helping poor,	53.30	\$1,102.01
Deduct for helping New Bedford poor,	\$83.75	
" " Mattapoisett poor,	68.25	
" " Waltham poor,	33.00	
" " Freetown poor,	15.00	
" " Taunton poor,	6.00	206.00
Actual cost of Acushnet poor,		\$896.01

Incidental Expenses.

Paid Wm. Brownell and James Burt, audit- ors in 1877-8,	\$3.00
E. A. Delano, setting guide posts,	.75
W. F. Wheaton, printing town reports for 1877-8,	14.50

Paid N. Waterman, clock for school-house,	3.50
Daniel V. Smith, glass and setting at school-houses,	4.95
Julia Dunham, cleaning school-house,	9.00
Collins & Allen, order book,	4.50
Edward G. Dillingham, tax refunded on Friends' meeting or Abner Pease fund,	30.55
Samuel B. Hamlin, plank for bridge,	1.13
Charles Fuller, expressage on books, &c.	4.05
S. P. Sawyer for school fixtures,	1.52
Wm. H. Bisbee for gravel lot,	75.00
Henry C. Cole, duster for school-house,	.30
S. Hutchinson for books,	13.53
John F. Nickerson, plan for school-house,	1.50
William H. Chappell, duster for school-house,	.65
Jas. B. Hazard, blackboards at school-house,	6.25
Amos Reynolds for cutting wood at school-house,	1.00
John F. Chamberlain, fixing stove and pipe,	2.50
Noah F. Mendall for 2 scrapers, picks, hammers, &c.,	15.04
Acushnet Sawmill Co., 2 old saws and lumber,	3.69
Daniel V. Smith, painting Long Plain school-house two coats,	48.00
Naomi P. Luther for gravel lot,	100.00
Pardon Taber, Jr., expenses to Boston to correct taxes,	4.00
Mrs. Frank Pittsley, cleaning school-houses,	8.00
Charles L. Russell for repairs and setting glass,	.80
George A. Cobb for stovepipe and fixing pump,	15.02
Pardon Taber, Jr., and Joshua Morse, expenses to Taunton on town business,	1.00
George Kirby, Jr., for paints and oil,	27.67
Cornelius A. Howland, blacksmithing,	.70
James H. Page, casting for stove, and broom,	1.50
Wm. L. Holmes for services as con-stable,	8.00
E. Anthony & Sons for printing,	8.25

Paid interest on money borrowed,	17.08	
George F. Pratt, county treasurer, for Slade's Ferry bridge,	162.86	
John Sylvia, clearing out well at school- house,	5.00	
Town clerk, recording births and deaths,	15.90	
Pardon Taber, Jr., stamps and sta- tionery,	2.49	
Ebenezer Leonard, stop-water at school- house,	1.25	
Joshua Morse, expenses to Boston and Brockton, on town business,	7.00	
Burrage Y. Warner, services as school committee,	35.00	
George P. Morse, services as school committee,	30.00	
Charles L. Russell, services as school committee,	20.00	
Pardon Taber, Jr., services as select- man, assessor and overseer of the poor,	90.00	
Joshua Morse, services as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	30.00	
Ebenezer Leonard, services as select- man, assessor and overseer of the poor,	30.00	
George P. Morse, stamps and bell-rope,	1.48	
Richard Davis, Jr, school fixtures,	1.05	
Edward R. Ashley, auctioneer,	2.00	\$870.96

Support of Schools.

Paid Moses S. Douglass for wood,	\$3.08
Herbert Wright for making fires,	4.50
City of New Bedford for schooling Rogers boy,	11.00
Pardon Taber, Jr., for wood and preparing,	3.25
Frank Ashley for making fires and sweeping,	6.40
Henry M. Cole for teaching,	405.00
L. E. Hiller for teaching,	75.00
George T. Russell for teaching,	292.00
Clara A. Springer for teaching,	88.00
Mary Macy for teaching,	142.50
Mary S. Howard for teaching,	283.00
E. G. Ruggles for sweeping and making fires,	17.60

Paid Emily A. Delano for teaching,	195.00	
Mary M. Leonard for teaching,	206.25	
Carrie T. Spear for teaching,	205.00	
Joseph Maxim, preparing wood,	3.00	
Job T. Haskins, preparing wood,	6.00	
Edward Lacy, preparing wood,	1.75	
Francis Tatro, preparing wood,	2.00	
J. S. Ashley, preparing wood and making fires,	10.12	
Richard Davis, Jr., wood to schools,	76.19	
Cora B. Hall for sweeping and making fires,	14.00	
Frank Wright for making fires and sweeping,	4.00	
Henry Gibbs for making fires and sweeping,	4.00	\$2,058.64

Highway Account, 1878-9.

Under the direction of Samuel Wing.

Paid Samuel Wing,	\$118.11	
Benjamin Hall,	4.50	
Harry Hall,	1.50	
Samuel Wing, plow points and blacksmithing,	5.70	
Samuel Wing, powder and drills,	2.00	
Joseph Maxim,	19.13	
Samuel Bolles,	22.28	
John H. Ricketson,	32.03	
Charles H. Dillingham,	25.28	
Charles F. Bennett,	5.00	
Nathan Wilcox,	14.78	
Thomas J. Robinson,	2.50	
Martin B. Gammons,	15.00	
Wm. A. Spooner,	6.00	
Edward S. Haskell,	3.00	
Noah F. Mendall,	14.00	
Henry F. Perry,	6.00	
Garrison Blackmer for bridge stone,	1.50	
Samuel Wing,	9.00	\$307.31

SNOW BILLS.

Samuel Wing,	\$4.43	
John H. Ricketson,	1.20	
Joseph Maxim,	1.28	
William Maxim,	.98	
Anthony Lawrence,	.98	
Benjamin Robinson,	3.00	
William Hathaway,	1.13	13.00

\$320.31

Under the direction of Augustus White.

Paid Augustus White,	\$72.85	
Joshua Morse,	16.25	
Charles M. Morse,	22.75	
Edward Morse,	14.00	
George P. Morse,	17.25	
Charles Cottle,	12.50	
Job A. E. Chace,	13.75	
William T. Gifford,	9.75	
Lemuel Dillingham,	6.25	
George W. Nye,	1.25	
George Spooner,	2.50	
George Whelden,	6.50	
William F. Chace,	4.00	
Stephen White,	33.90	
Joseph Burt,	10.05	
John Gifford,	4.50	
Marcus T. C. Ashley,	6.00	
John F. Nickerson,	2.25	
Samuel D. Whelden,	4.13	
Asa M. Brightman,	3.75	
Amos Reynolds,	2.25	
Alden Smith,	4.50	
John Richardson,	.75	
Wm. N. Davis,	3.75	
Joseph Whelden,	1.50	
Jonathan Potter,	1.50	
Henry Chace,	4.50	
William Albro,	8.25	
Guilford Omey,	6.30	
Edmund Delano,	1.50	
James Chamberlain, blacksmithing,	1.15	
Augustus White, plow points,	1.50	
Augustus White for gravel,	3.52	\$305.15

SNOW BILLS.

Augustus White,	\$2.45	
Charles F. Chace,	1.35	
Stephen White,	1.20	
Job A. E. Chase,	.38	
George Whelden,	.23	
Wm. F. Chace,	.68	
Samuel Tripp,	.08	6.37
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		\$311.52

Under the direction of Burrage Y. Warner.

Paid Burrage Y. Warner,	\$62.62	
Milton B. Warner,	15.50	
Chester Thornton,	14.00	
Wm. Gracia,	13.50	
Joseph James,	2.00	
James R. Sherman,	4.50	
George S. Wilber,	9.50	
Frank Pittsley,	14.50	
George L. Morse,	7.50	
James A. Peckham,	2.25	
For gravel,	2.00	
For sharpening tools,	1.93	\$149.80
	SNOW BILL.	2.25
Burrage Y. Warner,		<u>2.25</u>
		\$152.05

Under the direction of Noah F. Mendall.

Paid Noah F. Mendall,	\$189.41	
Wm. A. Spooner,	49.87	
Wm. Mayo,	21.75	
Job Haskins,	14.25	
George F. R. Snow,	32.50	
Samuel Wing,	42.60	
Henry Perry,	33.87	
Thomas Dunham,	6.00	
Joseph Maxim,	3.00	
Peleg Green,	3.75	
John Ricketson,	1.50	
Wm. F. Chace,	1.50	\$400.00
	SNOW BILLS.	
Noah F. Mendall,	\$1.50	
Wm. A. Spooner,	.53	
Wm. Mayo,	.53	
George F. R. Snow,	.60	
Thomas Dunham,	1.05	
A. F. Stephens,	.60	
E. S. Haskell,	.83	5.64
		<u>5.64</u>
		\$405.64

Under the direction of Andrew J. Wing.

Paid Andrew J. Wing,	\$137.75
Lewis Simons,	45.00
Noah Gifford,	37.50

Paid Frank Taber,	31.50	
John Gifford,	6.00	
Albert Skiff,	5.00	
Joseph Wallen,	1.50	
Richard Davis,	11.25	
Cornelius A. Howland for gravel,	10.35	
Cornelius A. Howland for blacksmithing,	3.13	\$288.98

SNOW BILLS.

Andrew J. Wing,	\$4.00	
Jeremiah Hammett,	1 60	
Benj. R. White,	1.60	
Lewis Simons,	1.60	
Abram Skiff,	.50	
Alden Howland,	1.00	
Noah Gifford,	1.10	
Robert Stephens,	.90	
Walter Pierce,	1.20	
Edward R. Ashley,	2.70	
Joseph Wallen,	1.60	
George York,	.90	
Bradford O. Braley,	.60	
Josiah Burnham,	.80	20.10
		<u>\$309.08</u>

New School House.

Paid Zacheus H. Wright and Benjamin Robinson for building new school-house,	\$645.43	
Edward Morse for school-house lot,	25.00	
Benjamin Wilson for grading lot,	94.52	
J. F. Chamberlain, stove, pipe, &c.,	12.87	
Wm. Jordan, settees and chair,	10.00	
J. A. Dexter for clock,	5.00	
Michigan School Furniture Co.,	110.65	
Freight and carting school furniture,	12.12	\$915.59

Inmates at Alms-house in March, 1879.

Solomon Wilber,	aged 72 years.
Laura Wilber,	" 74 "
Sarah J. Besse,	" 28 "
Geo. W. Besse,	" 2 "
Sarah F. Skiff,	" 22 "
Adaline Bennett,	" 55 "
Frank A. Gammons,	" 38 "

Poor Helped out of Alms-house,

Charles W. Shepard and wife at New Bedford.	"	"	
Mary J. Wilber,	"	"	
Ruth Cook,	"	"	
Sarah F. Gifford,	"	"	
Abraham Ashley and wife,			
Betsey Oliver at Fairhaven.			
Eunice Pierce at Taunton.			
Edward W. Braley at Brockton.			
Lucy Hammond at Acushnet.			
Cost to support poor at alms-house,		\$522.06	
Cost to support poor out of alms-house,		373.95	\$896.01

Assessed Value of Real and Personal Estate in the Town of Acushnet May 1st, 1878.

Real Estate,	\$450,850.00
Personal Estate,	115,500.00
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	\$566,350.00

Total valuation,

Tax in 1878, \$10 on \$1000.	
Number of polls, 266.	
Tax on polls, \$2 each.	
Number of dwelling houses taxed,	232
Number of horses	" 237
Number of cows	" 397
Number of acres of land	" 10,756

State Aid Paid 1878-9.

Paid A. F. Howland,	\$72.00	
George D. Whitney,	48.00	
Francis Pittsley, Jr.,	28.50	
Emily W. Cole,	4.00	
Emily McElroy,	8.00	\$160.50

Soldiers' Aid Paid in 1878-9.

Paid William S. Gracia,	\$7.50	
Walter A. Pierce,	10.00	
Eli W. Pierce,	6.00	
George F. Gibbs,	14.00	
Silas Lawrence,	8.00	
Robert Stephens,	12.00	\$57.50

State and County Taxes for 1878.

Paid State treasurer,	\$340.00	
County treasurer,	588.81	\$928.81

Discount on Taxes.

Amount discounted on taxes to October 10th, 1878,	\$325.98
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Number of tramps lodged at alms-house last year, 52.

Assets.

Cash in treasury, March 25th, 1879,	\$317.02	
Due from New Bedford for helping poor,	97.75	
Due from State, bank and corporation tax,	100.00	
Due from State, State and soldiers' aid,	218.00	
Due from L. T. Jennings for school-house,	40.00	\$772.77

In addition to the above assets, the town
owns property as follows, viz.:

School-houses and lots,	\$10,300.00	
Town farm and buildings,	1,500.00	
Furniture and stock at alms-house,	200.00	
Gravel lots,	500.00	\$12,500.00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PARDON TABER, Jr.,	} Selectmen of the town of Acushnet.
JOSHUA MORSE,	
EBENEZER LEONARD,	

REPORT
OF THE
School Committee of the Town of Acushnet,
FOR THE YEAR 1878-9.

Another year has passed, and with its termination the time has arrived for the School Committee to render an account of their stewardship.

The organization of the committee was made by the choice of B. Y. Warner as chairman, and the appointment of George P. Morse, secretary.

The special superintendence of the several schools of the town was assigned to the members of the committee as follows, viz.:

The Bog and Whelden schools to B. Y. Warner.

The Village Grammar and Primary schools to Charles L. Russell.

Long Plain and Perry Hill to George P. Morse.

Amount of money raised by taxation for support of
schools,

\$1,800.00

Received from State school fund,

222.29

Dog fund,

111.03

SUMMER.							FALL.					WINTER.									
No. of schools.		Attendance between 5 and 15.		Attendance over 15.		Attendance under 5.		Whole attendance.		Average attendance.		Attendance between 5 and 15.		Attendance over 15.		Attendance under 5.		Whole attendance.		Average attendance.	
1	18	0	0	18	13							20	0	2	22	18					
2	30	1	0	31	26.9							24	3	0	27	22.4					
*3	32	0	1	33	27							24	0	1	25	18					
4	27	2	0	29	23							29	6	0	35	23					
5	29	1	1	31	27.1							26	1	0	27	22.3					

No.	Name.	Terms.	Teachers.	Wages.	Length of Schools.
1,	Bog,	Summer,	Mary M. Macy,	\$30.00	2½ mos.
		Fall,	Emily A. Delano,	30.00	2½ "
		Winter,	Emily A. Delano,	30.00	4 "
2,	Whelden,	Summer,	Geo. T. Russell, Jr.,	40.00	2½ "
		Fall,	Mary M. Macy,	30.00	2½ "
		Winter,	Geo. T. Russell, Jr.,	48.00	4 "
3,	Grammar School,	Summer,	Henry M. Cole,	45.00	
		Fall,	Henry M. Cole,	45.00	
		Winter,	Henry M. Cole,	45.00	
3,	Primary,	Summer,	Mary S. Howard,	30.00	2½ "
		Fall,	Mary S. Howard,	32.09	2½ "
		Winter,	Mary S. Howard,	32.00	4 "
4,	Perry Hill,	Summer,	Clara B. Springer,	32.00	2½ "
		Fall,	Mary M. Leonard,	30.00	2½ "
		Winter,	Mary M. Leonard,	35.00	3½ "
5,	Long Plain,	Summer,	Lizzietta E. Hiller,	30.00	2½ "
		Fall,	Carrie F. Spear,	31.00	2½ "
		Winter,	Carrie F. Spear,	32.00	3½ "

*Primary.

The school No. 1 has made good progress during the year, and been taught by Emily A. Delano during the Fall and Winter terms, and by Miss Mary Macy in the Spring term. The Whelden school has been taught by George T. Russell, Jr., Spring and Winter terms; Fall term by Miss Macy. Mr. Russell enjoys an enviable reputation as a successful teacher, exhibiting at all times those qualities so essential to success, viz., firmness, patience and self-possession. Mr. Henry M. Cole has closed his labors at the Village Grammar School, to pursue his studies at the Boston Uni-

versity. He leaves a large circle of friends in Acushnet, who will ever be glad to hear of his success. Miss Mary S. Howard, teacher of the Primary School, is a model teacher; possessing a faculty to govern by kindness, and to arouse a wonderful degree of pride and emulation on the part of the school. The Perry Hill School has suffered from the presence of scarlet fever, which was the means of preventing a large number from attending school for several weeks previous to its close, causing the average attendance to fall much below the other schools. Miss Mary M. Leonard, who has had charge of the school during the Fall and Winter terms, has decided to resign, and seek a situation elsewhere. Having had considerable experience in teaching, she entered upon her arduous duties with a knowledge of what she ought to do, and a determination to do it. She will take with her the best wishes of the entire community. The Spring term of the school at Long Plain was taught by Miss L. E. Hiller; the Fall and Winter terms by Miss Carrie F. Spear; and we believe commendable progress was made.

The town has completed its last school-house, making five that have been built in as many years, either of which is a credit to the town. The one erected the past year is all that we could expect or desire, and the situation (although at the time it drew out quite an animated discussion among those more especially concerned) is believed to be the best in that vicinity for the purpose.

It gives us great satisfaction to know that in proportion to its size and population, this town has provided for the education of its children as well as any town in the State, or perhaps in the Union. The children should repay the generosity shown them, by preserving their school-houses in their present neatness, and by doing all in their power to make the school as pleasant as its surroundings.

It would naturally be expected that with all the improvements there would be greater advancement among the scholars than formerly. We can safely say that this has generally been the case. As we review the past school year, we feel that it will stand before, or at least compare favorably with, any that has preceded it. Yet there is room for improvement.

Teachers sometimes neglect things that they consider of little importance, but which are, in fact, of considerable moment. For

example, there are many teachers who pay no regard to their pupils making figures. So long as a child can do a problem from the arithmetic and get the right answer, it makes no difference whether he uses Arabic figures or characters which resemble Egyptian hieroglyphics. This is not the only one of these little faults. We give this as an illustration. There are many others in orthoepy, orthography and reading, which might be corrected. Scholars should be taught to use care, accuracy and neatness in all their work.

In conclusion, we can express the hope that the incoming Board will use a wise discretion in selecting teachers to fill the vacancies existing.

B. Y. WARNER.
GEORGE P. MORSE.
CHARLES L. RUSSELL,