

Annual Report

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Town Officers Elected at the Annual Town Meeting
held April 1, 1889.

Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector of Taxes.

DENNIS S. MASON.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

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

School Committee.

EDWARD W. ASHLEY.

Surveyors of Lumber.

EDWARD R. ASHLEY,
BENJAMIN WHITE,
LEVI WING.

Constables.

SYLVESTER PRATT,
GEORGE A. FULLER.

Health Committee.

CHARLES M. MORSE, Jr.,
JOSEPH T. BROWNELL,
SYLVESTER PRATT.

Field Drivers.

JOHN M. VINCENT,
SYLVESTER PRATT,
WILLIAM J. R. MAYO,
JAMES F. CHAMBERLAIN.

Pound Keepers.

JOSEPH T. BROWNELL,
DAVID CHASE.

Fence Viewers.

GEORGE T. RUSSELL,
EDWARD R. ASHLEY,
JAMES R. ALLEN.

Herring Inspectors.

HENRY C. TABER,
GEORGE T. RUSSELL,
RICHARD DAVIS.

Auditors.

BENJAMIN T. WILBUR,
RICHARD DAVIS.

REPORT.

Appropriations for the year 1889-90.

For support of poor,	\$900.00
Incidental expenses,	100.00
Support of schools,	1,700.00
Repairs of highways,	1,500.00
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	\$4,200.00

Caleb Slade, Ex-Collector, in account with the town of
Acushnet:

DR.

To uncollected taxes of 1882,	\$3.90	
Uncollected taxes of 1883,	3.20	
Uncollected taxes of 1884,	3.20	
Uncollected taxes of 1885,	8.00	
Uncollected taxes of 1886,	32.18	
Uncollected taxes of 1887,	92.79	
Uncollected taxes of 1888,	287.00	
Interest on taxes collected,	10.28	\$440.55

CR.

By amount paid Town Treasurer,	\$282.95	
Taxes remitted,	44.03	
Uncollected taxes of 1884,	.64	
Uncollected taxes of 1885,	.80	
Uncollected taxes of 1886,	12.63	
Uncollected taxes of 1887,	22.50	
Uncollected taxes of 1888,	77.00	\$440.55

Respectfully submitted.
CALEB SLADE.

I would most respectfully present to you my account as Collector of Taxes and Town Treasurer, for the financial year ending March 15, 1890.

D. S. Mason, Collector, in account with the Town of Acushnet:

DR.

Amount of tax bills of 1889:

State tax,	\$660.00	
County tax,	979.08	
Town tax,	5,996.85	
Interest on taxes collected,	1.54	\$7,637.47

CR.

By amount paid State Treasurer,	\$660.00	
Amount paid County Treasurer,	979.08	
Amount paid Town Treasurer,	5,540.72	
Discount for prompt payment,	314.34	
Abatement by Assessors,	5.38	
Taxes remitted,	2.90	
Uncollected taxes of 1889,	135.05	\$7,637.47

D. S. Mason, Town Treasurer, in account with the town of Acushnet:

DR.

1889, March 15. Balance of cash,	\$1,472.00
To amount received from State Treasurer:	
For corporation tax,	274.64
For national bank tax,	702.56
For State aid,	84.00
Income of school fund,	207.22
County Treasurer, dog fund,	154.76
D. S. Mason, Collector,	5,540.72
George R. Cook, for support of Mary M. Cook,	169.46
Benjamin White, guardian of William D. Taber,	169.46
John M. Collins, for support of Patience T. Collins,	169.46

To amount received from Treasurer of		
Lowell Fire Insurance Com-		
pany as premium,	\$.50	
Daniel V. Smith, for use of town		
lot,	4.00	
Frederic W. Bowles, for support		
of wife in almshouse,	15.00	
L. T. Jennings for steel,	3.00	
City of New Bedford for support		
of poor,	4.66	
Joseph Spooner for paving stones,	1.00	
O. S. Besse for cow, calves, and		
milk sold,	45.09	
George F. Bartlett and others,		
road account,	225.00	
Discounted loan,	984.62	
Caleb Slade, Ex-Collector,	282.95	
Charles P. Washburn, for pump,	2.00	
E. R. Ashley, auctioneer's license,	2.00	\$10,514.10

CR.

By amount paid for support of poor,	\$1,217.16	
Incidental expenses,	2,180.73	
Support of schools,	2,230.09	
Support of highways,	1,829.31	
Merchants National Bank,	1,000.00	
State Treasurer,	660.00	
County Treasurer,	979.08	
Balance of cash in treasury, March		
15, 1890,	417.73	\$10,514.10

Uncollected Taxes of 1889.

John B. Brooks,	\$2.00
William F. Chase,	4.70
Alden A. Cole,	2.45
Uriah S. Cole,	2.00
David Chase,	2.00
George W. Dexter,	2.00
Lucius E. Gamsby,	2.95
John F. Gifford,	2.00
Jeremiah Hammett,	1.60

Emma H. Howland,	\$.50
Abner C. Howland,	2.00
Rodolphus Jenney,	4.25
Latham T. Jennings,	37.19
Emma F. Morse,	6.57
Albert S. Morse,	2.00
George W. Spooner,	3.80
Charles L. Spooner,	13.84
William V. Taber,	2.00
Marcus M. Thompson,	18.88
John M. Vincent,	3.67
Charles P. Washburn,	11.00

NON-RESIDENTS.

John T. Hawes,	.90	
Joseph C. Jenney,	.90	
Estate of Enos Pope,	.45	
Franklin Sears,	1.35	
Harrison Tinkham,	.90	
Charles E. Washburn,	3.15	\$135.05

I respectfully present to you my report as Town Clerk
for the year ending December 31, 1889.

Births Registered in Acushnet, 1889.

Date.	Name of Child.	Name of Parents.
Feb. 3.	Eleanore Crandon York.	George B. and Emma F.
Mar. 4.	Ralph Clifton Parris.	George W. and Ruth M.
Mar. 13.	Julia Anna Beals.	Charles E. and Eleanor H.
April 10.	Walter R. Spooner, Jr.	Walter R. and Isabelle L.
June 2.	Frederick Elton Ashley.	William C. and Ellen L.
July 8.	Edith Williams Chase.	Charles F. and Agnes A.
Oct. 14.	{ Elsie May Gifford. William Douglass Gifford. }	Frederick A. and Lila M.
Oct. 27.	Ruth Cushman.	Henry W. and Frances R.
Nov. 22.	Sylvia Howland Lawrence.	Albert M. and Sarah E.
July 14.	Almeda T. B. Shaw.	Charles R. and Eldora C.

Marriages Registered in Acushnet, 1889.

Date.	Name of Groom and Bride.	Residence.
Feb. 10.	Thomas B. Geggatt. Dora W. Braley.	Acushnet. Rochester.
Apr. 14.	Jeremiah E. Borden. Hannah L. Gammons.	Acushnet. Acushnet.
Apr. 25.	Walter S. Perry. Ann H. Snow.	Acushnet. Acushnet.
June 20.	Daniel T. Devoll. Mary F. R. Gilmore.	New Bedford. Acushnet.
Sept. 5.	Frederick E. Chase. Emma Sturtevant.	Acushnet. Middleboro.
Sept. 7.	Edward A. Sherman. Sophia O. Taber.	Rochester. Acushnet.
Nov. 27.	Frank H. Ashley. Alena W. Pierce.	Acushnet. Fairhaven.

Deaths Registered in Acushnet, 1889.

Date.	Name.	Age.			Disease.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Feb. 11.	Alfred R. Tripp.	1	8	22	Heart failure.
Mar. 18.	Hannah Washburn.	67	1	18	Debility and chronic bronchitis.
July 9.	Peter Farley.	14			Peritonitis.
July 11.	Philander Gifford.	77	4	8	Chronic kidney dis- ease.
July 20.	—— Richardson.				Stillborn.
Aug. 28.	Lambert Leach.	79	3	29	Old age and heart disease.
Oct. 18.	Hannah Spooner.	92	7		Old age.
Oct. 23.	Mary L. Anthony.	60			Pneumonia.
Dec. 22.	Joseph Hicks.	70			Cerebral apoplexy.

Number of dogs licensed in Acushnet in 1889, 85 : 75
males and 10 females.

D. S. MASON,
Town Clerk of Acushnet.

The selectmen of the town of Acushnet respectfully submit the following annual report of the financial affairs of the town of Acushnet for the year ending March 15, 1890.

Incidental Account.

Paid Mercury Pub. Co., printing town reports,	\$24.00
Mercury Pub. Co., printing reward for catching hen-thieves in 1888,	9.00
Settled with Edwin F. Taber for injuries received in gravel pit,	263.00
H. M. Knowlton for advice,	5.00
Bristol Co. Mutual Fire Insurance Co., insurance on almshouse,	8.00
E. Anthony & Sons, printing reward for catching hen-thieves in 1888,	5.00
George A. Fuller, labor and material for well at Perry Hill,	7.10
Benjamin White, services as Moderator at town meeting, as voted by the town,	5.00
Edwin Dews, books, ink, stationery,	5.30
George A. Cobb, stove pipe for school house,	3.25
Reuben Peckham, whitewashing	8.65
Mrs. Thomas Denham, cleaning,	8.00
E. Anthony & Sons, printing warrants for taxes,	2.25
Caleb Slade, services at annual town meeting, as voted,	5.00
Sylvester Pratt, services as Constable,	10.00
Edwin Dews, printing tax bills and tax book,	8.25
Augustus White, school supplies,	32.41
Briggs & Lawrence, school supplies,	4.05
James H. Sears, labor and material on school house,	11.16
Alexander Albro, digging well,	24.00
Brownell & Murkland, water trough,	28.00
Charles S. Paisler, cement,	1.60
Acushnet Saw-Mill Co., lumber,	1.80
S. White, pump for Whelden school house,	10.00

Paid S. White, labor on well,	\$17.00
William G. Taber, teaming, for well,	14.20
Bristol Co. Mutual Fire Insurance Co. assessment,	3.20
H. W. Cushman, lumber,	2.00
Caleb Slade, school supplies,	5.40
Caleb Slade, commission on taxes col- lected,	4.24
Frank T. Howland, services as School Committee in 1889,	25.00
For hawks, skunks and crows killed.	92.50
Sylvester Pratt, services as Truant Officer,	2.00
William A. Tillinghast, plank,	1.55
Luther H. Reynolds, iron work,	3.34
F. F. Bennett, oil and lighting lanterns,	3.75
George W. Norton, labor on well,	21.80
James F. Reynolds, labor on well,	3.75
Samuel Cory, gravel,	.50
Thomas E. Braley, rendering oaths,	1.25
George & W. Bennett, blacksmithing,	1.85
Stephen Hathaway, stock and labor on town house,	6.78
D. S. Mason, tally sheets for election,	1.00
G. L. Hathaway, services at April and No- vember elections,	3.00
Lucius E. Gamsby, mason work on school house,	22.55
C. M. Morse, Jr., measuring wood,	1.72
E. C. Morse, cleaning stove pipe,	1.00
W. R. West, cord for school house win- dows,	1.26
G. L. Bennett, four picks and plow points,	6.20
C. A. Howland, gravel and blacksmithing,	11.02
Joseph A. Burt, stone,	20.00
Treasurer Taunton lunatic asylum, bills for Mary M. Cook,	169.46
William D. Taber,	169.46
Patience T. Collins,	169.46
Military aid to Lemuel Dillingham,	72.00
State aid to Cordelia M. Pittsley,	28.00
State aid to Sylvester Pratt and wife,	54.00

Paid D. S. Mason, recording births, marriages, and deaths,	\$8.85
Weston C. Vaughan, returning records of deaths,	1.50
C. M. Morse, Jr., services as Health Committee,	2.00
D. S. Mason, commission as Treasurer,	50.47
D. S. Mason, commission on taxes collected,	87.89
Caleb Slade, services as School Committee,	25.00
Augustus White, services as School Committee,	25.00
Edward W. Ashley, services as School Committee,	30.00
Moses S. Douglass, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor,	90.00
Eben F. Leonard, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor,	65.00
Henry F. Taber, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor,	50.00
M. S. Douglass, incidentals,	4.61
M. S. Douglass, expense on corporation tax,	3.50
H. C. Taber, services at April and November elections,	3.00
A. P. R. Gilmore, services at November election,	2.00
E. W. Ashley, services at November election,	2.00
O. S. Besse, material and painting road machine,	5.83
Moses S. Douglass, copying valuation book,	10.00
H. S. Hutchinson & Co., books, stationery, etc., furnished schools,	251.05
H. C. Taber, for stone,	2.10
Richard Davis, for gravel,	2.50
D. S. Mason, for blasting powder, fuse, etc.,	.84
D. S. Mason, expressage,	2.20
D. S. Mason, school supplies,	6.41
D. S. Mason, envelopes and stamps,	3.67
Dennis Murphy, for attending lanterns on Hamlin dam, 1888,	4.00
Abram Brooks, work on Perry Hill,	5.15

Paid Benjamin White, rendering oaths,	\$2.00
E. W. Ashley, supplies for school,	1.00
M. S. Douglass, administering oaths,	2.00
Caleb Slade, expressage,	.70
Bills, Caleb Slade's account,	.40
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	\$2,180.73

The Selectmen have had the alms-house and buildings insured for seven years (expires April, 1896), \$1,000.00
Also school houses :

Acushnet grammar,	2,000.00
Long Plain,	1,750.00
Perry Hill,	800.00
Whelden,	600.00
Bog,	6,00.00
	\$6,750.00

The insurance on these buildings was for three years and expires in 1892.

School Account.

Paid Mr. O. E. Kingsbury, for teaching,	\$110.00
Miss Amy Spooner, for teaching,	30.00
Miss Bessie E. Taber, for teaching,	301.00
Mrs. Cornelia R. Church, for teaching,	360.00
Miss Martha W. White, for teaching,	160.00
Miss Helen M. Brightman, for teaching,	303.50
Miss Mary S. Howard, for teaching,	307.50
Miss Hattie O. Warren, for teaching,	260.00
Mr. E. W. Ashley, for teaching,	144.00
Miss Ida M. Leonard, for teaching,	24.00
O. E. Kingsbury, paper and pens,	1.50
Mamie Collins, sweeping and care of school house,	14.00
Mamie L. White, sweeping and care of school house,	3.60
Rexford G. Morse, care of fires,	8.00
Carrie C. Parker, care of fires, sweeping,	4.60
Joseph Maxam, preparing wood,	15.29
Stephen White, preparing wood,	4.25
L. S. Andrews, sweeping, etc.,	8.20

Paid Harry Parker, building fires,	\$10.00
Minnie Chase, sweeping,	1.60
Etta M. Nichols, sweeping,	4.80
Eben Bumpus, care of fires,	3.00
George A. Macomber, wood for schools,	90.83
O. S. Besse, preparing wood,	5.50
J. P. Tripp, preparing wood,	5.50
Alden White, preparing wood,	7.55
Bessie E. Taber, school supplies,	.25
D. L. Brownell, one copy "Marvels of the New West,"	3.75
Mrs. Cornelia R. Church, care of school house,	14.70
M. S. Douglass, wood for schools,	3.50
Clinton E. Morse, building fires,	8.00
Mrs. C. C. D. Gilmore, wood for schools,	3.50
A. C. Stocin, for text books,	3.69
Fred O. Tripp, building fires,	4.00
Mattie W. White, book,	.48
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	\$2,230.09

Poor Account.

Paid Richard Davis, supplies to almshouse in 1888,	\$59.29
O. S. Besse and wife, superintendents almshouse in 1888,	25.00
O. S. Besse, supplies and labor at alms- house,	46.75
Town of Wareham, support of Lucina Sears in 1888,	104.00
W. H. Chappell, supplies to C. W. Shep- pard,	27.00
Dr. C. A. B. Peterson, medical attendance on Cyrus Taber, 1888,	8.00
Lucius E. Gamsby, mason work at alms- house and material,	9.65
Dennis S. Mason, supplies furnished alms- house,	155.15
C. H. Bassett, meat furnished almshouse,	54.48
Richard Davis, supplies furnished alms- house,	221.76

Paid O. S. Besse and wife, services at almshouse, 1889 and 1890,	\$137.50
George A. Reynolds, digging grave of Cyrus Taber,	2.00
C. L. Spooner, supplies,	48.10
William G. Branscome, medical attendance at almshouse,	4.00
Weston C. Vaughan, coffins for P. Gifford, Mary L. Anthony, and Cyrus Taber,	48.00
C. M. Morse, Jr., supplies to Mrs. Fred- erick Bowles,	1.67
C. F. Davis, meat for almshouse,	16.09
Rufus Lincoln, supplies to Lucina Sears,	17.75
John Manter, supplies to almshouse,	6.50
Arthur B. Chappell, supplies to C. W. Sheppard,	27.00
City of New Bedford, supplies to Cyrus E. Taber,	72.00
B. F. Wilbur, supplies to almshouse,	7.14
John G. Bennett, wood for almshouse,	45.38
City of New Bedford, medical attendance on C. W. Sheppard,	7.50
Town of Fairhaven, support of paupers,	43.00
Mrs. O. S. Besse, making clothing for paupers,	6.95
Jeremiah Hammett, grave digging,	2.00
Cyrus B. Sherman, killing two hogs at almshouse,	2.50
M. S. Douglass, wood to C. W. Sheppard,	9.00
Henry F. Taber, moving Hattie Bowles' goods,	2.00
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	\$1,217.16

Highway Accounts.

Paid Charles M. Morse, work on highway in 1888,	\$4.00
John F. Gifford, work on highway in 1888,	.75
James H. Cobb,	1.95
George P. Whelden,	8.25

Paid J. H. Thompson,	\$12.00
Charles L. Devoll,	48.20
George A. Fuller,	30.80
George W. Norton,	22.40
William L. Norton,	6.30
Stephen White,	7.95
William B. Macomber,	104.78
Andrew Davenport,	3.00
B. Wilson,	16.80
G. L. Bennett, superintendent of streets,	206.73
Mrs. C. C. D. Gilmore,	20.00
E. A. Delano,	4.50
W. W. Haskell,	20.93
H. Bosworth,	1.50
William V. Taber,	24.98
J. C. Gammons,	269.20
William G. Taber,	41.45
Alexander Albro,	12.00
Charles M. Morse,	32.00
W. E. Collins,	.75
E. R. Ashley,	8.20
George P. Morse,	49.70
Asa M. Brightman,	1.99
J. P. Tripp,	2.00
P. H. Crandon,	19.05
Edward W. Morse,	8.00
P. A. Bradford,	16.00
J. R. Sherman,	12.75
Samuel Wing,	16.00
C. P. Washburn,	3.00
G. H. Doscher,	38.70
James R. Johnson,	3.90
F. C. Eldridge,	14.16
N. F. Mendall,	39.50
M. S. Douglass,	58.92
Nathan H. Weeks,	82.43
John F. Hammett,	36.37
Allen E. Weeks,	79.43
Horatio Morse,	54.09
John Barton,	6.45
Russell Hammett,	3.00

Paid John P. Taber,	\$2.40	
H. N. Wilbur,	47.20	
C. D. Bennett,	324.85	\$1,829.31

Received of G. F. Bartlett, for extra repairs at Acushnet village,	\$75.00	
R. N. Swift, for extra repairs at Acushnet village,	75.00	
Francis Hathaway, for extra repairs at Acushnet village,	50.00	
Thomas H. Knowles, for extra repairs at Acushnet village,	25.00	225.00

Total expenditure by town,		\$1,604.31
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According to the laws of this Commonwealth the Selectmen are required to report the conditions of the guide boards in their respective towns in their annual report.

The guide boards of the town of Acushnet are in a good and satisfactory condition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MOSES S. DOUGLASS,	} Selectmen of Acushnet.
EBEN F. LEONARD,	
HENRY F. TABER,	

ACUSHNET, March 22, 1890.

We have very carefully examined the accounts of the fiscal year ending March 15, 1890, and find them correct, except that, for some unaccountable reason, the School Committee have seen fit to "assume" that \$2,000 has been paid for teachers, when only \$1,492 has actually been paid, the balance of \$508 being the amount that will be due teachers at the close of the present term.

BENJAMIN T. WILBUR,	} Auditors.
RICHARD DAVIS,	

List of the Jurors presented by the Selectmen for the
year 1890.

Henry P. Allen,
Hananiah W. Collins,
Charles M. Morse, Jr.,
Samuel Wing,
George A. Macomber,
George W. Nye,
Isaac V. Braley,
Thomas J. Robinson,
Cornelius Howland,

George P. Morse,
Jerome P. Tripp,
Ebenezer Leonard,
Charles W. Macomber,
Benjamin T. Wilbur,
James C. Gammons,
Henry F. Taber,
Benjamin White,
Augustus White,

William T. Gifford.

Warrant for Town Meeting.

TOWN OF ACUSHNET.

BRISTOL SS.

To Sylvester Pratt, Constable of the Town of Acushnet,

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Acushnet qualified by law to vote for town officers to meet at their town house in Acushnet village on Monday, April seventh, A. D. eighteen hundred and ninety, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz. :

Article 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2d. To choose necessary town officers for the ensuing year: Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee (one for three years), Field Drivers, Fence Viewers, Pound Keepers, and Health Committee, to be voted for on one ballot; and the polls may be closed at one o'clock.

Article 3d. To see if the town will appoint their Treasurer Collector of Taxes.

Article 4th. To determine what compensation the town will allow their Treasurer and Collector.

Article 5th. What abatement shall be allowed for the prompt payment of taxes, and at what time the collection of said taxes shall be completed.

Article 6th. To see what action the town will take in relation to charging interest on all taxes not paid at the time specified for the completion of said collection of taxes.

Article 7th. To see what rate of interest shall be charged from the time specified until the payment thereof.

Article 8th. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the ensuing year: First—for the support of schools; Second—for the support of poor; Third—for the repair of highways and bridges; Fourth—for incidental expenses.

Article 9th. To see if the town will accept a list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

Article 10th. To see if the town will instruct their Selectmen to appoint Measurers of Wood and Bark.

Article 11th. To see if the town will authorize their Selectmen to hire money if necessary.

Article 12th. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the use of the Road Machine for one year, and to see if the town will vote to sell the Road Machine agreeable to the petition of Henry C. Taber and others.

Article 13th. To see if the town will vote to pay a bounty for killing hawks, crows, and skunks, agreeable to the petition of Henry C. Taber and others.

Article 14th. To see what action the town will take in regard to preserving their Public Records, and your attention is called to chapters 37 and 190 of the acts of 1885, and chapter 202 acts of 1887.

Article 15th. To see if the town will accept the provisions of chapter 431 of the acts of 1888, relating to the employment of a superintendent of schools, and appropriate money therefor, and to see if the town will unite with other towns to employ a superintendent of schools.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting four copies thereof, as the town by its vote has directed,—one at the Post Office at Acushnet Village, one at the Post Office at Long Plain, one at the store of Charles M. Morse, Jr., and one at the shop of James E. Chamberlain, seven days before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due returns of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this the fifteenth day of March, A. D. eighteen hundred and ninty.

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

Selectmen of Acushnet.

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF ACUSHNET,
MASSACHUSETTS.
FOR THE YEAR 1889-90.

School Committee Town of Acushnet 1889 and 1890.

CALEB SLADE, Chairman, term expires 1890.

AUGUSTUS WHITE, term expires 1891.

EDWARD W. ASHLEY, Secretary, term expires 1892.

Truant Officer.

SYLVESTER PRATT.

Holidays during the terms.

New Year's, Washington's Birthday, Fast Day, Memorial Day, Thanksgiving and the Friday following.

Statistics, May 1, 1889.

Number of children between the ages of 5 and 15, 171.

Number under 5 years in school, 1.

Number over 15 years in school, 14.

Number of teachers employed during 1889-90, 9.

Number of schools in town, 6.

Amount appropriated for schools, \$1,700.00

Amount of income of school fund, 207.22

Amount of dog fund, 154.76

NO.	NAME.	TERMS.	TEACHERS.	WAGES.	LENGTH OF TERM.
1.	Bisbee,	Spring,	Mattie W. White,	\$32	2 1/2 mos.
		Fall,	Mattie W. White,	32	2 1/2 "
		Winter,	Edward W. Ashley,	36	4 "
		Spring,	H. A. Brightman,	32	2 1/2 "
2.	Whelden,	Fall,	H. A. Brightman,	34	4 "
		Winter,	H. A. Brightman,	35	2 1/2 "
		Spring,	O. E. Kingsbury,	44	4 "
3.	Village Grammar,	Fall,	Hattie O. Warren,	40	2 1/2 "
		Winter,	Hattie O. Warren,	40	2 1/2 "
		Spring,	Mary S. Howard,	35	4 "
3.	Village Primary,	Fall,	Mary S. Howard,	35	2 1/2 "
		Winter,	Mary S. Howard,	35	2 1/2 "
		Spring,	Bessie E. Taber,	34	4 "
4.	Perry Hill,	Fall,	Bessie E. Taber,	34	2 1/2 "
		Winter,	Bessie E. Taber,	40	2 "
		Spring,	Cornelia R. Church,	40	3 1/4 "
5.	Long Plain,	Fall,	Cornelia R. Church,	40	3 1/4 "
		Winter,	Cornelia R. Church,	15	2 "
		Spring,	A. J. Spooner,	16	1 1/2 "
		Winter,	Ida M. Leonard,		

SPRING.							FALL.							WINTER.											
Number of School.		Number of Pupils.		Pupils under five years.		Pupils over fifteen years.		Pupils between eight and fourteen years.		Average membership.		Average attendance.		Number of Pupils.		Pupils under five years.		Pupils over fifteen years.		Pupils between eight and fourteen years.		Average membership.		Average attendance.	
1	12	0	0	9	12	7	13	0	0	10	13	9.3	14	0	2	11	14	10							
2	27	1	1	15	22	17.2	32	0	2	20	22.2	20.2	25	0	2	13	19.3	18.2							
3	19	0	1	15	18	14	22	0	1	17	20	18	23	0	2	16	21	19.5							
3	21	0	0	7	20.3	19	19	0	0	8	18	16.5	19	0	0	6	19	15							
4	24	0	0	19	24	21	28	0	2	20	26	22.8	27	0	3	21	27	22.3							
5	34	2	3	16	33.5	30	37	0	6	17	35	28.4	35	0	5	18	34	29							

Your committee submit their annual report.

The organization of the school board was perfected by the choice of Caleb Slade, Chairman, Edward W. Ashley, Secretary.

The schools were specially assigned: Acushnet grammar and primary, Caleb Slade; Whelden and Perry Hill, Augustus White; Long Plain and Bisbee, Edward W. Ashley.

While each school receives the attention of the Committee, their particular wants as regards minor supplies are supplied by the committee in charge.

Our schools have advanced under our teachers for the past year in a manner showing the interest of both pupil and, we should like to say, parent.

We would like to have more interest evinced in the schools, as words of commendation help to brighten the teachers' endeavors, though they often only hear the complaints.

All over our union we read of various methods being taken to arouse the love of country. Every year we add new stars to our banner and let us show our interest by encouraging the love of education and country.

We would be pleased to be remembered with the gift of flags for our schools, as many towns have been during the past year.

We would congratulate the town on the completion of a well at school district No. 2, thus completing the furnishing of each district.

With comparatively new school buildings, with wells and stone troughs for horses placed so as to accommodate the traveling public by the town, bells and organs in each building furnished by private subscription, we think that the outlay of more than \$13,000 shows the interest the town takes in her public schools.

Our outlay for supplies will remain from year to year, new pupils requiring new books, and we find the amount the same from year to year. Other towns report the same general fact.

Many of the text books have been in use for ten years and we require more modern and better works. New discoveries in science and geography make the demand for the latest approved books instead of continuing the same series. Thus we must make the new classes an improvement on those that graduate.

The school work of today is vastly different from that practiced by many of our tax payers. Written work is required and the child is required to be able to write the lesson in addition to the mere fact of committing, thus developing the power of reproduction in the methods they will use in after life.

Our schools were visited by "La Grippe," and the open winter has caused many names to be reported absent that otherwise would have appeared on the roll.

Truancy is not the only evil which we have been forced to combat. On account of the larger number that were obliged to stay home during the berry season, we were forced to close the schools, and we think that the division of the term making the vacation of a week at Christmas a greater benefit than so long a winter term.

The attention of some is respectfully invited to "truantism and its law."

The schools will require a larger appropriation to continue their present usefulness and we trust the town will see the merit of granting all requisite funds to enable her schools to do as good work as in past years.

With satisfactory and encouraging remarks on the proficiency and general method of work produced by the children passing the examinations at Bridgewater Normal

School, East Greenwich, R. I., Friends' School, Providence, and other high schools, we hope to continue the same thorough preparation of the town's pupils.

Respectfully submitted.

AUGUSTUS WHITE,
E. W. ASHLEY.

Roll of Honor.

Scholars neither absent nor tardy.

BISBEE.

Alice H. Warner.

WHELDEN HILL.

SPRING—Lizzie F. Norton, Charles F. Norton, Thomas L. Norton, Theron Parker.

FALL—Lizzie F. Norton, Minnie A. Chase, Harry N. Parker, Theron Parker, Charles F. Norton, Thomas L. Norton, James Wood, C. M. Drake, Henry C. White, Edward N. White.

WINTER—Charles F. Norton, Thomas L. Norton, Lizzie F. Norton, George Parris, Robert E. Parker, George P. Norton.

ACUSHNET PRIMARY.

SPRING—Harry E. Taber, Ralph M. Taber, Percy S. Ashley, Arthur C. Barton, Willard D. Greene, Walter S. Dunham.

FALL—Lottie A. Greene, Willard D. Greene, Arthur C. Barton, Percy S. Ashley, Ralph M. Taber.

WINTER—Arthur C. Barton, Percy L. Ashley, Ralph M. Taber.

PERRY HILL.

SPRING TERM—Addie E. Holmes, Lina D. Fuller, Ellie I. Terry, Clarence B. Ellis, Alton B. Ellis, Willie E. Sherman.

FALL TERM—Mabel F. Bumpus, Bennie A. Tripp, Florence P. Hathaway.

LONG PLAIN.

SPRING TERM—Jane Howland, Fred Leonard, Herbert Leonard, Emerson Slade, C. Slade, Ella Wilson, Grace Wilson.

FALL TERM—Ella Wilson, Grace Wilson.

WINTER TERM—Alice Braley, Ella Wilson.

REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICER.

ACUSHNET, Mass., March 17, 1890.

Mr. E. W. Ashley, Secretary of School Committee :

During the past year I have been called on in three cases of truancy.

Yours respectfully,
SYLVESTER PRATT,
Truant Officer.