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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen and Overseers of Poor,

OF THE

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER,

For the Year ending Feb. 28, 1862.

PRINTED BY VOTE OF THE TOWN, PASSED APRIL 4, 1863.

ALSO THE

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

For 1861-2.

BOSTON:
WRIGHT & POTTER, PRINTERS, 4 SPRING LANE.
1862.
In accordance with the vote of the Town, passed April 4, 1853, the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor present their Annual Financial Report of Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Bridgewater for the year ending February 28, 1862.

At a meeting held March 4, 1861, the town passed the following votes, viz.:

*Voted,* To raise three thousand dollars for the support of schools for the year ensuing.

*Voted,* To raise one thousand dollars for the support of the poor for the year ensuing.

*Voted,* To raise one thousand dollars for incidental expenses.

*Voted,* To raise twenty-five hundred dollars for the support of roads; two thousand dollars in labor, and five hundred in money.

*Voted,* To raise three hundred dollars for building Pine Street.

*Voted,* To raise three hundred and fifty dollars for widening Oak Street bridge.

*Voted,* To raise two hundred and fifty dollars for repairing Bedford Street.

**RECAPITULATION.**

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<td>Support of Schools</td>
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<td>Support of Poor</td>
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<td>Incidental Expenses</td>
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<tr>
<td>Support of Roads, (one-fifth in money,)</td>
<td>500.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Building Pine Street</td>
<td>300.00</td>
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<td>Widening Oak Street Bridge</td>
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<td>Repairing Bedford Street</td>
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*Voted,* To raise and assess into a tax upon the polls and estates of the town, the sum of sixty-four hundred dollars.
SCHOOLS, 1861-2.

Town grant, ........................................... $3,000 00
Received from State Fund, .................................... 128 90

Voted, That the amount received from the State Fund may be applied by the School Committee to the School Districts where, in their judgment, it is most needed.

The following is their apportionment:

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Voted, That the Town Grant ($3,000) be divided, one-third on districts, and two-thirds on scholars.

Number of School Districts, 13. Number of Scholars, 650.

The following is the apportionment of three thousand dollars, in accordance with the vote of the town, upon each of the school districts:

<table>
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DISTRRICT No. 1.

ELI WASHBURN, Prudential Committee.—No. of scholars, 173.

Balance of account, 1860, ................................... $3 65
Proportion of Town Grant, .................................. 609 24
Proportion of State Fund, .................................. 5 00

$617 89
SUMMER TERM.

Paid F. H. Ludington, teaching Grammar School, 6 months, $275.00
Miss Julia A. Wentworth, teaching Intermediate School, 19 weeks, 114.00
Miss Arabella Ames, teaching Intermediate School, 5 weeks, 25.00
Miss Lucy Copeland, teaching Primary School, 24 weeks, 120.00

WINTER TERM.

Paid F. H. Ludington, teaching, 6½ weeks, $88.89

Due March 1, 1862, $000.00

DISTRICT No. 2.

STEPHEN H. WING, Prudential Committee.—No. of Scholars, 40.

Balance of account, 1860, $572
Proportion of Town Grant, 200.00
Proportion of State Fund, 6.00

$211.72

SUMMER TERM.

Paid Miss Eliza W. Raymond, teaching, 18 weeks, $90.00

WINTER TERM—(not closed.)

Paid Miss Eliza W. Raymond, teaching,
S. H. Wing, fuel and preparing, $20.25
S. H. Wing, cleaning house, 150

$111.75

Due March 1, 1862, $99.97

DISTRICT No. 3.

LEWIS W. HAYDEN, Prudential Committee.—No. of Scholars, 99.

Balance of account, 1860, $97.54
Proportion of Town Grant, 381.54
Proportion of State Fund, 5.00

$484.08

SUMMER TERM.

Paid Hosah Goodrich, teaching, 20 weeks, $160.00
Miss A. J. Ford, teaching, 20 weeks, 60.00
WINTER TERM.
Paid Hosah Goodrich, teaching, 13 weeks, .... $104 00
Miss L. Hayden, teaching, 13 weeks, .... 65 00
L. W. Hayden, fuel and preparing, .... 19 50
H. Goodrich, care of house, .... 3 00

$411 50
Due March 1, 1862, .... $72 58

DISTRICT No. 4.
CALVIN HOLMES, Prudential Committee.—No. of Scholars, 28.
Balance of account, 1860, .... $66 48
Proportion of Town Grant, .... 163 08
Proportion of State Fund, .... 9 00

$238 56

SUMMER TERM.
Paid Miss S. B. Thompson, teaching, 20 weeks, .... $90 00

WINTER TERM.
Paid E. H. Cornish, teaching, 10 weeks, .... $75 00
Calvin Holmes, fuel and preparing, .... 4 00
Calvin Holmes, care of house, .... 1 50

$170 50
Due March 1, 1862, .... $68 06

DISTRICT No. 5.
ROBERT E. SMITH, Prudential Committee.—No. of Scholars, 16.
Balance of account, 1860, .... $0 60
Proportion of Town Grant, .... 126 15
Proportion of State Fund, .... 18 00

$144 75

SUMMER TERM.
Paid Miss Ellen M. Holmes, teaching, 15 weeks, .... $50 55

WINTER TERM.
Paid H. T. Hartwell, teaching, 10 weeks, .... $83 00
W. H. Adams, fuel and preparing, .... 8 43

$143 98
Due March 1, 1862, .... $0 77
### DISTRICT No. 6.

**MARK F. BARNEY, Prudential Committee.—No. of Scholars, 41.**

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**SUMMER TERM.**

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<td>Paid Miss H. L. Alden, teaching, 17 weeks</td>
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**WINTER TERM.**

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<td>114 00</td>
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<td>M. F. Barney, fuel and preparing</td>
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<td>S. Holmes, care of house</td>
<td>3 00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>212 00</td>
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Due March 1, 1862, 44 12

### DISTRICT No. 7.

**HORACE AMES, Prudential Committee.—No of Scholars, 16.**

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<td>16 00</td>
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**SUMMER TERM.**

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<td>Paid Miss Sarah Leach, teaching, 12 weeks</td>
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**WINTER TERM.**

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<td>Paid Miss Sarah Leach, teaching, 16 weeks</td>
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<td>H. &amp; V. Ames, fuel and preparing</td>
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<td>H. &amp; V. Ames, care of house and making fires</td>
<td>4 00</td>
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<td>130 00</td>
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Due March 1, 1862, 54 59

### DISTRICT No. 8.

**FRANKLIN FOBES, Prudential Committee.—No. of Scholars, 47.**

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<td>5 00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>226 54</td>
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SUMMER TERM.
Paid Miss R. C. Moore, teaching, 20 weeks, . . $129 75

WINTER TERM.
Paid Miss R. C. Moore, teaching, 12 weeks, . . $78 00
F. Fobes, fuel and preparing, . . . . 17 25
F. Fobes, care of house and making fire, . . . . 1 54
Due March 1, 1862, . . . . . . . . . . $226 54

DISTRICT No. 9.
JAMES PERKINS, Prudential Committee.—No. of Scholars, 85.
Balance of account, 1860, . . . . . . . . . . $12 53
Proportion of Town Grant, . . . . . . . . . . 338 47
Proportion of State Fund, . . . . . . . . . . 15 90
$366 90

SUMMER TERM.
Paid Miss P. T. Wood, teaching, 16 weeks, . . $100 00
Miss L. B. Christian, teaching, 16 weeks, . . 88 00

WINTER TERM.
Paid Miss P. T. Wood, teaching, 11 weeks, . . $79 75
Miss L. B. Christian, teaching, 11 weeks, . . 60 50
J. Perkins, fuel and preparing, . . . . . . . . . . $328 25
Due March 1, 1862, . . . . . . . . . . $38 65

DISTRICT No. 10.
ANSEL B. BUMP, Prudential Committee.—No. of Scholars, 19.
Balance of account, 1860, . . . . . . . . . . $47 47
Proportion of Town Grant, . . . . . . . . . . 135 38
Proportion of State Fund, . . . . . . . . . . 10 00
$192 85

SUMMER TERM.
Paid Miss Carrie Weston, teaching, 28 weeks, . . $133 00
Due March 1, 1862, . . . . . . . . . . $133 00

Due March 1, 1862, . . . . . . . . . . $59 85
### DISTRICT No. 11.

**HOSEA WASHBURN, Prudential Committee.**—No. of Scholars, 22.

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<td>10 00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$218 21</strong></td>
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**SUMMER TERM.**

- Paid Miss E. M. Keith, teaching, 10 weeks, $45 00
- Calvin Pratt, teaching, 4 weeks, 28 00

**WINTER TERM.**

- Paid Calvin Pratt, teaching, 12 weeks, $84 00
- Z. Keith, fuel and preparing, 7 75
- James Ellis, care of house, 4 00

**Due March 1, 1862.** $49 46

### DISTRICT No. 12.

**JOHN A. LOTHROP, Prudential Committee.**—No. of Scholars, 15.

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<td>18 00</td>
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<td><strong>$213 68</strong></td>
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**SUMMER TERM.**

- Paid Miss E. L. Lindsay, teaching, 3 weeks, $15 00
- J. A. Lothrop, teaching, — weeks, 63 00

**WINTER TERM—(not closed.)**

- Paid J. A. Lothrop, teaching, $8 76
- S. Tucker, fuel and preparing, 8 76

**Due March 1, 1862.** $126 92

### DISTRICT No. 13.

**C. D. BRIGHAM, Prudential Committee.**—No. of Scholars, 49.

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$233 98</strong></td>
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SUMMER TERM.

Paid Miss Hannah Hall, teaching, 5 weeks, .... $27.50
J. E. Alden, teaching, 12 weeks, .... 90.00
for Crayons and Ink, .... 62

WINTER TERM.

Paid J. E. Alden, teaching, 7½ weeks, .... $74.10
P. Leach, teaching, 4½ weeks, .... 30.56
Unite K. Leach, for fuel, 1860, .... 1.75
C. D. Brigham, fuel and preparing, .... 7.50
J. E. Alden, care of house, .... 1.95

Due March 1, 1862, .... $233.98

RECAPITULATION OF SCHOOLS.

Expended in District No. 1, $617.89. Due March 1, 1862, $00 00

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Amount due School Districts, March 1, 1862, .... $614.97

HIGHWAYS.

Town Grant in labor, .... $2,000.00
" in money, .... 500.00
Overlay on two thousand dollars, .... 113.84

Total amount for Highways, .... $2,613.84

Voted, That the five hundred dollars in money be apportioned on the Highway Districts by the Selectmen, where in their judgment it is most needed.
The following is their apportionment:—

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DISTRICT No. 3, WILLIAM MITCHELL, Surveyor.

Amount of bills, .................................. $39 68
Money appropriation, ................................ 45 00
Abated, .................................................. 40
.......................................................... $84 68

Amount of labor performed, .............................. 89 18
Overworked and allowed, .................................. $4 90

DISTRICT No. 4, HORACE HILL, Surveyor.

Amount of bills, .................................. $52 57
Money appropriation, ................................ 55 00
.......................................................... $107 57

Amount of labor performed, .............................. 112 47
Overworked and allowed, .................................. $4 90

DISTRICT No. 5, LEWIS HARLOW, Surveyor.

Amount of bills, .................................. $69 70
Money appropriation, ................................ 50 00
.......................................................... $119 70

Abated, .................................................. 40
.......................................................... $119 30

Amount of labor performed, .............................. 129 24
Overworked and allowed, .................................. $9 94

DISTRICT No. 6, SETH H. LEONARD, Surveyor.

Amount of bills, .................................. $86 07
Money appropriation, ................................ 90 00
.......................................................... $176 07

Amount of labor performed, .............................. 183 35
Overworked and allowed, .................................. $7 28
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<th>District No.</th>
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<th>Amount of Bills</th>
<th>Money Appropriation</th>
<th>Abated</th>
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### District No. 11, Hosea Washburn, Surveyor.

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### District No. 13, Franklin Fobes, Surveyor.

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**Total amount raised for repairs of Highways:** $2,613.84

**Total amount expended:** $2,687.49

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### Snow Bills, 1861.

[March 20-23, April 3.]

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A. W. Basset, District 8, .................. $19 97
Jabez Witherell, " 9, .................. 15 22
Dan'l L. Hayward," 10, .................. 45 48
Hosea Washburn, " 11, .................. 31 75
A. P. Benson, " 12, .................. 4 05
Franklin Fobes, " 13, .................. 13 24

$338 20

STREETS.

Pine Street, (widened by Selectmen.)

Town Grant for land-damage, and building, .................. $350 00
Paid Frederic A. White, moving wall and land-
damage, .................. $38 00
Linus W. Snow, moving wall and land-damage, 6 75
L. Cunningham, " " 9 00
J. L. Basset, for land-damage, .................. 5 00
A. W. Basset, " " 1 50
Abiel Basset, building Sections Nos. I and 2, 123 00
George King, " " 3 " 7, 66 00
Galen Conant, " " 4 " 6, 78 00
Oliver C. Wilbar, " " 5 " 8, 47 75

$375 00

Bedford Street, (repaid by Selectmen.)

Town Grant, .................. $250 00
Paid Van R. Swift, for labor, as per vouchers, 96 26

BRIDGES.

Paid Spencer Leonard, Jr., repairs on Child's bridge, .................. $30 59
Elbridge Keith, repairs on Conant's bridge, .................. 158 11

$188 70
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

[Town Grant, $1,000.]

Paid Eli Washburn, fence around Central Square, .................. $500.00
Printing Town Reports for 1860, ..................................... 61.64
George Phinney, printing blanks, .................................... 5.00
Newton Mitchell, finishing and gravelling Hayward St., ........ 109.25
J. S. Alden, painting guide and street boards, ..................... 51.95
A. S. Fobes, ............................................................ 75
S. Harlow, repairing street board, .................................. 42
S. K. Cole, care of Frederic Glover, ................................ 5.00
H. Dunphe, ............................................................. 5.00
J. E. Crane, work on Carver Hill, as per bill, ..................... 119.29
J. Withrell, ............................................................ 35.94
W. S. Sampson, damage to carriage on Sprague’s Hill, ........ 12.00
J. E. Smith, damage to carriage and goods, ......................... 20.00
F. Ripley, on Cross Street, ........................................... 2.67
S. D. Hall, balance of contract on Fruit Street, ................... 10.00
J. J. Hayward, building culvert near K. Winslow’s, ............. 12.12
G. W. Basset, rebuilding culvert near his house, .............. 10.00
E. Washburn, ............................................................ 13.00
S. P. Pope, stones for culverts, District No. 2, ................... 5.50
S. Leonard, Jr., expenses to Boston to enlist H. S. Leach, .... 2.72
L. J. Holmes, collecting statistics relating to deaths, 1860, .... 5.40
L. J. Holmes, ........................................................... 1861, 5.00
M. Thompson, balance of Highway account, 1860, ............... 7.58
Expenses in suit, Commonwealth vs. Bridgewater, complaint of Bedford Street, ............. 22.69
A. Fobes, error in taxation for the last ten years, .............. 9.00
S. F. Sanger, ........................................................... 10.50
Heirs, Calvin Hayward, award on Hayward Street, 1857, and interest, .......... 42.93
T. W. Crocker, school books for Benj. Ellis’s children, ......... 82
C. Hobart, blank books and stationery, ............................ 7.05
A. Keith, making guide boards, ..................................... 9.49
S. H. Leach, seven stone monuments for Pine Street, ........... 1.75
S. H. Leach, building culvert on Pine Street, ..................... 1.00
Town of Raynham, one-half expense of putting a stone monument on the County line, ............. 1.50
W. Latham, counsel in the case of Bridgewater vs. Halifax, .... 44.10
C. H. Wilbar, bedding and use of robes for lock-up, .......... 5.00
Paid E. Wheeler, re-setting monument near Wm. Robinson's, $0.33
J. C. Seagraves, school books for M. Conway's children, $70
Eli Washburn, care of town hearse, $6.00
Eli Washburn, repairs on town hearse, $1.25
George Soule, making return of deaths, $40
aid furnished the families of Volunteers in accordance with the Act passed May 23, 1861, $932.44

$2,353.93

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Van R. Swift, Selectman, $68.00
" " Assessor, $46.00
" " Overseer of the Poor, $14.00
" " use of horse and carriage, $12.25
Spencer Leonard, Jr., Selectman, $36.25
" " Assessor, $24.00
" " Overseer of the Poor, $9.00
" " use of horse and carriage, $17.25
Elbridge Keith, Selectman, $12.00
" " Assessor, $13.50
" " Overseer of the Poor, $3.75
" " use of horse and carriage, $7.50
Lewis Holmes, Town Treasurer, $50.00
" " Clerk, recording births, $18.00
" " " " deaths, $7.70
" " " " marriages, $1.80
" " " " militia roll, $2.00
" " " distributing Laws and Resolves, $2.00
" " " licensing 97 dogs, $9.70
Philander Leach, School Committee, $45.75
John A. Lothrop, $24.75
James C. Seagraves, $35.25
George M. Hooper, $5.25 (1860)
Van R. Swift, Collector, $95.36
Calvin H. Wilbar, Constable, $12.50
Williams Latham, Auditor, $75
Eli Washburn, $3.75
Elbridge Keith, $3.00

$575.11
**TOWN COMMITTEES.**

Paid Van. R. Swift, on roads, .................................. $6 00
S. Leonard, Jr., " ........................................... 5 25
Elbridge Keith, " ............................................ 3 75
W. Latham, (Carver Hill,) ..................................... 3 50
J. E. Crane, " ................................................. 7 50

$26 00

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**NUMBER OF DOGS LICENSED, 1861.**

Ninety-four male dogs, at $1 each, ......................... $94 00
Three female dogs, at $5 each, .......................... 15 00

$109 00

Paid A. W. Bassett, damage to sheep, ..................... $27 50
L. Holmes, fee for licensing dogs, ....................... 9 70

$37 20

Balance in favor of the Town, ............................... $71 80

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**ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.**

[Town Grant, $1,000.]

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<td>Sundry persons for supplies,</td>
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<td>Cost of supporting poor at the house,</td>
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Whole number of paupers during the year, .................. 20
Average number during the year, .......................... 11\frac{3}{4}
Present number at the house, .................................. 14
Average cost per week for support, .......................... $1 55

PAUPER EXPENSE OUT OF THE HOUSE.
Paid support Oscar F. Conant, (Hospital,) ..................... $149 51
" Calvin Washburn, " ........................................... 82 91
" W. D. Daniels, ................................................ 34 88
supplies furnished Benjamin Washburn, ....................... 5 00
" " Misses D. and V. Fuller, .................................. 15 00
" " Seth W. Conant, .............................................. 56 70
S. Jordan, boarding Mrs. Naomi Pratt fifty-two weeks, ...... 52 00
N. W. Chamberlain, boarding C. H. Leach, (1860,) .......... 12 75
Town of Norton, J. S. Washburn's family, (1860,) .......... 4 50
Dr. C. B. Pratt, medical aid for B. Washburn's family, .... 75 00
Dr. C. B. Pratt, medical aid for B. Washburn's family, .... 1 00
(1861,)
Wood furnished, and burial of Beza Hayward's wife, ...... 13 10
Dr. S. Alden, medical aid for Charles Ashport, ................ 8 25
Money and burial of Charles Ashport, ......................... 11 00
Wood and preparing for Misses P. and S. Mehuren, .......... 11 50
Wood furnished Mrs. Hannah Ashport, ........................ 10 50
Town of Duxbury, supplies furnished Edward Orcutt's family, .............................................. 29 31
C. H. Wilbar, carrying persons to State almshouse, .......... 5 00
T. B. Gould, keeping travelling paupers, ...................... 11 75
Town of West Bridgewater, medical aid for Eunice Ashport and family, ........................................ 18 00
J. E. Crane, goods furnished Mrs. Tinan by order of Overseers, ..................................................... 2 00
Town of Stoughton, supplies furnished Mrs. C. Robinson and family, ............................................. 44 50
John C. Harden, money, ......................................... 5 00

$584 91
RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITURES.

Expended for Schools from March 1, 1861, to March 1, 1862, $2,974 90
   Highways, ........................................ 2,687 49
   Widening and Working Streets, ....................... 471 26
   Miscellaneous Expenses, ............................ 2,353 93
   Town Officers and Committees, ...................... 601 11
   Support of Poor at Almshouse, ...................... 964 99
   Support of Poor out of the Almshouse, .............. 584 91
   Repairs on Bridges, ............................... 188 70
   Clearing Streets of Snow, .......................... 338 20

$11,166 24

The Selectmen further report that they have examined the Treasurer's account, which stands as follows:—

Dr.
To cash on hand, March 1, 1861, ................................ $917 85
Received from State School Fund, ................................ 128 90
   from Van R. Swift, Collector, 1860, .................. 1,065 00
   from Van R. Swift, Collector, 1861, .................. 6,701 57
   from Van R. Swift, Collector, ........................ 13 84
   from Alpheus Leach, (on gratuity, ) ................... 5 00
   from James C. Leach, (gratuity,) ..................... 5 00
   for licensing 94 dogs, ................................ 109 00
   for Circus license, .................................. 10 00
   borrowed money, .................................... 1,000 00
   School District Taxes collected and not paid out, .... 51 10
   Fire District Tax and not drawn out, .................. 106 22
   Balance due the Treasurer, ............................ 54 89

$10,168 37

Cr.
By paid State Tax, .................................... $660 00
   Miscellaneous orders, .............................. 3,377 03
   School ........................................... 3,327 83
   Almshouse ........................................ 1,142 08
   Highway .......................................... 908 13
   Postage and Expressage, ............................ 6 57
   Bounty on Crows, .................................. 27 25
   A. W. Bassett, damage to sheep, ...................... 27 50
   Orders drawn by the Committee in aid
     of Volunteer Soldiers, ............................ 684 88
   Interest on Note at Taunton Bank, .................... 4 60
   Expenses of hiring money, ........................... 2 50

$10,168 37
We also find that the Town owes the following sums:

To School Districts, March 1, 1862, for schooling, $614.97
To " " for taxes collected and not paid out, 51.10
Fire District, for taxes collected and not paid out, 106.22
Eli Washburn, Notes and interest, 1,002.00
L. Holmes, money advanced, 54.89
Unsettled accounts, estimated, 338.00

Total: $2,167.18

Available means of the Treasurer for paying above amount—
Due from the State for aid furnished to families of Volunteer Soldiers previous to January 1, 1862, $830.27
Due from the State for aid furnished to families of Volunteer Soldiers since January 1, 1862, 195.89
Due from V. R. Swift, Collector, 1860, 72.47
V. R. Swift, Collector, 1861, 687.05
Alpheus Leach, 5.00

Total: $1,790.68

Balance against the Town, March 1, 1862, $376.50

All of which is respectfully submitted.

VAN R. SWIFT,
SPENCER LEONARD, Jr.,
ELBRIDGE KEITH,
Selectmen of Bridgewater.

March 1, 1862.
ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

Amount of Real Estate assessed May 1, 1861, $1,198,832 00
Amount of Personal Estate assessed May 1, 1861, 640,770 00

Total, $1,839,602 00

Per cent. on true value, four mills fifty-five one-hundredths on the dollar, for State, County and Town taxes. Poll Tax, $1.50. Number of Polls, 819. Per cent. on Labor Tax, ninety-seven one-hundredths of a mill.

Town Grant, (combined,) $6,400 00
County Tax, 2,131 20
State Tax, 660 00

$9,191 20

Overlayings, 408 05

Total amount assessed and committed, $9,594 25

VAN R. SWIFT,
SPENCER LEONARD, JR.,
ELBRIDGE KEITH,
Assessors of Bridgewater.

March 1, 1862.

STATEMENT OF LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

Liquor on hand, March 1, 1861, $37 14
Fixtures, 9 14
Cash, 32 50

$78 78

Liquor on hand, March 1, 1862, $44 87
Fixtures, 11 49
Cash, 41 08

$97 44

Deduct Agent's salary, 25 00

$72 44

Balance against the Town, $6 34
Amount of Liquor bought, from March 1, 1861, to March 1, 1862, $115.68
Amount of Liquor sold, from March 1, 1861, to March 1, 1862, $124.26

All of which is submitted.

H. W. KEITH, Agent.

March 1, 1862.

TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Cash in Committee's hands, March 1, 1861, $126.07
Paid repairs on house, and painting, $91.20
repairs on furniture, and painting, 28.39

$119.59

Balance unexpended, $6.48

Cash receipts for use of Town House, 1861, $107.00
Expenditures, as per bills, 74.37

Balance in favor of the house, $32.63
Balance of 1860 unexpended, 6.48

In the hands of the Committee, March 1, 1862, $39.11

ELI WASHBURN,
ABRAM WASHBURN,
JAMES C. LEACH,

Town House Committee.

March 1, 1862.
INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGE

Recorded in the Town Clerk’s Office, Bridgewater, in 1861.

1861.
Jan’y 26, Roscoe Tucker, of Bridgewater, and Pamela C. Tucker, of West Bridgewater.
31, Avery F. Keith, and Chloe K. Packard, both of Bridgewater.
Feb’y 2, Michael Burns, and Mary Cagney, both of Bridgewater.
March 30, Patrick Murry, and Abby Kelleher, both of Bridgewater.
April 3, Virgil V. Conant, and Lucy F. Weston, both of Bridgewater.
9, Franklin Fobes, of Bridgewater, and Allic Kingman, of North Bridgewater.
21, William V. Thaxter, and Almira J. Witherell, both of Bridgewater.
24, Granville Munroe, of East Bridgewater, and Elizabeth C. Wilbar, of Bridgewater.
24, Charles Leary, and Mary Kelleher, both of Bridgewater.
May 4, John Morrisey, and Grace Scanlen, both of Bridgewater.
24, Eli Wheeler, and Amanda Staples, both of Bridgewater.
June 5, Harrison F. Barnes, of Hardwick, and Mary A. Swift, of Bridgewater.
July 13, Jarius Gammons, Jr., of Middleboro’, and Joan E. Callahan, of Bridgewater.
26, Joseph B. Currier, of Bloomington, Ill., and Ellen Wilbar, of Bridgewater.
Sept. 6, Thomas H. Benson, and Abbie Holmes, both of Bridgewater.
28, Charles E. Lambert, and Sarah M. Macomber, both of Bridgewater.
October 3, James H. Ellis, and Annie M. Bullard, both of Bridgewater.
14, George M. Hooper, and Mary E. Josslyn, both of Bridgewater.
24, Edward Gorman, and Annie Harney, both of Bridgewater.
26, William Kelly, and Catherine Fox, both of Bridgewater.
Nov. 1, Oreb F. Mitchell, of Middleboro’, and Hattie E. Pratt, of Bridgewater.
19, Francis Winsor, of Bridgewater, and Sophronia Chamberlain, of East Bridgewater.
29, William Cagney, and Catherine Mahoney, both of Bridgewater.
28, Charles Gurney, of North Bridgewater, and Stella Snell, of Bridgewater.

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## Deaths in Bridgewater during the year 1861.

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<td>Canker Rash,</td>
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<td>Morris Fox</td>
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<td>Consumption,</td>
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<td>Benjamin Snell</td>
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<td>Killed by Cars.</td>
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LEWIS HOLMES, Town Clerk.
REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

By the laws of the Commonwealth, the School Committee are required to make a detailed Report, annually, of the condition of the several public schools; and to make such statements and suggestions concerning them as they may deem necessary and proper. We, therefore, beg leave to present the following Report:—

First of all, we congratulate our fellow-citizens upon the continued and increasing prosperity of our public schools, during a year of unparalleled national calamity, a year to be forever memorable in history as that of the great Southern Rebellion. Commerce has received a violent and disastrous check. Almost every branch of industry has suffered severely. Multitudes have been thrown out of employment. Our own community has experienced the unhappy effects of this interruption of business more than many others. But all this time our schools have been highly prosperous and successful. The circumstances of our country have been peculiarly favorable to the awakening of an intense activity in every department of thought and study. A stimulus has been applied to the susceptible minds of our youth, such as we never saw before, and perhaps may never see again. The anomalous state of the nation has attracted their attention and awakened their interest to a degree which was barely conceivable a few years ago. All the enthusiasm of their ardent souls has been kindled into a blaze. The spirit of patriotism is abroad in the land, and our children have caught the inspiration. Great thoughts are struggling in their minds, thoughts which prompt to great and
heroic deeds. They are beginning to learn, in earnest, the meaning of such words as Law, Government, Union, Constitution, State, Nation. Many have already begun to revere and love the country that bore them, and that now defends them from injustice and oppression. They have begun to feel towards her a filial reverence and affection. Many of the pupils in our public schools have been making gratifying proficiency in their ordinary studies. But beyond all this, they have thought more earnestly, and felt more deeply; their reflections have been more elevated and practical than ever before. Their voluntary studies have exceeded in amount and importance all that ever occupied their minds till now. Their reading has been such as to arouse their dormant energies and make them familiar with profound questions of morality and duty. We may fain hope that the patriotic enthusiasm which has been thus enkindled in the minds of the young, will prove to be of enduring value to them and to the whole community. It is truly a ground of hope and congratulation that the legitimate result of our admirable Common School system is, that our youth are taught the sacredness and supremacy of law, the value of honesty, and the love of country, to all classes of men. We shall henceforth prize this system more than ever, since we know now that popular ignorance is wholly incompatible with the safety and honor of the Republic. Now we are forcibly taught that if we would preserve our country from tyranny and from internal strife, we must educate the young in the lessons of justice and patriotism. We must inculcate those principles on which depend the stability of Government and the security of human rights.

We have spoken in exalted terms of our Common School system. It surely challenges admiration, and deserves to be the frequent theme of eulogium from the lips of our public men. But while the system of popular education which we have in form adopted, is so complete and excellent, the principles on which it rests have as yet received but a partial development. Looking at our theory of Public Schools one might suppose that the whole process of mental and moral culture was conducted by us in such a way as to refine and elevate the whole community to a degree hitherto unknown. Our system of education is grand, but there are many imperfections in our method of reducing it to practice. It aims and
is fitted to give every child a thorough education and to qualify him for an honorable and useful station in life. But many of our youth leave the public school but poorly fitted to perform the duties of a citizen and a man. From various causes our youth leave the public school generally before they have attained an age and a proficiency which prepare one to derive the utmost benefit from literary advantages. Many of them, it is true, resort to other institutions of learning, and thus enjoy the advantages they need. But a majority of our youth are dependent entirely upon public schools to furnish them with the means of elementary instruction. They need then to have those public schools rendered adequate to this important work. Every child has a right to demand of the town a free school in which he may acquire a thorough education. The laws of the Commonwealth require him to be thus furnished with the opportunities he needs. Our whole system of education should be so applied as to encourage and foster the desire in the young to acquire knowledge and mental discipline. In theory we educate the masses. Our laws require all the children to be educated. In fact, thousands derive no benefit from our public schools and from no schools whatever. The number of those who are favored with but scanty opportunities for learning, is far too great, either for our safety or credit. In almost every community some are left to grow up in ignorance and vice, just as if we were not expending money liberally for the education of all. Our Common School system contemplates the social and moral not less than the mental improvement of our youth. The statutes of our State require all instructors of the young to exert their best endeavors to impress upon the minds of their pupils the principles of piety, justice, and a sacred regard to truth, love of their country, humanity and universal benevolence, sobriety, industry and frugality, chastity, moderation and temperance, and those other virtues which are the ornament of human society, and the basis upon which a Republican Constitution is founded. Since, then, our theory of Common Schools comprehends the moral as well as the mental improvement of our youth, we must carry out the whole system, otherwise we do not use it legitimately at all. To labor for the intellectual development of the human mind to the neglect of the social and religious affections, is to produce something
monstrous and dangerous to the Republic. All our youth should be taught, in the public school, to obey lawful authority, to respect the rights and promote the welfare of their neighbor, to practice all those virtues on which the safety and well-being of society depend. But do we practically observe these excellent and important precepts enjoined upon us by the laws of the State? How many are left to grow up destitute of those qualities which truly elevate and ennoble man! How many of our youth have failed to acquire the first principles of virtue, although their literary advantages have been considerable, and have been protracted through a series of years.

Let the school-room be the nursery of every noble and useful quality. Let its atmosphere be fragrant with sweet and purifying influences. Let teachers faithfully attend to the duty imposed upon them by the laws of the Commonwealth. Let them watch over the morals of their pupils, and daily inculcate those lessons of heavenly charity which are more valuable by far than those teachings which only address the intellect without improving the heart. Denominational peculiarities should have, of course, no place in a system of education designed for all the people; but the grand principles of moral and religious obligation cannot be neglected without inflicting infinite harm upon the minds of the young. Let our youth have the full benefit of the wise and benevolent provisions of the statute from which we have quoted. Let teachers be selected as much with reference to their moral as to their intellectual qualifications. Let teachers understand fully what is required of them, and let parents co-operate with them in so restraining and guiding their children as to awaken in them a love for every virtue and a desire to walk in the path of rectitude and happiness.

The Committee would respectfully but earnestly commend to the attention of their fellow-citizens, the importance of providing liberally for the mental improvement of our schools. A good school-house, appropriately furnished with maps, blackboards, and other useful apparatus, is a means of benefit which it would be difficult to prize too highly. Those schools that still inhabit ill-constructed, ill-ventilated, forbidding houses, have many and serious drawbacks to their success. Children who leave their own neat, attractive, and comfortable dwellings, to spend six hours daily within a building that offends every
principle of taste, and utterly precludes the possibility of due attention to neatness and order,—such children must not be blamed if they soon grow tired of the school-room, and never love to recall the scenes which they have witnessed there.

The Committee are happy to bear testimony to the uniform courtesy and cordiality with which their visits have been welcomed by the teachers in the schools under their charge. They have eagerly sought our counsels, and respectfully listened to our suggestions. We have greatly enjoyed our visits to the various schools under our supervision. We have marked with deep interest and pleasure the evident fidelity and earnestness of the teachers and their thorough devotion to their work. With few exceptions they have been apt to teach, and well qualified for their responsible labors. Some of them deserve to be reckoned among the best and most successful teachers in the State. We deem the conscientious devotion to duty, the patient endurance of severe and exhausting toil, which they have so generally displayed, as worthy to be honorably mentioned and recorded.

Let such teachers be carefully sought out and liberally supported. Let all those who aspire to occupy the position of a public school teacher be careful to cultivate those traits which shall render them worthy to fill so important a place. Let no one offer himself for a work so responsible and vast, unless he be prepared and desirous to consecrate all his powers to its due performance. Let every citizen feel the worth of a good education, and lend all his influence to the task of making it universal in this our honored and beloved Commonwealth. We bespeak for our public schools a continuance of your liberal patronage, and your earnest sympathy with every endeavor to elevate and improve them.

The following persons have been approbated by us as teachers, and employed during the whole or a part of the year, in our public schools: Mr. F. H. Ludington, Miss Julia A. Wentworth; Miss Arabella Ames, Miss Lucy Copeland, Miss Eliza W. Raymond, Mr. H. G. Goodrich, Miss Augusta J. Ford, Miss Lucy J. Hayden, Miss Sarah B. Thompson, Mr. Ellis H. Cornish, Miss Ellen M. Holmes, Mr. Henry T. Hartwell, Miss Harriet L. Alden, Mr. James E. Alden, Miss Sarah Leach, Miss R. C. Moore, Miss Paulina Wood, Miss Lizzie B. Christian, Miss
Carrie E. Weston, Miss Esther M. Keith, Mr. Calvin Pratt, Mr. John A. Lothrop, Miss Hannah Hall, Mr. Philander Leach.

The Committee have distributed their labors as follows among the different schools: The schools in Districts Nos. 2, 3, 9, and 12, have been under the special supervision of Mr. Leach, through the year, and No. 4 during the winter only. Those in Districts Nos. 1, 8, 10, and 13, under that of Mr. Seagrave; those in Districts Nos. 5, 6, 7, and 11, under that of Mr. Lothrop, and No. 4 during the summer only.

We submit the following detailed report of the condition and progress of the schools during the year, disclaiming at the beginning all pretence of infallibility in our judgment concerning the matters to be brought under review. It is with great difficulty that we venture upon so difficult and delicate a task. We confess that our feelings prompt us to speak in terms of warmest commendation respecting the labors of those who have evidently brought to their task so earnest a purpose to do their duty well, as our teachers generally have. Our sympathies are with those who daily and hourly exercise themselves to render their work of training the immortal mind as nearly perfect as possible. If any have not succeeded in doing all they undertook, we believe it has been not from lack of elevated aims and a noble purpose, but from lack of opportunity.

DISTRICT No. 1.—The liberality and zeal of the people of this District in the cause of education are evinced by the fact that they have raised three hundred and twenty-five dollars by subscription, in order to lengthen their public schools for the past year. Nor has this liberal patronage of education been bestowed in vain. In the Grammar School the same energetic, skilful hand has now for two years guided this large and interesting group of youth in the path of learning. All see that the hand of a master is here. A military precision marks the movements of the pupils in all the exercises of the school. The knowledge here imparted is thoroughly practical. The scholars are continually reminded of its application in the affairs and duties of life. Their progress is highly satisfactory to the Committee. In this school we have a striking proof of the compatibility of strict discipline with the strongest sympathy between teacher and pupils.
The Intermediate School also has continued in the charge of the same teacher for the past two years, except during a few weeks in the autumn, while she was sick. This is a somewhat difficult school to manage, through the want, perhaps, in some cases, of proper discipline at home. But the instructress has brought to her work the patience, ability and skill which have been rewarded with much success. Let parents cordially unite in the endeavor to lighten her task and to raise this school to the highest point of discipline and excellence.

The Primary School in this district has been taught by the same teacher through the year. The business of the instructress here is not so much to secure perfect silence, and a large amount of study, as it is to keep the faculties of these children in active and healthful exercise, and to cultivate those habits of cheerful obedience and of neatness and order which are so essential to our happiness and usefulness in life. The gentle patience, the thorough self-control of the teacher, and the deep interest which she has shown in their welfare have evidently been of great advantage to these young minds.

District No. 2.—This school, under the charge of the same teacher during the year, has been a very quiet, orderly school. Diligence on the part of the scholars and thoroughness of teaching have resulted in a marked improvement.

District No. 3.—This school has been too large to be pleasant or profitable. While we believe the teachers have labored faithfully, and accomplished all that could have been expected of them, we think the good done has been far less than would have resulted from two separate schools.

We would earnestly recommend to the people of this District to make this arrangement before the commencement of another term.

District No. 4.—The summer school in this District, under the care of an experienced teacher, exhibited good order and praiseworthy advancement in study; though there seemed to the visitor to be a tendency to commit answers to memory without sufficient regard to the ideas contained in them.
Quite an interest was manifested in writing compositions, which were very creditable to the school.

The Teacher for the winter term has labored faithfully with his pupils; and the progress of the school has been such as to give general satisfaction.

DISTRICT No. 5.—This school in summer was in charge of a young lady who had never before taught, but who proved very successful, both in governing and instructing.

The winter school was under the care of the same gentleman who taught it the winter previous, and who has labored hard for the improvement of the scholars. His school was noticeable for the peculiar thoroughness with which he drilled his scholars, not only in giving the rules, but the reasons for them.

DISTRICT No. 6.—The summer school was taught by a lady well qualified to impart instruction, under whose care most of the scholars made good progress in their studies.

The winter school has been taught by a gentleman of experience and ability, and under whose tuition the scholars seem to be making commendable advancement.

The school has not yet closed.

DISTRICT No. 7.—This school is small, and composed mainly of quite young but very forward scholars, and has been taught through the year by an experienced teacher, who has been remarkably successful in interesting and urging forward her classes, who have made great progress, especially the younger classes in reading.

DISTRICT No. 8.—There has been no change of teacher in this school for two years past. The high commendation bestowed upon it by the Committee, in their last Annual Report, seems equally just when uttered with reference to the year now closing. The discipline has been firm and effective. The instruction has been exact and thorough. The advancement of the scholars has been marked and decisive; and this continues to be that which it is said to have been in former years—one of our best schools.
DISTRICT No. 9.—The Grammar Department of this school has continued in charge of the same teacher, for two years past. A marked improvement has been made in the discipline of the school. The teacher was assiduous in her labors, and good progress was made in the different studies.

The Primary Department has been conducted in a very satisfactory manner. The scholars have exhibited an interest in their lessons, and given evidence of good improvement.

DISTRICT No. 10.—This was a quiet, orderly school. The pupils were industrious, docile, and well-behaved. The teacher faithfully devoted herself to her work, and had the pleasure of seeing her work prosper under her hand. It is quite time that so promising scholars should have a suitable school-house.

DISTRICT No. 11.—This school was taught in summer by a beginner, who was evidently well qualified for imparting instruction, and who no doubt would have been very successful in her work had she paid more attention to the maintenance of order, in the early part of the term.

This school in winter was taught by a young man, also a beginner, who appears to have labored hard to advance the interests of the school, and with considerable success; many of the classes exhibiting commendable progress.

DISTRICT No. 12.—This school has made good improvement during the year, under the care of one of the members of the Committee.

DISTRICT No. 13.—For a few weeks from the commencement of the summer term, a female teacher was employed in this school. It then returned to the charge of one who had so acceptably taught it the winter previous. He taught a short term this winter also, and then closed his labors here in order to meet an engagement in another part of the town. It being found that a portion of the school money remained unexpended, the people added to this by subscription, and invited one of the Committee to take charge of the school. This school is fast becoming all that was contemplated, when the old school-house gave place to the neat edifice that now attests the liberality and public spirit of the District.
After a careful survey of the field in which the duties of the Committee have lain during the past year, and after marking the various excellences and defects of our several schools as they show themselves to us, it is our opinion that while most of them have some defects, yet none of them are incurably bad, or deserving of severe censure from those who are set to watch over and promote their general interests. The defects of which we have spoken are such as can be removed by the combined exertions of teachers, parents and pupils. We trust that all of us shall enter upon another year with strong desire and purpose to do more than ever before for the benefit of our public schools.

PHILANDER LEACH.
JAMES C. SEAGRAVE.
JOHN A. LOTHROP.

BRIDGEWATER, February 22, 1862.