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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

Citizens of Carver:—

The Selectmen submit 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, 1890	\$2,070 48
Rec'd from State Treasurer balance	
corporation tax	9 41
S. B. Briggs, sale of herring privilege	1 34
Wm. L. Randall, license to peddle	6 00
Geo. B. Fuller, same	6 00
Addie Shurtleff, rent of almshouse	4 16
Town of Middleboro, tuition of scholars	23 98
William Savery, agent — borrowed money	1,400 00
Frank Shurtleff, tuition of scholar,	16 65
E. M. White, rent Wrightington house	1 00
E. A. Richard, grass on town farm,	1 00
E. A. Richards, old lumber school- house	1 50
Sale of school books	2 18
State Treasurer, corporation tax 1890	646 52

State Treasurer, National Bank tax,	878 71
State Treasurer, State Aid, Chap. 301	298 80
State Treasurer, State Aid, Chap. 279	72 00
State Treasurer, income Mass. School Fund	207 57
B. A. Hathaway, clerk third Dist., court fine	2 50
Mr. Bruce, rent of almshouse	5 00
County Treasurer, dividend from dog licenses	104 07
P. McFarlin, trustee Ellis School Fund	160 00
G. Atwood, trustee Pratt School Fund	100 00
Town of Wareham, doctoring An- derson girl	6 00
Collection of taxes	5,999 18
Interest on delinquent taxes	26 60
Griffith Cemetery Fund	215 66
Total receipts	<u>\$12,266 31</u>

1891

CR.

March. Paid support of poor	\$1,207 71
Support of schools	1,361 53
Repairs of highways	1,079 97
Repairs of schoolhouses	121 09
Repairs of bridges	224 64
School books and incidentals,	119 08
Support of school, East Head,	95 00
Removal of snow, highways	35 15
Fire proof safe	220 00

State Aid, Chap. 301	357 00
State Aid, Chap. 279	144 00
Town Aid, Soldiers' families,	304 33
Wm. Savery, agent for loan,	1,400 00
State tax	560 00
County tax	784 97
Incidental town expenses	704 00
Griffith Cemetery Fund, de- posited Wareham, Sav- ings Bank	215 66
Cash on hand March 7, 1891	3,332 18
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	\$12,266 31

SCHOOLS.

Receipts and expenditures connected with the support of schools the past year :

DR.

To balance from 1889	61 71
Appropriation of 1890	1,500 00
Rec'd, Town of Middleboro	23 98
Frank Shurtleff	16 65
Dog licenses	104 07
Mass. School Fund	207 57
Ellis School Fund	160 00
Pratt School Fund	100 00
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	\$2,173 98

CR.

Paid approved bills of School Committee as follows :

Helen T. Cutter, teacher, No. 1 Gram.	\$57 60
Fannie G. Conroy, teacher, No. 1 Prim.	224 00
Margaret A. Orr, teacher, No. 1 Gram.	32 00
Myra B. Shaw, teacher, No. 2	157 50

Vesta B. Shaw, teacher, No. 3 . . .	168 00
Lizzie M. Schouler, teacher, No. 4 Primary	154 00
Charles L. Bates, teacher, No. 4 Gram.	198 00
Rebecca W. Benson, teacher, No. 5 .	140 00
Sadie F. Atwood, teacher, No. 8 .	90 00
E. H. Cornish, wood bill, No 1 . . .	1 00
C. Robbins, wood bill, No. 1	17 55
S. D. Atwood, wood bill, No. 2 . . .	6 50
E. H. Cornish, wood bill, No. 3 . . .	9 00
Thomas Vaughan, wood bill, No. 3 . .	6 50
T. T. Vaughan, wood bill, No. 3 . . .	4 50
G. Atwood, wood bill and sawing, No. 5,	18 52
E. H. Cornish, wood bill, No. 5 . . .	1 00
Geo. P. Lincoln, wood and saw'g, No. 5,	8 50
G. Atwood, wood and sawing, No. 8 . .	12 22
C. T. Cornell, sawing wood, No. 1 . . .	6 24
A. F. Cornish, saw'g wood, No. 2 and 3,	3 50
C. Shurtleff, janitor, No. 1 Primary . .	5 75
E. Eames, janitor, No. 1 Grammar . . .	1 75
H. Cassidy, janitor, No. 2	4 50
W. D. Shurtleff, janitor, No. 3	4 80
L. M. Schouler, janitor, No. 4 Primary,	4 25
C. L. Bates, janitor, No. 4 Grammar . .	2 75
A. L. Hammond, janitor, No. 5	1 00
M. E. Braddock, cleaning, No. 1	6 00
M. E. Richards, cleaning, No. 2	3 00
B. Gould, cleaning, No. 3	5 50
E. H. Lucas, cleaning, No. 5	3 10
C. E. Vaughan, sawing wood, No. 3 . . .	3 00
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Total expenses	\$1,361 53
Balance undrawn	812 45
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\$2,173 98

HIGHWAYS.

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

DR.

To balance from 1889	\$72 71
Appropriation of 1890	1,200 00
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	\$1,272 71

CR.

Paid I. S. Shurtleff, Commissioner	\$324 65
O. L. Shurtleff, same	373 87
H. T. Hammond, same	381 45
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Total expenses	\$1,079 97
Balance unexpended	192 74
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	\$1,272 71

REMOVAL OF SNOW—HIGHWAYS.

Receipts and expenses connected with the removal of snow from highways the past year:—

DR.

To balance from 1889	\$60 37
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CR.

Paid H. T. Hammond, Commissioner	\$11 44
O. L. Shurtleff	16 21
I. S. Shurtleff	7 50
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	\$35 15
Balance unexpended	25 22
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	\$60 37

REPAIRS OF BRIDGES.

DR.

To appropriation of 1890	\$125 00
Deficiency of 1889 and 1890	161 99
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	\$286 99

CR.

Paid O. L. Shurtleff, comm'r, repairs Bents Mill bridge	\$139 13
Paid O. L. Shurtleff, comm'r, repairs other small bridges	3 30
Paid O. L. Shurtleff, comm'r, repairs Holmes Mill bridge	22 90
Paid I. S. Shurtleff, comm'r, repairs Federal furnace bridge	59 31
Total expenses	<hr/> \$224 64
Overdrawn in 1889	62 35
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	\$286 99

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

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

DR.

To balance from 1889	\$44 24
“ appropriation of 1890	150 00
“ received sale of old lumber	1 50
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	\$195 74

CR.

Paid painting and repairs No. 3	\$60 01
painting and repairs No. 5	28 73
repairs No. 1	30 85

repairs No. 2	1 00
repairs No. 8	50
Total expenditures	\$121 09
Balance unexpended	74 65
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	\$195 74

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Receipts and expenses connected with school books and school incidentals: —

DR.

To appropriation of 1890	\$150 00
“ received from sale of books	2 18
Deficiency	14 73
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	\$166 91

CR.

Paid Edw. E. Babb & Co. for books	\$31 31
Geo. F. King & Merrill for books,	17 21
D. C. Heath & Co. for books	26 53
American Book Co. for books	23 68
A. C. Stockin, agent for books	7 45
J. L. Hammett for crayons	1 13
J. C. Whitehead utensils for school,	2 95
Ellis Foundry Co., utensils for	6 97
school	
M. B. Shaw for duster	1 75
G. Atwood for dipper	10
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Total expenses	\$119 08
Overdrawn in 1889	47 83
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	\$166 91

STATE AID.

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

DR.

Due from the State	\$409 00
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CR.

Paid H. K. Swift	\$45 00
Charles Atwood	48 00
L. N. Shaw	40 00
Abby H. Eddy	48 00
Caroline W. Pratt	32 00
Lucy W. Fuller	48 00
P. Jane Barrows	48 00
Eliza B. Shurtleff	48 00
Total disbursements	<u>\$357 00</u>
Paid previous to March 5, 1890	52 00
	<u>\$409 00</u>

POOR AND INDIGENT SOLDIERS AID.

Receipts and disbursements under chapter 279 the past year :—

DR.

Due from the State	\$84 00
One-half paid by Carver	84 00
	<u>\$168 00</u>

CR.

Paid S. J. Ham	\$48 00
Manoah Hurd	96 00
Paid previous to March 5, 1890	<u>24 00</u>
	<u>\$168 00</u>

TOWN AID TO SOLDIERS FAMILIES,
CHAPTER 447.

Receipts and expenditures connected with town aid to Soldiers' families the past year:—

DR.

To appropriation of 1890	\$350 00
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CR.

Paid Mrs. Isaiah F. Atwood, Plymouth,	\$184 33
Sylvia C. Dunham	120 00
	\$304 33
Balance unexpended	45 67
	\$350 00

POOR.

Receipts and expenses connected with the support of the poor the past year:—

DR.

To appropriation of 1890	\$1,450 00
“ received for rent	10 16
“ received sale of grass	1 00
“ received from Wareham	6 00
	\$1,467 16

CR.

Paid aid to—

M. and C. Wrightington, aid, medical attendance, and burials	\$115 40
John Thomas	28 25
Willard Sears	160 15
William Pratt	37 50

W. McFarlin, Taunton Lunatic Hosp.,	169	46
Town of Wareham, medical attendance, and burial of Stringer children	59	00
Barney Lucas, Wareham	86	00
Town of Plymouth, medical attendance, and burial of A. Casey	73	75
Charles Robery, Wareham	234	00
Anna B. Tornrose	74	50
Town of Plymouth, medical attendance, C. W. Atwood's family	39	50
City of Chelsea, aid to S. J. Ham	15	75
Sarah Bumpus	12	00
Andrew Stringer's family (diphtheria)	33	35
City of Boston, aid to Emma F. Smith,	6	00
Town of Wareham, aid to Erfort Strin- ger	9	00
E. H. Cornish, medical attendance, Anderson girl	6	00
J. B. Williams, care and lunch for 166 tramps	41	50
J. Dunham, for fertilizer, town farm 1889	1	90
T. T. Peirce, stove pipe for tramp house,	2	60
A. Griffith, car fare to Boston, Smith case	2	10
Total expense of poor	\$1,207	71
Overdrawn in 1889	15	95
	\$1,223	66
Balance unexpended	243	50

\$1,467 16

SCHOOL — EAST HEAD.

Receipts and expenses of school at East Head the past year :—

DR.

To appropriation, 1890	\$150 00
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CR.

Paid Orrie E. Clark, teacher	\$95 00
Balance undrawn	55 00
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	\$150 00

FIRE-PROOF VAULT.

DR.

To appropriation of 1890	\$300 00
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CR.

Paid E. C. Morris & Co. for iron safe	\$200 00
Freight and cartage	20 00
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	\$220 00
Balance unexpended	80 00
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	\$300 00

INCIDENTAL TOWN EXPENSES.

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

DR.

To balance from 1889	\$124 62
Appropriation of 1890	500 00
Rec'd corporation tax	655 93
National Bank tax	878 71
Herring privilege	1 34
Fine in criminal case	2 50
Pedlers' licences	12 00
Interest on taxes	26 60
Loan	1,400 00
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Total incidental receipts	\$3,601 70

CR.

Paid A. Griffith, Treas. and Collector's commission, 1889	\$159 53
A. Griffith, printing, postage, and stationery	13 11
A. Griffith, selectman, overseer of poor, and registrar of voters, 1889	74 86
A. T. Shurtleff, same	31 00
Fred. A. Ward, same	32 00
A. T. Shurtleff, town clerk ser- vices, 1889	35 00
Postage and express	4 42
N. Lincoln, member school com- mittee, 1889	29 00
N. Sherman, auditor, 1889	2 00
J. A. Vaughan, auditor, 1889	1 00
H. H. Gammons, constable, 1889	14 00
Ellis H. Cornish, member school committee, 1888	2 50
E. H. Cornish, member school com- mittee, 1889	7 50
G. Atwood, member school com- mittee, 1889	47 70
W. D. Shurtleff, ag't sch'l supplies, H. L. Thatcher & Co., printing town reports	3 00
A. Griffith, books for record and paper	44 00
F. E. Barrows, cleaning town house, A. Griffith, assessor	1 30
Fred A. Ward, assessor	75
T. T. Vaughan, "	21 00
Wm. Savery, interest on loans	21 00
	35 00

J. W. Atwood, returning deaths, 1890	5 00
J. W. Atwood, looking up monu- ment town line	1 00
C. A. Reed, solicitor, cost Carver <i>vs.</i> Taunton	67 28
J. W. Hunting, officer, cost in crim- inal case	10 80
Nelson Sherman, returning deaths	2 25
Town of Plymouth, one-half expense surveying town line and setting monument	15 00
T. T. Vaughan, carrying valuation book to Plymouth	75
H. C. Washburn, house and carriage to Plymouth court	1 25
Total incidental town expenses	\$704 00
State tax	560 00
County tax	784 97
Loan	1,400 00
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	\$3,448 97
Balance unexpended	152 73
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	\$3,601 70

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

A. GRIFFITH, *Collector.*

DR.

1890.

March 5. To uncollected taxes on bills of 1879, \$82 29

CR.

1891.

March 7. By taxes uncollected \$82 29

16

DR.

1890.
March 5. To uncollected taxes on bills of 1889, \$13 74

CR.

1891.
March 7. By taxes collected in 1890, \$3 03
Nathan Ryder, tax abated, 10 71

\$13 74

DR.

1890.
March 5. To uncollected taxes of 1888 . . \$50 23

CR.

1891.
March 7. By taxes collected in 1890 . . \$50 23

DR.

1890.
March 5. To uncollected taxes of 1889 . . \$697 78

CR.

1891.
March 7. By taxes collected in 1890, \$616 92
C. A. Comstock's tax abated 2 82
Balance uncollected . . 78 04

\$697 78

DR.

1890.
Aug. 1. To amount of taxes, bills 1891 . . \$6,015 05

CR.

1891.

March 7.	By taxes collected in 1890, \$5,329 00	
	E. G. Diman, Jr., personal,	
	abated	1 29
	Amount uncollected	684 76
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		\$6,015 05

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correct.

CARVER, March 7, 1891.

NELSON SHERMAM,	} <i>Auditors</i> <i>of</i> <i>Carver.</i>
JAMES A. VAUGHAN,	

TOWN ASSETS.

1891.

March 7.	Cash in the treasury	\$3,332 18
	Due from the State, aid to Soldiers, chapter 301	409 00
	Due from the State, aid to Soldiers, chapter 279	84 00
	Uncollected taxes of 1879	82 29
	“ “ “ 1889	78 04
	“ “ “ 1890	684 76
	Total assets	<hr/> \$4,670 27

LIABILITIES.

A. Griffith, Treas. and Coll'r Commissioner 1890, unpaid	\$164 09
Printing, postage, and stationery	11 24
A. Griffith, Selectman and Overseer of Poor	100 00
Fred. A. Ward, same	36 50
T. T. Vaughan, same	26 00

A. T. Shurtleff, Town Clerk Services and Ex- pressage	41 97
Highway appropriation undrawn	192 74
School appropriation undrawn	867 45
Poor bills unsettled, estimated	225 00
All other demands against the town, estimated,	200 00
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Estimated liabilities	\$1,485 19
Assets over liabilities	\$3,185 08

ASSESSORS' STATISTICS, 1890.

Value of personal estate	\$161,470
Value of real estate	480,230
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Total valuation	\$641,700
Value of buildings	\$154,340
Value of land	325,890
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	\$480,230
Raised by taxation —	
Support of poor	\$1,450 00
Support of schools	1,500 00
Repair of highways	1,200 00
Repair of bridges	125 00
Repair of school houses	150 00
Town aid to soldiers' families	350 00
School books and incidentals	150 00
East Head school	150 00
Town vault	220 00
Town incidentals	500 00
County tax	784 97
State tax	560 00
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	\$7,139 97
Deduct Est. Bank and Corporation tax,	1,200 00
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	\$5,939 97
Overlay	75 08
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Total amount assessed	\$6,015 05

Rate of taxation per \$1,000	\$8 60
Poll tax	2 00
Number polls taxed	217
Number persons taxed	529
On poll only	59
On property	470
Number horses taxed	166
Number cows taxed	170
Number neat cattle other than cows	72
Number shotes taxed	62
Number mules taxed	7
Number sheep taxed	7
Number ponies taxed	4
Number donkies taxed	1
Dwellings taxed	274
Acres of land taxed	19,749
Acres cranberry bog taxed	750

APPROPRIATIONS, 1891.

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

Support of poor	\$1,200 00
Support of schools	1,500 00
Repair of highways	1,200 00
Repair of bridges	200 00
Repair of schools	100 00
School books and incidentals	150 00
Poor Soldiers' families	300 00
Town incidentals	550 00
School — East Head	150 00

SCHOOLS.

At the time of closing the accounts, March 7th, there was an undrawn balance of upwards of \$800, owing to several schools not being out.

POOR.

There has been a large reduction in the expense of the poor. The overseers are convinced that they can be supported at less cost outside the almshouse than in, under the present condition of things. 166 tramps have been fed and lodged at an expense of \$41.50.

FIRE-PROOF VAULT.

Instead of building a fire-proof vault as voted by the town, the Selectmen bought a large safe at quite a saving of expense, and is believed to answer all purposes for many years, thereby hoping to receive the approval of the town.

The past year may be considered rather a favorable one, notwithstanding our case with the city of Taunton was decided against us by the Supreme Court, upon questions of law.

It will be noticed that our assets over liabilities have increased \$500.00, the first year, owing in the main to decreased cost of the poor.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW GRIFFITH,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
FRED A. WARD,		<i>of</i>
T. T. VAUGHAN,		<i>Carver.</i>

TOWN MEETING.

Contents of warrant for town meeting, to be held at the town house on Monday, the 30th day of March, next, 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 the 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, or other town officers.

ART. 7. — To see if the town will instruct the treasurer to borrow 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 be also chosen pound keepers.

ART. 10. — To bring in their ballots "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 paint the Town House, and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 12. — To see if the town will accept the highway as laid out by the selectmen, under the petition of South Meadow Cranberry Company, and E. E. Shaw, choose a building committee, and appropriate money for the same.

ANDREW GRIFFITH, } *Selectmen*
FRED. A. WARD, } *of*
T. T. VAUGHAN, } *Carver.*

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

For the Year 1890.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN CARVER FOR THE YEAR 1890.

1890.

- Feb. 10. Walter Joseph Morris of Carver, and Minnie Etta Hutchings of Brewster.
- May 25. Christopher Bruce and Grace Ardell Washburn, both of Carver.
- Aug. 10. Horace E. Thrasher of Carver, and Lydia S. Cobb of Plympton.
- Sept. 21. Ezra Shaw of Carver, and Betsey Gonsalves of Middleborough.
- Oct. 25. Warren Parker of Carver, and Lena Gross of Plympton.
- Oct. 26. George Andrew Shurtleff and Syrvell Myrtle Westgate, both of Carver.
- Nov. 17. Joseph B. Dunham of Acushnet, and Alice A. Smith of Carver.
- Nov. 27. Ephraim Edmund Stringer and Hattie Ames Atwood, both of Carver.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN CARVER FOR
THE YEAR 1890.

1890.	NAME.	PARENTS.
Mch. 26,	Lafayette Harrison Bradford,	Albert C. and Laura A.
April 8,	Ebenezer Dunham Shaw,	Frederick W. and Annie E.
April 15,	Frances Idella Johnson,	William L. and Grace I.
April 18,	Mildred Andrews Thomas.	William H. and Mary F.
May 7,	Charles Melvin Thomas,	Frank and Mildred M.
Aug. 24,	Janie Cleland Burke,	John H. and Jane E.
Sept. 7,	Lethea Hizpah Thomas,	D. Gardner and Emeline B.
Sept. 30,	Ira Ellsworth Thomas.	Eli and Mercy J.
Oct. 4,	Francis Alfred DeRose,	Alfred M. and Rebecca K.
Nov. 25,	Southworth,	Thomas M. and Lucy A.
Nov. 30,	Annie Maria Shaw,	Ezra and Betsey.
Dec. 28,	Lester Charles Bruce,	William E. and Alice.

No of dogs licensed, 72

Received for same \$147 00

Clerk's fees 14 40

Amounts paid Co. Treas. \$132 60

DEATHS REGISTERED IN CARVER FOR THE YEAR 1890.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
		Y.	M.	D.		
Jan. 5.	John S. Fuller.	61	—	—	Accidental Poisoning.	Gamaliel and Drusilla.
Jan. 14.	Eliza J. Bumpus.	61	6	—	Paralysis.	Nathaniel and Lucy Swift.
Jan. 20.	Timothy M. Benson.	50	10	9	Dropsy.	Isaac and Amelia.
Jan. 24.	Florence E. Stringer.	12	10	—	Diphtheria.	Andrew and Hezediah.
Jan. 29.	Harry O. Stringer.	6	7	—	Diphtheria.	Andrew and Hezediah.
Feb. 2.	Obed O. Stringer.	10	2	—	Diphtheria.	Andrew and Hezediah.
Feb. 5.	Ira Dimond.	69	4	6	Pneumonia.	John and Ruth.
Feb. 6.	Horace E. Stringer.	4	—	—	Diphtheria.	Andrew and Hezediah.
Feb. 10.	Delbert Stringer.	17	6	—	Diphtheria.	Andrew and Hezediah.
Feb. 11.	James B. Tillson.	77	5	3	Softening of Brain.	Thomas and Betsey.
Mar. 3.	Lydia C. Shurtleff.	59	11	10	Abscess.	Benjamin and Mary Finney.
Mar. 4.	Hannah P. Dunham.	85	4	22	Exhaustion.	Jacob and Patience Cobb.
Mar. 23.	Louisa G. Lowe.	28	—	—	Consumption.	Lafayette and Mary E. Braddock.
Apr. 6.	Amnon L. Lowe.	33	2	9	Consumption.	Chas. J. and Eliza A.
Apr. 16.	Susannah Morse.	67	4	15	Bright's Disease.	Samuel and Susanna Bradford.
June 11.	Hannah A. Brett.	44	7	19	Cancer.	John and Alvira Gammons.
June 14.	Caroline Wrigthington.	79	3	27	Old Age.	Benjamin and Mary.
July 17.	Philip Chase.	84	11	20	Dropsy.	Seth and Susan.
July 22.	Clarissa Woodward.	81	3	8	Heart Failure.	Adoniram and Clarissa.
Aug. 15.	Mary Wrigthington.	90	11	—	Exhaustion.	Benjamin and Mary.
Sept. 11.	Waldo O. Case.	—	8	—	Cholera Infantum.	James E. and Waitstill A.
Sept. 17.	Joseph B. Chase.	—	—	—	Typhoid Fever.	Hiram F. and Maria.
Oct. 1.	Sumner Atwood.	84	2	28	Heart Failure.	Nathaniel and Lydia.
Oct. 29.	Sarah B. Sherman.	54	4	14	Hemorrhage.	David and Sarah Pratt.
Nov. 4.	Caroline Pratt.	81	1	3	Heart Failure.	Ezra and Polly Faunce.
Nov. 18.	Stillman Ward.	77	8	22	Old Age.	Eliab and Elizabeth.
Nov. 19.	Marcus M. Tillson.	56	—	—	Abscess on Lung.	John and Susannah.
Dec. 9.	William Lawrence Sherrett.	31	3	—	Consumption.	Lewis and Mary T.
Dec. 22.	Andrew M. Bumpus.	80	9	13	Consumption of Lungs.	John and Mary.

ALBERT T. SHURTLEFF, Town Clerk.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Carver:—

The following report of your School Committee, for the year ending March 1st, 1891, is respectfully submitted. Your committee are not unmindful of the sacredness of the trust you committed to their care, and of the responsibility you laid upon them; and if they have failed to accomplish all that could be desired, they are conscious of a desire and purpose to be faithful to the interests committed to them.

We are glad to report that our schools, as a whole, have made creditable improvement during the year. The teachers have labored earnestly, and the scholars that have attended constantly, have made good progress.

In most of the schools there has been no change of teachers during the year; as it is not only desirable to secure, but also to retain good teachers.

There has been a change in some of the text books. The farmer and the mechanic can accomplish more with good than with poor tools. The farmer can do more and better work with the modern than with the plow our fathers used years ago. There has been as great improvement in the "tools" used in the school-room as on the farm or in the workshop; and we know of no good reason why the children in our schools should not have as good text-books as children in other places. The change has been made without great expense to the town, and its good results are being seen in the increased interest and better work done in the schools.

Some of the schoolhouses have been improved by paint and necessary needed repairs; and more in this line is sadly needed. It will not require a large outlay annually to put and keep our schoolhouses in good condition, so that they will be not only comfortable and convenient, but also attractive and a credit to the town.

We are glad to report an increase in the length of our schools. Last year they had thirty, this year thirty-two weeks.

We rejoice in the "Increased appropriation" for schools; it is a step in the right direction; and we would recommend that the appropriation be increased annually till our schools shall be able to have at least three terms of twelve weeks each, or thirty six weeks in the year.

Your committee would suggest for your consideration, and perhaps future action, whether it would not be better for the schools, and more economical, to discontinue some of them and transport the scholars to other schools.

There is one thing that is a great hindrance to the improvement and efficiency of our schools, and that is the "disinterestedness" or indifference of many parents in regard to the education of their children. They manifest little or no interest in their school, never visiting it, and for trivial excuses allow their children to be absent from school, thus causing an injury and loss both to their children and the school that cannot be easily estimated. From eight to fourteen is the lawful and golden age to gain the elements of a common school education, which those who make our laws seem so anxious every child in the Commonwealth should have. Parents who keep their children from school during these years — if they are physically able to attend — are inflicting an injury upon them that can never be repaired; it is a loss to the child that never can be made good. It is also a great wrong done to the community, to permit a child to grow up in ignorance when school privileges are so freely provided for all.

In this connection your committee would call special attention to an act of the legislature passed last winter, which is as follows: "Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years, shall annually cause such child to attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides, and such attendance shall continue for at least thirty weeks of the school year, if the schools are kept open that length of time, with an allowance of two weeks' time for absence not excused by the superintendent of schools, or the school committee, and for every neglect of such duty the person offending shall, upon the complaint of the school committee or any truant officer, forfeit to the use of the public schools of such city or town, a sum not exceeding twenty dollars; but if such child has attended for a like period of time a private day school, approved by the school committee of such city or town, or if such child has been otherwise instructed for a like period of time in the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or has already acquired the branches of learning required to be taught in the public schools, or his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impossible, such penalties shall not be incurred." -

At the annual town meeting \$150 was appropriated for a school at East Head, or for the transportation of the scholars to other schools, as might be deemed best. Mr. Job A. Turner generously provided a suitable building, and a teacher was employed. The whole number of scholars that have attended is six. The school has been in session thirty weeks, and as much was accomplished as could be expected under the circumstances.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Scholars neither absent nor tardy:—

School No. 1, Grammar, *Helen G. Cutter*, Teacher.

FIRST TERM.

Embert H. Eames,	Flora I. Eames,
Mabel H. Eames,	Helen P. King,
Loyd C. Robbins,	Nannie S. King.
Nellie W. Sherman.	

SECOND TERM.

Flora I. Eames,	Nellie W. Sherman.
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School No. 2, *Myra A. Shaw*, Teacher.

FIRST TERM.

Frankie F. Weston.

SECOND TERM.

Stephen S. Richards,	Harry F. Shurtleff.
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School No. 3, *Vesta B. Shaw*, Teacher.

FIRST TERM.

Sadie Cooke,	Gertrude Cornish.
Bertha Johnson,	Willie Cornish.

School No. 4, Grammar, *Charles L. Bates*, Teacher.

FIRST TERM.

Earnest G. Dunham,	Donald McFarlin.
Alice C. Tillson.	

SECOND TERM.

Flora W. Atwood,	E. Bernice Briggs,
Ernest G. Dunham,	Arthur H. Nickerson.

THIRD TERM.

Ernest G. Dunham,	Fannie S. Dunham.
Donald McFarlin.	

No. 4, Primary, *Lizzie M. Schouler*, Teacher.

FIRST TERM.

Susie Crocker.

SECOND TERM.

Susie Crocker,

Blanche Tillson.

THIRD TERM.

Harvey Swift,

Blanche Tillson.

School No. 5, *Rebecca W. Benson*, Teacher.

FIRST TERM.

Edna M. Lucas.

SECOND TERM.

Lillias Lewis,
James H. Peckham,

Clarence Hines,
Elmar Lewis.

School No. 8, *Sadie F. Atwood*, Teacher.

FIRST TERM.

Mercy B. Griffith,
Almon W. Harlow,
N. Frankie Atwood,

Marion Pratt,
Freddie Harlow,
Ellsworth Shaw.

SECOND TERM.

G. Gilbert Atwood, Teacher.

N. Frankie Atwood.

THIRD TERM.

Joseph Ingalls.

East Head School, *Orrie E. Clarke*, Teacher.

FIRST TERM.

Elmie C. Bump,

Lizzie J. Chase.

SECOND TERM.

Elmie C. Bump.

MONEY APPROPRIATED.

For use of schools the past year :—

Raised by taxation	\$1,500 00
Raised from State School Fund	207 57
Raised from Ellis Fund	160 00
Raised from Pratt Fund	100 00
Raised from dog tax	104 07
Raised from Town of Middleboro	23 98
Raised from N. F. Shurtleff	16 65
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	\$2,112 27

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' wages	\$2,004 00
Wood cutting, etc.	98 53
Cleaning	17 60
Janitors' services	45 00
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	\$2,165 13

N. LINCOLN,
E. H. CORNISH,
GUSTAVUS ATWOOD, } *School*
Committee.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	TERMS.	No. Weeks.	Wages per Week.	Visitors.	No. Pupils per Term.	Ave Membership per Term.	Ave Attendance per Term.	No. between 8 and 14 Years.	No. under 5 Years.	No. over 15 Years.	Ave. Membership for Year, Each Dist.	Ave. Membership for Year in Town.	Cost per Scholar.
No. 1, Gram.	Helen G. Cutter.	1	7	\$8.00	17	17	17.	16.4	13		1			
	M. A. Orr, L. W. Dove.	2	12	8.00	6	20	15.8	14.6	14		2	16.9		
	Lillian W. Dove.	3	13	8.00	10	20	18.	15.6	14		2			
No. 1, Prim.	Fannie G. Conroy.	1	11	7.00	28	16	16.	14.	10					
		2	11	7.00	4	26	23.	18.8	13				21.0	
		3	10	7.00	3	26	23.	15.8	13					
No. 2.	Myra A. Shaw.	1	12	7.50	7	12	9.9	8.6	5		1			
		2	9	7.50	4	17	15.	11.5	7	1			12.1	
		3	11	7.50	4	15	11.4	8.	7	1				
No. 3.	Vesta B. Shaw.	1	12	8.00	19	18	17.8	16.2	9		1			
		2	9	8.00	1	18	17.5	15.3	10		2		17.7	135.7
		3	11	8.00	9	18	18.	16.4	7	2				
No. 4, Gram.	Charles L. Bates.	1	12	9.00	28	26	22.3	19.4	19		5			
		2	9	10.00	3	23	20.8	19.7	15		5		20.7	
		3	11	10.00	13	21	19.1	17.4	14		5			
No. 4, Prim.	Lizzie M. Schouler.	1	12	7.00	17	27	19.1	17.	13					
		2	10	7.00	4	19	16.1	14.4	8				17.2	
		3	10	7.00	4	18	16.5	13.8	10					
No. 5.	Rebecca W. Benson.	1	11	8.00	6	19	16.	14.3	6		5			
		2	10	8.00	6	20	17.6	16.	5		6		17.4	
		3	11	8.00	4	19	18.5	14.5	9		9			
No. 8.	Sadie F. Atwood. G. Gilbert Atwood.	1	12	7.50	13	15	14.8	13.	9		0			
		2	9	7.50	7	11	10.	9.2	6		2		12.7	
		3	11	7.50	1	15	13.4	10.5	8		2			

