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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor

OF

THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER,

For the Year ending Feb. 29, 1876.

ALSO, THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 1875.

Twenty-third Series.

BOSTON:
WOODBERRY & GATES, PRINTERS, 19 SPRING LANE.
1876.
In accordance with the vote of the Town, the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor present their Annual Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Bridgewater, for the year ending February 29, 1876.

At a meeting held March 15, 1875, the Town passed the following votes:

*Voted,* To raise six thousand five hundred dollars for Common Schools.

*Voted,* To raise twenty-two hundred dollars for High School.

*Voted,* To raise six hundred dollars for school incidentals.

*Voted,* To raise two thousand dollars for miscellaneous expenses.

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

*Voted,* To raise two thousand dollars to meet discount on taxes.

*Voted,* To raise two hundred dollars to pay interest on borrowed money.

*Voted,* To raise six hundred dollars to build the roads laid out by the honorable County Commissioners.

*Voted,* To raise forty-five hundred dollars for the use of the Road Commissioners in repairing roads and bridges.
Recapitulation.

Common Schools, $6,500.00
High School, 2,200.00
School Incidentals, 600.00
Miscellaneous Expenses, 2,000.00
Support of the Poor, 1,200.00
Discount on Taxes, 2,000.00
Interest on Borrowed Money, 200.00
Building Roads laid out by honorable County Commissioners, 600.00
Repairing Roads and Bridges, 4,500.00

$19,800.00

Voted, That the Assessors be directed to assess six thousand eight hundred dollars less than the amount voted, on account of Corporation and Bank Tax received from Tax Commissioners, 6,800.00

$13,000.00

Voted, That the sum of thirteen thousand dollars be assessed into a tax upon the Polls and Estates according to law.
SCHOOLS, 1875.

Number of school-houses, 14; number of school children, 702; number of schools, including High School, 19.

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Town grant for Common Schools</td>
<td>$6,500.00</td>
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<td>&quot; for High School</td>
<td>2,200.00</td>
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<td>&quot; for School Incidents</td>
<td>600.00</td>
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<td>Interest on Edson School Fund</td>
<td>18.27</td>
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<td>Received from Massachusetts School Fund</td>
<td>288.55</td>
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<td>Dividend on Dogs, from County Treasurer</td>
<td>278.68</td>
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<td><strong>Total amount for schools</strong></td>
<td><strong>$9,885.50</strong></td>
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One-tenth of the income of the Dyer School Fund to be applied to School No. 8, in accordance with the will.

High School.

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<td>Paid E. D. Cornish, teaching one year</td>
<td>$1,500.00</td>
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<td>Miss Lucy S. Breck, assistant</td>
<td>499.93</td>
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<td>Mrs. Sarah H. Hayward, assistant</td>
<td>110.00</td>
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<td>Miss Sophia A. Walker, teaching drawing</td>
<td>36.00</td>
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<td>Fuel for the Academy building</td>
<td>84.62</td>
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<td>Rent of Academy, six months</td>
<td>200.00</td>
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<td>Care of Academy building and making fire</td>
<td>36.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$2,466.55</strong></td>
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</table>
House No. 1.

Paid Miss M. P. Fessenden, teaching Grammar School 12 weeks, $132.00
Miss Flora C. Swift, teaching Grammar School 24 weeks, 264.00
Miss Flora C. Swift, teaching Intermediate School 12 weeks, 120.00
Miss Hattie M. Wilbur, teaching Intermediate School 24 weeks, 240.00
Miss Hattie M. Wilbur, teaching Primary School 12 weeks, 108.00
Miss Kate Mitchell, teaching Primary School 24 weeks, 216.00
Fuel and preparing, 178.41
Care of house, making fires, and cleaning, 123.65

$1,382.06

House No. 2.

Paid Miss Martha F. Ames, teaching 23 weeks, 207.00
A. H. Powers, teaching 13 weeks, 211.25
Fuel and preparing, 30.85
Care of house, making fires, and cleaning, 13.25

$462.35

House No. 3.

Paid Miss Isabella F. Crapo, teaching 36 weeks, $324.00
Fuel and preparing, 41.00
Care of house, making fires, and cleaning, 15.00

$380.00
House No. 4.

Paid Miss Julia M. Drew, teaching 23 weeks, $184.00
Miss Anna S. Benson, teaching 13 weeks, 104.00
Fuel and preparing, 30.85
Care of house, making fires, and cleaning, 13.00

$331.85

House No. 5.

Paid Miss Lemira Benson, teaching 36 weeks, $288.00
Fuel and preparing, 23.25
Care of house, making fires, and cleaning, 14.50

$325.75

House No. 6.

Paid Miss Mary M. Leonard, teaching 36 weeks, $288.00
Fuel and preparing, 23.13
Care of house, making fires, and cleaning, 13.00

$324.13

House No. 7.

Paid Miss Corinna Bates, teaching 36 weeks, $288.00
Fuel and preparing, 16.00
Care of house, making fires, and cleaning, 13.00

$317.00

House No. 8.

Paid Miss Mary A. Wadsworth, teaching 36 weeks, $294.50
Fuel and preparing, 36.55
Care of house and making fires, 10.00

$341.05
House No. 9.

Paid P. D. Leonard, teaching Grammar School 25 weeks, $406.25
A. H. Powers, teaching Grammar School 11 weeks, 178.75
Miss Carrie Sampson, teaching Primary School 36 weeks, 342.00
Fuel and preparing, 95.13
Care of house, making fires, and cleaning, 39.00

$1,061.13

House No. 10.

Paid Miss Mary S. Perkins, teaching 23 weeks, $184.00
Miss Lucy E. Gassert, teaching 13 weeks, 104.00
Fuel and preparing, 13.80
Care of house and making fires, 10.00

$311.80

House No. 11.

Paid Miss Lucy E. Gassert, teaching 22½ weeks, $180.00
Miss Julia M. Drew, teaching 13 weeks, 104.00
Fuel and preparing, 13.38
Care of house and making fires, 10.00

$307.38

House No. 12.

Paid Miss Mary K. Alden, teaching 36 weeks, $96.00
Transportation of children, 131.75

$227.75
House No. 13.

Paid Miss Cora Basset, teaching 36 weeks, $306.00
  Fuel and preparing, 34.50
  Care of house, making fires, and cleaning, 14.00

$354.50

House No. 14.

Paid A. H. Powers, teaching Grammar School
  12 weeks. $195.00
A. C. Wadsworth, teaching Grammar School
  15½ weeks, 213.13
F. M. King, teaching Grammar School
  8⅔ weeks, 115.50
Miss Mary A. Cleare, teaching Primary School
  36 weeks, 288.00
  Fuel and preparing, 40.50
  Care of house, making fires, and cleaning, 44.00

$896.13

Expended for Common Schools from March 1, 1875, to March 1, 1876, as follows: —

Paid Teachers, $5,981.38
  Fuel and preparing, 577.45
  Transportation of children, 131.75
  Care of houses, making fires, and cleaning, 332.40

$7,022.98

Expended for High School, including Assistants and Drawing Teacher,

$2,145.93
Fuel and preparing at Academy, 84.62
Care of house, making fires (Academy), 36.00
Rent of Academy six months, 200.00

Expended for school incidentals, 484.79

Total amount expended for schools, $9,974.32
Total amount of appropriations for schools, 9,885.50

Exceeded appropriations, $88.82

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Roads.

Pleasant and Centre Streets laid out by the honorable County Commissioners.

Appropriation for building, $600.00
Paid G. Conant, working said streets, 304.00

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Miscellaneous Bills.

Town appropriation, $2,000.00
Paid D. Dwyer, printing Town Reports for 1874, $120.00
Jas. Harris & Co., blank order book, 6.00
Rockwell & Churchill, blank liquor licenses, 3.70
Rockwell & Churchill, printing check lists, 22.00
W. H. Osborne, services before the Fish Committee, 8.95
H. T. Pratt, for Decoration Day, 67.53
Paid H. T. Pratt, printing warrants and posters, $28.00
Braman Bros., painting school-house No. 1, 255.03
A. Hooper, painting school-house No. 2, 39.59
A. Hooper, painting school-house No. 10, 24.67
A. Hooper, painting school-house No. 13, 48.77
A. Hooper, painting guide-boards, 12.50
S. Leonard, guide posts and boards, 14.45
J. H. Fairbanks, hardware for guide-boards, 1.11
V. R. Swift, for labor and grass seed on school lot No. 1, 11.30
L. Holmes, postage, box rent, and stationery, 3.66
C. H. Paine, surveying and planning entrance to Hale Street, 7.00
C. C. Harlow, injury to lathe at the entrance to Hale Street, 50.00
F. Keith, stone post for boundary line between Bridgewater and West Bridgewater, 5.00
Shed's Express, 1.55
V. R. Swift, cash paid on Cedar Rapids Bonds, 5.50
Mrs. M. Crocker, changing grade of street opposite her house, 15.00
S. Keith, 2d, Committee on Street Lights, 2.50
Old Colony Railroad, freight on stone post, 1.08
Board of State Charities, board of H. W. Randall at State Workhouse, 22.00
I. S. Wilbur, witness and officer’s fees in the case of Shepard H. Leach, 25.40
City of Taunton, expenses in Small Pox cases of Patrick Fawley, Jr., and wife, 1873, 150.00
S. Harlow, iron for street boards, and other work, 8.21
H. Kingman, counsel C. C. Harlow vs. Town, 20.00
Paid H. Kingman, drawing petition to Old Colony Railroad, $2.00
H. Kingman, making deed of Lock-up lot, 1.50
H. Kingman, recording deed at Plymouth, 1.00
W. P. Cutter, repairs on school-house No. 1, 2.90
I. S. Wilbur, straw and care of Lock-up, 30.25
I. S. Wilbur, sending man to Tewksbury Almshouse, 3.30
H. T. Pratt, express on books and bundles, 3.00
W. Gardner, changing grade of street opposite his house, 10.00
W. D. Burtch, labor putting up guide boards, 9.00

$1,043.45

Town Officers.

Van R. Swift, Selectman, $155.00
  " Assessor, 63.75
  " Overseer of the Poor, 12.50
  " Committee, 8.75
  " cash expenses, 38.10
  " use of horse and carriage, 10.50

Spencer Leonard, Selectman, 98.75
  " Assessor, 88.75
  " Overseer of the Poor, 11.25
  " Committee, 15.00
  " cash expenses, 15.15
  " use of horse and carriage, 35.75

I. Sanford Wilbur, Selectman, 60.25
  " Assessor, 40.00
  " Overseer of the Poor, 10.00
  " Committee, 5.00
  " use of horse and carriage, 21.00
H. T. Pratt, Town Clerk, recording births, deaths, and marriages, $71.05
H. T. Pratt, Town Clerk, recording discontinuation of road, 1.00
H. T. Pratt, Town Clerk, recording perambulation of town lines, 1.50
Theodore F. Wright, School Committee, 32.45
Isaac Dunham, " " 62.75
Philander D. Leonard, " " 62.68
George H. Hosmer, " " 47.65
Calvin Pratt, " " (1874) 3.25
Van R. Swift, Treasurer, 50.00
Van R. Swift, Collector, 100.00
I. Sanford Wilbur, Constable, 17.00
Joshua E. Crane, Auditor, 5.00
Samuel W. Bates, " 1.25
Henry F. Braman, " 1.00
Hillman Robinson, Special Patrolman, 79.00
W. B. Kingman, Truant Officer, (1874) 3.00

$1,228.08

State Aid

Furnished to soldiers and families of soldiers from March 1, 1875, to March 1, 1876.

Amos L. Dorr, $72.00
Sumner Keith, 27.00
John Frawley, 18.00
John Elliot, 48.00
Abisha S. Perry, 13.50
Benjamin Darling, guardian, 48.00
Mrs. Lucy White 32.00
Mrs. Eunice H. Wood, 96.00
Mrs. Mary A. Price, $89.73
Mrs. Paulina R. Benson, 48.00
Mrs. Sarah Simpson, 48.00
Mrs. Joseph F. Wyman, 81.87
Mrs. Jane Leonard, 87.46
Mrs. Betsey Perkins, 44.00
Mrs. Hannah J. Washburn, guardian, 25.60
Mrs. Mary M. Westgate, 12.00

$791.16

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**Lock-up.**

At the last annual March meeting, the Town instructed the Selectmen to procure a lot and build a Lock-up within one-fourth mile of the Town House, without giving any further instructions nor making any appropriation for the same. The following is the result:

Paid S. Mitchell, for land, $250.00
G. Conant, carting stones for foundation, 18.00
L. Clifford, labor on foundation, 12.00
L. Q. Clifford, labor on foundation, 12.00
I. E. Bryant, labor on foundation, 4.50
M. Hooper & Co., brick, sand, and team work, 236.47
Wingate & Adams, lime and cement, 53.25
E. R. Morse, five wrought-iron doors, 250.00
Hall & Foss, masonry, 262.25
Pritchard & James, slating roof, 67.00
A. Keith, labor and lumber for roof, 56.67
V. R. Swift, labor and paid for labor, 63.56
P. Cunningham, cleaning brick in old Lock-up, 18.75
Old Colony Railroad freight on lime, cement, and doors, 8.88
Paid W. Prophett, mattresses for Lock-up, $10.00
J. H. Fairbanks, hardware, 9.62
I. S. Wilbur, comforters for Lock-up, 2.00
G. Peterson, expressing and trucking, 4.10
C. C. Harlow, making keys, and other work, 1.75
London Brothers, urinal for Lock-up, 1.00
W. W. Fobes, carting gravel and jobbing, 15.41
S. Leonard, lumber and wood, 21.28
C. Perkins, keeping fire in Lock-up, and sawing twelve feet of wood, 13.00
S. Harlow, iron work, 10.10
A. Hooper, painting trimmings, 3.70

Total Cost, $1,405.29

Cash received for lime and mortar sold, 10.93

Total Cost, $1,394.36

Snow Bills, March 8, 1875.

District No. 1, West, Francis Copeland, Surveyor, $28.04
" No. 1, East, Thomas Hooper, Surveyor 37.45
" No. 2, Benjamin Harden, Surveyor, 50.00
" No. 3, Lemuel M. Keith, Surveyor, 9.90
" No. 4, Almanzer Osborne, Surveyor, 30.50
" No. 5, Floyd Robinson, Surveyor, 15.15
" No. 6, Edward M. Swift, Surveyor, 13.70
" No. 7, Samuel W. Bates, Surveyor, 31.45
" No. 8, Linus W. Snow, Surveyor, 50.50
" No. 9, Josiah W. Edson, Surveyor, 74.37
" No. 10, George S. Wilbur, Surveyor, 52.82
" No. 11, Virgil V. Conant, Surveyor, 19.40
" No. 12, Darius Dunbar, Surveyor, 16.22
" No. 13, Levi Walker, Surveyor, 26.75

Total $456.25
Highways.

The repairing of roads and bridges has been under the supervision of Road Commissioners the past year, viz: —

SUMNER KEITH, 2d, for three years,
LEVI WALKER, for two years,
PHILLIP H. WING, for one year.

Town grant for roads and bridges, $4,500.00

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<th>S. Keith, 2d</th>
<th>L. Walker</th>
<th>P. H. Wing</th>
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<td>March</td>
<td>$12.53</td>
<td>13.55</td>
<td>00.00</td>
<td>$26.08</td>
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<td>April</td>
<td>$642.36</td>
<td>274.76</td>
<td>262.81</td>
<td>1,179.93</td>
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<td>May</td>
<td>$556.13</td>
<td>463.19</td>
<td>479.30</td>
<td>1,498.62</td>
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<td>June</td>
<td>$363.84</td>
<td>356.81</td>
<td>337.54</td>
<td>1,058.19</td>
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<td>July</td>
<td>$50.10</td>
<td>00.00</td>
<td>63.25</td>
<td>113.35</td>
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<td>August</td>
<td>$151.15</td>
<td>49.71</td>
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<td>Sept.</td>
<td>$99.82</td>
<td>8.73</td>
<td>30.82</td>
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<td>Oct.</td>
<td>$39.50</td>
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<td>115.82</td>
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<td>Nov.</td>
<td>$27.01</td>
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<td>12.64</td>
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<td>Total amount of labor on roads</td>
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Cash received from Town Treasurer, $4,405.15
Received for gutter soil, 61.50

**Snow Account.**

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<td>Paid Sumner Keith, 2d,</td>
<td>$52.07</td>
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<td>Levi Walker,</td>
<td>32.89</td>
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<td>P. H. Wing,</td>
<td>43.09</td>
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**Bridges and Causeways repaired by Road Commissioners.**

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<td>Turnpike Bridge,</td>
<td>$584.77</td>
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<td>Paper Mill Bridge,</td>
<td>302.69</td>
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<td>Covington's Bridge and Causeway,</td>
<td>177.75</td>
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Pope’s Bridge, $90.28
Woodward’s Bridge and Causeway, 41.25
Alden’s Bridge and Causeway, 28.01

$1,224.75

Received for old bridge plank sold, $25.71
Cash received from Town Treasurer, $1,199.04

$1,224.75

Almshouse Account.

Dr.

Inventory, March 1, 1875, $1,288.50
Cash on hand, March 1, 1875, 37.72
Due from sundry persons, March 1, 1875, 97.78
Cash drawn from Town Treasury, 250.00
Superintendent’s salary, 300.00
Interest on farm, 150.00
Interest on stock and furniture, 40.00
Owes sundry persons, 3.00

$2,167.00

Cr.

Inventory, March 1, 1876, $1,253.40
Cash on hand, March 1, 1876, 41.94
Due from sundry persons, 73.99
Lodging and feeding 243 tramps at 40 cts. each, 97.20

$1,466.53

Cost of supporting the poor at the house, $700.47
Whole number of paupers during the year, 13
Average number for the year, 7½
Present number at the house, 9
Average cost per week for support, $1.79

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**Pauper Expenses out of the House.**

Board of Mrs. H. W. Washburn (Lunatic Hospital), $204.59
Supplies and burial for Mrs. Hannah Ashport, 50.51
" and fuel for Mrs. Mary A. Price, 59.42
" " Misses D. and V. Fuller, 53.49
" " Mrs. Charity Washburn, 43.49
" " Leander Fobes, 79.12
" " Samuel Pierce, 41.87
Medical aid for Mrs. Mary A. Price and family, 12.00
" " Miss Deborah Fuller, 29.00
" " Mrs. Charity Washburn, 2.50
Hyland House, feeding and lodging tramps, 7.00
J. E. Crane, crackers and cheese for tramps, 15.72

$598.71

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**Support of Poor belonging to other Towns, residing in Bridgewater.**

Supplies for Mrs. Mary Bates (Plymouth), $74.25
Medical aid for Hiram P. Allen (Sandwich), 49.50

$123.75
Recapitulation of Expenditures.

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<td>Paid State Tax,</td>
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<td>County Tax,</td>
<td>2,830.29</td>
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<td>Schooling from March 1, 1875, to March 1, 1876,</td>
<td>9,489.53</td>
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<td>School Incidentals,</td>
<td>484.79</td>
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<td>Repairing Roads,</td>
<td>3,466.65</td>
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<td>Repairing Bridges and Causeways,</td>
<td>1,224.75</td>
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<td>Building Roads laid out by honorable County Commissioners,</td>
<td>304.00</td>
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<td>Building Lock-up and land,</td>
<td>1,394.36</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous Expenses,</td>
<td>1,043.45</td>
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<td>Town Officers,</td>
<td>1,228.08</td>
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<td>State Aid,</td>
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<td>Support of poor at Almshouse,</td>
<td>700.47</td>
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<td>Support of poor out of the Almshouse,</td>
<td>598.71</td>
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<td>Support of poor belonging to other towns,</td>
<td>123.75</td>
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<td>Borrowed money and interest,</td>
<td>8,859.57</td>
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<td>Clearing the streets and sidewalks of snow,</td>
<td>584.30</td>
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<td>Fire District orders,</td>
<td>136.16</td>
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<td>State Treasurer, one-fourth of the amount received for Liquor Licenses,</td>
<td>237.50</td>
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<td>State Treasurer, overdrawn on Bank Tax, 1874,</td>
<td>43.18</td>
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<td>47.23</td>
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<td>41.31</td>
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The Selectmen further report that they have examined the Treasurer’s Account, which is as follows:

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<td>Cash on hand, March 1, 1875</td>
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<td>Received of Van R. Swift, Collector, 1875</td>
<td>$244.99</td>
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<td>Van R. Swift, Collector, 1875</td>
<td>624.47</td>
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<td>Van R. Swift, Fire District Tax, 1874</td>
<td>18,111.00</td>
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<td>Sundry persons, borrowed money</td>
<td>16.61</td>
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<td>State Treasurer, Corporation Tax, 1875</td>
<td>9,500.00</td>
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Total:

$38,022.35
We also find the town owes the following sums:—

Note outstanding unpaid, $800.00
Fire District, money not drawn from Treasury, 142.95
Unsettled accounts, 187.00

$1,129.95

Assets.

Cash on hand, March 1, 1876, $49.32
Uncollected taxes, 1874, 29.06
Uncollected taxes, 1875, 403.55
State Aid furnished, 1875, 796.97
State Aid, from Jan. 1, 1876, to March 1, 1876, 125.69
From town of Plymouth, supplies for Mary Bates, 249.00
Estate of Patrick Frawley, 35.00
E. W. Barstow, board of E. W. Barstow, Jr., at State Workhouse, 39.00
H. W. Randall, board at State Workhouse, 22.00
Expenses incurred in the case of Shepard H. Leach, 25.40

$1,774.99

Balance in favor of the town, March 1, 1876, $645.04

All of which is respectfully submitted,

VAN R. SWIFT, Selectmen
SPENCER LEONARD, of
I. SANFORD WILBAR, Bridgewater.

BRIDGEWATER, March 1, 1876.
## ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

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Total amount expenditures, $4,451.24
Gravel screen, 10.40
Road scrapers, 5.00

$4,466.64

Appropriation for Highways, $4,400.00
Cash received for soil, 61.50

4,461.50

Overworked and allowed, $5.14

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Bridges.

Paper Mill Bridge, $302.69
Appropriation, $100.00
Cash received for plank, 213.21

Covington's Bridge, 177.75
Mitchell's Bridge, 90.28
Woodard's Bridge, 41.25
Alden's Bridge, 28.01
Turnpike Bridge, $584.77
Cash received for old plank .2.50

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Snow.

April, 1875, $123.55
December, 1875, 1.50
February, 1876, 3.00

$128.05
Prices paid oxen, cart, and driver, $4.00
- " horse, cart, and driver, 3.00
- " men, $1.67 to 1.75
- " boys, 1.00 to 1.50

The prices have been uniform throughout the town for all town work.

The prices for men has been $1.67 in all districts except 1 East, 1 West, and 9 where we were obliged to pay $1.75 to get good men.

PHILIP H. WING,
LEVI WALKER,
SUMNER KEITH, 2d,

Road Commissioners.

ERRATUM. — Page 21, under head of "Bridges," third line, for Cash received for plank, $213.21," read, $23.21.
ASSESSORS’ DEPARTMENT.

Amount of Real Estate assessed May 1, 1875, $1,513,115.00
Amount of Personal Estate assessed May 1, 1875, 494,033.00
Total, $2,007,148.00

Per cent for State, County, and Town taxes, nine mills on a dollar.
Poll tax $2.00
Number of polls, 969
Number of dwelling-houses, 628
Number of horses, 385
Number of cows, 382
Number of sheep, 141
Number of acres land taxed, 15,810½

Town grant (combined), $13,000.00
State tax, 3,380.00
County tax, 2,830.29
Overlayings, 793.07

Total amount assessed and committed, $20,003.36

All of which is respectfully submitted.

VAN R. SWIFT, SPENCER LEONARD, I. SANFORD WILBAR, Assessors of Bridgewater.

BRIDGEWATER, March 1, 1876.
Collector in Account with the Treasurer.

Dr.

1875. To commitment of Town tax, $13,000.00
   " State tax, 3,380.00
   " County tax, 2,830.29
   " Overlaying, 793.07

$20,003.26

Cr.

1875. By cash of Collector, $18,111.00
   " discount on taxes, 1,416.34
   " abatement on taxes, 72.47

$19,599.81

Uncollected, 403.55

VAN R. SWIFT, Treasurer.

Dogs, 1875.

Number of dogs returned by the Assessors, one hundred and sixty-nine, viz: —

Males, 162
Females, 7

Number of dogs Licensed by Town Clerk, one hundred and eighty-seven, viz: —

Males, 174
Females, 13
Received from J. E. Crane, $4.80
One hundred and seventy-four males at $2.00, 348.00
Thirteen females at $5.00, 65.00

$417.80

Less fees 187 dogs at 20 cents each, 37.40

$380.40

Paid County Treasurer, December 3, 1875, 378.60

Balance in hands Town Clerk, February 1, 1876, $1.80

HENRY T. PRATT, Town Clerk.
LIST OF JURORS FOR 1876.

The following names will be reported at the annual March meeting to be placed in the jury box, subject to revision by the Town: —

Thomas H. Benson.
Stillman O. Keith.
John P. Townsend.
James Richmond.
Horatio B. King.
Isaac S. Wilbar.
Spencer Leonard.
M. Lloyd Andrews.
Samuel W. Bates.
John A. Dumphre.
Albion K. Washburn.
Sidney Keith.
Lewis G. Lowe.
Edward A. Hewett.
John C. Alden.
George H. Burt.
Stillman Alger.
Luther Ames.
Moses K. Andrews.
A. Waldo Bassett.
Albert G. Boyd.
Columbus Harlow.
Peleg S. Bradford.
Francis Carver.
Lawrence Clear.
Samuel K. Cole.
Ira M. Conant.
Virgil V. Conant.
Thomas W. Crocker.
Darius C. Ford.
Charles T. Hall.
S. Henry Hathaway.
Preston Hooper.
Alfred Keith.
Philo W. Keith.
Lucius K. Leonard.
Pilander D. Leonard.
Almanzer Osborne.
E. Austin Pratt.
Charles Robbins.
Barrett B. Russell.
Robert E. Smith.
Daniel D. Sweet.
Florentins E. Wilbar.
Southworth Harlow.
REPORT OF TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE.

1875.

Feb. 17, Methodist (two nights) ........................................ $12.00
19, Dance (allowance) ................................................... 5.00
21, Concert ................................................................. 14.00
22, Society ................................................................. 12.00
28, Temperance Lecture .................................................. 5.00

March 3, Concert ............................................................ 11.00
12, Reading ................................................................. 10.00
17, Collation (Lower Hall) .............................................. 5.00
17, Dance ................................................................. 15.00
26, Society ................................................................. 12.00
30, Fair (two nights) ..................................................... 20.00

April 1, Fair and Dance ................................................... 15.00
2, Spelling Match ............................................................ 10.00
9, Concert and Rehearsal ............................................... 14.00
9, Concert ................................................................. 12.00
10, Rehearsal ............................................................... 3.50
12, Dance ................................................................. 20.00
13, Warm Spring Indians .............................................. 12.00
19, Spelling Match ....................................................... 13.70
27, Dramatics (three nights) .......................................... 40.00
30, Dance ................................................................. 15.50

June 12, Lecture ............................................................. 9.50
15, Fair (Lower Hall) .................................................... 6.00

Sept. 1, Panorama and Concert ........................................ 12.00
25, Dance ................................................................. 20.00
26, Dance ................................................................. 25.00

Nov. 22, Supper (Lower Hall) .......................................... 6.50
30, Concert ............................................................... 12.00

Dec. 16, Fair (Lower Hall, two nights) ............................... 12.00
24, Dance ................................................................. 11.00
25, Concert ............................................................. 10.00
26, Society ............................................................... 11.00
31, Concert ............................................................. 10.00

1876.

Jan. 15, Dance ............................................................. 12.00
19, Dance ................................................................. 10.75
20, Concert .............................................................. 9.90
26, Tableaux (two nights) ............................................. 60.00

Balance due from last year ........................................... $82.77

CARE OF HOUSE.

Man and team, one-half day (cleaning cellar) ................. 2.00
Washing floors ......................................................... 30.00
Hillman Robinson, to Nov. 1 ................................... 103.96
Summer Keith, 1st, to Feb. 21 ........................................ 27.87
Mending curtains ....................................................... 1.00
Washing curtains ....................................................... 2.00
Three days, labor ....................................................... 6.25

LIGHTING HOUSE.

Tapers and express ...................................................... 1.10
Summer Keith, gasoline, freight, and labor .................. 51.44

COMMON.

One day, man and team, manuring ................................ 3.00
One day, labor .......................................................... 2.00
Summer Keith, 2d, labor ........................................... 23.73
L. Clifford, work on post ........................................... 2.50
Colonel Washburn, labor, etc. ...................................... 8.00
Plank for seats ......................................................... 3.50
Stock and labor, for lamp frames ................................ 3.25
N. E. Gas Light Co., lanterns ..................................... 20.00
Painting seats ......................................................... 1.50
Painting fence ......................................................... 6.05

HEATING.

H. T. Pratt, wood and coal .......................................... 29.02
Preparing ............................................................... 3.25
S. Leonard, wood ...................................................... 3.25

PAINTING HOUSE.

A. Hooper, painting house .......................................... 103.05

SUNDRIES.

Officer ................................................................. 11.00
Telegram ............................................................... 0.25
Candles ................................................................. 1.12
Summer Keith, 2d, labor ........................................... 3.00
H. Fairbanks, stove, pipe, etc. ................................. 16.41
Gas pipe and fitting .................................................. 1.62
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Engagements for the balance of the year $55.00

**HENRY T. PRATT, ISAAC DAMON, SUMNER KEITH, 2d, Town House Committee.**

Bridgewater, Feb. 21, 1876.
## Marriages Recorded in Bridgewater in the Year 1875.

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Number of Certificates of Intention of Marriage issued in 1875, thirty.

HENRY T. PRATT, Town Clerk.
## DEATHS

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Number of deaths, 62.

Number of births registered in Bridgewater in the year 1875, of American parentage, 49; foreign parentage, 38; total, 87.

HENRY T. PRATT,

*Town Clerk.*
TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, ss.
Plymouth,

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bridgewater, 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 Thirteenth Day of March inst., at ten 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.
6. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen respecting the guide-boards in town.
7. To hear and act upon the report of any committee raised by the town.
8. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
9. 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.
10. 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.

11. To see if the Town will accept the list of jurors reported by the Selectmen.

12. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year.

13. To see if the Town will rescind the vote passed May 4, 1872, in relation to Road Commissioners. (By request.)

14. To see if the Town will abolish the office of Road Commissioners. (By request.)

15. To see what action the Town will take to determine the place to take alewives in town.

16. To see if the Town will take any action in relation to working Crescent Street. (By request.)

17. To see if the Town will take any action to establish a night watch. (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-six.

VAN R. SWIFT, 
SPENCER LEEONARD, 
I. SANFORD WILBAR, 

Selectmen 
of the 
Town of Bridgewater.
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
FOR 1875.

BOSTON:
WOODBERRY & GATES, PRINTERS, 19 SPRING LANE.
1876.
ANNUAL REPORT
OF
SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

At the Annual Town Meeting last March, Dr. C. Pratt's term of service having expired, the vacancy was filled by the choice of Isaac Dunham, who, with Rev. T. F. Wright and Mr. P. D. Leonard, constituted the Committee.

Subsequently, at a meeting of the Board, the usual officers were chosen, the assignment of labor was made and agreed upon, and the work was commenced with united zeal and energy, which, it is believed, has not diminished during the year.

In September, Rev. Mr. Wright sent in his resignation, which the remaining members of the Board very reluctantly accepted, as he had proved himself such a cordial, faithful, and energetic laborer, in promoting the best interests of the schools.

As it became necessary to fill the vacancy thus occasioned, a meeting of the Selectmen and School Committee was accordingly held, when Rev. Mr. Hosmer was elected to the position for the remaining part of the year.

In carefully reviewing the work accomplished in the schools during the year just passed, while there are some few things to be regretted, there are also many reasons for congratulation.
love and appreciate their teacher, as the acquaintance with each other becomes more and more intimate; and loving their teachers, they will very naturally love the school work.

Besides, the teacher learning just what each scholar can do, requires that and no more; and so much of the friction occasioned by frequent change of teachers is avoided. If this state of things so desirable to be is maintained, then all concerned should unite in perpetuating the teachers continuance among them. Great care should be taken not to find fault with the teachers, especially in presence of the scholars. The accomplished teacher,—and no other should be employed,—is expected to know just what the scholar should do, and to promote him from class to class, and from study to study, according to his ability and faithfulness,—and such the teacher will not fail to do,—and if such promotion is not obtained, the parent would be likely to find the cause not in the teacher, but in the lack of the necessary attainments on the part of the scholar. If "Whatever is worth learning, is worth learning well," then it is essential scholars should be able to understand thoroughly, even if they progress but slowly in their studies.

In conclusion, it may be remarked, that in a town like this, where there is so much general information, and where school privileges of a high order have so long been enjoyed, there will not be wanting all possible aid and encouragement in the work of educating the rising generation.

Education is a unit, and whoever in any way assists in the work, is thereby helping both himself and others, and so promoting the honor and glory of the God "of wisdom and understanding."

ISAAC DUNHAM,
G. H. HOSMER,
P. D. LEONARD,

School Committee.
number here attending school, none are found disposed to resport during recess, to the stores and places of business so near at hand, but rather, content themselves within the limits specified by the teacher, and where they seem so perfectly happy in each other.

It was found to be attended with considerable expense to employ from out of town a teacher in Drawing. Accordingly, one of the assistant teachers, who was believed to be every way competent, was assigned this work, which has been performed with satisfaction to the Committee.

There has not been that attention given to Music, in this, nor in the other schools, which to the Committee seems essential. Whatever view is taken of this art and accomplishment, it will appear of great value and importance, and it is especially serviceable in the school-room, where its restful, elevating tendency is so apparent to all who have observed and felt its power.

Your Committee would still ask the continued aid and co-operation of parents and other friends of education, in their work in the interests of the schools in town; and what they ask for themselves, they would also ask for the teachers, who are doing a work of immense value, both in regard to the individual, the family, the community, and extending through our entire nation. They set in motion ideas and traits of character destined to live and act and re-act upon others to the latest point of time. If they are encouraged in their work, then "wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of our times."

In every case where teachers are found to be competent, and give general satisfaction to those interested in schools, it seems especially desirable that they should be retained in their respective schools even from year to year. The scholars hereby become more staid and regular in their tastes and habits; and can therefore make more rapid progress in their studies. They also learn to
increase the size of the school beyond the seating capacity of the room where the school had previously been held. That room would seat but fifty-six, and there were seven-six to be accommodated. This was a subject of frequent and anxious consultation by the Committee at their meetings; and other friends of education were also consulted in relation to this matter.

Finally, it was decided to hire the Academy building, if it could be secured upon reasonable terms; and finding it could so be obtained, it was accordingly engaged, and the fall term was there commenced.

The Committee at first hesitated to take upon themselves this responsibility, though aware it was legally within their province. But as it was thought inexpedient to call a special meeting of the town to act upon the question, they completed the arrangement, subject to such action as the people might take in relation to the matter, at the next annual town meeting.

The play-grounds, so ample and delightful, were at once entered upon by the scholars, who seemed conscious their "feet were in a large place,"—and it was exceedingly gratifying to see how easily and happily they adapted themselves both to study and work in the school-room, and to merry sports and play at seasons proper for recreation, for it should not be forgotten that both work and pleasure are essential to the proper cultivation and development of children and youth; but it must also be remembered, that a pleasant and commodious place for social, general pastime is essential, as well as cheerful convenient rooms for study and recitation.

It affords the Committee great pleasure to be able to say, that while the school is within a short distance of several private dwellings, no complaint has yet been heard of the least disturbance or annoyance from any of the scholars. Nor is it unworthy of remark that, among the large
the purpose of the Committee to supply these schools with competent teachers, and indeed some of the best teachers in town will be found in some of these small ungraded schools.

If, however, some two or three of these schools could be united in one, it is believed that the interest of both teacher and scholars would be essentially promoted. Scholars usually feel far more interest and enthusiasm in a large school, both in their studies and recitations, and the teacher would be inspired by a suitable number of scholars, rather than by a few only.

Indeed, there is perhaps no one but would prefer to teach thirty or forty scholars instead of ten or fifteen, at even the same wages.

The High School which it is believed has for some time been increasing in interest and efficiency, is still in a prosperous condition. The principal and his assistants are doing their work in a manner affording entire satisfaction to the Committee. The average attendance of pupils at this school during the year, is found to be larger than any of the other schools in town. And it is especially gratifying to be able to say, that scholars attending this school from remote parts of the town have been as punctual and constant in their attendance as those living near the school-room. Thus the High School is regarded and improved, not as belonging to a particular section, but to all parts of the town.

Two of the young men who graduated at this school last year, not finding business away from home as they expected, again entered the school, and reviewed their studies, continuing there till the present time; an example, which, while it speaks well both for them and the school, it would not be amiss for others to follow.

After the examination of applicants for this school last year, it was found that the number to be admitted would
The Primary Schools, as well as others, have been in charge of faithful, competent teachers. The Committee are far from entertaining the opinion sometimes expressed, that "any one will do to teach little children," but rather, that rare and peculiar endowments are required.

First impressions are usually strong and abiding, continuing even through one's entire life. Hence the first of the children's school-days should be pleasant and cheerful, so that they will love their schools and their teachers. To secure this, the teachers must be amiable in disposition, winning in manners, and lively and interesting in teaching, as well as wise and judicious in government. Besides, the teacher of a Primary School will find that the best possible education, may be more or less employed in making even simple things more plain and interesting, by varied illustrations, to the minds of "little ones."

The Intermediate and Grammar Schools are at present in a prosperous condition, though one or two of the Grammar Schools suffered somewhat, for lack of good order and government.

The instances referred to are supposed to be in part, at least, owing to change of teachers, an evil which is sometimes unavoidable.

While the system of grading schools has numerous advantages over every other plan, and should therefore as far as possible be put in practice, still, it is apparent that the schools in some parts of the town cannot be graded, but must of necessity remain mixed and ungraded as formerly.

Some of the schools here referred to, are quite small, numbering but few scholars each, from five to fifteen years of age; they have not been overlooked, or neglected by the Committee, but have been visited just as frequently as other and larger schools in town. It has also been