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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
OF THE
TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1873.

ALSO, THE
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
FOR 1872.
TWENTIETH SERIES.

BOSTON:
DANIEL DWYER, STEAM PRINTER,
115 COURTY STREET,
1873.
REPORT.

In accordance with the vote of the town, the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor present their Annual Report of receipts and expenditures of the town of Bridgewater, for the year ending February 28, 1873.

At a meeting held March 23, 1872, the town passed the following votes:

Voted, To raise three thousand dollars for the repairing of roads. Two thousand dollars to be assessed in a separate tax upon the polls and estates in each district; the other one thousand dollars to be apportioned by the Selectmen on the Highway Districts, where, in their judgment, it is most needed.

Voted, To raise fifty-five hundred dollars for Common Schools.

Voted, To raise two thousand dollars for High School.

Voted, To raise six hundred dollars for School Incidents.

Voted, To raise three hundred dollars for High School apparatus.

Voted, To raise twelve hundred dollars for the support of the Poor.

Voted, To raise thirty-five hundred dollars for building the roads and paying the land damage, laid out by the Selectmen.

Voted, To raise five hundred dollars for building a Brick Safe in the Town House.

Also, at a legal meeting, held August 10, 1872, the town passed the following vote:
Voted, To raise three thousand dollars for building the roads laid out by the Hon. County Commissioners.

RECAPITULATION.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Item</th>
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<tr>
<td>Repairing of Roads</td>
<td>$3,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Common Schools</td>
<td>5,500.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>High School</td>
<td>2,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>School Incidentalals</td>
<td>600.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>High School Apparatus</td>
<td>300.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Support of the Poor</td>
<td>1,200.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Brick Safe in Town House</td>
<td>500.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Building roads laid out by Selectmen</td>
<td>3,500.00</td>
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<td>Building roads laid out by C. C.</td>
<td>3,000.00</td>
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$19,600.00

Voted, To raise and assess into a tax upon the polls and estates of the town, the sum of nineteen thousand and six hundred dollars.

The Corporation Tax received from the State Treasurer was offset, to meet the discount on taxes, interest on borrowed money, and miscellaneous bills.

HIGHWAYS.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Item</th>
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<tr>
<td>Town grant</td>
<td>$3,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Two-thirds to be assessed on polls and estates</td>
<td>2,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Overlay on the same</td>
<td>23.88</td>
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<td>One-third to be apportioned by the Selectmen</td>
<td>1,000.00</td>
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Total amount for repairing roads, $3,023.88

The following is the Selectmen’s apportionment of one thousand dollars upon the several districts:

District No. 1, East, $00.00
" " 1, West, 00.00
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<th>District No. 2;</th>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; 3,</td>
<td>165.00</td>
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<td>&quot; 4,</td>
<td>75.00</td>
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<td>90.00</td>
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<td>&quot; 6,</td>
<td>85.00</td>
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<td>&quot; 7,</td>
<td>155.00</td>
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<td>140.00</td>
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<td>&quot; 12,</td>
<td>20.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; 13,</td>
<td>80.00</td>
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$1,000.00

The following is the amount assessed on polls and estates in each district:

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<tr>
<th>District No. 1, East</th>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; 1, West,</td>
<td>$553.58</td>
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<td>&quot; 2,</td>
<td>264.25</td>
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<td>&quot; 3,</td>
<td>80.97</td>
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<td>61.23</td>
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<td>&quot; 8,</td>
<td>52.56</td>
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<td>&quot; 9,</td>
<td>74.43</td>
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<td>&quot; 10,</td>
<td>543.20</td>
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<td>54.12</td>
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<td>&quot; 13,</td>
<td>40.00</td>
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<td>86.11</td>
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$2,023.88
## DISTRICT No. 1, EAST,
**WILLARD W. FOBES, Surveyor.**

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<tr>
<td>Amount on polls and estates</td>
<td>$553.58</td>
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<tr>
<td>Expended</td>
<td>$564.76</td>
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<tr>
<td>Overworked</td>
<td>11.18</td>
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<td>Allowed by the Auditors</td>
<td>10.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$574.76</strong></td>
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## DISTRICT No. 1, WEST,
**PHILO KEITH, Surveyor.**

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<tr>
<td>Amount on polls and estates</td>
<td>$264.25</td>
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<tr>
<td>Expended</td>
<td>$274.11</td>
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<td>Overworked and allowed</td>
<td>9.86</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$274.11</strong></td>
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## DISTRICT No. 2,
**BENJAMIN HARDEN, Surveyor.**

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<td>Amount on polls and estates</td>
<td>$80.97</td>
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<td>Proportion of one thousand dollars</td>
<td>165.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$245.97</strong></td>
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<td>Expended</td>
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<td>Unexpended</td>
<td>10.42</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$245.97</strong></td>
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## DISTRICT No. 3,
**LEMUEL M. KEITH, Surveyor.**

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<td>Amount on polls and Estates</td>
<td>$32.94</td>
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<td>Proportion of one thousand dollars</td>
<td>75.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$107.00</strong></td>
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<td>Expended</td>
<td>$111.55</td>
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<tr>
<td>Overworked</td>
<td>4.55</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$111.55</strong></td>
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DISTRICT No. 4.

HAVILAH W. DUNPHE, Surveyor.

Amount on polls and estates, $49.17
Proportion of one thousand dollars, 90.00

\[ \text{Expended, } 142.90 \]
\[ \text{Overworked, } 3.73 \]

\[ \text{Total, } 142.90 \]

DISTRICT No. 5.

FRANKLIN C. WESTON, Surveyor.

Amount on polls and estates, $52.26
Proportion of one thousand dollars, 85.00

\[ \text{Expended, } 143.76 \]
\[ \text{Overworked, } 6.50 \]

\[ \text{Total, } 143.76 \]

DISTRICT No. 6.

SETH H. LEONARD, Surveyor.

Amount on polls and estates, 61.23
Proportion of one thousand dollars, 155.00

\[ \text{Expended, } 224.10 \]
\[ \text{Overworked, } 7.87 \]

\[ \text{Total, } 224.10 \]
### DISTRICT No. 7.
**Virgil Ames, Surveyor.**

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<thead>
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<th>Amount on polls and estates</th>
<th>$52.56</th>
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<td>Proportion of one thousand dollars</td>
<td>10.00</td>
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<td>Expended,</td>
<td>$64.43</td>
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<tr>
<td>Overworked,</td>
<td>1.87</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>$62.56</td>
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### DISTRICT No. 8.
**Linus W. Snow, Surveyor.**

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<th>Amount on polls and estates</th>
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<td>Proportion of one thousand dollars</td>
<td>100.00</td>
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<td>Expended,</td>
<td>$174.43</td>
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<td>Overworked,</td>
<td>2.57</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>$177.00</td>
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### DISTRICT No. 9.
**Jacob H. Robinson, Surveyor.**

| Amount on polls and estates | $543.20 |
| Expended,                  | $532.04 |
| Overworked,                | 8.84   |
| Total                      | $552.04 |

### DISTRICT NO. 10.
**Wales Hayward, Surveyor.**

| Amount on polls and estates | $54.12 |
| Expended,                  | $194.30 |
| Overworked,                | .18    |
| Total                      | $194.30 |
DISTRICT No. 11.

Virgil V. Conant, Surveyor.

Amount on polls and Estates, $80.00
Proportion of one thousand dollars, 20.00

$100.00

Expended, $68.75
Unexpended, 31.25

$100.00

DISTRICT No. 12.

Ellis F. Dunbar, Surveyor.

Amount on polls and estates, $40.00
Proportion of one thousand dollars, 80.00

$120.00

Expended, $120.89
Overworked, .89

$120.89

DISTRICT No. 13.

Benjamin Keith Jr., Surveyor.

Amount on polls and estates, $86.11
Proportion of one thousand dollars, 80.00

$166.11

Expended, $166.64
Overworked, .53

$166.64

Total amount expended for repairing roads, $3,040.78
Amount raised and assessed for roads, 3,023.88

Expended above amount raised, $16.90
SNOW BILLS IN EACH DISTRICT.

District No. 1, East, $15.25
" " 1, West, 8.00
" " 2, 14.00
" " 3, 8.00
" " 4, 13.80
" " 5, 7.10
" " 6, 9.00
" " 7, 9.66
" " 8, 20.25
" " 9, 9.40
" " 10, 16.00
" " 11, 11.20
" " 12, 6.00
" " 13, 12.50

$160.16

SCHOOLS, 1872.

Number of School-houses, 14. Number of Scholars, 657.
Number of Schools including High-School, 18.

Town grant for Common Schools, $5,500.00
" High School, 2,000.00
" School incidentals, 600.00
" High School apparatus, 300.00

Interest on Edson School Fund, 18.00
" Dyer School Fund, 395.93

Received from Massachusetts School Fund, 225.29
Dividend on Dogs from County Treasurer, 259.42

Total amount for Schools, $9,298.64

One-tenth of the income of the Dyer School Fund is to be applied to School No. 8, in accordance with the Will.
HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid L. B. Pillsbury, teaching 8 weeks, $355.52
J. M. Dill, teaching 2\(\frac{1}{2}\) weeks, 91.66
A. L. Bartlett, teaching 1\(\frac{3}{4}\) weeks, 66.67
L. J. Drake, teaching 24\(\frac{1}{2}\) weeks, 979.13
Miss Anna M. Wilde, Assistant, 411.41
Miss E. C. Smith, Assistant, 80.55

HOUSE No. 1.

Paid Miss Kate Mitchell, teaching Grammar School 12 weeks, $132.00
" Lemira Benson, teaching Grammar School, 24 weeks, 264.00
" Lucie E. Curtis, teaching Intermediate School, 12 weeks, 120.00
" Mary O. Bottomore, teaching Intermediate School, 6 weeks, 60.00
J. E. Crane, teaching Intermediate School, 6 weeks, 60.00
Miss Eliza Richards, teaching Intermediate School, 2 days, .40
" Flora C. Swift, teaching Intermediate School, 12 weeks, 120.00
" Eliza Richards, teaching Primary School, 36 weeks, 324.00
" M. C. Bryant, teaching Primary School, 2 days, 4.00
Fuel and preparing, 162.50
Care of House and making fires, 106.75

HOUSE No. 2.

Paid Miss Lemira Benson, teaching 12 weeks, $120.00
" Rosa W. Hall, teaching 12 weeks, 108.00
Wellington Depuy, teaching 12 weeks, 180.00
Fuel and preparing, 25.25
Care of house and making fires, 10.00

HOUSE No. 3.
✓ Paid Miss Isabella F. Crapo, teaching 36 weeks, $360.00
Fuel and preparing, 18.63
Care of house and making fires, 17.00

HOUSE No. 4.
Paid Miss A. E. C. Wentworth, teaching 36 weeks, $266.00
Fuel and preparing, 26.00
Care of house and making fires, 13.50

HOUSE No. 5.
Paid Miss Flora W. Leonard, teaching 24 weeks, $168.00
Miss Addie M. Hall, teaching 12 weeks, 96.00
Fuel and preparing, 28.13
Care of house and making fires, 10.00

HOUSE No. 6.
Paid Miss Ellen M. Holmes, teaching 24 weeks, $168.00
Miss Rosa W. Hall, teaching 12 weeks, 96.00
Fuel and preparing, 26.50
Care of house and making fires, 10.00

HOUSE No. 7.
Paid Miss Corinna Bates, teaching 36 weeks, 288.00
Fuel and preparing, 13.00
Care of house and making fires, 9.00

$443.25
$395.63
$305.50
$302.13
$300.50
$310.00
HOUSE No. 8.

Paid Miss Addie M. Hall, teaching 24 w'ks, $192.00
Philander Leach, teaching 14½ weeks, 183.00
Fuel and preparing, 24.75
Care of House and making fires, 14.00

$413.75

HOUSE No. 9.

Paid F. C. Robertson, teaching Grammar School, 6 weeks, $90.00
J. M. Dill, teaching Grammar School, 12 weeks, 12.00
Miss Mary M. Smith, teaching Grammar School, 2 days, 2.80
Philander Leach, teaching Grammar School, 5 weeks, 75.00
Miss Alice F. Wing, teaching Grammar School, 12 weeks, 121.00
P. D. Leonard, teaching Grammar School, 13 weeks, 195.00
Miss Carrie Sampson, teaching Primary School, 36 weeks, 324.00
Fuel and preparing, 92.48
Care of House and making fires, 34.10

$946.38

HOUSE No. 10.

Paid Miss H. Maria Hayward, teaching 24 weeks, $168.00
Ellen M. Holmes, teaching 12 w'ks, 96.00
Fuel and preparing, 13.37
Care of House and making fires, 9.00

$286.37
HOUSE No. 11.

Paid Miss Julia M. Hooper, teaching 24 weeks, $168.00
Miss Flora W. Leonard, teaching 8 weeks, 64.00
Miss L. A. Perkins, teaching 4 weeks, 28.00
Fuel and preparing, 19.00
Care of house and making fires, 9.00

$288.00

HOUSE No. 12.
Paid Town of Middleboro' for schooling, $19.75

HOUSE No. 13.
Paid Miss Emma A. Baker, teaching 12 weeks, $108.00
Miss Harriet Wilbur, teaching 24 weeks, 204.00
Fuel and preparing, 32.00
Care of house and making fires, 13.00

$357.00

HOUSE, No. 14.
Paid Miss Flora C. Swift, teaching Grammar School, 24 weeks, $264.00
George Washburn, teaching Grammar School, 12 weeks, 180.00
Miss Myra I. Thomas, teaching Primary School, 36 weeks, 300.00
Fuel and preparing, 90.00
Care of house and making fires, 32.35

$866.35

Expended for schooling from March 1, 1872, to March 1, 1873, including High Sch'! , fuel and care of houses, $8,573.20
Expended for school incidentals, 737.10
Expended for High School apparatus, 116.00

Total amount expended for Schools, $9,426.30
Appropriations, $9,298.64
Expended above appropriations, $127.66

Building roads and paying land damage laid out by the Selectmen.

Town appropriation, $3,500.00

**NEW STREET FROM BROAD TO PLYMOUTH STREET.**

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<td>A. Hale</td>
<td>Land and fencing</td>
<td>$300.00</td>
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<td>M. Thompson</td>
<td>Land and fencing</td>
<td>700.00</td>
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<td>M. Thompson</td>
<td>Gratuity by vote of the town</td>
<td>100.00</td>
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<td>P. D. Kingman</td>
<td>Land and fencing</td>
<td>175.00</td>
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<td>Miss B. A. Holmes</td>
<td>Land and fencing</td>
<td>300.00</td>
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<td>J. E. Crane</td>
<td>Land and fencing</td>
<td>17.00</td>
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<td>A. Bassett</td>
<td>Building road by contract</td>
<td>1,600.00</td>
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<td>Extra work by agreement</td>
<td>13.00</td>
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<td>A. Bassett</td>
<td>Delay caused by P. D. Kingman not moving his walls, hedge, &amp;c.</td>
<td>80.00</td>
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**Total:** $3,285.00

**NEW STREET FROM MT. PROSPECT TO PLEASANT STREET.**

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<td>G. Conant</td>
<td>Building road by contract</td>
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<tr>
<td>G. Conant</td>
<td>Building culvert under sidewalk</td>
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**Total:** $592.00

**WIDENING MT. PROSPECT STREET: (Not finished.)**

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<td>Mrs. S. K. Washburn</td>
<td>Land and damage</td>
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<td>M. Frawley</td>
<td>Land and moving wall</td>
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<td>Mrs. D. Bryant</td>
<td>Land</td>
<td>5.00</td>
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<td>W. H. Whitney</td>
<td>Land and moving wall</td>
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<td>H. A. Hall</td>
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<td>30.00</td>
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<td>V. R. Swift</td>
<td>Paid laborers</td>
<td>18.00</td>
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**Total:** $239.00
WIDENING SUMMER STREET.
Paid E. H. Sprague, land and moving wall, $30.00
Mrs. W. Bebee and W. C. Wilbur, land and moving wall, 20.00
(Road worked by the Highway Surveyor,) $50.00

WORKING ROADS LAID OUT BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.
Town appropriation, $3,000.00

FLAG STREET, WIDENED, AND A PORTION OF NEW LOCATION.
Paid C. Holmes, working Section No. 1, $425.00
G. Conant, working Section No. 2, 50.00
$475.00

CENTRE AND HIGH STREETS, (Widened.)
Paid M. Howland, building road, $954.00
M. Howland, extra work, 60.00
$1,014.00

FOREST AND SPRUCE STREETS.
Widened and a portion of new location.
Paid H. Gurney, building Section No. 2, $700.00
M. Howland, building Section No. 3, 185.00
W. Hayward, building Section No. 5, 155.00
$1,040.00
(Sections one and four not built.)

BRICK SAFE.
Town appropriation, $500.00
Paid M. Hooper & Co., Bricks, $101.70
H. T. Pratt, lime and hair, 20.50
E. R. Morse, iron doors, 225.00
Q. A. Faunce, mason work, 85.00
W. W. Fobes, tending masons and team work, 39.95
Paid V. R. Swift, paid labor on stone foundation, $44.38
Bates, Hyde & Co., lumber and preparing, 6.52
S. Harlow, iron work, 6.45
O. C. & N. R. Road, freight, 1.44
H. T. Pratt, team work, .87

$531.81

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid S. Thornton, printing Town Reports for 1871, $135.00
S. Thornton, printing posters, 2.50
J. L. Fairbanks, paper for copying town records, 14.00
Jones, Holmes, & Co., printing rewards, warrants and road notices, 25.90
E. Johnson, land and moving fence on Cross Street, 7.00
Porter & Darling, lumber for Child's bridge, 100.08
W. D. Burtch, putting up railing on Child's Bridge, 13.50
Braman Bros., painting Schoolhouse No. 9, 142.09
P. D. Leonard, painting Schoolhouse No. 7, 35.27
Mitchell's Express, 2.40
Shedd's Express, 2.20
L. Holmes, box rent and postage, 4.63
C. K. Darling, Blank book, 1.65
A. K. Williams, plank for Titicut bridge, 48.30
F. D. King, highway work 1871, 4.50
F. C. Weston, building culvert near E. Pratt's, 5.00
G. M. Hooper, surveying, 1.60
S. Harlow, iron work, 2.20
H. Kingman, counsel in case vs. Plymouth, 10.00
Paid H. Kingman, making deed to C. Alden, 2.00
V. R. Swift, putting herring into Nippenickett pond, 21.00
S. Leonard, putting herring into Nippenickett pond, 8.25
L. S. Wilbur, transportation of herrings from Taunton river to Nippenickett pond, 35.50
S. Leonard, trial of M. D. Holmes road former, 16.75
S. Leonard, moving P. D. Kingman's wall and hedge, 10.75
A. Washburn, repairing town pump, 2.50
Keith & Alden, Blank books, stationery and hardware, 20.00
J. H. Fairbanks, extending water tube on Oak Street, 3.50
M. D. Holmes, Eagle Road Former, 140.00
J. E. Crane, committee with C. C. 4.00
L. Holmes, distributing Town Reports 1870-71, 4.00
L. Holmes, horse and carriage to W. B. meeting of Town Clerks, 1.00

$828.37

STATE AID FURNISHED TO SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES OF SOLDIERS, FROM MARCH 1, 1872, TO MARCH 1, 1873.

Amos L. Dorr, $120.00
William Holmes, 72.00
Oreb F. Mitchell, 72.00
Sumner Keith, 27.00
Hervey Josselyn, guardian, 48.00
Benjamin Darling, guardian, 48.00
Mrs. Eliza Conant, 96.00
" Lucy White, 96.00
" Eunice H. Wood, 96.00
" Benj. W. Price, 96.00
" Paulina R. Benson, 48.00
" Christiana Benson, 48.00
" Mary Driscoll, 48.00
" Abbie W. Lambert, 48.00
" Sarah Simpson, 48.00
" Jane Leonard, 64.00

$1,075.00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Van R. Swift, Selectman, $215.00
" Assessor, 113.75
" Overseer of the Poor, 13.75
" Committee, 5.00
" Car fares and cash paid out, 33.00
" Use of horse and carriage, 16.50

Spencer Leonard, Selectman, 85.00
" Assessor, 88.75
" Overseer of the Poor, 11.25
" Committee, 36.25
" Car fares and cash paid out, 3.33
" Use of horse and carriage, 34.25

Isaac S. Wilbur, Selectman, 32.50
" Assessor, 10.00
" Overseer of the Poor, 3.75
" Committee, 28.75
" Use of horse and carriage, 7.75

Lewis Holmes, Town Clerk, recording births, deaths and marriages, 35.50
Lewis Holmes, Recording militia roll, 1.00
" Recording locations of roads, 3.25
" Copying for Town Report, 2.00
Theodore F. Wright, School Committee, 44.80
Lewis S. Hopkins, " 42.58
Philander D. Leonard, " 43.15
Edwin H. Keith, " 1871, 25.50
Lafayette Keith, " 1871, 15.00
Stable hire for " 38.88
F. D. King, Constable, 23.00
F. D. King, Truant Officer, 3.00
Van R. Swift, Collector, 100.00
Van R. Swift, Treasurer, 50.00
Williams Latham, Auditor, 5.25
George W. Bates, " 2.50
Sumner Keith, 2nd, " 2.50

$1,176.49

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

Dr.

Inventory March 1, 1872, $1,140.67
Cash on hand March 1, 1872, 84.98
Due from sundry persons March 1, 1872, 95.64
Cash drawn from Town Treasury, 190.00
Superintendent's Salary, 300.00
Interest on farm, 150.00
Interest on stock and furniture, 40.00

$2,001.29

Cr.

Inventory March 1, 1873, $1,056.18
Cash on hand March 1, 1873, 48.42
Due from sundry persons March 1, 1873, 116.62

$1,221.22

Cost of supporting the poor at the house, $780.07
Whole number of paupers during the year, 10
Average number during the year, \(\frac{725}{12}\)
Present number at the house, 9
Average cost per week for support, $2.07

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**PAUPER EXPENSES OUT OF THE HOUSE.**

Support of Mrs. H. W. Washburn, (Lun. Hos'tal) $195.80
" " Andrew Morse, " " 23.75
Fuel and supplies for Mrs. Hannah Ashport, 19.57
" " Mrs. Benjamin W. Price, 79.99
" " Misses D. and V. Fuller, 42.57
" " Mrs. Benjamin Washburn, 26.56
" " Leander Fobes, 20.96
" " Mrs. William Keith, 21.00
" " Mrs. Martha Cornwall, 7.50
Medical Aid for Mrs. Hannah Ashport, 20.50
" " Mrs. Benj. Washburn, 4.75
" " Misses D. and V. Fuller, 8.75
" " Mrs. Benj. W. Price and family, 15.25
" " Seth Conant, 3.75
" " Leander Fobes, 2.25
" " Miss Sarah Cornwall, 1871. 18.25
J. W. Smith, boarding Mrs. Sion Swift one year, 26.00
Hyland House, keeping travelers over night, 36.00
F. D. King, keeping travelers over night and carry-
ing travelers to Almshouse, 7.50

$580.70
SUPPORT OF POOR BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS.

Supplies, Medical aid and burial of Freelove Fillis (Pepperell,) $63.69
Supplies for Mary Bates, (Plymouth,) 81.78
Keron O'Neil, coal, (State,) 10.10

$155.57

Thirty six transient persons have been kept at the Almshouse over night, and some of the number have remained one day and two nights.

RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITURES.

Paid State Tax, $3,380.00
County Tax, 2,830.29
Schooling, from March 1, 1872 to March 1, 1873, 8,573.20
School Incidents, 853.10
Repairing roads, 3,040.78
Building roads and land damage laid out by Selectmen, 4,166.00
Building roads laid out by C. C. 2,529.00
State Aid, 1,075.00
Brick Safe, 531.81
Town Officers, 1,176.49
Support of poor at Almshouse, 780.07
Support of poor out of the Almshouse, 580.70
Support of poor belonging to other towns, 155.57
Borrowed money and interest, 7,968.13
Miscellaneous expenses, 828.37
Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Minnesota Bonds, 4,697.33
Paid Four-hundred forty-eight Woodchucks' heads, 112.00
Eighteen Hawks' heads, 4.50
Town of Halifax, for herrings, 14.16
Transportation of State paupers, 2.80
Snow bills, 160.16

$43,459.46

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

DR.

Cash on hand March 1, 1872, $1,349.10
Received of Van R. Swift, Collector, 1872, 24,468.57
  "  "  " 1871, 358.77
  "  "  " 1870, 26.52
  "  State Treasurer, bal Corporation Tax, '71, 1,843.71
  "  "  " Corporation Tax, '72, 4,507.41
  "  "  " State Aid, '71, 1,115.00
  "  "  " Mass. School Fund, 225.29
  "  County Treasurer, Dog Dividend, 259.42
  "  Sundry persons, borrowed money, 7,750.00
  "  Andrew Morse, for note and interest, 131.34
  "  For sale of $500 U. S. Bond, 573.75
  "  For sale of Cedar Rapids R. R. Coupons, 395.93
  "  For illegitimacy, 100.00
  "  C. Alden, land from School lot No. 3, 11.00
  "  A. Keith, Ventilator, 5.50
  "  W. D. Burtch, old bridge plank, 2.00
  "  M. Hooper & Co. returned brick, .90
  "  School Committee, sale of school books, 2.59
  "  J. L. Bassett, stones from School lot No. 1, 12.50
  "  Use of School Room No. 14, 1.00
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<td>Rec'd Interest on Edson School Fund,</td>
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<td>&quot; East Bridgewater, board of two children at the Almshouse,</td>
<td>$1.50</td>
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<td>&quot; Halifax, labor on Child's bridge,</td>
<td>$6.70</td>
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<td>&quot; Middleboro', one half repairs on Titicut bridge,</td>
<td>$24.15</td>
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<td>&quot; West Bridgewater, one half expense putting herring into Nippenickett pond,</td>
<td>$33.50</td>
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<td>&quot; Plymouth, support of Mary Bates,</td>
<td>$84.04</td>
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<td>&quot; Pepperell, sickness and burial of Free-love Fillis,</td>
<td>$63.69</td>
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<td>&quot; S. Leonard, sale of Schoolhouse No. 6,</td>
<td>$37.50</td>
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<td>&quot; Town House Committee,</td>
<td>$200.73</td>
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<td>$43,610.11</td>
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By paid State tax, $3,380.00
" County tax, $2,830.29
" Five $1000 Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Minnesota R. R. Bonds, $4,697.33
" Sundry persons, borrowed money, $7,750.00
" Interest on borrowed money, $218.13
" Miscellaneous orders, $9,239.17
" School orders, $9,426.30
" Highway orders, $3,199.76
" Almshouse orders, $1,269.19
" State Aid, $1,075.00
" Four-hundred forty-eight Woodchucks' heads, $112.00
" Eighteen Hawk's heads, $4.50
" Town of Halifax, one-third the expense putting herrings in Monponsett pond, $14.16
" Transportation of State paupers to Tewksbury, $2.80
A. Washburn, storing Ventilator,  
Cash in the Treasury, March 1, 1873,

$43,610.11

We also find the town owes the following sums:

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<td>Fire District, money not drawn out</td>
<td>$11.02</td>
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<td>Road Contractors, roads not finished</td>
<td>650.00</td>
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<td>Unsettled accounts, estimated</td>
<td>233.00</td>
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$894.02

Avoidable means of the Treasurer, for paying the above amount:

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<td>Cash on hand March 1, 1873</td>
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<td>State Aid, furnished 1872</td>
<td>1,051.00</td>
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<td>State Aid, from Jan. 1, 1873, to March 1, 1873</td>
<td>184.50</td>
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<td>A. Morse, board at Lunatic Hospital</td>
<td>23.75</td>
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<td>Due from town of Plymouth, support of Mrs. Bates</td>
<td>81.78</td>
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<td>Van R. Swift, taxes uncollected, 1871</td>
<td>18.36</td>
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<td>279.97</td>
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<td>State Treasurer, bal. of corporation tax, 1872</td>
<td>111.35</td>
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$2,141.69

Balance in favor of the town, March 1, 1873,  

$1,247.67

All of which is respectfully submitted,

VAN R. SWIFT,  
SPENCER LEONARD,  
ISAAC S. WILBAR,

Selectmen of Bridgewater.

BRIDGEWATER, March 1, 1873.
COLLECTOR IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER.

1872.  
Dr.  
Sept. 6, To commitment of Town taxes, $19,600.00  
State tax, 3,380.00  
County tax, 2,830.29  
Overlaying, 985.92  
Total, $26,796.21

1873.  
Cr.  
February, By cash, of Collector, $24,468.57  
Discount on taxes, 1,980.53  
Abatement on taxes, 67.14  
Total, $26,516.24

March 1, 1873, Due from Collector, $279.97

VAN R. SWIFT, Treasurer.

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

Amount of real estate assessed May 1, 1872, $1,363,845.00  
Amount of personal estate assessed May 1, 1872, 767,635.00  
Total, $2,131,540.00

Town grant, (combined,) $19,600.00
State tax, 3,380.00
County tax, 2,830.29
Overlayings, 985.92

Total amount assessed and committed, $26,796.21

All of which is respectfully submitted,

VAN R. SWIFT, Assessors
SPENCER LEONARD, of
ISAAC S. WILBAR, Bridgewater.

BRIDGEWATER, March 1, 1873.

ABSTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28th, 1873.

Received for the use of the Hall. $384.00
Paid for care of House and Common, painting &c., $136.90
Paid for supplies, 46.37
Paid Town Treasurer balance, 200.73 $384.00

LAFAYETTE KEITH, Town House Committee
HOSEA KINGMAN,
JAMES C. LEACH,
[Copy of Warrant for the Annual March Meeting, 1873.]

TOWN MEETING.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bridgewater, in the County of Plymouth:

GREETING.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of BRIDGEWATER, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the TOWN HOUSE, in said town, on MONDAY, the 10th day of March instant, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon the following articles, viz.:

1. To choose a Moderator.
2. To hear and act upon the Report of the Auditors of Accounts.
3. To hear and act upon the Report of the School Committee.
4. To hear and act upon the Report of the Selectmen respecting the receipts and expenditures for the past year.
5. To hear and act upon the Report of the Overseers of the Poor.
7. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
8. To determine the method of repairing highways for the year ensuing, and raise such sum as may be necessary therefor, to be paid in labor or otherwise.

9. To raise, appropriate and vote into a Tax, to be assessed upon the Polls and Estates, according to law, such sums of money as may be thought necessary for the support of the Poor, support of Schools, repairs of Roads and Bridges, and for the incidental expenses of the town for the year ensuing.

10. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors reported by the Selectmen.

11. To see what action the town will take in relation to grading Paper Mill Hill.

12. To see if the town will offer a bounty for the destruction of hawks, crows and woodchucks.

13. To see if the town will sell or otherwise dispose of a strip of land on the northerly side of School lot No. 1. (By request.)

14. To see what action the town will take in relation to replacing the stairs to the Upper Hall in the Town House, or making any other alterations in or about the Town House.

15. To see if the town take any measures for the relief of Washington L. Ames. (By request.)

And you are directed to serve this warrant, according to the By-Laws of the town, seven days at least before the time appointed for said meeting.

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

Given under our hands and seals at Bridgewater, this First day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy three.

VAN R. SWIFT, Selectmen of the Town
SPENCER LEONARD, of Bridgewater.
I. SANFORD WILBAR,
### DEATHS IN BRIDGEWATER DURING THE YEAR 1872.

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<th>DATE</th>
<th>NAME</th>
<th>AGE</th>
<th>CAUSE OF DEATH</th>
<th>BIRTHPLACE</th>
<th>REMARKS</th>
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<td>Jan.</td>
<td>Clarissa F. Alger</td>
<td>87</td>
<td>Old Age</td>
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<td>Wife of Adin Alger</td>
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<td>Feb.</td>
<td>Jonathan Benson</td>
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<td>Lois Fobes</td>
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<td>Widow of Avery Fobes</td>
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<td>Geo. W. Jackson</td>
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<td>Lakeville</td>
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<td>Noble P. Bump</td>
<td>57</td>
<td>Cancer</td>
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<td>Daniel Driscoll</td>
<td>54</td>
<td>Consumption</td>
<td>Bridgewater</td>
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<td>March</td>
<td>Ellen Kendrick</td>
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<td>Dropsy</td>
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<td>Dau. of Norman and Mary F.</td>
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<td>Susan A. Woodbury</td>
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<td>England</td>
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<td>Thomas Broadhurst</td>
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<td>Halifax</td>
<td>Son of Ephraim and Fear</td>
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<td>Rebecca M. T. Farnsworth</td>
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<td>Carver</td>
<td>Wid. of Rev.—Farnsworth</td>
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<td>April</td>
<td>Ephraim Tillson</td>
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<td>Sylvia Harlow</td>
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<td>Yarmouth</td>
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<td>John P. Raveney</td>
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<td>June</td>
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<td>John Costello</td>
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<td>Ireland</td>
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<td>Austin W. Alger</td>
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<td>Lewis Hayden</td>
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<td>Appoplexy</td>
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<td>Aug.</td>
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<td>Cholera Infantum</td>
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<td>Nancy D. Pratt</td>
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<td>Disease of Brain</td>
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<td>Dau. of Geo. W. and Mary Ellis</td>
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<td>Wid. of Philo Leach</td>
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<td>Leonard F. Vose</td>
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<td>Fever</td>
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<td>Keziah Keith</td>
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<td>General Debility</td>
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<td>Freeloave Talbot</td>
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<td>Consumption</td>
<td>Peperell</td>
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*Note: This table lists the deaths in Bridgewater in 1872, including the names, ages, causes of death, and birthplaces of the deceased. The remarks column provides additional information about their backgrounds or relationships.*
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<th>Births Registered in 1872: —</th>
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<td>Of American parentage, 45; of foreign parentage, 24. Total number, 69.</td>
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**Births**

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<td>29 Quiney A Damon</td>
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<td>Cohasset</td>
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<td>Solomon and Lucinda</td>
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<td>26 Patrick Frawley</td>
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<td>Oct.</td>
<td>11 Arthur C. Berry</td>
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<td>Diphtheria</td>
<td>Bridgewater</td>
<td>Son of</td>
<td>Aaron and Lydia</td>
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<td>12 Ezra Fobes</td>
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<td>Taunton</td>
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<td>13 Abigail Richmond</td>
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<td>16 Joseph Hagermiller</td>
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<td>19 Eliza S. Briggs</td>
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<td>Kidney Disease</td>
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<td>21 Clara L. Waterman</td>
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<td>Walter E. and Martha E.</td>
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<td>10 Nahum Johnson</td>
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<td>10 Catharine Clancy</td>
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LEWIS HOLMES, Town Clerk.
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF
BRIDGEWATER.
1872.
ANNUAL REPORT.

The School Committee of the town are required by law, annually to "Make a detailed report of the condition of the several public schools," "which report shall contain such statements and suggestions in relation to the schools, as the committee deem necessary or proper to promote the interests thereof."

By far the greater number of the schools of the town have been in a prosperous condition, and could not fail to make gratifying progress under the care of the teachers which they have had. Five or six of the schools have been closed for one or two weeks, because of prevalent sickness, or the sickness or domestic affliction of the teachers, and one or two have had their numbers seriously diminished for a short time by a case of varioloid in the immediate neighborhood of the school-building. Those schools whose sessions were suspended are expected to continue a sufficient time to make up the usual number of weeks. All the schools will then have had three terms of twelve weeks each during the year closing with the annual town meeting.

In two instances only have disturbances arisen requiring the interference of the Committee: the deportment of the scholars generally, has been good, and the quiet and order when visited by members of the Committee, has, in most of the schools, been highly gratifying.
Among the hindrances to progress, we would mention absence from school for a day or for a few days, which is often unavoidable, but is often allowed for trivial reasons. Few parents understand, as do the teachers, how much this keeps the child in the discouraging background of his class. Especially is this the case in the study of arithmetic and mathematics, in which the clear understanding of one process so often depends upon a correct understanding of another. The habit likewise, of borrowing, in place of owning the school-books used, must interfere with the progress of both the borrower and the lender. If parents could understand how great a hindrance this is to the progress of their children in study, they would not begrudge the cost of the purchase of the books. This habit, so prevalent in the Grammar school of No. 14, if not remedied by the parents, must be dealt with another term, in the manner provided by the law.

The town is to be congratulated that the schools have so many excellent teachers. In the praise of many of them it would give us unfeigned pleasure to speak, and to point out wherein individuals excel.

Not all of them possess every qualification we could desire. We have yet to find a perfect teacher or a perfect man. No parent confined at home with half a dozen children can fail to have some sympathy with, and forbearance toward the teacher confined with twenty, fifty or more, and those not endeared by the ties of blood. With the close attention required for continued recitations, the numerous interruptions by calls for explanations, and calls of necessity, feigned and unfeigned, the necessity for discipline of the thoughtless or wilful violator of rules, and withal, perchance, an aching head, they have for themselves a school for great patience and self-discipline; and if they sometimes misjudge and err in discipline, it is but what the parents themselves may sometimes do, and yet the teacher's
excellent qualifications may far outweigh minor faults. This allowance the parents, we believe, usually do make, but they do not often learn how the supposed act of severity or injustice has been the result of a long series of annoyances intentionally practised by the child, who conceals them from the parent, and reports at home only the last and greatest grievance, which is then reported to the neighbors, and by them to the School Committee. If, in such cases, the parents would first go to the teacher, they may thus learn that which would otherwise lead to regrets that they had ever spoken first to others of what they complain. And here we would speak of the matter of

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE.

There are teachers who have "a natural tact," so called, at governing. This we conceive to be in part owing to their own early training, and recollections of child-nature, and of the forbearance due to childish thoughtlessness, and, in part, to their own good sense, good nature, and good digestion. There are those, however, who make a free use of the ruler for every trivial offence. This punishment should, if possible, be kept rather as a last resort, but as one which cannot be entirely dispensed with. Its frequent or common use, if heartlessly administered, appears to the pupil entirely inconsistent with the spirit of good-will which should pervade the teacher. The child should see that his teacher can be severe, but that harsh measures are only resorted to when others fail, and only when his good, or that of the school demands it. Great power in perfect repose is, of itself, a power, and should always be accompanied with that benevolence which is slow to call it forth. The child should see that the teacher receives more pain than she or he gives, and cannot strike except when compelled by a painful necessity. The government of the school should be as
nearly parental as possible; not what parental government too often is, but what it should be.

While vigorous military government in school is often, we regret to say, a necessity, it should be superceded by the parental form as soon as the case will admit:— the parental which feels that the child is but intrusted to the parent by its Creator, to bring it up for Him, and that the parent has no right to do what he will with his child, irresponsible to Him.

THE TEACHERS' MONTHLY MEETINGS

were continued until late in the season, and long enough to demonstrate that, if resumed, their chief interest and profit will depend upon the time and effort which may be bestowed upon them by the Committee.

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

contain scholars of an age when it is most difficult to excite an interest in study. While many apply themselves earnestly, many more, missing the novelty of new studies felt in early life, have not gained the ambition to study which a later age develops, when the youth begins to look forward into active life, and to feel that school days must soon end. With too many in these schools, the learning of lessons must be enforced, (unless the teacher has an indescribable power, which some possess, of inspiring attention and the love of study,) and these schools are those which too often show the least satisfactory progress. While teachers may be found who possess this power of enforcing study, it is often most difficult to find such just at the time when one is needed. One who can show herself to be an admirable assistant, will often fail, when in the sole charge of a school, to compel study and to enforce diligent application.
Your Committee have noticed a commendable progress in the
HIGH SCHOOL
notwithstanding the changes of teachers. They propose to raise the grade of this school, and, to this end, to advance the requirements for admission. The studies pursued the last year by the class which entered the High School last April, might, and should be pursued almost entirely in the other schools. The prescribed course of study in the High School allows of the substitution of other studies in place of Latin in three of the four years. But this involves the necessity of at least three additional recitations, which cannot be heard without the too serious abridgement of all the other recitations, or without an additional assistant teacher for half a day. Consequently but one course of study, including Latin, has been pursued by the school almost without exception. When the Committee can command funds for an additional assistant for half a day, it will more truly be a matter of choice to omit or to study Latin in the High School. Too many desire to avoid it, because of the close attention and judgment required by any satisfactory study of it. Some of those who will not continue study beyond the High School course, might doubtless make a more profitable use of their time by attention to other studies in place of Latin,—a study of great value, if time is allowed to secure its advantages, but of more limited value to many who soon cease to study it.

The former Principal, Mr. Pillsbury, left us in the course of the spring term, for a situation where he would receive a higher salary than your Committee felt justified in giving. He had done a good work in improving the school, and his zeal and efforts in its behalf, are greatly to be commended.
Severe illness detained the present Principal from his duties for some weeks, necessitating the temporary employment of substitutes. He has been able to resume his duties with restored health. He is aided by an assistant who has recently taken the place of Miss Wilde, and who has taught during several years.

The Committee found it necessary, at the commencement of the fall term, in order to retain Miss Wilde, assistant in the High School, to raise her salary. So faithful and competent an assistant, and one so beloved by her pupils, we could not afford to lose. But the inducement of a higher salary, and the opportunities for self-improvement which a city affords, have combined within a few weeks to deprive us of her services. The assistant who preceded her has since received the same higher salary, and it is a question for the town to decide whether we shall continue liable to such changes or endeavor to lessen the temptation to leave us, by an increased appropriation for the High School, that such assistant's salary may be increased. Any reduction of the salary of the principal of the High School would subject us to a similar difficulty: if a desirable teacher, he would soon be drawn to some larger town by higher pay, and if incompetent ones are provided, continued change would follow.

INSTRUCTION IN DRAWING

has been given by some of the teachers in a portion of the schools: books to aid in such instruction having been distributed to them all. Some of the scholars have applied themselves to it with zeal, and much native tact has been exhibited by several of them.

Drawing, as an art, can be made greatly useful in our mechanical occupations; and it is stated that those able to make the required drawings of the inventions of others,
have frequently obtained patents for themselves, when the inventor, from ignorance of the art of mechanical drawing, was unable to make and send on such drawings, and therefore failed to obtain the patent justly due him.

It is also an art which aids in developing the love of beauty, and opens to youth a new source of pleasure and joy which may often take the place of useless, if not hurtful games.

No well-wisher of his race would confine study exclusively to matters directly practical, or affecting our daily business. As the mechanic in sharpening his tools is not building a house or a bridge, so a large part of our mathematical studies, (seldom used in practical life,) are but the sharpening of the mental tools, training the mind to careful thinking, and sound reasoning. The use of the microscope and telescope, the study of Natural History, or of Anatomy, may not add to our dollars, but who would not desire for his child the wealth of soul and the enlarged views of the Creator's power and wisdom which these afford?

We would therefore gladly see instruction in drawing, by a professed teacher of the art, introduced at least into the High school, if not into others. From this we expect benefit will flow to the remotest schools in our town, for will not such schools at times be supplied with graduates from our High School? Will not the drawing-books be seen by friends in the remotest parts of the town, and a demand thus be created for teachers for their schools, who combine ability to teach drawing, with other qualifications as teachers?

Will the town, therefore, make an appropriation to effect this object?

Drawing, the laws of Natural Philosophy, and of Mechanics, and of the Natural Sciences, might be commenced
much earlier, and measurably introduced into our lower schools, and supersede, in some of them, portions of studies, which, at such ages, are irksomely minute. Children will far more eagerly seek their schools if such studies form a part, and they will return refreshed to their fractions or percentage from a lecture or lesson of Natural History, or after finding that they can execute a drawing with skill.

The law of 1869, chapter 250, provides that monies received by the Treasurer of the County, for dog-licenses, and "not expended in payment of damages done by dogs," "shall be paid back to the Treasurer of the several cities and towns in the month of January of each year, in proportion to the amount paid by said city or town," and "shall be expended for the support of public libraries or schools in addition to the amount annually appropriated by said city or town for those purposes."

As we have no public library, there is with us no alternative, under the law, but to expend receipts from this source, "for the support of public schools in addition to the amount annually appropriated by the town for that purpose." Any unexpended balance cannot revert the Town Treasury to be used for other purposes, and such sum received will therefore hereafter doubtless appear in the financial receipts for school purposes.

In the three Januaries following the passage of this act, six hundred and seventeen dollars and sixty-nine cents was the total amount received by this town from this source; and since its passage and up to last March, the excess of expenditures for schools above the appropriations by the town (including cost of books furnished the poor, and a change of school-books two years ago) had reduced that amount to one hundred and twenty-three dollars and sixty cents; and this last years expenditures, above receipts from appropriations and from all other sources, and
the cost of a change of geographies last autumn, and the payment of over sixty dollars of last year's bills for school purposes, (which the Committee regret they were obliged to pay out of the appropriations for this year,) have fully absorbed that balance, and also the amount received by your Treasurer last January from that source, which amount will appear on his report.

The grading of the land on the centre school-lot No. 1, should receive the attention of the town and an appropriation be made for that purpose. Owing to the difference of opinion among the Committee formerly appointed for this purpose, they have thus far failed to effect any material improvement in the premises. We would recommend the appointment of a Committee, from those more immediately interested, to be authorized to expend a sum of money sufficient to grade and properly wall or fence those premises, that they may become an ornament to the town.

We would recommend an appropriation of six thousand dollars for the Common Schools, as being the amount (together with other means,) needful to be placed at the disposal of the Committee.

LEWIS S. HOPKINS,  
THEODORE F. WRIGHT,  
P. D. LEONARD,  

School Committee.
FINANCIAL REPORT.

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High School Principal, L. B. Pillsbury, eight weeks; L. J. Drake, twenty-eight weeks; Assistant, Annie M. Wilde, thirty weeks; Mareia E. C. Smith, six weeks.

No. 1 Grammar, Kate Mitchell, twelve weeks, Lenina Benson, twenty-four weeks.

Intermediate, Lucie E. Curtis, twelve weeks, Mary O. Bottomore, six weeks, Joshua E. Crane, Jr., six weeks, Flora C. Swift, twelve weeks.

Primary, Eliza Richards.

No. 2, Lenina Benson, twelve weeks, Rosa W. Hall, twelve weeks, Wellington Dupuy, twelve weeks.

No. 3, Isabelle F. Crapo.

No. 4, Annie C. C. Wentworth.

No. 5, Flora Leonard, twenty-four weeks, Addie M. Hall, twelve weeks.

No. 6, Ellen M. Holmes, twenty-four weeks, Rosa W. Hall, twelve weeks.

No. 7, Corinna Bates.

No. 8, Addie M. Hall, twenty-four weeks, Philander Leach, fourteen weeks.

No. 9, Grammar, F. C. Robertson, six weeks, Philander Leach, five weeks, Alice F. Wing, eleven weeks, P. D. Leonard, thirteen weeks.

Primary, Carrie Sampson.

No. 10, H. Maria Heyward, twenty-four weeks, Ellen M. Holmes, twelve weeks.

No. 11, Julia M. Hooper, twenty-four weeks, Flora Leonard, eight weeks, L. Ardelle Perkins, four weeks.

No. 13, Emma A. Baker, twelve weeks, Harriet Wilbar, twenty-four weeks.

No. 14, Grammar, Flora C. Swift, twenty-four weeks, Geo. Washburn, twelve weeks.

Primary, Myra L. Thomas.
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