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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

Citizens of Carver:—

The Selectmen submitted their Annual Report of the receipts and expenditures of the town for the past year, with such other facts as may be of interest.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

ANDREW GRIFFITH, *Treasurer.*

DR.

To cash on hand March 3, 1887 . . .	\$1,627 88
Rec'd from Wm. L. Randall, license to peddle	6 00
Geo. B. Fuller, license to peddle	6 00
City of Taunton, aid to Shurtleff family	104 00
I. C. Bent, sale of herrings above expenses	1 33
William Savery, Agent — loan	1,000 00
Abner Atwood, for burial I. F. Atwood	16 00
William Savery, Agent — loan	500 00
E. C. Rogers, license to peddle	6 00
J. W. Atwood, old lumber	1 50
P. McFarlin, Trustee Ellis School fund	160 00

State treasurer, Corporation tax .	\$720 32
“ National bank tax	848 31
“ State aid, Ch. 301	271 00
“ State aid, Ch. 252	6 07
“ Burial of J. Vaughan	10 00
G. Atwood, Trustee Pratt School fund, two years	200 00
E.C. Westgate, sale of old building .	8 00
County treasurer, from dog licenses	114 08
State treasurer, income Massachu- setts school fund	211 85
Nelson Baker, rent M. A. Bumpus house	4 00
Collection of taxes	5,878 57
Interest on delinquent taxes . .	31 72
Total receipts	\$11,732 63

CR.

Paid Support of schools	\$1,997 84
Support of poor	1,760 19
Repair of highways	1,229 90
Removal of snow, highways . .	134 15
Repair of bridges	35 94
Repair of school-houses	54 36
School books & school-room furnis's	118 65
Soldiers' aid, Chap. 301	241 50
Soldiers' aid, Chap. 252	90 00
New road, So. Carver	412 00
Repair of almshouse	137 94
Town house	92 73
Incidental town expenses	637 65
State tax	810 00
County tax	724 59
Loans	1,500 00
Cash on hand March 3, 1888 . . .	1,755 19

 \$11,732 63

SCHOOLS.

Receipts and expenses connected with the schools the past year :—

DR.

To balance from 1886	\$243 94
Appropriation of 1887	1,200 00
Rec'd from Ellis fund appropri'd to No. 4	160 00
Pratt fund	200 00
Dog licenses	114 08
Mass. school fund	211 85

\$2,129 87

CR.

Paid approved bills, as follows :—

Vesta B. Shaw, teaching No. 1 grammar,	\$256 00
Carrie E. Soul, teaching No. 1 primary .	210 00
Myra A. Shaw, teaching No. 2	70 00
Emily F. Chipman, teaching No. 2	140 00
Flora M. Cushing, teaching No. 3	160 00
Nannie A. Shaw, teach'g No. 4 grammar,	176 00
Chas. L. Bates, teaching No. 4 "	145 00
Alberta M. McFarlin, teac'g No. 4 prim'y,	260 00
Sadie F. Atwood, teaching No. 5	225 00
Chas. L. Bates, teaching No. 8	176 00
Minnie Cahoon, teaching No. 8	135 00
J. B. Williams, sawing & piling w'd, No. 1 sc.	4 50
V. Shaw, barrel of shavings furnish'd "	25
T. T. Vaughan, wood bill No. 3 school,	7 75
Alvin Swan, sawing & piling, No. 3 "	3 50
Gustavus Atwood, wood bill No. 4 "	4 12
I. S. Shurtleff, wood bill No. 4 "	10 37
Geo. P. Lincoln, sawing wood No. 5 "	60
I. S. Shurtleff, wood bill No. 8 "	5 75
Mrs. R. Sparrow, clean'g No. 1 school r'm,	5 00
Mrs. S. Hammond, clean'g No. 5 "	2 00

Total expenses \$1,997 84

Undrawn March 3, 1888 132 03

\$2,129 87

HIGHWAYS.

Receipts and expenditures connected with the repairs of highways the past year:—

DR.

To balance from 1886	\$142 81
Appropriation of 1887	1,200 00

\$1,342 81

CR.

Paid George Shurtleff, surveyor District No. 1	\$81 82
“ Wm. C. Richards, surveyor District No. 2	71 47
“ E. E. Shaw, surveyor District No. 3	68 01
“ P. Manter, surveyor District No. 4	75 55
“ L. N. Shaw, surveyor District No. 5, 1886 acct.	3 32
“ S. W. Gould, surveyor District No. 5	70 20
“ B. W. Robbins, surveyor District No. 6, 1886 acct.	2 50
“ James Breach, surveyor District No. 6	63 36
“ Lucius Atwood, surveyor District No. 7	61 42
“ P. Shurtleff, surveyor District No. 8	65 43
“ A. M. Bumpus, surveyor District No. 9	32 03
“ I. S. Shurtleff, surveyor District No. 10	251 78
“ Wm. S. McFarlin, surveyor District No. 11	106 88

Paid	E. C. Westgate, surveyor District	
	No. 12	\$58 27
"	C. Robbins, surveyor District	
	No. 13, 1886 acct.	3 50
"	J. C. Chandler, surveyor District	
	No. 13	88 25
"	Joseph Morris, surveyor District	
	No. 14	38 96
"	John Dunham, surveyor District	
	No. 15, 1886 acct.	6 30
"	L. W. Barrows, surveyor District	
	No. 15	80 85
	Total expenditures	\$1,229 90
	Balance undrawn	112 91

\$1,342 81

Due highway districts as follows :—

No. 1	00 00
No. 2	\$12 67
No. 3	3 36
No. 4	00 00
No. 5	15 43
No. 6	17 73
No. 7	31 21
No. 8	3 51
No. 9	00 00
No. 10	11 99
No. 11	6 22
No. 12	00 00
No. 13	6 00
No. 14	1 04
No. 15	3 75

\$112 91

BRIDGES.

Receipts and expenditures connected with the repair of bridges the past year:—

DR.

To appropriation of 1887 \$200 00

CR.

Paid S. W. Gould, surveyor District No. 5, work	\$7 52
“ J. R. Atwood, drain pipe, District No. 5	9 84
“ Joseph Morris, surveyor District No. 14, work and plank	3 82
“ Preston Manter, surveyor District No. 4, railings and work	5 12
“ G. Atwood for plank, District No. 4	1 74
“ P. Shurtleff, surveyor District No. 8, railings and work	7 90
Total expenditures	\$35 94
Deficiency of 1886	107 45
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	\$143 39
Balance unexpended	56 61
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	\$200 00

SNOW.

* Receipts and expenditures connected with the removal of snow from the highways, the past year:—

DR.

To balance from 1886	\$44 89
Deficiency of 1887	89 26
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	\$134 15

CR.

Paid John Dunham, surveyor District No. 15	\$ 2 10
“ Wm. C. Richards, surveyor Dis- trict No. 2	15 37
“ Wm. Atwood, breaking tracks, District No. 2	4 50
“ J. W. Atwood, surveyor District No. 3	4 20
“ E. E. Shaw, surveyor District No. 3	10 17
“ Wm. T. Gibbs, surveyor District No. 4	6 67
“ Preston Manter, surveyor District No. 4	4 07
“ L. N. Shaw, surveyor District No. 5	6 04
“ S. W. Gould, surveyor District No. 5	9 29
“ Alton C. Chandler, shovelling, District No. 5	75
“ Eben S. Lucas, work with team, District No. 5	2 30
“ Lucius Atwood, surveyor Dis- trict No. 7	4 65
“ George W. Atwood, work with team, District No. 7	3 60
“ P. T. Shurtleff, surveyor District No. 8	10 73
“ J. M. Bump, surveyor District No. 11	6 25
“ Wm. S. McFarlin, surveyor Dis- trict No. 11	3 15
“ E. C. Westgate, surveyor Dis- trict No. 12	3 60

Paid Chandler Robbins, surveyor District No. 13	\$4 80
“ J. C. Chandler, surveyor District No. 13	10 65
“ Joseph Morris, surveyor District No. 14	2 70
“ J. M. Bump, by order, District No. 14	2 10
“ Eben Dunham, surveyor District No. 14	3 00
“ L. W. Barrows, surveyor District No. 15	8 86
“ Geo. Shurtleff, surveyor District No. 1	4 60

 \$134 15

SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Receipts and expenditures connected with the repair of school-houses the past year:—

DR.

To balance from 1886.	\$147 34
Received from J. W. Atwood for lumber	1 50

 \$148 84

CR.

Paid J. M. Northern, work, District No. 3	\$ 50
“ Plymouth Foundry Co., stove, District No. 5	6 30
“ J. A. Southworth, work and material, District No. 5	3 00
“ E. A. Richards, work, District No. 1	1 76
“ J. S. Atwood, work, District No. 1	45

Paid E. B. Atwood, lumber, fence, District No. 1 (primary) . . .	\$11 57
“ J. & G. E. Doane, nails, do. same, District No. 1 (primary) . . .	60
“ P. W. Bump, teaming and work, same, District No. 1 (primary) . . .	8 50
“ J. W. Atwood, work and planing bill, District No. 1 (primary) . . .	13 78
“ Oliver Shurtleff, cedar posts, District No. 1 (primary) . . .	6 40
“ J. Southworth, work, &c., District No. 3 . . .	1 50
Total expenditures . . .	\$54 36
Balance unexpended . . .	94 48
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	\$148 84

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SCHOOL-ROOM FURNISHINGS.

Receipts and expenditures connected with school books and room furnishings:—

DR.

Appropriation of 1887. \$150 00

CR.

Paid bills approved by the committee, as follows:—

F. M. Shurtleff, brooms and books furnished	\$1 60
C. H. Whiting, books	51 01
F. M. Ambrose, books	35 00
E. E. Babb & Co., books	25 64
J. C. Whitehead, utensils for school room	5 40
Total expenditures	\$118 65
Deficiency of 1886	19 84
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	\$138 49
Balance unexpended	11 51
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	\$150 00

POOR.

Receipts and expenditures connected with the support of poor the past year.

DR.

To balance from 1886	\$19 04	
Appropriation of 1887	1,400 00	
Taunton aid to Shurtleff family	104 00	
Abner Atwood, burial I.F. Atwood,	16 00	
State burial of J. Vaughan	10 00	
E. C. Westgate, for building	8 00	
N. Baker, rent M. Bumpus' House,	4 00	
Total receipts	1,561 04	
Deficiency	199 15	
		<u>\$1,760 19</u>

CR.

Paid provisions, almshouse	\$407 73	
Matron and assistance	282 80	
Medical attendance	35 61	
Wood bill	54 88	
Clothing and shoes	11 35	
	<u>\$792 37</u>	
Burial M. F. Wrightington	22 50	
Burial Edwin Sears	21 00	
Total expense in almshouse		<u>\$835 87</u>

Expense outside Almshouse :

Paid aid to —

M. and C. Wrightington	\$111 84
Anna B. Fornrose	95 38
John Thomas	53 25
Charles Robery	107 00
Mary Kilroy	60 00
William Pratt	38 75

Isaiah Atwood's family	\$178 00	
Barney Lucas	36 00	
Addie Shurtleff and family	104 00	
Samuel J. Ham	7 60	
E. H. Cornish, med. attend. M. F. Wrightington	67 00	
E. H. Cornish, med. attend. A. Wrightington	10 00	
Burial of Wm. Frieze	20 00	
Burial of J. Vaughan	22 50	
F. A. Sawyer, med. att. J. O'Brien, Allen Stringer	9 00 4 00	
Total outside aid	924 32	
Total expense of the poor		\$1,760 19

STATE AID.

Receipts and disbursements connected with State aid to soldiers and families under Chap. 301 the past year:—

DR.

Due from the State	\$277 50
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CR.

Paid Daniel Dunham	\$26 20
B. F. Fuller	48 00
Wm. W. Pearson	36 00
Howard K. Swift	30 00
Lorenzo N. Shaw	5 30
Abby H. Eddy	48 00
Caroline W. Pratt	48 00
Total disbursements	\$241 50
Paid previous to March 3, 1887	36 00

\$277 50

POOR AND INDIGENT SOLDIERS' AID.

Receipts and disbursements under Chapter 252 the past year:—

DR.		
Due from the State	\$49 00	
One-half paid by Carver	49 00	
		<u>\$98 00</u>
CR.		
Paid Samuel J. Ham	\$48 00	
Lorenzo N. Shaw	22 00	
Manoah Hurd	20 00	
Total disbursements	\$90 00	
Paid previous to March 3, 1887,	8 00	
		<u>\$98 00</u>

TOWN HOUSE ACCOUNT.

Receipts and expenses connected with the town-house account the past year:—

DR.		
To balance from 1886		\$204 81
CR.		
Paid J. A. Southworth, work on library shelves	\$4 75	
E. B. Atwood, lumber for fence	25 74	
J. & G. E. Doane, rings and stables, same	1 17	
Oliver Shurtleff, for ninety-three cedar posts, same	14 88	
J. R. Atwood, paint, &c., same	5 75	
Harlon & Bailey, paint brush, same,	65	

Paid J. W. Atwood, planing bill and work,	
same	\$17 48
P. W. Bump, teaming work, same,	3 30
J. M. Dean, work, same	6 00
J. A. Southworth, carpenter work,	
same	7 50
J. W. Atwood, spikes and painting,	
same	5 51
Total expenditures	\$92 73
Balance unexpended	112 08
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	\$204 81

NEW ROAD.

Receipts and expenses connected with building the new road at So. Carver for the past year:—

DR.

To appropriation of 1887 \$600 00

CR.

Paid John N. Morse, contractor	\$400 00
T. G. Curran, executor land damage,	10 00
Heirs T. B. Tillson, land damage,	2 00
Total expenses	\$412 00
Balance unexpended	188 00
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	\$600 00

REPAIR OF ALMSHOUSE.

Receipts and expenses connected with repairs of the almshouse the past year:—

DR.

To appropriation \$200 00

CR.

Paid Asel Cole, carting lumber . . .	\$7 50
E. B. Atwood, lumber . . .	84 05
C. F. Harris, nails, zinc, &c. . .	3 26
J. B. Hatch, carpenter . . .	34 42
G. H. Appling, stone work . . .	3 50
E. A. Richards, work outside . . .	5 21
Total expenditures . . .	\$737 94
Balance unexpended . . .	62 06

\$200 00

INCIDENTAL TOWN EXPENSES.

Receipts and expenses connected with the incidental account the past year:—

DR.

To appropriation of 1887 . . .	\$550 00
Received corporation tax . . .	720 32
“ national bank tax . . .	848 31
“ pedlers' licenses . . .	18 00
“ sale of herrings . . .	1 33
“ interest on taxes . . .	31 72
“ loans . . .	1,500 00
	\$3,669 68
Deficiency . . .	51 30

\$3,720 98

CR.

Paid A. Griffith, treas. and collector, commission, 1886 . . .	\$173 58
Printing, postage, and stationery . . .	9 37
A. Griffith, selectman and overseer of poor, 1886 . . .	74 07
A. T. Shurtleff, do., same, 1886 . . .	22 00

S. C. C. Finney, do., same, 1886	\$38 89
A. T. Shurtleff, town clerk, services, 1886	35 00
Postage and express	3 09
Flora M. Shurtleff, member of school committe, 1886	25 74
Irena A. Bent, do., same, 1886	35 50
Express bill books	7 55
Gustavus Atwood, member school com- mittee, 1886	25 50
S. B. Briggs, services constable, 1886	16 75
S. B. Briggs, services truant off'r, 1886	2 00
H. L. Thatcher & Co., printing town reports, 1886	41 00
Surveyor's books	32
S. F. McFarlin, surveying road location	5 00
Stationery for town house	1 60
Various persons fighting fire in woods	8 60
A. Griffith, assessor, 1887	20 00
A. T. Shurtleff, " "	20 00
S. C. C. Finney, " "	20 00
Gustavus Atwood, teller at election	1 00
S. B. Briggs, " " "	1 00
J. W. Atwood, returning deaths, 1887	3 75
Geo. F. Morse, returning births, 1887	50
William Savery, agent, interest on notes	33 59
Nelson Sherman, returning deaths, 1887	3 50
H. L. Thatcher, printing voters' list	8 75
Actual incidental town expenses	\$637,65
State tax	810 00
County tax	724 59
Loans	1,500 00
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	\$3,672 24
Deficiency, 1886	48 74
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	\$3,720 98

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

A. GRIFFITH, *Collector.*

DR.

1887.
March 3. To uncollected taxes of 1879 . . . \$82 29

CR.

1888.
March 3. By taxes uncollected . . . \$82 29

DR.

1887.
March 3. To uncollected taxes of 1884 . . . \$4 00

CR.

1888.
March 3. By taxes collected in 1887 \$2 00
" " " J. W. Gould's tax, abated 2 00

\$4 00

DR.

1887.
March 3. To uncollected taxes of 1885 . . . \$44 83

CR.

1888.
March 3. By taxes collected in 1887 . . . \$44 83

DR,

1887.
March 3. To uncollected taxes of 1886 . . . \$817 75

CR.

1888.

March 3.	By taxes collected in 1887	\$777 55
" "	" H. M. Coombs' tax, abated	2 00
" "	" A. W. Merritt " "	2 00
" "	" J. F. Packard, " "	2 00
" "	" B. M. Shaw, " "	2 00
" "	" Geo. Watson, " "	2 00
Taxes uncollected	.	30 20

 \$817 75

DR.

1887.

July 28.	To amount of taxes, 1887	\$6,100 18
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CR.

1888.

March 3.	By taxes collected in 1887	\$5,054 19
" "	" taxes uncollected	1,045 99

 \$6,100 18

TOWN ASSETS.

1888.

March 3.	Cash in the treasury	\$1,755 19
"	Due from State aid to soldiers, Ch. 101	277 50
"	" " " Ch. 252	49 00
"	" Taunton, aid Shurtleff family	104 00
"	Uncollected tax bills of 1879	82 29
"	" " " 1886	30 20
"	" " " 1887	1,045 99
	Total assets	\$3,344 17

LIABILITIES.

A. Griffith, treas. and coll. comm's, 1887, unpaid	\$167 20
Printing, postage, and stationery	10 25
A. Griffith, selectman and overseer of poor	73 20
A. T. Shurtleff, do., same	29 00
S. C. C. Finney, do., same	35 69
A. T. Shurtleff, town clerk	35 00
Express bill	4 05
Highway appropriation undrawn	112 91
School " "	132 03
New road " "	188 00
T. M. Southworth, auditor and expenses, 1887	3 50
Jas. A. Vaughan "	2 00
Nelson Sherman "	1 00
Tax sale due on demand	33 02
Bills for poor, unsettled, estimated	225 00
All other demands against the town, estimated	175 00
Total liabilities	\$1,226 83
Assets over liabilities	2,117 34

CARVER, *March 3, 1888.*

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the accounts of the town treasurer, and find them correct.

He has received to March 3d, 1888	\$11,732 63
" " paid out " "	9,977 44
Balance in hands of treasurer	\$1,755 19

T. M. SOUTHWORTH, }
 JAMES A. VAUGHAN, } *Auditing*
 NELSON SHERMAN, } *Committee.*

ASSESSORS' STATISTICS, 1887.

Value of personal estate	\$156,080 00
Value of real estate	432,780 00
Total valuation	<u>\$588,860 00</u>
Raised by taxation —	
For support of poor	\$1,400 00
Support of schools	1,200 00
Repair highways	1,200 00
Repair bridges	200 00
Repair school-houses	50 00
School books, &c.	150 00
Town incidentals	550 00
Repair almshouse	200 00
New road	600 00
State tax	810 00
County tax	724 59
	<u>\$7,084 59</u>
Deduct Est. Bank and Cor. tax.	1,000 00
	<u>\$6,084 59</u>
Overlay	11 59
Whole amount taxes	<u>\$6,096 18</u>
Rate of taxation per \$1,000	9 60
Poll tax	2 00
Number polls taxed	223
Horses taxed	160
Cows taxed	161
Neat cattle, other than cows	61
Sheep taxed	27
Swine taxed	53
Mules taxed	5
Donkeys taxed	2
Ponies taxed	3

Dwelling-houses taxed	256
Acres land taxed	19,663
Persons taxed	512
On property	456
On poll only	56
Value of buildings	\$151,845
Value of land	280,935

Bank Stock owned by residents of Carver :—

Blackstone National Bank, Boston	25 shares.
Boylston " " "	5 "
Brockton " " Brockton.	2 "
Central " " Boston	20 "
Continental " " "	20 "
Freemans " " "	20 "
Manufacturers " " "	20 "
Market " " "	21 "
Massachusetts " " "	2 "
Merchandise " " "	20 "
Metropolitan " " "	71 "
National Bank of the Commonwealth, Boston,	7 "
National Bank of Wareham	90 "
National Exchange Bank, Boston	5 "
Old Colony National Bank, Plymouth	137 "
Plymouth " " "	41 "
Traders " " Boston	20 "
Tremont " " "	20 "

Corporate Stock owned by residents of Carver :—

Boston & Albany R. R. Co.	243 shares.
Boston & Maine R. R. Co.	8 "
Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn R. R. Co.	5 "
Ellis Foundry Co.	45 "
Fitchburg R. R. Co.	15 "
Jenkins Manufacturing Co.	50 "
Nat'l K. of L. Co-operative Elastic Fabric Co.	1 "
Old Colony R. R. Co.	81 "
Plymouth Foundry Co.	4 "
Russell Mills	35 "
Somerset Co-operative Foundry Co.	5 "
Wakefield Co-operative Shoe Co.	5 "

APPROPRIATIONS, 1888.

The following sums are recommended to meet current expenses the year ensuing :—

Support of schools	\$1,200 00
Support of poor	1,700 00
Repair of highways	1,200 00
Repair of bridges	100 00
Repair of school-houses	75 00
School books, &c.	125 00
Town incidentals	600 00
Removal of snow, highways	125 00
New road	100 00

The corporation and bank tax is estimated to yield about \$1,200.

SCHOOLS.

There is an undrawn balance in this account of \$132.03. With the expense of three schools to meet, the appropriation seems not sufficient to pay the expense of thirty weeks' schooling.

HIGHWAYS.

There is undrawn in this account the sum of \$112.91. Some work has been done, for which bills have not been presented. An appropriation of \$1,200 would seem to be ample to keep the highways in repair; but in some districts there is not the work done that ought to be for the money; the right man in the right place holds good in this case as all others, as much depends upon judgment and skill in laying out the work, and handling men and teams, to get the largest amount of work done for the money.

BRIDGES.

\$56.61 remain unexpended in this account. We advise an appropriation of \$100 to meet the current year's expenses.

SNOW.

This account stands overdrawn \$89.26, owing to large snows having fallen after town meeting, as at that time no appropriation was called for.

REPAIR OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

There is an unexpended balance in this account of \$94.48. Should the town vote to re-seat the primary-school room, at No. Carver, an appropriation of \$75.00 is advisable.

SCHOOL-BOOKS, &c.

In this account \$11.51 remain unexpended. We advise an appropriation of \$125.

NEW ROAD.

The appropriation of \$600, made last year for the new road at So. Carver, is insufficient, as the contracting price was \$650. Add to this land damage and other attending expenses; we shall require an additional appropriation of \$100.

POOR.

The net cost of the poor to the town is \$1,618.19. The cost of supporting an average of $5\frac{1}{4}$ at the almshouse, including burial of two, is \$3.06 per week. Thirty-two tramps were lodged at the almshouse the past year. From present indications the expense of the poor is likely to increase the coming year; this, coupled with an overdrawn account of \$199.15 last year, an appropriation of \$1,700 seems necessary.

TOWN INCIDENTALS.

This account stands overdrawn \$51.30. To meet the expenses of another year, \$600 is recommended.

In conclusion, we may say that there is no material change in our financial condition,—possibly a little better off, as shown by the assets over liabilities.

Should the recommended appropriations be adopted, we look for a small decrease in the tax rate, unless the State tax takes another jump.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW GRIFFITH,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
ALBERT T. SHURTLEFF,	
SETH C. C. FINNEY,	

Citizens of Carver:

Owing to poor health, I am not a candidate for re-election.

Thanking you for your votes in the past, I remain

Yours truly,

SETH C. C. FINNEY.

TOWN MEETING.

Contents of Warrant for town meeting to be held at the town house, on Monday, the 26th day of March, 1888, at one o'clock, P. M.

ARTICLE I. — To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. — To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. — To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges the ensuing year.

ART. 4. — To determine the manner of repairing highways, and decide the compensation for labor thereon.

ART. 5. — To decide when taxes shall become due, and whether any interest shall be charged after a certain date.

ART. 6. — To see what pay the town will vote the treasurer and collector, and other town officers.

ART. 7. — To see if the town will instruct the treasurer to hire money under the direction of the selectmen, if found necessary, in anticipation of taxes the ensuing year.

ART. 8. — To see if the town will accept the report of the selectmen.

ART. 9. — To see if the town will vote to make the yards of field-drivers town pounds, provided they also be chosen pound-keepers.

ART. 10. — To bring in their votes by ballot, "Yes" or "No," upon the question, Shall license be granted in this town for the sale of intoxicating liquors?

ART. 11. — To see if the town will vote to discontinue the old road running through the land of Peleg McFarlin, Thomas G. Curran, and Truman A. Tillson, and nearly

parallel to the new road laid out under the petition of Marcus Atwood and others.

ART. 12. — To see if the town will receive any and all sums of money bequeathed to it for the purpose of keeping such persons' burial lots in said town in good condition, according to the terms of their wills; also, receive any sum or sums of money from any person or persons for said purpose, and to act in any thing in relation to taking and receiving money for the purposes above stated.

ART. 13. — To see if the town will vote to reseat the primary school-house in district No. 1.

By request of School Committee.

ART. 14. — To see if the town will vote to reimburse I. M. Smith the expense attending breaking his arm upon the highway.

ART. 15. — To see if the town will vote to reimburse I. C. Bent for damage to his horse upon the highway, winter 1887.

ART. 16. — To see if the town will vote to build a case in the Town Hall for the colors or flag presented by the ladies to the Old Military Company of Carver.

ANDREW GRIFFITH,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
ALBERT T. SHURTLEFF,		} <i>of</i>
SETH C. C. FINNEY		} <i>Carver.</i>

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

For the Year 1887.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN CARVER FOR THE YEAR 1887.

1887.

- Jan. 1. Elisha Herman Murdock and Susan Alice Southworth, both of Carver.
- Jan. 8. Alexander G. Harvey of Middleborough, and Ella May Atwood of Carver.
- Jan. 21. Henry Thompson Maxim of Middleborough, and Bessie Arlette Gammons of Carver.
- Jan. 23. Frederick Allen McFarlin of Carver, and Nettie Eveline Thomas of Middleborough.
- Feb. 6. Henry Stetson Griffith and Helen Augusta Tillson, both of Carver.
- Feb. 6. John Andrews Tillson and Annie Cora Atwood, both of Carver
- Apr. 7. Franklin Hathaway Shaw and Nannie Andrews Griffith, both of Carver.
- Apr. 24. Lewis J. Shaw of Carver, and Mary Louisa Smith of Middleborough.
- May 11. Dana Harrison Shaw of Middleborough, and Nellie Warren Peckham of Carver.
- July 11. Charles Lincoln Bates of Wareham, and Georgianna Roberts Morse of Carver.
- Aug. 3. Abraham Lincoln Bumpus of Carver, and Hannah Carlson of Wareham.

- Aug. 27. Frank W. Hudson of Carver, and Edith L. Hall of Middleborough.
- Sept. 4. William Bennett Taber of Carver, and Laura May Baker of Bourne.
- Oct. 30. Edward Alton Washburn and Helen Bartlett Gibbs, both of Carver.
- Nov. 10. John S. Robbins of Carver, and Jennie Sherman of Plympton.
- Nov. 17. Jonathan Clark Bumpus of Lakeville, and Clenthe H. Parsons of Carver.
- Nov. 28. Daniel Webster Nash of Carver, and Sarah Smith Dexter of Mattapoisett.
- Dec. 24. Henry Lewis Pratt of Plymouth, and Myrtle Lysle Sherman of Carver.
- Dec. 28. Alfred M. Cushing of Middleborough, and Flora M. Shurtleff of Carver.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN CARVER FOR
THE YEAR 1887.

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME.	PARENTS.
Jan. 20,	Merton Pratt,	Winfield L. and Betsey S.
Jan. 26,	Myrtle Amber Shaw,	Frederic W. and Annie E.
Feb. 6,	Leon May Fish,	Herbert F. and Lillian M.
March 25,	Herbert Jesse Vaughan,	Theodore T. and Elizabeth S.
April 2,	Lawrence Hackett,	Edward W. and Elizabeth.
May 19,	Arthur Leroy Smith,	Israel M. and Luella F.
July 21,	Charles Ellis Bell,	Charles E. and Sarah.
July 25,	Elbridge Arthur Shaw,	E. Watson and Mary W.
July 28,	Winthrop McFarlin,	Peleg and Eldoretta.
Sept. 16,	Abbie Annie Johnson,	George I. and Phebe A.
Oct. 10,	Jane Maria Anderson,	William and Ellen.
Nov. 17,	Harold Augustus Tillson,	Chester F. and Clara B.
Nov. 29,	Cordelia Gertrude Shaw,	Eugene E. and Cordelia F.
Dec. 4,	Charles Joseph Washburn,	Nathan H. and Mary E.
Dec. 29,	Abbie Harriet Shurtleff,	Robert F. and Hattie.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN CARVER FOR THE YEAR 1887.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
		Y.	M.	D.		
1887.						
Jan'y 4,	Mercy Bent,	90	8	2	Fractured Hip,	Huit and Mercy McFarlin.
Jan'y 6,	Horatio A. Lucas,	59	3	17	Fatty Degeneration of Liver,	Harvey and Sarah.
Jan'y 17,	Grace M. Dean,	4	1	14	Diphtheria,	Frederick E. and Marietta A.
Jan'y 23,	Etta Southworth,	—	3	—	Spasms,	Thomas M. and Lucy A.
Feb'y 7,	Merton Pratt,	—	—	18	Congestion of Lungs,	Winfield L. and Betsey S.
Feb'y 7,	Owen Atwood,	80	4	1	Old Age,	Asaph and Elizabeth.
Feb'y 26,	Mary F. Wrighthington,	45	10	24	Consumption,	Asa and Jane.
March 1,	Elva Mason Hudson,	1	10	24	Lung Fever,	James S. and Julia.
March 23,	Chloe J. Shurtleff,	43	—	20	Bright's Disease,	Marcus and Mary Bump.
April 26,	Albert Shurtleff,	78	1	13	Typhoid Pneumonia,	Gideon and Lucy.
April 27,	Merton L. Simmons,	—	4	25	Convulsions,	Henry O. and Anna L.
May 17,	Mehitable Douglas,	69	5	—	Heart Disease,	John and Mehitable Douglas.
June 15,	Susannah Tillson,	94	4	9	Old Age,	Sylvanus and Patience Shaw.
June 16,	Wainstill Vaughan,	78	4	—	Heart Disease,	James and Phebe.
July 14,	Joseph Vaughan, about	40	—	—	Suicide by Shooting,	
July 23,	Allen McLean,	1	3	26	Cholera Infantum,	Allen and Essie M.
Aug. 15,	Chandler Robbins,	86	5	20	Old Age,	Joseph and Patience.
Aug. 27,	Rebecca Tillson,	59	11	—	Consumption,	Ichabod and Mary Shurtleff.
Oct. 1,	Louisa Jane Thomas,	33	6	10	Heart Disease,	John and Elizabeth Connell.
Nov. 22,	Daniel Dunham,	41	6	26	Blood Poison,	Isaac L. and Hannah P.
Dec. 7,	Cordelia F. Shaw,	28	—	8	Peritonitis,	Perez T. and Eliza Shurtleff.
Dec. 14,	Isaac L. Dunham,	83	4	3	Paralysis,	John and Lucy.
Dec. 16,	Andrew B. Sherman,	79	4	29	Paralysis,	Jabez and Polly.

Summary,	{	Marriages	19
		Births	15
		Deaths	23
		No. of Dogs Licensed	69

ALBERT T. SHURTLEFF, Town Clerk.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Carver:—

The elapse of another year brings to us the obligation of submitting our Annual Report of the Schools under our supervision, for the year ending March, 1888.

With pleasure we testify that the school year has been one of general prosperity. We have been favored with conscientious and faithful teachers, who have shown marked interest in their work, and, as a result, our pupils have made a good degree of progress in their studies, and, with but few exceptions, good order and harmony have pervaded the schools.

But few changes have been made in our corps of teachers during the past year. With two exceptions, we close the year with the same teachers with which we began it, and in these two cases voluntary resignations compelled your Committee to act. We consider frequent changes of teachers very disastrous to the best interests of school, and think it is due largely to the few changes which have occurred that we are able to give so favorable a report.

The methods of teaching have not been materially changed; yet we are gratified to note a few improvements in this respect, and hope for even greater ones in the years to come. Among the improvements may be mentioned the method of teaching reading to beginners. Most of our teachers now begin with words as wholes, instead of using the old A B C method which is both unnatural and unpractical.

In some of our schools, history is read more and studied less than formerly. We also consider this a step in the right direction, especially when the reading is followed by written abstracts of what has been read. It is far more profitable for pupils to catch the main points of a lesson, and reproduce them with originality, than to learn the exact words of the text-book, and much less time is consumed.

The much-abused study of composition has received considerable attention the past year, and much good has been accomplished thereby. We consider this one of our most important branches of study, as it brings into practice the pupil's knowledge of capitalization, punctuation and penmanship, and encourages originality of thought and its expression.

Reading has received a good share of attention, and is, we believe, gradually arriving at a higher standard. Much care is now taken that pupils do not read from books in advance of their comprehension. We believe much poor reading in our schools in the past resulted from this cause. Some of our teachers have awakened greater interest by introducing supplementary reading. The pupils have thus acquired a greater amount of information, and become more fluent in sight reading.

Good progress in grammar is apparent in most of our schools, while in others too much time has been devoted to the abstractions of technical grammar. If more written work were required of the pupils, and greater attention paid to correct expression, far better results would be obtained.

Improved methods of teaching geography are beginning to show the results of greater interest, better understanding, and a saving of time. Map drawing receives considerable attention, and pupils are no longer required to memorize all matter contained in the text-book, much of which is unpractical and soon forgotten.

Excellent progress in mathematics is apparent. Most of our teachers realize the great practical importance of this branch, and the necessity of all processes involved being thoroughly understood by the pupils. A very few exceptions, however, have come under our observation, where the time does not seem to be profitably spent. In work that involves reasoning, there is wanting that interest and proficiency which properly belong to it. We believe there is not given enough training to encourage self-directed thought. The pupils have been shackled with rules, to the detriment of their reasoning ability.

Drawing has received an earnest attention in Districts Nos. 1, 3, and 5, and the exercise books abundantly testify to the good work done in this branch.

The remaining studies, Physiology, Hygiene, Spelling, and Penmanship, have each received appropriate attention, and commendable results have been obtained.

Very few improvements have been made on school buildings the past year, although, in the view of your Committee, there are many needed which are indispensably necessary to the welfare of our schools. The yard of the North Primary School-house has been enclosed by a suitable fence; but we once more desire to present to the town the urgent need of refurnishing the room of same, which is now very inconvenient and unattractive.

We are much gratified to find enrolled upon our registers the names of three hundred and eighteen visitors. We regard frequent visits to the schools by parents, guardians, and all other citizens, as very encouraging to teachers and scholars. By so doing they not only show an interest in the progress of their children, but witness for themselves the work being done, and are able, by personal observation, to judge of the practical efficiency and attainments of our schools,—thereby gaining a more correct opinion of their real condition than they can from reports of others.

Our report is respectfully submitted, with an earnest desire that our common and free schools, the pride and joy of our land, and the basis on which rests the perpetuation of our free and enlightened government, may continue to prosper and attain a high standard of excellence. To secure this result, we bespeak for our schools the active support of every citizen of the town.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy during the specified terms:—

School No. 1, Grammar, *Vesta B. Shaw*, Teacher.

FIRST TERM.

Evelyn Robbins, Embert Eames.

SECOND TERM.

Frannie Dunham, Curtis Dunham.

THIRD TERM.

Nannie S. King.

School No. 1, Primary, *Carrie E. Soule*, Teacher.

FIRST TERM.

Mabelle Eames, Delia W. Shurtleff,
Lucy W. Reckard, Willie T. Thomas.

SECOND TERM.

Nellie W. Sherman

School No. 2, *Myra A. Shaw*, Teacher.

FIRST TERM.

Mabel W. Holmes, Abbie E. Thomas,
L. Everett Thomas.

School No. 3, *Flora M. Cushing*, Teacher.

FIRST TERM.

Bernice E. Cornish, Helen B. Shaw,
 Winnie A. Ray, Lucy W. Shaw,
 Mary E. Shurtleff.

SECOND TERM.

Mary E. Shurtleff, Lucy T. Shurtleff,
 Helen B. Shaw, Lillie M. Vaughan,
 Walter D. Shurtleff.

THIRD TERM.

Helen B. Shaw, Willie E. Cornish,
 Lucy T. Shurtleff, Annie G. Tucker,
 George E. Tucker.

School No. 4, Grammar, *Nannie A. Shaw*, Teacher.

FIRST TERM.

Nelson G. Winberg, Lester C. Adams.

SECOND TERM.

Charles L. Bates, Teacher.

Victor H. Anderson, Charles Larrabee,
 Marcus C. Shurtleff, Nelson G. Winberg,
 Ichabod W. Tillson.

THIRD TERM.

M. Elvira Briggs, Emma Larrabee,
 E. Bernice Briggs, Ida M. Tillson,
 Mabel M. McFarlin, Victor H. Anderson,
 Carl Z. Southworth.

School No. 4, Primary, *Alberta M. McFarlin*, Teacher.

FIRST TERM.

Eddie Swift, Donald McFarlin,
 Alice C. Tillson.

SECOND TERM.

Alice C. Tillson.

THIRD TERM.

Fannie W. Briggs, Nannie Southworth,
 Alice C. Tillson, Ernest G. Dunham,
 Donald McFarlin.

School No. 5, *Sadie F. Atwood*, Teacher.

FIRST TERM.

Mattie P. Lucas, Edna M. Lucas.

THIRD TERM.

Grace I. Robbins.

School No. 8, *Charles L. Bates*, Teacher.

FIRST TERM.

Orville K. Griffith, Henry C. McFarlin,
 Ephraim L. Griffith, Elva H. Griffith,
 Mercy B. Griffith.

SECOND TERM.

Minnie W. Cahoon, Teacher.

Ephraim L. Griffith, Orville K. Griffith.

THIRD TERM

Elva H. Griffith.

MONEY AND STATISTICS.

DR.

Appropriation	\$1,200 00
Income from State fund	211 85
Income from Ellis fund	160 00
Income from Pratt fund	200 00
Tuition bill paid by Middleboro	10 17
Dog tax	114 08
Total	<u>\$1,896 10</u>

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Teacher's wages	SCHOOL No. 1. (Grammar.)	\$240 00
Teacher's wages	SCHOOL No. 1. (Primary.)	210 00
Teachers' wages	SCHOOL No. 2.	210 00
Teacher's wages	SCHOOL No. 3.	240 00
Teachers' wages	SCHOOL No. 4. (Grammar.)	240 00
Teacher's wages	SCHOOL No. 4. (Primary.)	195 00
Teacher's wages	SCHOOL No. 5.	225 00
Teachers' wages	SCHOOL No. 8.	231 00
Cleaning school-rooms		7 00
Fuel		68 90
Total		\$1,866 90
Balance		\$29 20

SCHOOL-HOUSE AND INCIDENTAL
APPROPRIATIONS.

DR.

Amount raised per tax \$148 84

CR.

Deficiency of 1886 \$19 84
 Expenditures in 1887 54 36
 Total \$74 20
 Balance \$74 64

FLORA M. CUSHING, }
 IRENE A. BENT, } *School*
 HENRY S. GRIFFITH, } *Committee.*

CARVER, March 12, 1888.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	TERMS.	Length in Months.	Whole Number of Scholars.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Number under Five Years.	Number over Fifteen Years.	Wages per Month.	Whole No. Scholars Attending.	Cost of each Scholar.
No. 1, Grammar	Vesta B. Shaw.	{ 1.	3	15	14.	12.8	0	1			
		{ 2.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	15	14.2	13.5	0	2	\$32		
		{ 3.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	14	14.	12.7	0	2			
No. 1, Primary	Carrie E. Soule.	{ 1.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	23	21.2	18.5	2	0	\$28		
		{ 2.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	25	21.6	20.2	1	0			
		{ 3.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	24	21.	15.8	0	0			
No. 2,	Myra A. Shaw, Emily F. Chipman.	{ 1.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	14	12.	10.	0	0	\$28		
		{ 2.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	17	16.	13.8	0	2			
		{ 3.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	15	14.7	10.7	0	3			
No. 3,	Flora M. Cushing.	{ 1.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	22	21.6	17.9	0	4	\$32	189	\$10.17
		{ 2.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	23	21.6	21.1	0	7			
		{ 3.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	22	19.6	15.9	0	7			
No. 4, Grammar	Nannie A. Shaw, Charles L. Bates.	{ 1.	3	21	16.6	15.3	0	0	\$32		
		{ 2.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	27	23.	22.1	0	7			
		{ 3.	2	28	26.5	24.4	0	6			
No. 4, Primary	Alberta M. McFarlin.	{ 1.	3	32	17.	15.3	0	0	\$26		
		{ 2.	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	21	17.2	15.5	0	0			
		{ 3.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	15	14.1	12.7	1	0			
No. 5,	Sadie F. Atwood.	{ 1.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	21	17.7	15.	0	1	\$30		
		{ 2.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	21	17.8	14.4	0	2			
		{ 3.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	18	18.	15.5	0	1			
No. 8	Charles L. Bates, Minnie W. Cahoon.	{ 1.	3	22	20.5	16.9	0	0	\$32		
		{ 2.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	21	17.8	14.9	0	1			
		{ 3.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	16	16.	12.6	0	1	\$30		

Number of pupils between 5 and 15, May 1, 1887, 162.

