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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, TOWN CLERK, TREASURER, SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS, AUDITORS, SCHOOL COMMITTEE, BOARD OF HEALTH, COLLECTOR, TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN LIBRARY, TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE, NIGHT PATROLMEN AND TREASURER OF THE TOWN LIBRARY.

OF THE

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1891.

HENRY T. PRATT
PRINTER
BRIDGEWATER, MASS.
1892.
TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1891.

Town Clerk.
HENRY L. CRANE.

Town Treasurer.
HENRY L. CRANE.

Collector.
ROBERT C. BRECK.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.
HENRY O. LITTLE, ROBERT C. BRECK, JOHN M. STETSON.

Superintendent of Streets.
JOSIAH L. BASSETT.

Auditors.
MOSES L. TILLSON . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . March 1892
WILLIAM D. JACKSON . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . March 1893
JAMES C. LEACH, APPOINTED TO FILL VACANCY . . . . . March 1892

School Committee.

DR. EDWARD SAWYER, FOR THREE YEARS . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1894
GEORGE M. HOOPER, FOR THREE YEARS . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1892
JOHN M. STETSON, FOR THREE YEARS . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1893
H. M. BLACKSTONE, FOR THREE YEARS . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1893
FRANK F. MURDOCK, FOR TWO YEARS . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1892
CHARLES R. CRANE, FOR THREE YEARS . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1894

Trustees of Public Library.

THOMAS W. BROWN . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1893
GUSTAVUS PRATT . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1893
avery F. HOOPER . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1893
GEORGE M. HOOPER . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1892
CHARLES R. CRANE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1892
CAROLINE SAMPSON . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1892
ARTHUR C. BOYDEN . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1894
MRS. MARY H. KEITH . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1894
MRS. FRANCES PARKER . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1894
CONSTABLES.

JAMES F. WITHERELL.
PHILIP H. WING.
HENRY L. KING.
MILLER S. OLDHAM.
JAMES MAGUIRE.
FRANCIS D. KING.

THOMAS J. CANNON.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

GUSTAVUS PRATT.
LEANDER A. DARLING.

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER.

HENRY L. CRANE.
SAMUEL W. BRETT.
A. S. LYON.
E. B. GAMMONS.
ZENO BENSON.
R. M. J. GRANT.

SPENCER LEONARD.

FIELD DRIVERS.

THOMAS H. BENSON.
MARK A. BARNEY.
CYRENUUS BARNEY.
GEORGE W. ELLIS.
BENJAMIN HARDEN.
JAMES F. WITHERELL.

MARTIN. D. HOLMES.

FENCE VIEWERS.

SPENCER LEONARD. NAHUM B. WOOD. BENJAMIN KEITH.

TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE.

CHAS J. MERCER. ROBERT H. FERGUSON. A. Z. PRATT.

FOREST FIRE WARDS.

SPENCER LEONARD.
SETH H. LEONARD.
EDWARD E. KEITH.
VIRGIL V. CONANT.

SPECIAL POLICE.

FRED G. LOVELL.
EUSTIS W. STURTEVANT.
LESTER W. WITHERELL.
CHARLES A. SMITH.

INSPECTOR OF KEROSENE OIL AND VINEGAR.

STILLMAN ALGER.

LOCK-UP AND POUND KEEPER.

JAMES F. WITHERELL.

REGISTRAR FOR THREE YEARS.

BARTHOLOMEW FLYNN.

JANITOR, (TOWN HALL).

BARTHOLOMEW FLYNN.
REPORT.

WARRANTS AND DOINGS OF TOWN MEETINGS,
FOR THE YEAR 1891.

ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING,
JAN. 22, 1891.

1. To choose a Moderator.
2. To see what action the town will take in regard to adopting the provisions of Chap. 386 of the Acts of 1890 in regard to the election of Town Officers by the Australian ballot system.

TOWN MEETING, JAN. 22, 1891.

Chose William D. Jackson Moderator.
On motion of Joseph Tooker
Voted, That the meeting proceed to ballot Yes and No on the question of adopting the provisions of Chap. 386 of the Acts of 1890 in regard the election of Town Officers by the Australian ballot system.

The Moderator appointed Robert C. Breck and Stillman Alger tellers to sort and count the ballots and they were sworn by the Town Clerk.

The poll was opened at 2.25 o'clock P. M., and at 2.55 o'clock P. M., it was

Voted, That the poll be closed.
The ballots were sorted and counted with the following result:

Whole number of ballots, one hundred ten.
Yes, eighty-eight.
No, twenty-two.

VOTED, That three Overseers of the Poor be chosen by the Australian ballot system.

The chair ruled that the warrant did not admit of this vote of choosing Overseers of the Poor by the Australian ballot system and it was

VOTED, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to take under consideration the subject matter on which the Chair ruled, and also as to the method of choosing the Collector of Taxes by the Australian ballot system and to report at an adjournment of this meeting.

The Chair appointed as that committee, Frank F. Murdock, Edward Sawyer, and Joseph Tooker.

VOTED, That when the meeting adjourn it be to Saturday, January 24, 1891 at 3 o'clock P. M.

VOTED, That the meeting adjourn.

ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING, JAN. 24, 1891.

In accordance with the vote of adjournment the legal voters of the town assembled at the town house were called to order by the Moderator and the records of the last meeting read by the Clerk.

The committee appointed at the meeting of Jan. 22 to report at this meeting as to the validity of motion "to choose by ballot Overseers of the Poor for one year" reported that the warrant did not admit of that motion and that a new meeting must be called for that purpose.

VOTED, That the report of the committee be accepted.
VOTED, That the vote whereby the town voted to choose by the Australian ballot system three Overseers of the Poor for one year be rescinded.

VOTED, To adjourn without date.

ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING,
JAN. 22, 1891.

1. To choose a Moderator.

2. Will this town unite with the town of East Bridgewater on equal terms in taking by purchase the franchise, and all the corporate property, rights and privileges of the Bridgewaters' Water Company the same to be conveyed to the said towns free from mortgage or other incumbrance and as its one-half part of the consideration to be paid for said purchase to deliver to said Company $50,000. in its bonds, to bear date January 1, 1891 payable in thirty years from their date, bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent. payable semi-annually and to be issued as authorized and provided for by Chap. 192 of the Acts of 1887; to pay said Company $4,000.; to assume one-half of the debt of $3,500. due from said Company to the Massachusetts Loan and Trust Company and the interest due thereon since July 1, 1890; to assume and pay to the Massachusetts Loan and Trust Company one-half the interest on $108,000. since July 1, 1890 at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum; to assume and pay all other liabilities of the Company created since July 1, 1890.

The said towns to receive the benefit of all sums due the Company at that date and to have credit for all sums paid by said Company to any creditor of said Company since that date, and also to be entitled to have credit for all income and revenue earned since that date.
And also to pay one-half of such a sum not exceeding $3,500. as may be required to extinguish the claims of citizens of said towns against B. C. Mudge, and to take such other action as may seem best on the subject matter of this article.

3. To choose a committee with full power to unite with any committee chosen or to be chosen by the town of East Bridgewater having similar power to negotiate with the said Bridgwaters' Water Company, and to make and complete said purchase in accordance with the foregoing vote.

4. To authorize the Treasurer to issue the bonds of the town for $50,000. bearing date January 1, 1891, payable in thirty years from their date with interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum payable semi-annually, and to deliver them to the said Bridgwaters' Water Company under the direction of the said committee, said bonds to be countersigned by the chairman of the Selectmen or by any such other person as the town may appoint for that purpose.

5. To take any action which may become necessary to complete said purchase and to comply with the terms of Chap. 192 of the Acts of the year 1887.

TOWN MEETING, JAN. 22, 1891.

Chose Van R. Swift, Moderator.

VOTED, That a committee of twenty-five be chosen to closely investigate all matters pertaining to the cost and present condition of the system of water works and report at an adjourned meeting as to the advisability of purchasing the said works.

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a nominating committee of five to nominate the committee of twenty-five.
The Chair appointed as that committee
Frank F. Murdock,  R. M. J. Grant,  Spencer Leonard,
William D. Jackson,  Edward Sawyer.

VOTED, That the appointments as made by the Chair be accepted.

The committee retired and brought in the following list of names to serve on that committee:
Henry O. Little,  Lawrence Cleare,  Albert G. Boyden,
Hosea Kingman,  Linus W. Snow,  William Bassett,
Stillman O. Keith,  Josiah L. Bassett,  Albert I. Simmons,
Charles R. Crane,  Philip H. Wing,  George M. Hooper,
Hollis M. Blackstone,  Richard M. J. Grant,
Edward E. Keith,  William Prophett,  Spencer Leonard,
Lewis G. Lowe,  Darius C. Ford,  John M. Stetson,
Francis D. King,  Robert E. Smith,  Wales Hayward,
Theodore C. Wilbar,  Samuel P. Gates.

VOTED, That the report of the committee be accepted.

VOTED, That the committee be authorized to employ such expert advice as they may think for the best interests of the town.

VOTED, That the committee be instructed to report in print at least seven days before the adjourned meeting and that a copy be sent to each voter.

VOTED, That when the meeting adjourn it shall be to Saturday, February 21, 1891, at 2 o'clock P. M.

VOTED, To adjourn.

ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING,
JAN. 30, 1891.

1. To choose a Moderator.

2. To determine the number and term of office of the Overseers of the Poor and to see if the town will vote that said officers shall be thereafter selected by ballot.
3. To see what action the town will take in relation to determining the number and term of service of each of the following officers, Selectmen, Assessors, Auditors, School Committee, Board of Health, Constables, Trustees of Public Library and Collector of Taxes.

4. To see if the town will determine the compensation of the Collector of Taxes.

TOWN MEETING, JAN. 30, 1891.

Chose Edward Sawyer, Moderator.

Voted, That the town choose three Overseers of the Poor by the Australian ballot system, each to serve one year, and that hereafter the said Overseers of the Poor be chosen by ballot.

Voted, That the town choose by ballot three Selectmen to serve one year and three Assessors to serve one year.

Voted, That the town choose three Auditors the term of office to be three years, one of whom shall be chosen annually.

Voted, That the Board of School Committee consist of six, that the term of office be three years, two of whom shall be chosen annually.

Voted, That the Board of Health consist of three and that the term of office be one year.

Voted, That the town choose seven Constables and that the term of office be one year.

Voted, That the Board of Trustees of the Public Library consist of nine, that the term of office be three years, three of whom shall be chosen annually.

Voted, That the town choose one Collector of Taxes to serve one year.

Voted, That the rate to be paid for the collection of taxes be one per cent. of the total commitment.

Voted, To adjourn without date.
ADJOINRED TOWN MEETING, FEB. 21, 1891.

In accordance with the vote of adjournment, the legal voters of the town assembled at the town house at the appointed hour, were called to order by the Moderator, and the records of the last meeting read by the Clerk.

The committee appointed at the meeting Jan. 22, to investigate all matters pertaining to the cost and present condition of the property of the Bridgewaters' Water Company made a report through their chairman, Henry O. Little.

Voted, That the report be accepted.

Under the second article in the warrant, viz:

Will this town unite with the town of East Bridgewater on equal terms in taking by purchase, the franchise, and all corporate property, rights and privileges of the Bridgewaters' Water Company?

Voted, That the meeting proceed to ballot Yes and No on the above question, and that the check list be used.

Voted, That the poll be kept open three hours.

The Moderator appointed Robert C. Breck and Stillman Alger, tellers to check the list and count the ballots, poll was opened at 3.05 o'clock P. M., and at 6.08 o'clock P. M., it was

Voted, That the poll be closed.

The ballots were sorted and counted with the following result:

Whole number of ballots, two hundred eighty-nine.

Yes, two hundred four.

No, eighty-five.

On motion of Henry O. Little

Voted, That a committee of five be chosen to make the purchase with full power and authority therefor upon such
terms and conditions and for such price as in the judgment of said committee shall seem best.

VOTED, That a nominating committee of three be chosen by nomination at large to nominate this committee of five.


The committee retired and brought in the following names to serve on that committee:


VOTED, That the names as reported by the committee be accepted.

VOTED, That the meeting adjourn without date.

ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING,
MARCH 2, 1891.

1. To choose a Moderator.

2. To hear and act upon the reports of the Auditors of Accounts, School Committee, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Road Commissioners, Trustees of Public Library, and Board of Health.

3. To hear and act upon the report of the Road Commissioners respecting the Guide Boards in town.

4. To hear and act upon the report of any committee raised by the town.

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

6. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

Poll will be opened at 10 o'clock A. M., and will be closed not sooner than 2 o'clock P. M.
7. To see if the town will instruct the Superintendent of Streets to build a sidewalk on High St., between Broad and Main Street.

8. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to contract for and locate three arc lights on High street between Broad and Main street and also one on Main street.

9. To see if the town will adopt Truant By-Laws and take any action in relation to providing a suitable place of detention for truants.

10. To see if the town will vote to unite with the towns of Abington, Rockland, Stoughton, or Whitman for the purpose of employing a Superintendent of Schools, under the provisions of Chap. 431, Acts of 1888.

11. 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 Poor, support of Schools, Town Library, repairs of Roads and Bridges, lighting the streets, water hydrants, Superintendent of Schools, night patrolmen, and for incidental expenses of the town for the year ensuing.

12. To see if the town will appropriate money for celebrating Memorial Day.

13. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes for the current year.

TOWN MEETING, MARCH 2, 1891.

Balloting for Moderator resulted as follows:
Whole number of ballots thirty-two.
Van R. Swift had thirty.
William D. Jackson had two.
Van R. Swift was declared elected and was sworn by the Town Clerk.
VOTED, To accept the report of the auditors of accounts.
VOTED, To accept the report of the school committee.
VOTED, To accept the report of the selectmen.
VOTED, To accept the report of the overseers of the poor.
VOTED, To accept the report of the superintendent of streets.
VOTED, To accept the report of the trustees of the public library.
VOTED, To accept the report of the board of health.
Frank F. Murdock asked to have his name taken from the list of Jurors and it was
VOTED, That his request be granted.
VOTED, To accept the list of Jurors as reported by the selectmen.
VOTED, To accept the report of the superintendent of streets respecting the guide boards in town.

At this time the sixth article in the warrant was taken up, viz: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

The selectmen appointed Walter M. Swift and Roland M. Keith ballot clerks and Edmund F. Perkins and Charles R. Smith assistants and they were sworn by the Moderator.

The Moderator appointed Robert C. Breck and Stillman Alger as tellers and they were sworn by the Moderator.

On motion of Edward Sawyer
VOTED, That the poll remain open until six o'clock P. M. The poll was opened at 10 o'clock A. M., at 6.17 o'clock P. M., it was
VOTED, That the poll be closed.
The ballot box indicated that fifteen hundred and nine ballots had been put into the box, but by actual count it was found to contain six hundred and six which number agreed with the check lists as used by the ballot clerks and tellers.

The following is the result of the balloting:

**FOR TOWN CLERK.**

Henry L. Crane had five hundred twelve votes and was declared elected.

**FOR TOWN TREASURER.**

Henry L. Crane had five hundred eleven votes and was declared elected.

**FOR SELECTMEN.**

Henry O. Little had three hundred twenty-two votes.  
John M. Stetson had three hundred six votes.  
Van R. Swift had three hundred two votes.  
Robert C. Breck had three hundred two votes.  
Stillman Alger had two hundred eighty-seven votes.  
William Bassett had two hundred nineteen votes.  
Lafayette Keith had one vote.  
Zeno Benson had one vote.  
Henry O. Little, John M. Stetson were declared elected.

**FOR ASSESSORS.**

Henry O. Little had three hundred three votes.  
John M. Stetson had two hundred eighty-seven votes.  
Van R. Swift had two hundred seventy-nine votes.  
Robert C. Breck had two hundred sixty-four votes.  
Stillman Alger had two hundred sixty-three votes.  
William Bassett had two hundred one votes.  
Henry O. Little, John M. Stetson, Van R. Swift were declared elected.
FOR OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Henry O. Little had two hundred ninety-five votes.
John M. Stetson had two hundred eighty-two votes.
Van R. Swift had two hundred seventy-seven votes.
Stillman Alger had two hundred sixty-one.
Robert C. Breck had two hundred fifty-seven.
William Bassett had one hundred ninety-seven votes.

Henry O. Little, John M. Stetson, Van R. Swift were declared elected.

FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS.

Charles R. Crane had four hundred sixty-three votes.
Edward Sawyer had four hundred twenty-five votes.
Isaac C. White had two votes.
Lafayette Keith had one vote.
R. M. J. Grant had one vote.
George M. Hooper had one vote.
John M. Stetson had one vote.
George Wheeler had one vote.

Charles R. Crane, Edward Sawyer were declared elected.

FOR CONSTABLES.

James F. Witherell had four hundred twenty-nine votes.
Miller S. Oldham had four hundred four votes.
Philip H. Wing had four hundred three votes.
James Maguire had three hundred ninety-six votes.
Henry L. King had three hundred eighty-nine votes.
Francis D. King had three hundred seventy-one votes.
Thomas J. Cannon had three hundred sixty-two votes.
Lester W. Witherell had three votes.
J. E. Bassett had one vote.
Herbert L. Monroe had one vote.
John P. Townsend had one vote.
William Bassett had one vote.
Stillman Alger had one vote.
Robert S. Hunt had one vote.
Fred G. Lovell had one vote.
James F. Witherell, Miller S. Oldham, Philip H. Wing, James Maguire, Henry L. King, Francis D. King, Thomas J. Cannon were declared elected.

FOR BOARD OF HEALTH.
Gustavus Pratt had four hundred forty-four votes.
Calvin Pratt had four hundred thirty-three votes.
Leander A. Darling had four hundred thirty-three votes.
Hollis M. Blackstone had one vote.
Lafayette Keith had one vote.
John Parker had one vote.
Gustavus Pratt, Calvin Pratt, Leander A. Darling were declared elected.

FOR TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY THREE YEARS.
Mrs. Mary H. Keith had four hundred fourteen votes,
Mrs. Frances A. Parker had four hundred thirteen votes,
Arthur C. Boyden had three hundred ninety-seven votes,
and were declared elected.

FOR AUDITOR FOR THREE YEARS.
Josiah L. Bassett had three hundred sixty votes.
Henry O. Little had one vote.
Linus W. Snow had one vote.
R. M. J. Grant had one vote.
Lafayette Keith had one vote.
John H. Fairbanks had one vote.
Josiah L. Bassett was declared elected.

FOR COLLECTOR OF TAXES.
Robert C. Breck had four hundred twenty-seven votes.
John M. Stetson had two votes.
John Parker had one vote.
Charles R. Smith had one vote.
Van R. Swift had one vote.
Robert C. Breck was declared elected.

Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?
Whole number of ballots, five hundred thirty-two.
Yes, one hundred ninety-five.
No, three hundred thirty-seven.

The ballots were then sealed according to law.

Voted, That the selectmen be directed to notify all future adjourned town meetings by posting a notice of such adjournment beside the original warrants.

Voted, That the treasurer be authorized to borrow with the approval of the selectmen, not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars in anticipation of taxes of the current municipal year, and to issue notes of the town therefor, and the debts incurred under the authority of this vote are hereby made payable from said taxes.

Voted, That if a new ballot be necessary to choose a Selectman (the Moderator declaring Mr. Breck and Mr. Swift to have an equal number of votes) that the poll be open at two o’clock P. M., and remain open until at least six o’clock P. M.

Voted, That when this meeting adjourn it be to Monday, March 9, 1891, at ten o’clock A. M.

Voted, To adjourn.

MARCH 4, 1891.

In compliance with a petition to the Moderator signed by ten legal voters of the town requesting a recount of the votes cast for selectmen and assessors on the second day of March, 1891, the selectmen and town clerk met at the selectmen’s room at two o’clock P. M. Mr. Joseph Tooker was present in behalf of Mr. John M. Stetson.
The ballots were again counted with the following result:

FOR SELECTMEN.

Henry O. Little had three hundred twenty-three votes.
John M. Stetson had three hundred eight votes.
Robert C. Breck had three hundred four votes.
Van R. Swift had three hundred two votes.
Stillman Alger had two hundred eighty-seven votes.
William Bassett had two hundred nineteen votes.
Lafayette Keith had one vote.
Zeno Benson had one vote.

FOR ASSESSORS.

Henry O. Little had three hundred one votes.
John M. Stetson had two hundred eighty-six votes.
Van R. Swift had two hundred seventy-seven votes.
Robert C. Breck had two hundred sixty-three votes.
Stillman Alger had two hundred sixty-one votes.
William Bassett had two hundred one votes.

The ballots were again sealed in the envelope according to law.

The undersigned hereby certifies that on a recount made this day of the votes cast for selectmen on March 2, 1891, Van R. Swift had three hundred two votes and Robert C. Breck had three hundred four votes and elected to said office.

Van R. Swift, Moderator.

ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING, MARCH 9, 1891.

In accordance with the vote of adjournment, the legal voters of the town assembled at the town house at the appointed hour, were called to order by the Moderator and the records of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk.
The following Resolution presented by Lewis Holmes, Esq., was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Van R. Swift, Esq., being about to retire (for the present at least) from the Board of Selectmen, an office which he has so honorably filled for forty years past and most of said time acting as chairman of said Board, therefore

Resolve, That the citizens of the town unite in tendering to Mr. Swift their grateful thanks for his impartial, faithful, and honest efforts for the best interests and welfare of the town during the long period of time above named, therefore

Resolve, That these resolutions be entered upon the records of the town with this day's doings, and that the Town Clerk be requested to tender a copy of the same to Mr. Swift, and also a copy to the Editor of the Independent for insertion in this week’s issue of said paper.

VOTED, That the minor officers of the town be appointed by the selectmen.

VOTED, That one thousand dollars of the amount to be raised for the repairs of roads and bridges be expended in the repairs and in new gravel sidewalks.

VOTED, That the selectmen be instructed to establish three oil lights in Scotland.

VOTED, That the selectmen be directed to contract for and locate five new arc lights at the following points:
One on Broad street corner of High street.
One on High street corner of Oak street.
One on Centre street corner of Aldrich street.
One on High street corner of Wall street.
One on Main street between the corner of Centre street and West Bridgewater line.

VOTED, That the selectmen be instructed to petition the Hon. County Commissioners to provide a place for truants,
and in case of non-compliance with their petition to apply to the Supreme Court of Massachusetts for a writ of mandamus to compel the County Commissioners to provide such a place.

VOTED, That the town join with Abington, Rockland, Stoughton, Whitman, or any other town or towns to form a district for the purpose of employing a school superintendent.

VOTED, That the sum of one thousand dollars be appropriated for the enforcement of the liquor law, to be expended under the direction of the selectmen and that they be instructed to employ efficient agents and counsel to suppress the sale of intoxicating liquors.

VOTED, That the selectmen be instructed to contract with The Bridgewater Electric Company for lighting the streets for one year or more but not exceeding five years.

VOTED, That the care of the common be left in the hands of the superintendent of streets.

The following amounts were voted to be raised by taxation:

- Support of poor
- Support of High school
- Support of Common schools
- Support of superintendent of schools
- Repairs of school buildings
- School incidentals
- School supplies
- Support of Town Library
- Repairs of roads and bridges
- Curbing, and concreting around Normal school lot
- Lighting the streets
- Incidental expenses
- Rental of water hydrants

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Night patrolmen . . . . . . . $1,200 00

$28,500 00

VOTED, To appropriate fifty dollars for the Sewing School to be expended by the superintendent and her assistants, and that they be directed to purchase the material of one firm.

VOTED, To appropriate one hundred dollars for celebrating Memorial day, and that the money be expended under the direction of the officers of the Grand Army Post.

VOTED, That the assessors be directed to take from the amount already voted to be raised by taxation (twenty-eight thousand five hundred and fifty dollars) the sum of four thousand five hundred and fifty dollars and that the balance twenty-four thousand dollars be assessed upon the polls and estates according to law.

VOTED, To adjourn without date.

In accordance with the vote passed March 9, 1891, the selectmen have made the following appointments:

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER.
Henry L. Crane, Samuel W. Brett, Elijah B. Gammons,
Zeno Benson, R. M. J. Grant, Algernon S. Lyon,
              Spencer Leonard.

FIELD DRIVERS.
Cyrenus Barney, Benjamin Harden, Thomas H. Benson,
George W. Ellis, Mark A. Barney, James F. Witherell,
              Martin D. Holmes.

FENCE VIEWERS.

TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE.
Charles J. Mercer, Robert H. Ferguson, Adrian Z. Pratt.
FOREST FIRE WARDS.
Spencer Leonard, Edward E. Keith, Virgil V. Conant,
Seth H. Leonard, John McLaughlin.

SPECIAL POLICE.
Fred G. Lovell, Eustis W. Sturtevant, Charles A. Smith,
Lester W. Witherell.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.
Jerome B. Rogers.

KEEPER OF LOCK-UP.
James F. Witherell.

ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING,
APRIL 4, 1891.

1. To choose a Moderator.
2. To choose one Assessor and one Overseer of the Poor, in place of Van R. Swift, resigned.
   Poll will be opened at two o’clock P. M., and closed not sooner than six o’clock P. M.

TOWN MEETING, APRIL 4, 1891.

Balloting for Moderator resulted as follows:
Whole number of ballots, seven.
Henry O. Little had that number and was declared elected.

The selectmen appointed Roland M. Keith and Eben Perkins ballot clerks and Charles R. Smith and Edmund F. Perkins assistants and they were sworn by the Moderator.

The Moderator appointed Robert C. Breck and John M. Stetson as tellers and they were sworn by the Town Clerk.
Poll was opened at 2.10 o'clock P. M., and at 6.10 o'clock P. M., it was

VOTED, That the poll be closed.

The ballot box indicated that thirty-nine ballots had been placed in the box, which number agreed with the check lists and by counting the ballots.

The following is the result of the balloting:

FOR ASSESSOR.
Whole number of ballots, thirty-four.
Robert C. Breck had thirty-two.
Stillman Alger had one.
Spencer Leonard had one.
Robert C. Breck was declared elected.

FOR OVERSEER OF THE POOR.
Whole number of ballots, thirty-eight.
Robert C. Breck had thirty-six.
Stillman O. Keith had one.
Caroline Sampson had one.
Robert C. Breck was declared elected.

The ballots were then sealed according to law.

VOTED, To adjourn without date.

ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING,
MAY 19, 1891.

1. To choose a Moderator.

2. To see if the town will ratify the acts of the Board of Selectmen for the year 1890, and approve of their doings in relation to the lower common and also authorize the present board to continue the work so begun to completion, and to make any other improvements in regard to the same.
3. To see what action the town will take with reference to the acceptance from Mr. Nahum Stetson of a display fountain for the lower common.

TOWN MEETING, MAY 19, 1891.

Chose George M. Hooper, Moderator.

VOTED, That the acts of the board of selectmen for the year 1890 in relation to improvements to the lower common be ratified and that the present board be authorized to continue the work to completion.

VOTED, That the town accept the offer of a fountain for the lower common from Mr. Nahum Stetson and that a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. Stetson for the gift.

VOTED, To adjourn without date.

ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING,

JUNE 27, 1891.

1. To choose a Moderator.

2. To see what action the town will take in relation to disposing of the school building on the lot sold to the Commonwealth, and the fence now standing on said lot.

3. To see if the town will rescind the vote passed at a town meeting held March 9th of the present year, whereby the selectmen were instructed to locate an electric light on the corner of Centre and Aldrich streets.

4. To see if the town will accept the location of the present electric light on Centre street.

5. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to locate an arc light on Summer street between Central Square and Plymouth streets.
TOWN MEETING, JUNE 27, 1891.

Chose Henry O. Little, Moderator.

VOTED, That the selectmen be directed to sell the school buildings and foundations of the Centre school at public auction and that the fence be removed or sold as they may think for the best advantage of the town.

VOTED, To rescind the vote passed March 9th 1891 whereby the selectmen were directed to locate an electric light at the corner of Centre and Aldrich streets.

VOTED, That the town accept the location of the present electric light on Centre street.

VOTED, That the selectmen be instructed to locate an arc light on Summer street between Central Square and Plymouth street.

VOTED, To adjourn sine die.

ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING,
AUGUST 1, 1891.

1. To choose a Moderator.

2. To see what action the town will take in relation to building a new road laid out by the Hon. County Commissioners on Conant street (near the State Work House) and also the building of a new bridge over Taunton river on Titicut street.

3. To see what action the town will take in relation to leasing the High school building for a term of years. (By request.)

TOWN MEETING, AUGUST 1, 1891.

Chose Henry O. Little, Moderator.

VOTED, That the selectmen be a committee to confer with the selectmen of Middleboro' and to carry on to com-
pletion the work on Conant and Titicut streets as laid out by the Hon. County Commissioners.

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized under the direction of the selectmen to borrow such sum or sums of money as may be thought necessary to complete such work.

VOTED, That the chairman, secretary, and treasurer of the school committee, the board of selectmen, and Josiah L. Bassett, John P. Townsend and William D. Jackson be a committee to act in relation to leasing the High school building for a term of years not exceeding five.

VOTED, To dissolve the meeting.

ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING,

OCTOBER 10, 1891.

1. To choose a Moderator.

2. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to use the money received by the town in fines in liquor cases, for the suppression of the illegal sale of liquor or will authorize the expenditure by the selectmen of any farther sum for the suppression of said illegal sales.

3. To see if the town will provide and fit up a suitable place for an office for the selectmen and assessors or for any other town officers.

4. To see if the town will give the use of the town hall with heat to the free sewing school.

TOWN MEETING, OCT. 10, 1891.

Chose William D. Jackson, Moderator.

VOTED, That the selectmen be authorized and instructed to expend such sums of money as may in their judgment seem necessary for obtaining evidence of violation of the
liquor law and prosecuting the same, and that the town treasurer be authorized to borrow money for the town for that purpose.

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a committee of three to take under consideration the matter of fitting up more suitable quarters for the selectmen and assessors and report at the next March meeting.

The Chair appointed
Henry O. Little, Edward Sawyer, Henry L. Crane.

VOTED, That the matter of furnishing quarters for the sewing school be left with the school committee, with full power to use the town hall, if found expedient, and free of expense.

VOTED, To adjourn without date.

VOTE OF THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER FOR
STATE AND COUNTY OFFICERS,
NOVEMBER 3, 1891.

FOR GOVERNOR.
Whole number of ballots, 647.
Charles H. Allen of Lowell had . . . . . . 356
William E. Russell of Cambridge had . . . . 283
Charles E. Kimball of Lynn had . . . . . . 7
Henry Winn of Malden had . . . . . . 1

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.
Whole number of ballots, 623.
William H. Haile of Springfield had . . . . 362
John W. Corcoran of Clinton had . . . . 250
Augustus R. Smith of Lee had . . . . . . 8
William T. Shields of Boston had . . . . . . 3
FOR SECRETARY.

Whole number of ballots, 602.
William M. Olin of Boston had 355
Elbridge Cushman of Lakeville had 236
Alfred W. Richardson of Springfield had 7
Joseph D. Cadle of Westfield had 4

FOR TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL.

Whole number of ballots, 607.
George A. Marden of Lowell had 361
James S. Grinnell of Greenfield had 238
Samuel B. Shapleigh of Boston had 6
Charles Friede of Boston had 1
Thomas A. Watson of Braintree had 1

FOR AUDITOR.

Whole number of ballots, 591.
John W. Kimball of Fitchburg had 347
William D. T. Trefry of Marblehead had 235
William O. Armstrong of Boston had 6
William O. Wakefield of Lynn had 2
Squire E. Putney of Somerville had 1

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Whole number of ballots, 599.
Albert E. Pillsbury of Boston had 350
George M. Stearns of Chicopee had 237
Walcott Hamlin of Amherst had 8
Herbert McIntosh of Worcester had 2
James Waldock of Boston had 2

FOR COUNCILLOR, 1st DISTRICT.

Whole number of ballots, 592.
Isaac N. Keith of Bourne had 345
Frederick A. Bradford of New Bedford had 238
Franklin Howland of Acushnet had 9
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution relative to the qualifications of voters for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators, and Representatives be approved and ratified?

Whole number of ballots, 355.
Yes, 224. No, 131.

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution making a majority of members a quorum in each branch of the General Court be approved and ratified?

Whole number of ballots, 328.
Yes, 264. No, 64.

The following is the vote for Representative to General Court in the Ninth Plymouth District:

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ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING,
NOV. 28, 1891.

1. To choose a Moderator.
2. To see if the town will accept the town ways laid out by the selectmen near State Farm.
3. To see if the town will accept land given by Martin Pratt for Public Park near State Farm.
4. To see what action the town will take in regard to lighting South street near Titicut. (By request.)
5. To see if the town will vote to reconsider its present By-Laws relative to truancy or take any action in relation thereto.
6. To see if the town will vote to commit its truants to the truant school established at Walpole, Mass.

TOWN MEETING, NOV. 28, 1891.

Chose Henry O. Little, Moderator.

VOTED, That the town ways as laid out by the selectmen near State Farm be accepted.

VOTED, That the town accept the land given by Martin Pratt near State Farm to be used as a Park and that a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. Pratt for the gift.

VOTED, That the town purchase and maintain thirty street lamps on that part of South street situated in Titicut said lamps to be lighted by kerosene oil.

VOTED, That Henry O. Little, Virgil V. Conant and Edwin A. Bass be a committee to purchase and locate the street lamps on South street in Titicut.

VOTED, That the town reconsider and annul the truant By-Laws adopted at a legal meeting of its voters on the fourth day of December 1869 and recorded in book 7 page 476 of its records.

VOTED, On motion of Edward Sawyer, that the town adopt truant By-Laws as provided by the Statutes of this Commonwealth.

TRUANT BY-LAWS ADOPTED BY THE TOWN, NOV. 28, 1891.

ART. 1. The Town of Bridgewater hereby avails itself of the several provisions of the Statutes of this Commonwealth now in force, relating to habitual truants and absentees from schools and in pursuance of authority conferred thereby, adopts the following By-Laws:

ART. All children between the ages of seven and fifteen years residing in said town and who may be found wander-
ing about in the streets or public places of said town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school and growing up in ignorance, shall be committed to the Truant School at Walpole, Mass., for confinement, instruction, and discipline.

**ART. 3.** Two or more truant officers shall be appointed annually whose duty it shall be to inquire into all the violations of the truant laws, and the law relating to compulsory education, and to do all acts required of them by the laws of the Commonwealth.

**ART. 4.** It shall be the duty of every truant officer previous to making any complaint under these laws, to notify the truants, or absentees from school, also his parent or guardian, of the offence committed and the penalty thereof, and if the truant officer can obtain satisfactory pledges for the restraint and reformation of the child, he may at his discretion forbear to prosecute so long as such pledges are faithfully kept.

**ART. 5.** It shall be the duty of the school committee, the teachers of the public schools, and the citizens generally, to aid the truant officers as far as possible in the discharge of their duties.

**ART. 6.** It shall be the duty of the truant officers to keep a full record of all their official acts, and make an annual report thereof to the school committee who shall publish the same with their own report.

**ART. 7.** Nothing in these by-laws shall be so construed as to alter or impair the obligation and duty of teachers to enforce punctuality and regularity of attendance and to preserve good order and discipline.

**VOTED,** That the Truant School at Walpole, Mass., be the place of detention for all truants, (as provided by the Hon. County Commissioners).

**VOTED,** To adjourn without date.
REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

In making our report of the receipts and expenses for the year ending Dec. 31, 1891, we also include the reports of the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Auditors, Superintendent of Streets, School Committee, Board of Health, Trustees of the Public Library, Collector, Night Patrolmen, and Town House Committee.

The year now closed commenced by placing your Board of Selectmen in an embarrassing position incident to a radical change in your town officers. The year has also brought more than the usual amount of new business, consisting of new roads and bridges, the improvement of the lower common, and the enforcement of the liquor law, and many other things that have led to an unusual number of special town meetings with numerous petitions for various objects.

All these matters have led to more or less criticisms just and unjust. We have endeavored to make such appointments and to so conduct the business of the town that you would receive a fair and honest return for every dollar expended.

It was found necessary to call a special town meeting to authorize the treasurer to borrow money to meet the expense of the new road and bridge laid out by the Hon. County Commissioners, and to continue the work of enforcement of the liquor law. It was found later that these expenses could be met with the funds on hand and thus save interest on borrowed money, hence they were paid out of miscellaneous expenses and will appear in their proper place.
The money expended for roads and sidewalks will be found in the superintendent's report, and it must be admitted that a great amount of work has been accomplished.

In regard to our water system the usual rent has been paid and an immense amount of time and labor expended in making a thorough investigation into the merits of the system with a view to purchasing, a written report of which will be presented at the annual meeting by Hosea Kingman, chairman of the committee.

Our street lighting has been very unsatisfactory and a source of continual worry and vexation. We could do no less than finally to refuse to pay any further bills until such time as the owners should so conduct their business as to meet the approval of our people, and we trust that before this report shall be read the matter will be satisfactorily adjusted. The lamps voted for Scotland have been placed in position and properly cared for. The matter of lighting South street will be considered at our meeting in March.

We fail to see the necessity of two patrolmen and would recommend that the appropriation be reduced one-half the coming year.

The matter of the lower common was one of the legacies left the present Board without authority to even pay the bills contracted. We have completed the job and it is generally admitted to be a fine improvement.

The enforcement of the liquor law has received careful attention and without personal feeling on our part, we have left no stone unturned to convince those who have persisted in selling that it must be stopped. None but those who are expected to enforce the law can judge the amount of work necessary to collect evidence sufficient to convict. We have secured officers out of town simply because experts in this work were necessary, but we wish in justice
to our own officers to say that whenever called upon they have responded promptly and have aided us in some of our most important work. The result of our labors we leave to your own good judgement, trusting that our successors will carry forward the work begun and meet with the same generous support and encouragement.

The Dyer Will Fund over which so much feeling and wrangling has been done in the past, was taken out of the hands of the selectmen early in the spring by petition to the Judge of Probate, by citizens of Scotland and we shall expect a report from those gentlemen in relation to the final disposition of the matter.

We have also been called upon to lay out a new town way near the State Farm which the town have accepted and which will result in bringing in new and valuable taxable property this coming spring and, finally, we submit our report with a feeling that our people have been prosperous, that their wants have been attended to, and that we have carried out your will to the best of our ability.
APPROPRIATIONS.

At a legal meeting of the voters of the town of Bridgewater held March 2, 1891, the following votes were passed:

VOTED, To raise five thousand dollars for the repairs of roads and bridges, one thousand of this sum to be expended on gravel sidewalks.

VOTED, To raise two thousand dollars for the support of the poor.

VOTED, To raise two thousand nine hundred dollars for high school.

VOTED, To raise six thousand nine hundred dollars for common schools.

VOTED, To raise seven hundred and fifty dollars for school superintendent.

VOTED, To raise four hundred dollars for repairing school buildings.

VOTED, To raise three hundred dollars for school incidentals.

VOTED, To raise seven hundred and fifty dollars for school supplies.

VOTED, To raise one thousand dollars for public library.

VOTED, To raise seven hundred and fifty dollars for Normal sidewalk.

VOTED, To raise two thousand two hundred dollars for lighting streets.

VOTED, To raise nine hundred dollars for hydrant rental.

VOTED, To raise twelve hundred dollars for night patrol.

VOTED, To raise three thousand five hundred dollars for incidentals.

RECAPITULATION.

Roads, bridges, and sidewalks . . . $5,000 00
Support of the poor . . . . 2,000 00
High school ........................................... $2,900 00
Common schools ....................................... 6,900 00
School superintendent .................................. 750 00
Repairing school buildings ............................. 400 00
School incidentals ..................................... 300 00
School supplies ....................................... 750 00
Public library ......................................... 1,000 00
Normal sidewalk ....................................... 750 00
Lighting streets ....................................... 2,200 00
Hydrant rental ......................................... 900 00
Night patrol ........................................... 1,200 00
Incidentals ............................................ 3,500 00

\[ \text{Total} = $28,550 \, 00 \]

\[ \text{VOTED, That the assessors be directed to assess} \, 4,550 \, \text{less than the amount voted, on account of corporation and bank taxes received from tax commissioners} \.
\]

\[ \text{VOTED, That the sum of} \, 24,000 \, \text{be assessed into a tax upon the polls and estates according to law.} \]

**REPAIRS OF ROADS, BRIDGES, AND SIDEWALKS.**

Appropriation ........................................... $5,000 00

Orders have been drawn for the Superintendent of streets as follows, (see Superintendent’s report for expenditure):

1891.

Apr. 25. Order for ........................................... $100 00
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9. “ “ ........................................................... 200 00
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<td>William Berry, 3 lamps and fixtures</td>
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Paid Geo. W. Ellis, care light and setting posts, Scotland $11 00
Geo. W. Ellis, care light, three months, Scotland 10 00
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$1,033 42

Unexpended $1,166 58

**NIGHT PATROL.**

Appropriation $1,200 00
Paid James F. and Lester Witherell patrolling twelve months 1,147 66

Unexpended $52 34

**MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.**

Appropriation $3,500 00
Paid L. M. Keith, envelopes, etc., $12 49
Margaret Cleary, abatement 6 00
Old Colony R. R., freight on scales 2 24
William McNeeland, distributing town reports 6 00
4 ballot clerks, March meeting 12 00
L. D. Monroe, dinner for officers 8 00
Diebold Safe Co., safe 150 00
Winkley, Dresser & Co., letter press, etc., 11 99
Avery L. Rand, check book 5 00
Crane & Burrill, oil, wicks, etc., 4 12
Henry A. Keith, highway damage 3 00
A. F. Wood, highway damage 4 00
John McLaughlin, fire ward 14 35
H. C. Sisson, highway damage 10 00
Edmund F. Perkins, ballot clerk 2 50
Chas. R. Smith, ballot clerk 2 50
Grand Army Post, Memorial day 100 00
Paid The Bridgewater Electric Co., wiring town hall ........................................... $195.20
Advertising schoolhouse ...................................................... 3.00
Bowman’s Express, from Oct. 12, ’89 to May 6, 91 ......................... 34.10
Pump and setting, etc., .......................................................... 87.75
Crane & Burrill, oil, etc., ...................................................... 3.77
Wilcox Bros., shades for town hall ......................................... 4.00
E. M. Swift, running town lines ............................................ 4.00
Henry Perkins, oil, etc., ...................................................... 6.90
E. W. Sturtevant, special police July 3 and 25 .......................... 4.25
H. O. Little, collector’s book ................................................. 2.00
Bridge specifications ............................................................. 2.75
A. F. Damon, special police, fair, 3 days .............................. 6.00
Soranus Holmes, special police, fair, 3 days and nights ............... 13.50
Crane & Burrill, oil, etc., ...................................................... 1.20
F. G. Lovell, police duty, July 3 and 25 ................................ 4.25
John Q. Wilson, two stone troughs ....................................... 50.00
Joseph Tooker, services state election ................................. 3.75
Miller S. Oldham, special police, fair, 3 days .......................... 7.50
H. F. Barnes, special police, fair, 4 days and nights ...................... 7.50
Walter Richards, highway damage ........................................ 7.00
Walter Loring, ballot clerk, Nov. 3 ..................................... 2.50
Edmund F. Perkins, ballot clerk, Nov. 3 ................................ 2.50
Eben Perkins, ballot clerk, Nov. 3 ....................................... 3.75
Old Colony R. R., freight on troughs ................................... 3.20
L. D. Monroe, dinner for officers ........................................ 9.45
Filling for Alden bridge ....................................................... 10.00
J. L. Bassett, plank for Alden bridge .................................. 83.00
J. L. Bassett, temporary road across State Farm ...................... 17.20
Paid Sarah F. Bates, for sewing school .... $50 00
Robert C. Breck, cash expense .... 3 90
R. M. J. Grant, ballot clerk .... 2 50
Geo. M. Hooper, surveying .... 8 00
Spencer Leonard, forest fire ward .... 12 75
Roland M. Keith, ballot clerk .... 2 50
Henry Harlow, ballot clerk .... 2 50
Wilcox Bros., telephone service .... 1 00
H. A. Clark, watchman’s clock .... 7 75
Walter King, enumerating school children .... 18 00
F. D. King, teams, selectmen and water committee .... 31 25
William Prophet, recording deaths .... 9 50
Benjamin Harden, clearing snow from sidewalks, 1890 and 1891 .... 30 80
Ebenezer Alden, cash expense .... 3 20
Geo. Hayward, labor and shingle, almshouse barn .... 121 24

$1,249 20

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Paid B. Flynn .... $6 25
Henry A. Keith .... 7 50
B. Flynn .... 8 75
Henry A. Keith .... 8 75

$31 25

LOWER COMMON.

Paid W. F. Howard, surveying .... $14 65
Dennis Grady, labor .... 6 00
Charles Scanlan, labor .... 6 00
S. B. Corliss, curbing .... 344 33
Parker & Wood, seed .... 4 38
Paid Thomas Hooper, grading .......................... $27 50
M. O. Rounsville, setting curbing and labor .......................... 190 75
Crane & Burrill, oil ........................................ 3 77
Charles Scanlan, labor ..................................... 4 50
Geo. McNeeland, carting stone ............................ 21 15
E. M. Swift, labor ........................................... 6 00
A. S. Lyon, cement .......................................... 9 00
J. L. Bassett, removing trees ............................. 80 20
J. H. Fairbanks, labor on fountain ....................... 19 00

$737 23

WATER COMMITTEE.

Report made to the town in print, (see town meetings.)

Paid H. O. Little, expense of water committee,

hotel expense, car fare .................................. $73 67
L. M. Keith, envelopes, etc., ................................ 10 90
D. C. Ford, services ....................................... 7 50
J. L. Bassett, services ..................................... 7 50
R. M. J. Grant, services ................................... 8 40
John Wall, team ............................................ 2 00
Geo. Lumpkins, team ....................................... 2 00
John M. Stetson, services ................................ 7 50

$119 47

LOCK-UP.

Paid Sumner Keith, coal .................................... $5 25
The Bridgewater Electric Co., ................................ 5 00
J. H. Fairbanks, material .................................. 11 16
F. J. Pritchard, repairing slate ........................... 10 52
Wm. McNeeland, labor ..................................... 5 95
John McLaughlin, labor .................................... 3 00
William Prophett, bedding ................................ 12 50
Paid J. H. Fairbanks, oil .......................... $ 32
Crane & Burrill, blankets ........................... 6 43
James F. Witherell, care of lock-up and feeding tramps .......................... 33 65

$93 78

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid L. A. Darling, attending twelve meetings of the board .......................... $16 25
L. A. Darling, looking up contagious diseases and preparing printed regulations .......................... $2 50
L. A. Darling, investigating illegal burials .......................... 1 25
" " inspecting dangerous places .......................... 9 00
" " use of team .......................... 2 50
" " 99 burial permits .......................... 9 90
Calvin Pratt, attending meetings of the Board, and examinations .......................... 23 00
Gustavus Pratt, attending meetings of the Board, and examinations .......................... 11 25

$75 65

PRINTING AND ADVERTISING.

Paid H. T. Pratt, printing 1,000 town reports .......................... $151 50
H. T. Pratt, printing warrants and posters .......................... 3 75
H. T. Pratt, printing 100 copies school report .......................... 5 50
H. T. Pratt, printing ballots .......................... 18 50
H. M. Weeks, certificate .......................... 6 35
E. C. Linfield, advertising bids .......................... 1 50
E. C. Linfield, advertising town meetings .......................... 29 50
E. C. Linfield, advertising notice of select-men meetings .......................... 6 00
Paid E. C. Linfield, advertising special town meetings, May, June, and July  $15.00
E. C. Linfield, advertising assessor’s notice 2.00
E. C. Linfield, advertising school notices 5.00
E. C. Linfield, advertising special town meeting, Oct., 6.00
E. C. Linfield, advertising registrars notice 4.00
E. C. Linfield, advertising notice to tax payers 4.50
E. C. Linfield, advertising auction notice 2.00
E. C. Linfield, advertising state election 6.00
E. C. Linfield, advertising notice bids on printing 2.50
E. C. Linfield, advertising notice of auditors 6.00
E. C. Linfield, advertising reward notice 10.00
6 months 10.00
H. T. Pratt, inking well of register . . 2.50
H. T. Pratt, printing blank warrants 3.00
H. T. Pratt, printing posters, superintendent streets 1.25
H. T. Pratt, printing ballots . . . . 5.00
H. T. Pratt, printing Board of Health posters 5.00
H. T. Pratt, one-half ream paper . . . . 2.25
H. T. Pratt, printing 500 dog license blanks . . . . 3.00
H. T. Pratt, printing assessor’s notices . . 2.00
H. T. Pratt, printing, Public Library . . 1.50
H. T. Pratt, printing warrants and reward notices . . . . 3.00
H. T. Pratt, printing overseer’s blank forms . . . . 4.50
H. T. Pratt, printing poll tax list . . . . 25.00
H. T. Pratt, printing 2,000 tax bills . . . . 6.50
Paid H. T. Pratt, posters and warrants .................................. $5.00
H. T. Pratt, posters for auditor's meetings .............................. 2.50
Walter King, printing notices etc. ........................................... 8.50

$366.10

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Stillman Alger .......................................................... $76.25
Van R. Swift ............................................................................... 108.30
H. O. Little, selectman .......................................................... 161.20
H. O. Little, assessor ............................................................. 115.00
H. O. Little, overseer of the poor .......................................... 21.00
H. O. Little, use of team ......................................................... 43.75
John M. Stetson, selectman .................................................. 65.50
John M. Stetson, assessor ...................................................... 43.75
John M. Stetson, overseer of the poor .................................... 5.00
Robert C. Breck, selectman ................................................... 70.00
Robert C. Breck, assessor ..................................................... 131.25
Robert C. Breck, overseer of the poor .................................... 8.75
Robert C. Breck, collector ..................................................... 291.36
Robert C. Breck, use of team ................................................ 7.50
James F. Witherell, posting warrants and
notifying town officers .......................................................... 35.00

$1,183.61

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER.

Paid H. L. Crane, recording births, deaths and
marriages .......................................................... $72.85
Copying for town reports, 1890 and 1891 ............................ 17.00
Preparing ballots ............................................................... 2.50
Recording town lines ........................................................... 5.00
Recording highways ............................................................ 3.50
Recording town meetings ..................................................... 21.25
Expense of State election ................................................... 4.15
Paid Services as Treasurer, 1891 .......................... $200.00
Cash expenses .............................................. 3 51
Clerk of registrars ........................................... 26 75
Use of team .................................................. 1 00

$357 51

MILITARY AID.
(Under Chap. 279, Acts of 1889.)
FURNISHED TO SOLDIERS FROM JAN. 1, 1891, TO JAN. 1, 1892.

Paid Edgar D. Keith, 12 months, at $10 per month ........................................ $120.00
Israel Richmond, 12 months, at $8 per month .................................................. 96.00
Caleb Alden, 12 months, at $6 per month .................................................. 72.00
Chas. M. Hayden, 12 months at $8 per month .................................................. 56.00

$344.00

One-half of the military aid to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth ........................................ 172.00

STATE AID.
(Under Chap. 301, Acts of 1889.)
FURNISHED TO SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES OF SOLDIERS FROM JAN. 1, 1891, TO JAN. 1, 1892.

Paid George W. Ellis, 12 months, at $8 per month ........................................ $96.00
Lewis L. Simpson, 12 months, at $4 per month .................................................. 48.00
Patrick Cunningham, 12 months, at $3 per month .................................................. 36.00
Beza Hayward, 12 months, at $6 per month .................................................. 72.00
Amaziah Lovell, 12 months, at $5 per month .................................................. 60.00
Paid John Elliott and wife, 5 months, at $6 per month $30 00
Sumner Keith and wife, 5 months, at $6 per month 30 00
Woodbridge Bryant (Sarah Simpson), 12 months, at $4 per month 48 00
Mrs. Maria Pratt, 1 month, at $4 per month 4 00

To be reimbursed by the Commonwealth $424 00

SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

Appropriated $1,000 00
Paid Hosea Kingman $25 00
H. O. Little, for Mass. Law and Order League 414 35
Hosea Kingman, counsel 237 00
Geo. A. Wheeler, raids 167 00
A. Edgecomb, team 20 40
F. T. Rounsville, board 8 00
F. D. King, services in raids 25 00
H. L. King, services in raids 11 00
Geo. A. Wheeler, raids 28 00
Geo. A. Wheeler, court business 100 65
Hosea Kingman, counsel 140 00
U. S. Marshall 18 70
P. Pearce, detective work 32 00
F. D. King, services 10 00
H. O. Little, cash and expenses 23 47
F. D. King, raids, teams, etc., 18 50

$1,279 07

Received from fines to Dec. 31, 1891 988 56

Actual cost to Dec. 31, 1891 $290 51
NEW ROAD AND BRIDGE.

Paid out of miscellaneous expenses (see selectmen's report).

Paid Geo. S. McNeeloland building new road near State Farm as per contract. $530 00
Extra work building culverts. 80 00

$610 00

Paid Berlin Bridge Co., building new bridge and relaying wing walls as per contracts $4,107 00
Walter Benson for grading and filling the above. 324 00
for graveling $180 00
putting up railing 83 36

$4,694 36

RECAPITULATION OF EXPENSES UNDER THE APPROPRIATION FOR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

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$9,808 67
ASSETS.

There will be due from the Commonwealth, Dec. 1892, for State aid furnished in 1891 $424.00
Military aid furnished in 1891 172.00

$596.00

LIABILITIES.

Due the superintendent of the almshouse, Jan. 1, 1892 $365.00
Balance in favor of the town, Jan. 1, 1892 231.00

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY O. LITTLE,
ROBERT C. BRECK,
JOHN M. STETSON,

Selectmen of Bridgewater.

JAN. 1, 1892.

Since the above has been printed we learn that the Hon. County Commissioners have awarded the town $1500. towards building the new road and bridge (Alden's bridge so called), this will make the cost of the bridge $3,194.36

See expense of building page 49.
REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

Taxes were assessed for 1890 on the valuation made in 1880. A new valuation was made after the above taxes were committed, and is known as the 1890 valuation, on this valuation the taxes were assessed and committed for 1891. Much dissatisfaction has been expressed by the people about the new valuation, whether it is too high or too low the present Board had but one course left them, to accept it as it was handed down to us and to make and commit our taxes in the time allowed by law.

We have received the usual amount of abuse and trust that our successors may not be so fortunate. We are however, glad to say that most of the grumblers are those that are not willing to present a fair and honest statement to the assessors, as a rule our people pay their taxes willingly and appreciate how difficult it is for any Board to adjust the matter of taxation to the satisfaction of all.

In view of the fact that the next Board of Assessors may have an extra amount of work in adjusting claims that will be presented the coming year in addition to their regular work, and as an encouragement to those that aspire to public office we suggest that the Board of Assessors be made a separate and independent Board, the coming year.

Total value of real estate assessed May 1, 1891 $1,857,800
Total value of personal estate assessed May 1, 1891 505,876
Total amount assessed $2,363,676
Gain on real estate  . . . . . . $111,313 00
Gain on personal estate  . . . . . . 7,812 00
Total gain from last year  . . . . . . 119,125 00

Rate of per cent for State, county, and town tax, $11.40 on $1,000; poll tax, $2.00.

Real estate assessed as follows:
On building, excluding lands  . . . . . . $1,097,305 00
On land, excluding buildings  . . . . . . $760,495 00

$1,857,800 00

Number of poll tax payers assessed  . . . . . . 1069
Gain from last year  . . . . . . 42
Whole number of persons assessed  . . . . . . 1463

Number of residents assessed on property  . . . . . . 642
Number of Firms, Corporations, and Trustees assessed  . . . . . . 129
Number of non-residents assessed  . . . . . . 116
Number of non-resident Firms, Trustees assessed  . . . . . . 58
Number of persons assessed for poll tax only  . . . . . . 518

1463

Number of horses assessed, 479; cows, 513; neat cattle other than cows, 92; swine, 123; sheep, 65; number of acres of land taxed, 15,568.

Number of dwelling houses assessed, 753; gain from last year of 23.

Gain on horses, 13; loss on cows, 5; loss on swine, 34; gain on sheep, 3; loss on neat cattle, 39.

Town grant (combined)  . . . . . . $24,000 00
State tax  . . . . . . 1,815 00
County tax  . . . . . . 2,878 23
Overlayings  . . . . . . 390 57

Total amount assessed  . . . . . . $29,083 80
Assessed on real estate  $21,178.92
Assessed on personal estate  5,766.88
Assessed on polls  1,138.00

$29,083.80

PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER EXEMPTED FROM TAXATION.

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Respectfully submitted,

HENRY O. LITTLE,
ROBERT C. BRECK,
JOHN M. STETSON,

Assessors.

JAN. 1, 1892.
REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

We would respectfully call the attention of the town to the condition of our Poor Farm, and at the same time we would ask if our people interest themselves in the condition of the unfortunate that circumstances compel to make this their home, no fires can be kept in sleeping rooms with safety, and in case of sickness, or if it becomes necessary to confine the inmates it must be done in rooms that are unfit in cold weather, neither are there any conveniences for keeping them clean without great labor and oftentimes danger.

A room should also be fitted up for children apart from the regular inmates so that they need not come in contact with people who are not responsible for the condition they are in, for this reason your Board have provided for children outside of the house when practical.

Your Superintendent has done well, the crops have been good and the cost of supporting the poor light. The town is very fortunate in securing two people so well fitted to have charge of our poor, more than mere thanks are due the Matron for her patience, neatness, and untiring devotion in the discharge of duties at no time pleasant, and as an inducement to retain her valuable services, we recommend that the house be properly heated and that a bath room with conveniences for the cleanliness of the inmates, be fitted up before another winter.

We have had the barn put in decent condition during the past summer as a matter of safety, and feel that something must be done as we have suggested.
At the commencement of the present year we were flooded with bills contracted for State paupers and as the time had been allowed to lapse in putting in a claim for reimbursement from the State, it seemed for a time that the town must be at a heavy expense from this source, but by careful management and after a thorough investigation the claims have been allowed and paid. (See treasurer's report.)

The duties of the Overseers are the most trying, and need more time and attention than they usually receive. If our good people who interest themselves in the far off heathen would consult with their town officers, they no doubt would be surprised at the misery and suffering that could be relieved nearer home.

We feel in making this report that we are not fitted to fill this position in the interest of dollars for the town, and our only reward is the rebuke of other towns for our extravagance in the care of their poor.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

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COST OF MAINTAINING ALMSHOUSE FOR
THE YEAR 1891.

Paid for supplies . . . . $1,393 27
Superintendent's salary . . . 365 00
Interest on farm . . . . 100 00
Stock and furniture . . . . 30 00

$1,888 27

RECEIPTS FROM FARM.

Produce sold . . . . $606 75
Uncollected bills . . . . 7 50
Received for board . . . . 99 83
Gain on inventory . . . . 305 69

$1,019 77

Cost of support of the poor at the house . . . . $868 50
Inventory of personal property, Jan. 1, 1892 . . . . 1,187 30
Inventory of personal property, Jan. 1, 1891 . . . . 881 61

Gain of personal property during 1891 . . . . $305 69
Whole number at the house during the year . . . . 15
Average number for the year . . . . 8 7/8
Present number . . . . 9
Average cast per week . . . . $1.91 9/10

OUTSIDE EXPENSE OF THE POOR.

Paid board of Geo. F. Cornwall (Taunton Lunatic Hospital) . . . . $169 46
Board of Wm. L. Gordon (Taunton Lunatic Hospital) . . . . 169 46
Board of Daniel Briggs (Taunton Lunatic Hospital) . . . . 169 46
Board of Martha Roscoe (Taunton Lunatic Hospital) . . . . 169 46
Mrs. Lillie Shaughnessy board to July 25 (paid by City of Cambridge) . . . . 184 00
Paid Dr. Edward Sawyer medical aid in 1890 and 91, Martin Swift, provisions, and various parties fuel for John Maloney, State pauper (paid by State) $81.05
Dr. Edward Sawyer, medical aid in 1890 and 1891, Martin Swift and Crane & Burrill, provisions, Martin Fallon, Leach and others fuel for John W. Reed, State pauper (paid by State) 281.19
Patrick Doyle, rent, Crane & Burrill, provisions, C. Nason and others fuel for Geo. Tuttle and family 102.00
Mrs. E. D. Hughes, Boston, settlement Bridgewater aid 20.00
Crane & Burrill, provisions, Dr. Edward Sawyer, medical aid, Geo. L. Johnson and others fuel for Samuel Pierce 116.82
Mrs. Dr. William Sturtevant, medical aid for Miss Laura Washburn 2.25
J. H. Fairbanks, new pump and setting, Martin Wood and others fuel and aid for Miss Versilla Fuller 88.12
Board of Andrew Shanahan 12.72
J. E. Macomber, coal for Israel Richmond 1890 and 91 60.25
Mellen & Leach, rent, and Hutchins & Kimball, coal for Mrs. Ellen Albee 84.75
Dr. Edward Sawyer and Dr. Calvin Pratt, medical aid, John McLaughlin, fuel for Albert Pierce 23.50
Isaac K. Harris and William Pierce rent for Walter Crocker family 115.50
Town of Andover and Methuen aid for Margaret Carroll 56.00
Paid Dr. Edward Sawyer, medical aid, James F. Leach, rent, Sumner Keith, coal for Sidney J. McLean family $63.74
Mary Oaks and Edward Peyton care and burial of Mary Ann Pittsley 4.50
Dr. Edward Sawyer, medical aid for John Desmond 6.00
City of Taunton, aid for Ida Alden family 79.75
Crane & Burrill, provisions for Harvey Susan 3.00
Sumner Keith, coal for Mrs. Nelson 3.00
William Prophett, burial of Eliza Rollins and Mary Ann Pittsley 27.00
City of Boston, aid for Mrs. Nellie Hayward 21.00
Dr. Shirley, medical aid for Frank Alden family 29.75
Bradford Cushman, fuel for Edgar D. Keith 27.13
Town of Plymouth, aid for William Gillespie family 34.60
Crane & Burrill and R. M. J. Grant, provisions for Mrs. Emma Lovell 14.99
Clothing for children of Michael Scanlan 25.00
Thomas J. Brandley, board of Michael Scanlan children, 7 weeks 35.00
Dr. Calvin Pratt, medical aid for Ellen Parker and Peter Dalton 5.00
F. D. King, removing Peter Dalton from fair grounds to almshouse 3.00
City of Brockton, groceries for Jane McCormick children and Daniel Robertson family 73.20
William Pearce, rent for Walter Crocker family 10.50
Paid Spencer Leonard, Sumner Keith, and Hooper & Co., fuel and groceries for Mrs. Chas. Bassett . . . . $44.41
Hooper & Co., provisions, Sumner Keith, coal for Mrs. Nelson to be paid by the town of Florida . . . . 31.00

Amount expended to Dec. 31 . . . . $2,450.60
Paid by City of Cambridge for Mrs. Shaughnessy . . . . $184.00
by State for John Maloney . . . . 81.05
by State for J. W. Reed family . . . 281.19
Due from town of Florida for Mrs. Nelson . . . . 31.00
from town of Chatham for Mrs. Bassett . . . . 44.41

Cost of supporting outside poor . . . . $1,828.75

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY O. LITTLE,
ROBERT C. BRECK,
JOHN M. STETSON,

Overseers of the Poor.

JAN. 1, 1892
TREASURER'S REPORT.

HENRY L. CRANE, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER.

Jan. 1, 1891.

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Town of Florida $24 25
Town of Middleborough 121 00
Town of Chatham 12 28
Robert McNeeland 350 00
Albert J. Elwell 180 00
William E. Kelly 138 00
Henry J. Gardner 22 00
J. B. Rogers, money refunded 75
Patrick Maddigan 25
Wendall P. Sturtevant, license 2 00
Van R. Swift, license 2 00
Harper Bros., license 3 00
Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest Edson school fund 12 12
Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest Mary H. Wilbar fund 20 20
School Committee 26 50
M. Hooper & Co., 5 00
Albert I. Simmons, weighing 11 34

$53,501 87

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Paid Miscellaneous orders $15,277 82
School Committee orders 10,946 37
Highway orders 4,088 84
Almshouse orders 3,726 05
Gustavus Pratt, Treasurer 1,020 20
Isaac Damon, Treasurer 400 00
Brewster, Cobb & Easterbrook, 12,000 00
Brewster, Cobb & Easterbrook, interest 330 34
L. P. Willard, Trustee, 3,000 00
L. P. Willard, Trustee, interest 65 00
State Treasurer, State tax 1,815 00
F. D. King, 96 80
Henry L. King, $111.33
James F. Witherell 16.35
December 31, Cash on hand 607.77

$53,501.87

Funds belonging to the town:

- Edson School Fund $300.00
- Dyer School Fund 6,000.00
- Mary H. Wilbar Fund 500.00

The Edson school fund is money deposited in the Bridgewater Savings Bank.

The Dyer school fund consists of the following bonds:
Four thousand dollars are in the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern railroad company of Iowa, first mortgage, 5 per cent bonds, interest payable June 1, and Dec. 1, principal payable June 1, 1906: two thousand dollars are in the Wisconsin Valley railroad company, first mortgage, 7 per cent bonds, interest payable Jan. 1, and July 1, principal payable Jan. 1, 1906. The income of these funds is applied to common schools.

The Mary H. Wilbar fund is money deposited in the Bridgewater Savings Bank for the benefit of the Public Library.

HENRY L. CRANE.
Town Treasurer.

Jan. 1, 1892.
REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

During the month of March, in company with the selectmen, a careful survey of all our highways was made. It was then decided to try to make some permanent improvements as well as to keep our roads in general repair, and in order to get the most work possible for the money expended, some of the most important has been given out by contract, either by the job or load.

Among the most important permanent improvements are High street, Carver and Iron Works hills, Main street to West Bridgewater line, Conant and Titicut streets. In round numbers 1500 tons of crushed stone have been used besides gravel and other material. By direction of the selectmen your superintendent was authorized to accept of a very liberal offer made by Mr. Blackstone of the State Farm, to turnpike, stone and gravel Titicut and Conant streets from Alden bridge to a point near the Benson place, and when completed the town will have reason to appreciate the liberality of the State in repairing a section that is without material and always in poor condition.

The work on High and Main streets will speak for itself. More or less work has been done on all streets named in this report, as the condition of the roads required at the time. We have been favored with the best of help, and much credit is due to Messrs. Harden, Pierce, and others who have faithfully assisted us in the work that has been accomplished. We have expended that portion set aside for sidewalks, which will appear in this report. We would also recommend that the town make some provision for a larger supply of gravel and stones, and to make the appropriation for roads and sidewalks liberal enough to make each year a permanent improvement as well as to do all needed repairing.
Appropriation for roads, bridges, and sidewalks  $5,000 00

Received from the selectmen

For the month of April . . $100 00
" " " " May . . 1,200 00
" " " " June . . 800 00
" " " " July . . 300 00
" " " " August . . 700 00
" " " " September . . 600 00
" " " " October . . 200 00
" " " " December . . 979 27

Cash paid for miscellaneous expenses . . 111 71

$4,990 98

Unexpended . . 9 02

$5,000 00

Have expended on roads and bridges as follows:

Paid for crushing stones, fuel, labor, etc., . . $549 26
for teams, labor and scraping roads . . 52 00
for teams, labor, and picking stones . . 282 87
for labor on Oak street, culvert, graveling . . 30 25
for labor on South street, graveling . . 35 00
for labor on School street, carting gravel . . 9 00
for labor on Pleasant street, carting gravel . . 64 95
for labor on Winter street, railing and gravel . . 19 20
for labor on North street, forming road, and gravel . . 162 50
for labor on East street, graveling, etc., . . 60 00
for labor on Crescent street, graveling . . 15 00
for labor on Flagg street, graveling . . 10 00
for labor on lower end of High street . . 9 88
for labor on High street, forming road, digging stones and graveling . . 333 94
Paid for labor, teams, stoning and graveling

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<td>for repairs on Broad street</td>
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<td>for labor, and H. M. Blackstone for teams and labor on Conant street</td>
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<td>for labor and carting gravel on Vernon street</td>
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<td>for graveling Spring Hill avenue</td>
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<td>Superintendent's services, 102½ days at $2.50 per day</td>
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<td>Superintendent, for use of team</td>
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$1000 set apart from the appropriation of roads and bridges has been expended as follows for sidewalks:

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<td>Labor, repairing near Scotland church</td>
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Paid H. C. Hall, labor
Superintendent $\frac{37}{4}$ days at $2.50$ pr day
Superintendent for use of team
For bush scythe

$\begin{array}{l}
\text{Expended on roads} \\
\text{Expended on picking stones} \\
\text{Expended on scraping roads} \\
\text{Expended on stone crushing} \\
\text{Expended on miscellaneous} \\
\text{Expended on bridges} \\
\text{Expended on superintendent’s salary} \\
\text{Expended on superintendent’s team} \\
\text{Expended on sidewalks} \\
\text{Unexpended balance}
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282.87 \\
52.00 \\
549.26 \\
111.71 \\
171.61 \\
349.80 \\
127.25 \\
865.50 \\
9.02
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All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH L. BASSETT,
Superintendent of Streets.
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF DOGS.

Number of dogs returned by the Assessors:–

Males . . . . . . 235
Females . . . . . . 13

Number of dogs licensed by Town Clerk:–
from Dec. 1, 1890, to Dec. 1, 1891

Males . . . . . . 260
Females . . . . . . 17

269 males at $2.00 . . . $520.00
17 females at $5.00 . . . 85.00

Less fees . . . . . . 55.40

Paid County Treasurer, June 1, $310.20
County Treasurer, Dec. 1, 239.40

HENRY L. CRANE.
Town Clerk.

GOLLEGTOR'S REPORT.

Total amount committed . . . . . . $29,136.00
Paid H. L. Crane, Treasurer $23,792.39
County Treasurer 2,878.23
Abatements 158.50
Uncollected to balance 2,306.88

$29,136.00

ROBERT C. BRÈCK,
Collector.

Jan. 1, 1892.
## TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEES' REPORT.

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Mar. 11. Bart Flynn, Feb. . . . . . . $23.52
13. A. E. Copeland . . . . . . 3.75
13. The Bridgewater Electric Co. . . . . . . 22.75
April 2. Frank M. Duckworth . . . . . . 2.50
9. Bart Flynn, March . . . . . . 28.09
May 11. Bart Flynn, April . . . . . . 14.87
11. Sumner Keith . . . . . . 40.63
13. The Bridgewater Electric Co. . . . . . . 23.90
29. A. E. Copeland . . . . . . 3.57
June 11. Wilcox Brothers . . . . . . 10.00
29. Thos. Hooper . . . . . . 4.08
July 2. The Bridgewater Electric Co. . . . . . . 8.00
6. Bart Flynn, May . . . . . . 13.17
6. Bart Flynn, June . . . . . . 11.12
Aug 6. The Bridgewater Electric Co. . . . . . . 7.10
11. Bart Flynn, July . . . . . . 10.58
26. F. L. Benson . . . . . . 1.25
31. L. M. Keith . . . . . . 40
Sept. 2. Braman Brothers . . . . . . 24.60
21. The Bridgewater Electric Co. . . . . . . 5.05
Oct. 3. Bart Flynn, Aug. and Sept. . . . . . . 25.55
21. The Bridgewater Electric Co. . . . . . . 18.85
Nov. 12. Bart Flynn, Oct. . . . . . . 17.84
18. A. E. Copeland . . . . . . 3.75
18. The Bridgewater Electric Co. . . . . . . 10.20
Dec. 2. Bart Flynn, Nov. . . . . . . 30.40
5. The Bridgewater Electric Co, . . . . . . 16.20

$518.54

STATEMENT.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1891 . . . . . . $162.70
Receipts from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1891 . . . . . . 492.30

$655.00
Payments from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1891 . . $518.54
Cash on hand, Jan 1, 1892 . . 136.46
Due hall committee for rent, 1890 . . 5.00
Due hall committee for rent, 1891 . . 16.50

$21.50

CHARLES J. MERCER,
A. Z. PRATT,
ROBERT H. FERGUSON,
Committee.
AUDITORS' REPORT.

The Auditors of Accounts submit the following summary of the accounts examined:

COLLECTORS' ACCOUNTS.

The account of Robert C. Breck, Collector of Taxes, 1887.

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1891 $39.26
Abated, 1891 35.78
Due the town, Dec. 31, 1891  $3.48

The account of the same for 1888.

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1891 160.70
Collected and abated, 1891 127.74
Due the town, Dec. 31, 1891 32.96

The account of Ebenezer Alden, Collector, 1890.

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1891 1,353.73
Collected and abated, 1891 1,325.19
Due the town, Dec. 31, 1891 28.54

The account of Robert C. Breck for 1891.

Total tax 29,136.00
Collected and abated 26,829.12
Due the town, Dec. 31, 1891 2,306.88
TREASURER’S ACCOUNT.

The account of Henry L. Crane, Town Treasurer:

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1891   . . . . . . $3,255 06
Received, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 . . . . . . 50,246 81

Total receipts                   . . . . . $53,501 87
Expended, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31    . . . . . 52,894 10

Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1891 . . $607 77

The account was found to be correctly kept, with proper vouchers for all expenditures.

The original bills, on which orders had been drawn by the Selectmen and the School Committee, were found to agree with the orders drawn. Those bills which required approval were approved by the Auditors before the orders were drawn.

The bills of the Selectmen were classified and a separate account kept with each appropriation showing the amount of expenditure under each.

ACCOUNT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The account of the School Committee showed the amount of expenditure under each department, the total amounting to . . . . . $10,987 46

All expenditures were satisfactorily vouched for.

ACCOUNT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

The account of Josiah L. Bassett, Supt. of Streets shows expenditures upon streets (including $111.71 expended
prior to his appointment) amounting to $3,990.98
Unexpended balance 9.02

Total appropriation $4,000.00
Expended on sidewalks 1,000.00
All vouchers were found satisfactory.

ACCOUNT OF THE TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT, DEC. 31, 1891.

ASSETS OF TOWN.

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<td>Due from Collector, 1887</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; for Military aid</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; from School Fund</td>
<td>162.73</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; for School Superintendence (estimated)</td>
<td>265.71</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; county, dog dividend</td>
<td>435.60</td>
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Due from abutters, for sidewalks and curbing  $69.38
  " for pauper expenses  . . . .  86.79
  " from Hon. County Commissioners for building Alden's bridge . . . .  1,500.00

$6,253.80

LIABILITIES OF TOWN.
Unpaid bills (estimated)  . . . .  3,272.41
Net assets (approximate) Dec. 31, 1891  .  2,981.39

MOSES L. TILLSON,
W. D. JACKSON,
JAMES C. LEACH,

Auditors.

Jan. 1, 1892.
The Board now consists of George M. Hooper, Caroline Sampson, and Charles R. Crane, whose terms expire in 1892; Thomas W. Brown, Gustavus Pratt, and Avery F. Hooper, whose terms expire in 1893; Arthur C. Boyden, Mrs. Mary H. Keith, and Mrs. Frances A. Parker, whose terms expire in 1894.

The Librarian, Miss Christian, and her assistant, Miss Sampson, have continued faithfully to perform their varied duties with courtesy and kindness, using diligence to make the library as useful as possible by answering all inquiries, and otherwise directing those who come for assistance in their choice of reading. During the year the librarian has joined the Mass. Association of Librarians, and attended its meetings, thus bringing to the work of our library the best results of library management.

The reference table placed inside the railing last year has been in constantly increasing use by a wide range of persons who wish to investigate a number of books at a time on a given subject.

The year's work is shown by the following statistics:

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<td>Whole number of books</td>
<td>8,083</td>
<td>8,449</td>
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<td>Number loaned</td>
<td>20,045</td>
<td>21,155</td>
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<td>Average weekly issue</td>
<td>385</td>
<td>407</td>
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<td>Using reading room weekly</td>
<td>129</td>
<td>149</td>
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The increase in all these items shows that the library is meeting the wants of the community, and also attracting more to its use each year. The librarian reports an in-
increased use of the library by people living at some distance from it and by the school children, also increased patronage of the reading room by the young men of the town, and she remarks upon the good order of those using this room. No efforts will be spared to make the funds at our disposal accomplish the most for the people who so generally use the library.

The library has been open 254 days. The largest number of books issued in one month was in January, 2,181; the smallest number in July, 1,379; the largest daily issue that of September 12, 219; the smallest, June 26, 18. 230 new cards have been issued, making the total in use, 3,559, which is a large percentage of the reading population.

The percentage of fiction issued was 66, which is a slight increase over that of last year, but falls below the average in the State which is about 70 per cent. This shows a large amount of solid reading.

Contributions of books have been received from Mrs. C. M. Reed, 26; Charles E. Silloway, 22; Hon. B. W. Harris, 19; Mrs. Sidney Keith, 14 vols. bound magazines; State documents, 12; Mrs. Quincy A. Keith, 8 vols. Eclectic Magazine; Hon. Elijah A. Morse, 7; Mrs. Winthrop Sargent, 3; Miss Martha Keith, 2 vols. magazines; Charles Larson, Wm. Allen, East Bridgewater, John M. Batchelder, Cambridge, Fremont Turner, Insurance companies, Hartford, Conn., 1 each; C. F. Christian, 1 year's subscription to "Farm and Poultry." Other gifts have been made by Miss Sarah Leavitt, Bible published in 1752 and two other old books; Mrs. C. M. Reed, three books and papers published in 1814; Miss Sarah McKinley, turf and heather from Tyrone, Ireland.

The income of the Mary H. Wilbar fund has been expended for books of permanent value, and we are greatly indebted to Mrs. Quincy A. Keith for a gift of money at a very opportune time during the year.
Some needed repairs have been made and at the present time we believe the building and grounds are in excellent condition. The expenditures, it will be seen from the financial report, are almost exclusively for books, periodicals, binding, payment of help, fuel, and light. The increased expense in electric lighting and janitor service has decreased the amount we could expend for books. This fact and the increasing demand of the schools for supplementary reading make it necessary for the trustees to ask for an appropriation of twelve hundred dollars in order to maintain the usefulness of the library up to the present demands of the people of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE M. HOOPER,
CHARLES R. CRANE,
CAROLINE SAMPSON,
THOMAS W. BROWN,
GUSTAVUS PRATT,
avery F. HOOPER,
ARTHUR C BOYDEN,
MARY H. KEITH,
FRANCES A. PARKER,

Trustees.

BRIDGEWATER, Dec. 31, 1891.
REPORT OF TREASURER OF TOWN LIBRARY.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1891.

RECEIPTS.

From Town Treasurer . . . . . . . $1,000 00
Town Treasurer Mary H. Wilbar fund . . . 20 20
Mrs. Quincy A. Keith . . . . . . . 25 00
Bessie Capen, for Magazines . . . . . 23 70
Fines and catalogues . . . . . . . 80 28

$1,149 18

EXPENDITURES.

Lucia L. Christian, services as Librarian . . . $300 00
Emma F. Sampson, services as assistant . . . 100 00
B. Flynn, janitor . . . . . . . 70 30
W. B. Clarke & Co., books . . . . . . . 230 38
Balch Bros., books . . . . . . . 24 00
Balch Bros., 2 vols. Century Dictionary . . . 20 00
Estes & Lauriat, 1 set History of Rome . . . 48 00
H. H. Sampson, periodicals . . . . . . . 60 80
F. W. R. Emery, binding . . . . . . . 67 30
Henry T. Pratt, printing and binding . . . . . 57 00
Sumner Keith, coal . . . . . . . 85 02
W. E. Waterman, mason labor, etc., . . . . . 23 96
J. B. Rogers, repairs . . . . . . . 1 60
Library Bureau, cards . . . . . . . 1 60
The Bridgewater Electric Co., electric light . 46 90
Hooper & Co., bill of sundries . . . . . . . 5 62
Bowman's Express, express  .  .  .  .  $4 70
J. A. Oliver, carting books  .  .  .  .  2 00

$1,149 18

GUSTAVUS PRATT,
Treasurer.

Audited,
Geo. M. Hooper,
Chas. R. Crane,
Avery F. Hooper,
Committee on Accounts.
REPORT OF SEWING SCHOOL.

The seventh session of the sewing school opened Nov. 7, 1891, with a larger number of scholars than for several preceding years. There are eighty-five names on the roll-call. The average attendance to date, 71½. The absence in almost every case has been from illness. Number of classes and teachers, sixteen. This includes Mrs. Murdock who is in charge of kitchen garden department.

The expenditures for the season cannot be fully determined here, as there are yet several weeks of school. So far they are as follows:—

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<td>Materials for sewing department</td>
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<td>Materials for kitchen garden department</td>
<td>17.50</td>
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<td>Candy at Christmas</td>
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<td>Janitor each Saturday at $5.00</td>
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Besides the plain sewing taught, classes have been formed for button-holes and mending. Very efficient teachers have been placed over them and in these branches the children are most thoroughly instructed. We know of three girls from our school who have gone into dressmaking rooms.

There is one most serious drawback, however, not only to further advancement, but also to procuring the best results from the time and money now given, and that is, the rooms used for our work.

In the sewing room there are two drawbacks, the seats, and the desks which we are obliged to use in place of tables. The seats are so high, also so close to the desks that no child can be given a correct idea of how to hold herself or her work; the desks are so slanting as well as high, that
materials for sewing too often take the floor instead. One or two kinds of sewing cannot be taught, owing to these inconveniences.

In the kitchen garden department, which we consider even more useful than the sewing, the disadvantages this season, owing wholly to the rooms being unfitted for the work, have been so great that no advancement has been made. On the contrary, we have been forced to drop the oldest classes entirely, for lack of room to carry out new ideas. The work with the younger children has been most unsatisfactory in the results also, though the full amount of time and strength has been given by the one in charge.

The growing interest of the children is one proof of the usefulness of this work, and a still greater one are the messages which come from the mothers to the Superintendent, giving thanks for all the sewing school has taught their children. One child told me last Saturday that her mother had her lay the table, wash dishes, make beds, etc., every day just as she was taught in the sewing school so that she might be sure and not forget "in case she lived out."

All this shows that some seeds are being sown for a future good, and so while we ask for fifty dollars for this year's materials, we must ask, and most earnestly too, that some arrangement may be made for rooms better adapted to our work, where we can do greater justice to the children, the money given, and our own capacities.

SARAH T. BATES,
Superintendent.

Jan. 15, 1892.
PATROLMENS' REPORT.

To the Selectmen of Bridgewater:—

We the patrolmen for the year 1891 make the following report:—

We have patroled the streets each night during the year (or furnished a substitute), all night, during that time we performed the following work (the watch has been carried every night after ten o'clock to different keys in town).

Drunks sent home ........................................ 12
Drunks arrested on the new drunk law .................. 3
Fire alarms given ......................................... 2
Doors found unlocked ..................................... 7
Stray teams found and put up ............................ 4
Street fights suppressed .................................. 5
Lights placed at dangerous places on lower common, twenty nights
Lights found burning in dangerous places .............. 3
Tramps prosecuted and taken to the State Work House .................................................... 3
Lodgings found for persons in Hotel after closing hours .................................................. 2

JAMES F. WITHERELL,
LESTER W. WITHERELL,

Patrolmen.
# Town Clerk's Report

Births recorded in Bridgewater, in the year 1891.

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<td>Leon Carroll</td>
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<td>25</td>
<td>Maloney</td>
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Number of births registered, 80; males, 41; females, 39; American parentage, 49; foreign parentage, 16; mixed, 15.

Parents are requested to report errors or omissions to the Clerk, that they may be corrected upon the records.

HENRY L. CRANE, Town Clerk.
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Number of certificates of marriage issued, 43. Number of marriages recorded, 46.

HENRY L. CRANE, Town Clerk.
## DEATHS RECORDED IN BRIDGEWATER IN THE YEAR 1891.

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Whole number of deaths recorded, 109; of this number, 52 died at the State Farm.

HENRY L. CRANE, Town Clerk.
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Number of cases of Diphtheria during the year, 9: in three families.

Number of cases of Scarlet fever, 7: in five families:— one death.

Number of cases of Typhoid fever, 4: in four families.

Only one case of diphtheria probably originated in this town.

The most of the cases of scarlet fever were of a very mild type.

In no instance has either of these diseases been transmitted from one family to another.

In this connection we would emphasize the importance of thorough fumigation in all cases of contagious disease.

Exercising due care during the time of sickness, and excluding members of the family from public places, together with thorough disinfecting at its close will practically bring contagious diseases under control.

The Board of Health would call attention to the importance of greater vigilance in the care of sink drains, especially where the water is allowed to run upon the surface of the ground.

A sink hole is a standing menace to health unless properly cared for. Fresh earth or some disinfectant should often be thrown in and the whole frequently cleared out.

The time has come when the town should take some measures for removing the contents of cesspools and dispose of the same; and for this purpose we would recommend that a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars be ap-
propriated for the purchase of a suitable wagon and pump to be placed at the disposal of the board of health.

The Board have noticed a few instances of violation of the town by-laws as well as transgression of the laws of health in the depositing of offal in the streets. Common decency as well as a regard for the public welfare will suggest a discontinuance of this practice.

We would again call attention to the following Act passed by the Legislature, May 6, 1887: "Any person who neglects to give notice to the board of health of any known or suspected case of contagious disease among domestic animals will be subject to punishment by fine or imprisonment."

In conclusion we would thank the physicians for their hearty co-operation with us in our efforts for the public good and all those with whom we have had dealings in our official capacity, for their readiness to comply with the requirements of the Board.

LEANDER A. DARLING,
CALVIN PRATT, M. D.,
GUSTAVUS PRATT,

Board of Health.

Jan. 1, 1892
REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
OF THE
TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER,
FOR THE YEAR 1891.

School Committee.
HOLLIS M. BLACKSTONE, CHARLES R. CRANE,
GEORGE M. HOOPER, JOHN M. STETSON,
FRANK F. MURDOCK.

Superintendent.
W. H. SANDERSON.

1892.
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The present members of the Board are Charles R. Crane, whose term expires March, 1894; Hollis M. Blackstone, and John M. Stetson, whose terms expire March, 1893; George M. Hooper, and Frank F. Murdock, whose terms expire in 1892.

The Board organized as follows: Edward Sawyer, Chairman; George M. Hooper, Secretary; Charles R. Crane, Treasurer. Sub-committees on Teachers, Text-books and Supplies, Fuel and Repairs, and the High school, were duly appointed.

Dec. 21, 1891 occurred the death of Dr. Edward Sawyer, whose unflagging zeal and ceaseless efforts have done more to stimulate our schools to greater and better activity than words of ours can tell. As Chairman, since 1889, he was an excellent leader, the extra duties of that position being performed with that whole-heartedness and self-sacrifice which characterized all his activity, public and private.

At the meeting of March, 1892, it will be necessary to elect two members for three years, and one member for two years.

RESIGNATIONS.

Of the 20 teachers reported in Jan. 1890, 11 are not of the present corps. At the time of resignation of Miss Eaton the number of pupils at the Auburn school was so small as not to warrant the continuance of the school. It has been closed since.
In the spring of 1891 the number of pupils in the Bates school became reduced to 7, and after the resignation of Miss Cross of the South school, the pupils and teacher of the Bates school were transferred to the South school and the Bates school has been closed since. The Bassett and Blackstone schools have but few pupils and the question of their discontinuance is one of the near future.

During the summer vacation Mr. L. T. McKenney resigned his position as principal of the High school and began his labors as superintendent in the Bedford district. Mr. Sumner W. Hines of Middleboro' was secured as principal and entered upon his duties in September, 1891. His previous record as a student and substitute teacher in the State Normal School of this place, in his special scientific course at Harvard College, and as principal of the Manchester High school led the committee to seek his services. It gives them great pleasure to speak of the marked progress of the High school under his charge as evidenced by the gentlemanly and ladylike conduct of the pupils of that school both in-doors and out-doors, by their increased interest in school work, and by the reports of the teachers and superintendent.

From the first of April to the first of August we were without a Superintendent, Frank W. Sweet resigning here and assuming the Walpole–Franklin district. In pursuance of a vote of the town at the March meeting of 1891, several joint meetings of the school committees of Abington and Bridgewater were held, and on June 1, 1891, W. H. Sanderson, then superintending at North Attleborough, was elected superintendent in this district. The committee gladly testify to the confidence they repose in him and to the faithfulness and efficiency of his work. It is our good fortune to have both his services and his home in Bridgewater.
THE MODEL SCHOOL.

The following report was received from Mr. A. G. Boyden.

The Model school entered upon its course in the new Normal School building on the tenth of September, with Miss L. A. Hicks principal and teacher of the two upper grammar grades, Miss C. L. Voight teacher of the two lower grammar grades, Miss M. W. Alden teacher of the two upper primary grades, and Miss F. M. Stuart teacher of the two lower primary grades.

Some families in the district moved from town in the summer but others moved in and the increasing number of pupils indicates the desire to attend this school. Provision was made for one hundred seventy-five pupils. Desks and chairs were graded in size and height to suit the different grades of pupils by placing forty desks in the upper grammar rooms, and forty-five desks in each of the other rooms. The upper grades had only two or three vacancies. Fifty-five pupils are in Miss Stuart’s room in the first and second primary grades. It is impossible for one teacher to give proper attention to so many pupils in these grades. They need much individual attention, and if they do not have it the proper grading of the school cannot be maintained. Another room has been arranged and the first and second primary grades will be separated that they may receive proper training.

Careful attention is constantly being given to the grading of the different lines of the school work so as to secure the steady advancement of the children through a progressive course of studies from the beginning to the end of their work in the school.

The children are apparently much pleased with their new schoolrooms and their teachers. They take hold of their work with great interest and with a laudable ambition to make their school in fact as in name a State model school.
RECOMMENDATIONS.

On the general school question your committee believe that the present is the proper time to make some specific recommendations concerning our future “School Policy.”

The arrangement voted by the town by which the State Normal School was to have the Centre school lot of land for enlargement of its institution, and to provide four schoolrooms in said extension for the accommodation of 175 town pupils, making four grades, has been fully completed with some minor modifications. The result of this arrangement has been practically the abolition of the old Centre school as a town institution and instituting a new school in the new Normal buildings known as the Model or Practice school, substantially in charge of the Normal authorities.

The duty of executing the town’s vote was assigned to the School Committee. It is no secret that individual members of the School Committee had some apprehension as to the success of the plan. While perhaps two terms of this plan are hardly sufficient to found a ripe judgment, your committee are pleased to say that so far as they can judge by observation in the schools, and interviews with parents and pupils, the arrangement commends itself as wise and progressive. The benefits of a thoroughly graded school under the direction of apt and well trained teachers as exemplified in this school, are so manifestly superior in comparison with our half graded and mixed schools, that the committee finds its duty as to recommendations of a future “school policy” clear, plain and straightforward, and as may be inferred, they favor an inauguration of a similar system for the whole town. We therefore recommend as follows:

1. That the town provide a well graded school which shall be first class, and second to none in all its important essentials.
2. That the town secure sufficient of the unoccupied land at the corner of Pearl and Stetson streets, now owned by the Revere heirs, Stillman O. Keith, and John M. Stetson, for a school site having not less than 300 feet frontage on Stetson street, and to extend southwesterly on Pearl street far enough for a spacious playground.

3. That it provide, by appropriation or loan, for the erection of a school building in keeping with the spirit of the first suggestion, and to contain space for not less than six schoolrooms, an attractive and commodious exhibition hall, recreation room each for girls and boys during bad weather, teachers' rooms, clothing rooms and sanitary accommodations, all arranged in accordance with latest modern approved plans, heated and ventilated in the best possible manner.

4. That the school be open to pupils from all parts of the town.

5. That the Main and Prospect schools be consolidated in the proposed new school.

6. That centralization in this school of as many of the outlying schools as wish to avail themselves of its benefits, be encouraged and effected when expedient and seems best for all concerned, and free transportation for all included in this proposition.

The reasons we offer for making the foregoing recommendations are submitted without long or elaborate argument, and are chiefly these:

1. Better and fuller schools with greater interest by pupils, more efficient teachers, each grade having its own.

2. Better schoolrooms, more healthful, more cheerful, properly lighted, heated and ventilated.

4. Economy in school expenses, as shown by per capita cost of the different schools in another portion of this report.

5. Because of the constantly decreasing outlying school population and the almost utter impossibility to secure continuous service of a competent teacher in these small ungraded schools.

6. Because the new Model and Practice school is already very much crowded and many applications are being rejected.

In general because we firmly believe that all of the town’s children should have the opportunities of a graded school, equal to if not better than the new Model school now enjoyed by the pupils of the old Centre school, who have been fortunate enough to go into a “dress up” state in advance of their neighboring schoolmates.

We invite agitation and discussion of our propositions and in the place of hasty criticism, grant us calm, fair, deliberate investigation of the subject, and in this spirit your verdict will be just however rendered.

If our suggestion awakens interest in this matter and a desire for fuller discussion of this important question, the committee will be glad to issue a supplement giving the arguments, statistics, and extracts from the reports of other towns which are now excluded for want of time for preparation, on account of being unexpectedly called upon to issue this report much earlier than in preceding years.
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Unexpended balance                  $13,501 26
ESTIMATES.

Your committee estimate the amounts which will be required for the support of schools the next year as follows:

For the High school:
- Salaries: $2,300 00
- Rent of Academy: 400 00
- Fuel, care, etc.,: 300 00

Total: $3,000 00

For Common schools:
- Salaries: $6,000 00
- Fuel: 350 00
- Care: 250 00

Total: $6,600 00

For Superintendent:
- Repairs: 750 00
- Incidents: 300 00
- Supplies: 500 00
- Sewing school: 50 00

Total: $11,500 00

Respectfully submitted,

HOLLIS M. BLACKSTONE,
GEORGE M. HOOPER,
FRANK F. MURDOCK,
CHARLES R. CRANE,
JOHN M. STETSON,

Committee.

Bridgewater, Dec. 31, 1891.
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15. M. C. Kennedy, transportation Jan. 4 to Jan. 30. 18 00
17. F. B. Thompson, clerk 4 00
21. Nellie V. Lowe, transportation Jan. 19 to Feb. 16. 8 00
26. Wm. McNeeland, 2d, repairing gong, etc. High school 75
27. M. C. Kennedy, transportation Feb. 2-27 18 00
31. Bartholomew Flynn, extra work 2 63
32. Vernon Johnson, work Centre school 60
36. M. C. Kennedy, transportation March 2-27 18 00
37. Lewis G. Lowe, cleaning vault 1 00
38. Nellie V. Lowe, transportation Feb. 16 to March 9 6 00
45. Chas. H. Cunningham, work 1 00
46. Chas. R. Crane, sub-committee, expense to South Framingham 7 00
47. F. F. Murdock, car fare, telegrams, etc. 8 22
49. Nellie V. Lowe, transportation March 9 to April 26 12 00
56. F. F. Murdock, cardboard High school 75
57. Wm. McNeeland, 2d, labor Flagg 3 75
58. M. C. Kennedy, transportation April 19 to May 1 9 00
65. F. F. Murdock, expense of sub-committee 9 39
67. M. C. Kennedy, transportation May 1-31 18 00
70. Harry F. Reiser, diplomas 1 50
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$529.05
AVERAGE EXPENDITURE PER PUPIL FOR 1891.

(Based on the average membership.)

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Proper allowances were made in computing the average expenditure for outlying schools, because of the transfer of the Center school. This makes it possible to show the present expenditure in the Model school.

For 1891 the average cost per pupil for the outlying schools was $24.47, the range being from $11 to $55. The average cost per pupil at the Center school for the same time was $13.50.

*Unusual expense was incurred at the East school, it being shingled and replastered in part. Each school in turn would show a large expenditure for similar reasons.
SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Bridgewater:

I herewith present for your consideration my annual report, the fourth in the series of reports submitted by the Superintendent of Schools.

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The difference between the enumerator’s returns, May 1890 and May 1891, indicates a considerable falling off in the number of children between five and fifteen years of age, but in 1888 the number returned was 499 and in 1889, 434, so that it is fair to infer that the enumerator may not have succeeded in enrolling all the children.

The school registers show an enrollment of four less pupils than last year, but the increase in average membership and average attendance proves a gain in the number of pupils actually in the schools.

Reports from the various schools denote a growth of school population in the village, and a decrease in most of
the other sections of the town. The following schools show a gain: Model, thirty-two; Flagg, nine; Pratt, three; Scotland, one. A total gain of forty-five. The losses of the other schools amount to forty-nine.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING.

I think the first subject I was asked to consider by the late lamented Chairman of the School Committee, after I had visited with him several of the outlying schools of the town, was whether some feasible plan could be devised by which the town could give its children better school advantages than were offered by its present system of many small ungraded schools. I have given considerable thought to the problem, and have come more and more to be of the opinion that the only solution of the difficulty lies in the plan which Dr. Sawyer, himself, told me the committee had under consideration, a plan which several Massachusetts towns have put in operation during the past year, viz. to erect, at some central point, a modern schoolhouse of suitable dimensions, and to bring the pupils to it.

I am not sure that the town can safely count on any remarkable decrease in school appropriations as the result of building such a schoolhouse, and I am inclined to the opinion that this change in the school system will make it less necessary for the town to employ a Superintendent of Schools, and yet I earnestly advise the consideration of the project, as a measure calculated to advance the best interests of the town.

I beg to offer the following suggestions regarding the building:

1. That it be sufficiently ample for the accommodation of all the elementary pupils of the town, excepting such number as are provided for by the contract with the state;
or, that it be so constructed as to admit of extension to that capacity if necessary.

2. That in addition to the ordinary classrooms, the building be provided with a suitable workshop where pupils may receive instruction in manual training; with necessary accommodations for the sewing school; and with a room properly equipped for physical training.

3. That this new building be named the Edward Sawyer School, as a fitting memorial to him who for many years gave, ungrudgingly and without stint, his best service to the upbuilding of the public schools of Bridgewater.

COURSE OF STUDY.

Both the gentlemen who preceded me as your superintendent of schools did some very thoughtful work while here in the preparation, on various topics, of outline courses of study for the guidance of the teachers. These were never put in print however, and the result was that I found, on taking charge of the schools, some with one set of outlines, others with the other, and still others with parts of both sets, or with no outlines at all.

Enough copies of the Course of Study for Ungraded Schools, prepared under the direction of the State Board of Education, were found to furnish all the schools, and at present all are strictly classified and are following the work laid down in that course. As a further means of unifying the work and maintaining the classification, the teachers send to the office every Monday, a written report of the work done in each grade during the previous week.

This course of study is, of necessity, somewhat too general to be exactly suited to our special needs, but it furnishes a basis of sound educational doctrine upon which to build, and gives every teacher the same outline to follow. It may seem best during the coming year, to prepare a
course of study with special reference to the needs of our schools.

TEXT-BOOKS.

Soon after the opening of the fall term the teachers were each requested to prepare a classified list of the text-books in their respective schools. An examination of these lists showed that with few exceptions the schools were very inadequately provided with books, and that many of those in use were so badly worn as to be unfit for longer service. The text-books on hand at the office and those gathered from the Centre school were carefully sorted, and from the good stock thus secured the various schools have been, as far as possible, supplied. Some sets of First Readers have been bought and it will probably be necessary to buy a few more in order to provide all the schools with the abundance of primary reading material that modern methods of teaching the subject demands. Of regular readers of all other grades, the town owns an abundant supply.

The reading of the grammar grades should, to a considerable extent, have passed beyond the mechanical part of the subject, and should deal largely with the substance of the reading lesson. Consequently much of the grammar school reading may be made the vehicle of valuable lessons in geography, history, science, and morals, and most important of all, perhaps, it may, and should be made the means of cultivating an appreciation of good literature and a liking for good books, an end which can be secured only by the systematic and carefully directed study of the good books themselves. A moderate outlay for proper supplementary reading for the grammar grades seems to be a necessity.

Many of the schools are very much in need of books of reference. Every school having pupils above the primary grades, at least, should be provided with a good dictionary.
and some simple books, the simpler the better, of the nature of encyclopedias. In determining the amount of the appropriation for text-books and supplies for the coming year it will be well to consider the expediency of buying a few large dictionaries and some other reference books.

In other lines of text-books I think there will be no demand for an expenditure above the average amount.

MUSIC AND DRAWING.

Vocal Music and Form Study and Drawing have come to be considered an integral part of our educational system. They hold their present position not, primarily, because they furnish a means of culture in artistic study, nor because of their practical utility, but for the reason that both are considered to have large educative and disciplinary value. Most of the larger towns employ special teachers for these subjects, and many of the smaller ones are uniting to give their pupils the benefit of special training in these two subjects.

Owing to the facts that our schoolhouses are widely scattered and many of our schools are very small, it is doubtful if it would be wise to expend any part of our school appropriation for such special teachers at present. During the past term, however, a few of the regular teachers have begun systematic work in drawing and singing, and have obtained results that are fairly promising. Other teachers are willing to try this work, if they can be provided with necessary material. I think it advisable to make the needed provision.

TRUANCY.

The number of cases of truancy reported within the year is but ten, as against nineteen cases reported last year.
Whether this apparent improvement is real, or whether it shows a greater fertility of resources on the part of the children who run away from school, or an increased laxity in looking up and reporting cases on the part of the teacher, I am not ready to affirm. My attention has been called to rather more than ten instances of truancy by one boy, during the past term, so that probably the number of reported cases is far from agreeing with the number of cases in fact.

There are very few habitual truants in town, but some of those that we have are of the most pronounced type. The fact that the school authorities have, hitherto, been practically powerless to restrain, has tended to induce utter indifference among those whom neither personal desire nor home influence keeps within the limits of the law.

In the early part of November, formal notice was received from the Hon. County Commissioners that arrangements had been completed for the establishment of a Union Truant School for the counties of Bristol, Norfolk, and Plymouth; that a school located at Walpole had been chosen for such truant school; and that it was ready for occupancy. At the special town meeting held Nov. 28, it voted by the town to send its truants to this institution, for confinement and instruction.

It will probably require but few commitments to teach the needed salutary lesson.

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT.

The reports show that corporal punishment has been inflicted fifty-five times during the year. Last year there were seventy-one cases reported. The decrease amounts to twenty-two and a half per cent of last year's number, and as decrease in the number of cases of corporal punishment and increase in efficiency of school discipline are apt
to be intimately related, I am led to believe that this diminution in the number of whippings means a gratifying improvement in the discipline of the schools.

ATTENDANCE.

The number of tardy marks has decreased from 1179, as reported last year, to 864, this year's total. This is very encouraging. Many of the schools show excellent records. A few still have abundant room for improvement.

The attendance continues very unsatisfactory. A table in the appendix to this report contains the list, all too short, of pupils who have been perfect in attendance during the year, while the per cent of attendance shows that more than one-tenth of the school facilities furnished by the town have been paid for to no purpose because the pupils were not on hand to receive them.

Irregularity of attendance is one of the greatest obstacles in the way of increasing the efficiency of our schools. The child who does not go to school regularly not only loses from his own school training but is a positive hindrance to the progress of every other child in his class. He disturbs the teacher's plans for systematic school work, and he introduces, by his uncertain comings and goings, an element demoralizing to good order and to sustained interest in the exercises of the school.

After making reasonable allowance for absence due to ill health, there still remains very much the larger number of cases for which a cause is to be assigned. Whether this cause be a lack of due appreciation on the part of the parent, or a lack of attractiveness on the part of the school, the proper remedy should be applied, for the first essential for accomplishing the prescribed work of the public schools is the constant presence of the pupil in the schoolroom.
CONCLUSION.

In concluding, I wish to state that without exception our present corps of teachers seem to me interested in their work, and anxious for the improvement of their schools. Their co-operation has helped render my work here very pleasant. My thanks are due to them and to the citizens of the town for many courtesies shown, and especially to you, members of the school committee, for your cordial support.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. SANDERSON,
Superintendent of Schools.
## APPENDIX.

### STATISTICS.

#### COST OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR 1891.

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| Total                          | 610         | 300    | 310        | 482.3 | 430.2 | 89.2 | 864.2 | 2.0     |
ROLL OF HONOR.

PUPILS NOT ABSENT OR TARDY DURING THE YEAR.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Bessie W. Howard.
Royal S. Townsend, two years.

MODEL.

Grades 7-8. Fred G. Harlow, two years.
Alice H. Warner.
Grades 5-6. George E. Brown.
Willie M. Hall.
Pearl Harlow.
Chester F. Miller.
Grades 3-4. Maria A. Alden.

PRATT.

Mortimer Benson.

SCOTLAND.

Nahum Leach.

SCHOOLS HAVING NO TARDY MARKS.

FOR SEVEN MONTHS.

Pratt. Marie A. Bowers, Teacher.

FOR FIVE MONTHS.

Bassett. Lucia B. Carver, Teacher.
East. Lizzie A. Tillson, Teacher.
FOR THREE MONTHS.

Prospect. Grades 5-7. Mary E. Sprague, Teacher.

FOR TWO MONTHS.

Model. Grades 7-8. Lillian A. Hicks, Teacher.
South. Bertha F. Howard, Teacher.

FOR ONE MONTH.

Main St. Grades 5-8. George H. Knowlton, Teacher.
Grades 1-4. Caroline Sampson, Teacher.
BRIDGEWATER HIGH SCHOOL.

GRADUATING EXERCISES OF THE CLASS OF 1891 AT THE
TOWN HALL,
THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 18, AT 7:45.

PROGRAMME.

OVERTURE— . . . . B. H. S. Quartette

SALUTATORY and Oration—The Enlargement of the Navy
Frank H. Kirmayer, Jr

RECI TATION—From "Les Miserables." . Annie J. Devine

VIO LONCELLO SOLO—Selected. Frank H. Kirmayer, Jr

ESSAY—Influence of a Country's Physical Features
on its History. Genevieve Winter

Quarrel between Brutus and Cassius—Caesar iv.—3.
Wentworth P. Barker and Frank H. Kirmayer, Jr

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Wentworth Pottle Barker. Frank Henry Kirmayer, Jr.
Mary Estelle Flynn. Genevieve Winter.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY
THE TOWN TO PURCHASE THE
WATER WORKS.

At a town meeting held February 21, 1891, the town
by ballot voted to unite with the town of East Bridgewater,
on equal terms, in taking by purchase the franchise and all
the corporate property, rights and privileges of the Bridge-
waters' Water Company, and chose the undersigned com-
mittee of five to make the purchase, with full power and
authority therefor, upon such terms and conditions and for
such price as in the judgment of said committee should
seem best.

YOUR COMMITTEE REPORT

On the twenty-fourth of March, 1891, your committee
met at Engine House Hall in Elmwood a committee of the
town of East Bridgewater chosen by that town for a similar
purpose and having the like authority and power with your
committee. Messrs. Joshua Dean, Frederick S. Strong,
L. W. Richards, Herbert C. Keith and Frank N. Churchill
constituted that committee. This general committee of
both towns organized by the choice of Hosea Kingman as
chairman, and L. W. Richards as secretary. The whole
subject matter of purchase of the water works property was
pretty fully discussed and considered, and Josiah L. Bas-
sett, Henry O. Little, Joshua Dean and F. S. Strong were
chosen a sub-committee to negotiate with the Water Com-
pany for the purchase.

This sub-committee met at the house of F. S. Strong in
Elmwood, March 31, 1891, and arranged to meet the
Massachusetts Loan and Trust Company at their office in
Boston. This sub-committee met the Loan and Trust Company April 1, 1891, when they were informed the water works property could be purchased at the figures and on the terms named in letter of February 12, 1891. As at this interview it was claimed by Mr. Little that the figures showing the annual revenue from the water works were not right, and as upon these figures had been based the proposition of the Company for the sale of the works, negotiations between the sub-committee and the Trust Company were suspended until April 10, 1891. On the last named date the sub-committee met Mr. Crosby (who represented the Trust Company) in Boston, and although it was then conceded that the annual revenue was in fact less than had been stated at the meeting of April 1, yet the Trust Company refused to make any new proposition.

Some discussion was had as to claims of certain parties in this town for labor performed and material furnished at the time of the construction of the works and an effort was made to induce the Water Company to agree to satisfy and extinguish these claims if the towns should make the purchase, but without avail.

This sub-committee reported to the general committee at a meeting held April 17, 1891, at Elmwood the result of their negotiation with the Trust Company, and asked for instructions. At this meeting it was voted that the sub-committee be authorized to purchase the water works upon the terms proposed by the Trust Company (if no better terms could be made), provided that a clear title to all the property of the Water Company is given to the towns. An attempt was made by this sub-committee to effect the purchase by a cash payment of $116,000. This was declined, as was the proposition to save some part of any premium which might be realized from the sale of bonds of the towns.

On Friday April 24, 1891, this sub-committee agreed to accept the proposition of the Trust Company, they to draw
up a written agreement in accordance therewith. This proposition so accepted is as follows:

"This Company will sell the entire property of the Bridgewaters' Water Company (free from all liabilities on part of said Water Company) to the towns of Bridgewater and East Bridgewater, or either of them, on the following terms as of January 1, 1891: One hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) in 30 year 4 per cent bonds of the towns or town, and sixteen thousand dollars in cash. Interest at 4 per cent per annum from January 1, 1891, to date of settlement, not later than April 1st next."

An agreement was drawn up by the Trust Company and another by Mr. Kingman of our committee. The latter was submitted to the Trust Company and returned to the general committee for execution. April 30, 1891, at Bridgewater, the agreement as drawn up by Mr. Kingman was signed by all the members of the general committee at its meeting on that date, and on May 4, 1891, was submitted to and approved by counsel for the Trust Company and left with Mr. Crosby of the Trust Company for execution. This agreement the Trust Company declined to execute, because it required the Water Company to give to the towns a warranty deed of the property, clear from all incumbrances. The Water Company expressed a willingness to warrant that it had a good title on a certain date, but was unwilling to agree that it would give such deed on the day fixed in the agreement for the delivery of the bonds and payment of the money. Such an agreement would not make it sure that the towns would get a good title to the property, but would bind the towns to deliver these bonds and pay this money. The agreement as executed by the general committee is, we believe, still in the possession of the Trust Company. On the 24th of June, 1891, the general committee met at Elmwood, when Judge Harris, for the Water Company, presented a new
proposition, offering to sell the works at an advanced price. After considerable discussion of the matter the meeting of the general committee was adjourned, subject to the call of the secretary, without taking any action on the new proposition. No meeting has since been called. Because of the refusal of the Water Company to sign an agreement to give the towns good title to the property for the compensation proposed and accepted, and because the Water Company afterwards advanced the price, we have made no contract for the purchase of the property.

HOSEA KINGMAN,
JOSIAH L. BASSETT,
JOHN H. FAIRBANKS,
HENRY O. LITTLE,
JOHN M. STETSON.