

*Orville H. Carver*

ANNUAL REPORT  
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# REPORT OF SELECTMEN AND OTHER TOWN OFFICERS.

## 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.

J. A. VAUGHAN, *Treasurer.*

DR.

Cash on hand March 1, 1897, . . . .	\$704.84
Received from State for burial of State paupers, . . . . .	15.00
Town of Middleboro, tuition of one scholar, one year, . . . . .	16.65
W. L. Chipman, clerk of 4th District Court, fines, . . . . .	40.00
Peleg McFarlin, Ellis school fund, . . . . .	190.00
Commission of Inspection of Animals, . . . . .	12.50
A. H. Griffith, sale of herrings, . . . . .	1.66
Rent of Town Hall, . . . . .	4.00
Sale of effects of H. C. Fryckman to James Lesse and W. Totman, . . . . .	8.75
A. C. Bradford, license to butcher, . . . . .	1.00
Corporation tax, . . . . .	604.25
National Bank tax, . . . . .	762.56
Military aid, . . . . .	48.00

State aid, . . . . .	353.00	
Town of Plymouth, aid for Mrs. Harlow, . . . . .	3.25	
William Savery, agent, money hired,	4,500.00	
Taxes collected, . . . . .	8,256.37	
Interest on delinquent taxes, . . . . .	122.16	
	<hr/>	\$15,643.99

## CR.

Paid for support of schools, . . . . .	\$1,842.11	
State aid, . . . . .	340.00	
Support of poor, . . . . .	1,865.90	
Incidental town expenses, . . . . .	1,341.22	
William Savery, agent, money hired,	4,500.00	
School books and incidentals, . . . . .	259.59	
Repairs of school houses, . . . . .	98.91	
Repairs of highways, . . . . .	1,469.37	
Removal of snow, . . . . .	410.86	
Repairs of bridges, . . . . .	71.58	
Cleaning and lighting town hall, . . . . .	2.86	
Town library, . . . . .	192.56	
Transportation of scholars, . . . . .	419.80	
County tax, . . . . .	1,258.57	
State tax, . . . . .	577.50	
Cash on hand, . . . . .	993.16	
	<hr/>	15,643.99

We the undersigned, subscribers, have this day audited the accounts of the Town Treasurer of Carver. We have carefully examined his record of receipts and expenditures, and compared his vouchers.

We have also examined his bank account of deposits, and checks drawn against the same, and we have counted the cash in the treasury. We find the Town Treasurer's accounts correct.

PELEG McFARLIN,  
EUGENE N. THAIN,

CARVER, Jan'y 15, 1898.

Auditors.

## SCHOOLS.

## DR.

To balance from 1896, . . . . .	\$719.53	
Appropriation of 1897, . . . . .	2,000.00	
Ellis school fund, app. to Dist. No. 4, . . . . .	190.00	
Town of Middleboro, tuition, . . . . .	16.65	
	<hr/>	\$2,926.18

## CR.

Paid E. B. Perkins, teaching, . . . . .	\$234.00	
Gertrude Sanborn, teaching, . . . . .	135.00	
Lucy W. Shaw, teaching, . . . . .	120.00	
Lydia W. Holmes, teaching, . . . . .	24.00	
Myra A. Shaw, teaching, . . . . .	243.00	
Vesta B. Shaw, teaching, . . . . .	243.00	
Mattie M. Bennett, teaching, . . . . .	120.00	
Helen E. Sleeper, teaching, . . . . .	189.50	
Anne E. Harris, teaching, . . . . .	96.00	
H. H. Rice, teaching, . . . . .	180.00	
Jennie M. Towne, teaching, . . . . .	108.00	
B. W. Robbins, wood, No. 1, . . . . .	16.80	
H. T. Maxim, wood, . . . . .	2.50	
Gustavus Atwood, wood, No. 6, . . . . .	19.60	
J. A. Vaughan, wood, No. 3, . . . . .	12.50	
J. A. Vaughan, wood, High School, . . . . .	12.70	
E. S. Lucas, wood, No. 5, . . . . .	12.03	
E. G. Cornish, labor on wood, . . . . .	1.08	
Cleaning school houses, . . . . .	16.00	
Janitors' services, . . . . .	56.40	
	<hr/>	\$1,842.11
Balance to new account, . . . . .		1,084.07
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		\$2,926.18



## POOR ACCOUNT.

## DR.

To appropriation of 1897, . . . . .	\$2,500.00	
Due from Plymouth, aid Mrs. Harlow, . . . . .	1.45	
Rec'd from Plymouth, aid Mrs. Harlow, . . . . .	3.25	
Rec'd from State, burial S. Chandler, . . . . .	15.00	
Due from the State, burial H. C. Fryckman, . . . . .	15.00	
Received from James Lesse and W. Totman, effects of H. C. Fryckman, . . . . .	8.75	
	————	\$2,543.45

## CR.

Paid Charles Lucas, support, . . . . .	\$132.00
John A. Coad, support, . . . . .	176.00
Benj. Dunham, support, . . . . .	154.00
Sarah Bumpus, support, . . . . .	176.00
Susan Robbins, aid, . . . . .	176.25
Sarah Washburn, aid, . . . . .	88.00
William Pratt, support, . . . . .	60.00
Wilson McFarlin, Taunton Lunatic Hospital, . . . . .	169.46
Arthur C. Sherman, Medfield Insane Asylum, . . . . .	146.00
Hosea A. Morse, Mass. School for Feeble-minded, . . . . .	85.42
J. B. Williams, care of tramps, . . . . .	11.00
G. E. Conwell, burial Fryckman, . . . . .	20.00
J. Burke, care Fryckman, . . . . .	1.50
J. F. Gaylord, med. att. Gardner Atwood, . . . . .	54.00
Dr. Brown, med. att. Gardner Atwood, . . . . .	100.00
E. N. Thompson, aid Mrs. Robery, . . . . .	52.00
J. W. Besse, aid Barney Lucas, . . . . .	104.00
Bourne, aid P. A. Shurtleff, . . . . .	15.50
Hannah Shurtleff, care Susan Robbins, . . . . .	9.50



Ellis Foundry Co., aid Mrs. Allen	
Stringer, . . . . .	2.00
T. T. Vaughan, wood, Wm. Pratt, .	9.75
T. T. Vaughan, aid Mrs. Harlow, .	2.70
L. E. Morse, making dress S. Bumpus,	1.12
F. A. Ward, clothing B. Dunham, .	1.50
F. A. Ward, clothing S. Robbins, .	1.45
City of Brockton, aid Mrs. J. P. Lucas,	32.50
Dr. G. F. Morse, med. att. S. Robbins,	12.75
Dr. G. F. Morse, med. att. S. Bumpus,	15.00
Dr. G. F. Morse, med. att. J. Coad, .	3.00
Dr. G. F. Morse, med. att. Wm. Pratt,	3.50
Dr. E. H. Cornish, med. att. B.	
Wrightington, . . . . .	7.00
Dr. E. H. Cornish, med. att. Ann	
Wrightington, . . . . .	4.00
Dr. E. H. Cornish, med. att. S. Wash-	
burn, . . . . .	20.00
Dr. E. H. Cornish, med. att. Mrs. N.	
Ryder, . . . . .	19.00
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	\$1,865.90
Overdrawn in 1896, . . . . .	226.42
Balance to new account, . . . . .	451.13
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	\$2,543.45

## STATE AID. CHAP. 301.

DR.

Due from the State, . . . . .	\$408.00
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CR.

Paid Lucy W. Fuller, . . . . .	\$40.00
Abby H. Eddy, . . . . .	40.00
Mary A. Shaw, . . . . .	40.00
P. Jane Barrows, . . . . .	20.00
Andrew W. Reed, . . . . .	40.00
John B. Hatch, . . . . .	40.00

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Nathaniel Ide, . . . . .	60.00	
Isaac Shaw, . . . . .	40.00	
James P. Parker, . . . . .	20.00	
	\$340.00	
Total disbursements, . . .	\$340.00	
Paid previous to March 1st, 1897, . . .	68.00	
	\$408.00	\$408.00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

DR.		
To Balance from 1895, . . . . .		\$100.56
CR.		
Balance to new account, . . . . .		\$100.56

INSURANCE ACCOUNT.

DR.		
To Balance from 1896, . . . . .		\$5.00
CR.		
Balance to new account, . . . . .		\$5.00

SCHOOL HOUSE DISTRICT No. 4.

DR.		
To Balance from 1896, . . . . .		\$9.95
CR.		
Balance to new account, . . . . .		\$9.95

SAVERY AVENUE.

DR.		
To Balance from 1893, . . . . .		\$16.59
CR.		
Balance to new account, . . . . .		\$16.59

## SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

DR.

To Balance from 1896, . . . . .	\$108.21
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CR.

Balance to new account, . . . . .	\$108.21
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## INCIDENTAL TOWN EXPENSES.

DR.

To Balance from 1896, . . . . .	\$8.49
Appropriation of 1897, . . . . .	1,200.00
Sale of herrings, . . . . .	1.66
W. L. Chipman, fines, . . . . .	40.00
Commission of Inspection of Animals, . . . . .	12.50
A. C. Bradford, license to butcher, . . . . .	1.00
William Savery, agent, loan, . . . . .	4,500.00
Corporation tax, . . . . .	604.25
National Bank tax, . . . . .	762.56
Interest on taxes, . . . . .	122.16
Overdrawn, . . . . .	424.67

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 \$7,677.29

CR.

Paid E. A. Lucas, posting warrant, . . . . .	\$4.00
H. S. Griffith, Town Clerk, 1896, . . . . .	35.00
H. S. Griffith, expenses, . . . . .	7.08
Wood & Tinkham, town reports, . . . . .	56.00
T. T. Vaughan, selectman, overseer of the poor and registrar of voters, 1896, . . . . .	47.00
T. T. Vaughan, express and stationery, . . . . .	1.35
F. A. Ward, same, 1896, . . . . .	85.50
F. A. Ward, car fare and expense, . . . . .	5.78
W. A. Tillson, same, 1896, . . . . .	52.35
J. A. Vaughan, treasurer and collector, . . . . .	173.26
Gustavus Atwood, school committee, 1896, . . . . .	34.70
E. S. Lucas, " " 1897, . . . . .	21.50
Geo. W. Southworth, assessors' books, . . . . .	1.80

E. H. Murdock, fire ward, . . .	7.25
E. T. Lincoln, constable, . . .	13.47
B. W. Robbins, fire ward, . . .	2.50
A. C. Chandler, fighting fire, . . .	1.00
F. A. Dimond, " " . . .	1.00
Augustus Boucher, " " . . .	1.20
Ellis Foundry Co., supplies at fire, . . .	1.00
Marcus Atwood, fire ward, . . .	20.90
Joseph Morris, " " . . .	111.88
F. H. Chase, " " . . .	.80
Gustavus Atwood, " " . . .	11.10
E. E. Shaw, " " . . .	8.40
F. E. Barrows and others, fighting fire, . . .	6.15
Peleg McFarlin, auditor, . . .	3.00
Alton H. Griffith, sale of herrings, . . .	
1895 and 1897, . . .	5.50
Town of Wareham, one half of the . . .	
expense of surveying town line, . . .	45.50
Thomas Groom, collector's book, . . .	2.25
E. H. Murdock, supt. of roads, . . .	63.97
T. T. Vaughan, assessor, . . .	38.75
W. A. Tillson, " . . .	39.25
F. A. Ward, " . . .	35.00
J. A. Vaughan, tax bills, . . .	2.40
E. A. Lucas, care Ira A. Dimond, . . .	7.14
G. F. Morse, returning deaths, . . .	1.50
E. W. Shaw, " " . . .	1.25
G. F. Morse, " births, . . .	1.50
E. B. Perkins, school committee, . . .	50.00
E. B. Perkins, purchasing agent, . . .	10.00
Gustavus Atwood, school committee, . . .	32.20
B. E. Barrows, " " . . .	27.00
E. B. Perkins, express, . . .	3.65
F. E. Crapo, constable, . . .	6.00
T. T. Vaughan, selectman, overseer of . . .	
the poor, and registrar of voters, . . .	45.25
W. A. Tillson, same, . . .	33.75

F. A. Ward, same, . . . . .	65.75
F. A. Ward, car and carriage fare, . . . . .	5.14
F. A. Ward, express, postage and stationery, . . . . .	3.50
W. Savery, agent, interest of loan, . . . . .	100.00

Total incidental town expenses, . . . . .	\$1,341.22
State tax, . . . . .	577.50
County tax, . . . . .	1,258.57
Loan, . . . . .	4,500.00

\$7,677.29

LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

DR.

To balance from 1896, . . . . .	\$12.65
Appropriation, 1897, . . . . .	200.00

\$212.65

CR.

Paid Lucy T. Atwood, librarian, . . . . .	\$12.50
Flora M. Hathaway, librarian, . . . . .	12.50
Lillian M. Vaughan, librarian, . . . . .	25.00
S. C. C. Finney, . . . . .	24.88
O. C. Book Bindery, . . . . .	4.90
DeWolfe Fiske & Co., . . . . .	112.78
Balance to new account, . . . . .	20.09

\$212.65

TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOLARS.

DR.

To appropriation, 1897, . . . . .	350.00
Overdrawn, . . . . .	80.95

\$430.95

CR.

Paid James Breach, . . . . .	\$15.00
J. B. Perkins, . . . . .	104.00
Jabez Benson, . . . . .	74.55
James M. Rogers, . . . . .	26.00

James P. Parker, . . . .	36.00
Geo. W. Atwood, . . . .	93.00
H. H. Gammons, . . . .	71.25
Overdrawn, 1896, . . . .	11.15
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\$430.95

## REPAIRS OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

DR.	
To balance from 1896, . . . .	\$34.81
Appropriation of 1897, . . . .	150.00
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\$184.81

CR.	
Paid E. S. Lucas, . . . .	\$6.97
E. H. Cornish, No. 3, . . . .	.90
W. H. H. Weston, stove pipe, . . . .	.35
A. Perkins, labor on pipe, . . . .	.50
Jesse F. Lucas, painting No. 5, . . . .	11.25
T. M. Cole, supplies No. 5, . . . .	9.45
J. E. Dunham, labor and material, . . . .	9.05
E. B. Atwood, . . . .	2.58
Charles H. More, labor, . . . .	1.00
Gustavus Atwood, repairs No. 6, . . . .	10.44
Gustavus Atwood, fitting High School room, . . . .	46.42
Balance to new account, . . . .	85.90
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\$184.81

## REPAIRS OF BRIDGES.

DR.	
To balance from 1896, . . . .	\$37.80
Appropriation, 1897, . . . .	50.00
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\$87.80

CR.	
Paid J. K. & B. Sears, lumber, . . . .	\$7.19
T. T. Vaughan, posts and rails, . . . .	9.00
E. H. Murdock, . . . .	55.39
Balance to new account, . . . .	16.22
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\$87.80

## SCHOOL BOOKS AND INCIDENTALS.

DR.

To appropriation of 1897, . . . . .	\$300.00
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CR.

Paid Boston School Supply Co., . . . . .	\$5.42	
J. L. Hammett & Co., . . . . .	12.55	
Warner School Book Co., . . . . .	10.56	
Ginn & Co., . . . . .	99.47	
American Book Co., . . . . .	72.01	
B. E. Barrows, supplies, . . . . .	.59	
Winthrop B. Jones, . . . . .	2.50	
E. B. Perkins, express, . . . . .	3.60	
E. B. Perkins, supplies, . . . . .	.80	
D. C. Heath & Co., . . . . .	19.00	
N. J. Bartlett & Co., . . . . .	7.50	
DeWolfe Fiske & Co., . . . . .	9.00	
C. K. Greer & Son, . . . . .	5.70	
Edw. E. Babb & Co., . . . . .	5.99	
H. L. Thatcher & Co., . . . . .	4.00	
F. E. Barrows, supplies, . . . . .	.90	
Overdrawn in 1896, . . . . .	25.71	
Balance to new account, . . . . .	14.70	
	<hr/>	\$300.00

## HIGHWAYS.

DR.

To appropriation, 1897, . . . . .	\$1,500.00
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CR.

Paid E. H. Murdock, . . . . .	\$1,458.27	
D. W. Lewis, drain pipe, . . . . .	8.55	
Harlow & Bailey, plow points, . . . . .	2.55	
Overdrawn in 1896, . . . . .	3.24	
Balance to new account, . . . . .	27.39	
	<hr/>	\$1,500.00



## REMOVAL OF SNOW.

## DR.

To balance from 1896, . . . . .	\$147.71	
Appropriation, 1897, . . . . .	250.00	
Overdrawn, . . . . .	13.15	
	<hr/>	\$410.86

## CR.

Paid E. H. Murdock, . . . . .	\$410.86
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## TOWN HOUSE.

## DR.

To rent of Town Hall. . . . .	\$4.00
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## CR.

Paid oil and sweeping Town Hall, . . . . .	\$1.86	
L. M. Vaughan, cleaning Town Hall, . . . . .	1.00	
Overdrawn in 1896, . . . . .	.21	
Balance to new account, . . . . .	.93	
	<hr/>	\$4.00

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF ROADS.

## Repairs of highways, 1897.

A. P. Thrasher, . . . . .	\$20.57
Wm. Bruce, . . . . .	6.81
Wm. Thomas, . . . . .	21.53
Wm. Reckord, . . . . .	1.65
Wm. T. Southworth, . . . . .	57.44
W. E. Vaughan, . . . . .	.96
E. Gardner, . . . . .	.50
Lucian Atwood, . . . . .	30.28
E. H. Murdock, and others, . . . . .	158.28
F. W. Shaw, and others, . . . . .	77.45
E. E. Shaw, and others, . . . . .	44.07
John Andrews, . . . . .	2.33
Thomas Gibbs, . . . . .	43.50

Frank Gibbs, . . . . .	30.75
Truman A. Tillson, . . . . .	39.75
Ellis Foundry Co., . . . . .	3.75
John Goodwin, . . . . .	50.97
Joseph Morris, . . . . .	10.50
Herbert Atwood, . . . . .	2.00
Edward Williamson, . . . . .	.75
Fred Dimond, . . . . .	.75
Geo. White, . . . . .	.75
Chas. King, . . . . .	51.01
Lloyd Robbins, . . . . .	47.65
Dennis Morse, . . . . .	29.61
J. C. Chandler, . . . . .	4.98
Embert Eams, . . . . .	36.29
Fred Chandler, . . . . .	4.65
Arnold Hammond, . . . . .	1.33
Ruben Braddock, . . . . .	4.50
John Braddock, . . . . .	3.00
Geo. B. Washburn, . . . . .	79.90
Joseph Ingalls, . . . . .	38.11
Miss M. McFarlin, gravel, . . . . .	3.00
Frank Stanly, . . . . .	5.50
Ichabod Shurtleff, . . . . .	10.00
Ernest Dunham, . . . . .	2.33
Benj. Wrightington, . . . . .	9.67
Edward Swift, . . . . .	1.50
Chas. Perkins, . . . . .	7.50
Frank Chase, . . . . .	7.50
John F. Shaw, and others, . . . . .	97.00
Wm. Gibbs, . . . . .	6.11
W. C. Richards, gravel, . . . . .	1.50
Andrew Stringer, . . . . .	16.00
John Bauchette, . . . . .	15.17
— Barker, . . . . .	14.15
James —, . . . . .	13.67
R. L. Richards, . . . . .	1.75
Eli Thomas, . . . . .	3.25

Benj. W. Robbins, . . . . .	28.14
Chas. Ross, . . . . .	1.37
Drain pipe, . . . . .	8.55
Z. A. Tillson, and others, . . . . .	48.87
Harlow & Bailey, plow points, . . . . .	2.55
Alfred Shaw, gravel, . . . . .	1.26
Thomas Weston, gravel, . . . . .	3.00
M. H. Cushing & Co., cement, . . . . .	1.60
Mrs. O. Leonard, gravel, . . . . .	2.91
Nelson Sherman, gravel, . . . . .	3.36
Chas. Cornell, gravel, . . . . .	7.00
Horace Robbins, gravel, . . . . .	2.12
Geo. W. Thomas, and others, . . . . .	66.13
J. E. Vaughan, . . . . .	15.50
Herbert Thurston, . . . . .	21.38
Geo. Swan, . . . . .	16.50
J. M. Nothern, . . . . .	12.00
F. E. Barrows, . . . . .	6.36
M. Minnaham, . . . . .	1.50
Lot S. Lucas, gravel, . . . . .	1.32
T. T. Vaughan, and others, . . . . .	95.98

## SNOW ACCOUNT.

Removal of snow from highways, 1897.

Z. A. Tillson, . . . . .	\$16.45
J. A. Vaughan, . . . . .	1.00
S. C. C. Finney, . . . . .	2.50
Geo. B. Washburn, . . . . .	36.54
Alton Chandler, . . . . .	59.75
Joseph Morris, . . . . .	21.65
Jabez Benson, . . . . .	16.00
Geo. W. Thomas, . . . . .	32.79
Lloyd Robbins, . . . . .	32.35
T. T. Vaughan, . . . . .	14.70
J. E. Vaughan, . . . . .	10.20

F. W. Shaw, . . . . .	23.19
Benj. W. Robbins, . . . . .	35.80
O. L. Shurtleff, . . . . .	5.10
E. E. Shaw, . . . . .	19.62
John F. Shaw, . . . . .	20.12
P. J. Holmes, . . . . .	10.10
E. H. Murdock, . . . . .	16.80
F. E. Barrows, . . . . .	6.20
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	\$410.86

## REPAIRS OF BRIDGES.

J. K. & B. Sears, for lumber and nails, . . . . .	\$7.19
Repairs on Quittacus Bridge, . . . . .	5.60
Repairs on bridge by A. Lincoln, . . . . .	3.00
T. T. Vaughan for posts and rails, . . . . .	9.00
Lengthening stone bridge at Quittacus, . . . . .	35.79
Underground drain at Furnace Village, . . . . .	10.50
Repairs on Dunham's Bridge, . . . . .	.50
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	\$71.58

## COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

J. A. VAUGHAN, *Collector.*

DR.

1897.

March 1. To uncollected tax of 1879, . . . . . \$82.29

CR.

1898.

Jan. 1. Still uncollected, . . . . . \$82.29

DR.

1897.

March 1. To uncollected taxes, bills of 1892, . . . . . \$29.29

## CR.

1898.

Jan. 1.	By part of Z. Leonard tax abated,	\$1.05	
	Amount collected, . . .	1.31	
	Amount uncollected, . . .	26.93	
		<hr/>	\$29.29

## DR.

1897.

March 1.	To uncollected taxes, bills of 1893,		\$80.02
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## CR.

1898.

Jan. 1.	By part of Z. Leonard tax abated,	\$1.00	
	Levi Ransom, tax abated, . . .	.15	
	Amount collected, . . .	35.00	
	Amount uncollected, . . .	43.87	
		<hr/>	\$80.02

## DR.

1897.

March 1.	To uncollected taxes, bills of 1894,		\$268.17
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## CR.

1898.

Jan. 1.	By amount collected, . . .	\$162.10	
	Amount uncollected, . . .	106.07	
		<hr/>	\$268.17

## DR.

1897.

March 1.	To uncollected taxes, bills of 1895,		\$938.75
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## CR.

1898.

Jan. 1.	By tax of Eugene B. Cole abated,	\$2.00	
	Amount collected, . . .	543.00	
	Amount uncollected, . . .	393.75	
		<hr/>	\$938.75

DR.

1897.

March 1.	To uncollected taxes, bills of 1896,		\$1,736.59
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CR.

1898.

Jan. 1.	By part of tax of Warren S.		
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Bumpus, abated,		\$1.75	
Amount collected,		927.32	
Amount uncollected,		807.52	

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 \$1,736.59

DR.

1897.

March 1.	To amount of taxes, bills of 1897,		\$8,845.68
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CR.

1898.

Jan. 1.	By amount collected,		\$6,587.64
	Amount uncollected,		2,258.04

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 \$8,845.68

## TOWN LIABILITIES.

Poor bills, estimated,		\$350.00
All other demands, estimated,		250.00
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		\$600.00

Assets over liabilities,		4,724.63
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 \$5,324.63

## ASSETS.

Cash in the treasury,		\$993.16
Due from the State, Chap. 301,		408.00
Due from the State, burial Fryckman,		15.00
Ellis school fund,		190.00
Uncollected taxes of 1879,		82.29
Uncollected taxes of 1892,		26.93
Uncollected taxes of 1893,		43.87
Uncollected taxes of 1894,		106.07

Uncollected taxes of 1895,	. . .	393.75	
Uncollected taxes of 1896,	. . .	807.52	
Uncollected taxes of 1897,	. . .	<u>2,258.04</u>	\$5,324.63

### APPROPRIATIONS, 1898.

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

Support of poor,	. . . . .	\$2,000.00
Support of schools,	. . . . .	1,500.00
Repairs of highways,	. . . . .	1,500.00
Repairs of bridges,	. . . . .	100.00
Repairs of school houses,	. . . . .	100.00
School books and incidentals,	. . . . .	300.00
Soldiers' relief,	. . . . .	—
Town incidentals,	. . . . .	1,200.00
Removal of snow, highways,	. . . . .	250.00
Transportation of scholars,	. . . . .	800.00
Library,	. . . . .	—



## LIST OF JURORS.

The following list of Jurors is presented for your revision and acceptance :

Benjamin W. Robbins,	. . . . .	Farmer.
Frederic Anderson,	. . . . .	Moulder.
Frank H. Shaw,	. . . . .	Coachman.
E. Watson Shaw,	. . . . .	Farmer.
George W. Atwood,	. . . . .	Farmer.
Ellis G. Cornish,	. . . . .	Laborer.
Alfred M. Shaw,	. . . . .	Cranberry Grower.
N. Frank Manter,	. . . . .	Carpenter.
Samuel B. Gibbs,	. . . . .	Farmer.
Roswell Shurtleff,	. . . . .	Trader.
Jesse F. Lucas,	. . . . .	Painter.
T. T. Vaughan,	. . . . .	Box board manufacturer.
Charles H. Atwood,	. . . . .	Laborer.
Edward C. Shaw,	. . . . .	Sawyer.
E. N. Thain,	. . . . .	Box board manufacturer.
John S. Atwood,	. . . . .	Laborer.

## ASSESSORS' STATISTICS.

### RAISED BY TAXATION, 1897.

Support of Poor, . . . . .	\$2,500.00
Support of Schools, . . . . .	2,000.00
Highways, . . . . .	1,500.00
Bridges, . . . . .	50.00
Schoolhouse repairs, . . . . .	150.00
School books and incidentals, . . . . .	300.00
Town incidentals, . . . . .	1,200.00
Removal of snow, . . . . .	250.00
Transportation of scholars, . . . . .	350.00
Library, . . . . .	200.00
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	\$8,500.00
State tax, . . . . .	577.50
County tax, . . . . .	1,258.57
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	\$10,336.07
Deduct estimated bank and corporation tax, . . . . .	1,550.00
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	\$8,786.07
Overlay, . . . . .	69.71
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	\$8,855.78
Value of personal estate, . . . . .	\$164,610.00
Value of real estate, . . . . .	660,695.00
Value of buildings, . . . . .	\$172,535
Value of land, . . . . .	488,160

Tax rate per \$1,000, . . . . .	\$10.10
Poll tax, . . . . .	2.00
Number of polls, . . . . .	251
Number of persons taxed, . . . . .	608
On poll only, . . . . .	63
On property, . . . . .	545
Number of horses, . . . . .	210
Number of cows, . . . . .	123
Number of cattle other than cows, . . . . .	41
Number of shotes, . . . . .	33
Number of sheep, . . . . .	7
Number of dwelling houses, . . . . .	319
Number of acres of land, . . . . .	20,292
Number of acres cranberry bog, . . . . .	1,073

FRED A. WARD,  
T. T. VAUGHAN,  
W. A. TILLSON,

*Selectmen of Carver.*

## TOWN MEETING.

Contents of Warrant for Town Meeting to be held at the Town House on Monday, the seventh day of March next, at nine o'clock A. M.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To see if the town will accept the jury list as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. 3. To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen and other town officers.

ART. 4. To choose all necessary town officers.

ART. 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To determine the compensation for labor on the highway.

ART. 7. To decide when taxes shall become due and whether any interest shall be charged after a certain date.

ART. 8. To see what pay the town will vote the Treasurer and Collector for the ensuing year.

ART. 9. 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. 10. To see if the town will vote to make the yards of field drivers town pounds, provided they also be chosen pound-keepers.

ART. 11. To bring in their ballots, "Yes" or "No," upon the question, Shall licenses be granted in the town for the sale of intoxicating liquors?

F. A. WARD,  
T. T. VAUGHAN,  
W. A. TILLSON,

*Selectmen of Carver.*

## REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

RECORD OF TOWN MEETING, MARCH 29, 1897.

Meeting called to order and warrant read by Town Clerk at nine o'clock. George P. Lincoln and Orlando P. Griffith appointed tellers and sworn.

For Moderator: Seth C. C. Finney had twenty-five votes. Declared elected.

The following list of Jurymen as proposed by the Selectmen was accepted: Benjamin W. Robbins, Stewart H. Pink, Allerton L. Shurtleff, E. H. Murdock, Wm. M. Shaw, Frederick Anderson, John A. Winberg, Frank H. Shaw, E. Watson Shaw, George W. Atwood, Ellis G. Cornish, Alfred M. Shaw, N. Frank Manter, Samuel B. Gibbs, Roswell Shurtleff, Jesse F. Lucas.

Voted to publish minutes of annual town meeting in town report.

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen and other town officers.

Voted that Selectmen be the Assessors.

Voted that the Treasurer be also chosen Collector.

For Town Clerk: Henry S. Griffith had 36 votes, James A. Vaughan 1 vote, blanks 3. Henry S. Griffith declared elected and sworn.

For Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor: Fred. A. Ward had 42 votes, T. T. Vaughan had 74 votes, W. A. Tillson had 73 votes, Seth C. C. Finney had 34 votes, A. T. Shurtleff had 1 vote, Henry S. Griffith had 1 vote. Fred. A. Ward, T. T. Vaughan and W. A. Tillson declared elected and sworn; also took special oath of Assessors.

For Treasurer and Collector: James A. Vaughan had 34 votes, W. S. McFarlin had 1 vote. James A. Vaughan declared elected and sworn.

For School Committee, 3 years: Mrs. Bernice E. Barrows had 67 votes, Eben S. Lucas had 17 votes, Mrs. A. T. Shurtleff had 2 votes. Mrs. Bernice E. Barrows declared elected.

For Library Trustee for 3 years: Henry S. Griffith had 24 votes, Elmer B. Perkins had 1 vote. Henry S. Griffith declared elected.

For Auditors (2): Peleg McFarlin had 8 votes, E. E. Shaw had 2 votes, Seth C. C. Finney had 3 votes, A. T. Shurtleff had 3 votes. Peleg McFarlin declared elected. Other candidates declared disqualified through holding other town offices.

Second vote for Auditor: E. E. Shaw had 2 votes, E. N. Thain had 7 votes, Gustavus Atwood had 1 vote, A. T. Shurtleff had 1 vote, Henry S. Griffith had 1 vote, O. L. Shurtleff had 2 votes. E. N. Thain declared elected.

For Constables: S. B. Briggs had 42 votes, Geo. I. Johnson had 37 votes, F. E. Crapo had 37 votes, E. A. Lucas had 30 votes, E. E. Gardner had 39 votes, Frank Stanly had 2 votes, T. M. Southworth had 2 votes, Fred. W. Shaw had 1 vote, John B. Hatch had 1 vote, Geo. P. Lincoln had 1 vote. S. B. Briggs, F. E. Crapo, E. A. Lucas declared elected and sworn. Geo. I. Johnson and E. E. Gardner were excused by vote.

Second ballot for constables (2): Geo. P. Lincoln had 16 votes, Wm. M. Shaw had 16 votes, J. M. Cobb had 4 votes, W. F. Stanly had 3 votes, P. M. Swan had 1 vote, James Thomas had 2 votes, H. F. Atwood had 1 vote, A. Hammond had 1 vote, A. H. Wade had 1 vote, Geo. Appling had 1 vote, Fred. W. Shaw had 2 votes, John E. Atwood had 1 vote. Geo. P. Lincoln and Wm. M. Shaw declared elected.

Chose the following officers by vive voce vote:

Field Drivers and Pound Keepers: W. L. Pratt, S. B. Briggs,\* Gustavus Atwood.\*

Fence Viewers: P. J. Holmes,\* Chas. Cornell.\*

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood: Marcus Atwood,\* P. J. Holmes,\* S. F. McFarlin,\* Seth C. C. Finney.\*

Motion to suspend rules and take up Articles XII and XIII of the Warrant carried.

\* Sworn.

Motion that the School Committee be authorized to establish a High School, carried by a vote of 45 to 28.

Recess of thirty minutes declared at 12.10.

Meeting called to order at 12.40.

Motion to use Town Hall for school purposes, carried by vote of 26 to 17.

Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money :

Support of Schools, . . . . .	\$2,000.00
Support of Poor, . . . . .	2,500.00
Repairs of Highways, . . . . .	1,500.00
Repairs of Bridges, . . . . .	50.00
Repairs of Schoolhouses, . . . . .	150.00
School books and Incidentals, . . . . .	300.00
Soldiers' Relief (Chap. 447). (Surplus unexpended).	
Town Incidentals, . . . . .	1,200.00
Removal of Snow, . . . . .	250.00
Transportation of Scholars, . . . . .	350.00
Public Library, . . . . .	200.00

Voted to suspend rules and act on Art. XI of the Warrant.

Vote as declared by the Moderator on the question: "Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale of intoxicating liquors?" Yes, 13; No, 65.

Voted that compensation for labor on the highways be same as last year.

Voted that taxes become due November 1, with interest at 6 per cent. after that date.

Voted that the pay of the Treasurer and Collector be the same as last year.

Voted that the Treasurer be instructed to hire money, under the direction of the Selectmen, in anticipation of taxes.

Voted that the yards of field drivers be town pounds.

Voted to pay James Breach fifteen dollars for conveying the school children last year to make it the same as this year's prices.

Voted that the books of the town be closed December 31st, so that the annual town meeting be called the first Monday in March.

Voted that town officers be authorized to expend money during the months of January and February pro rata.



Voted to accept the report of the committee on the regulation of wagon tires.

Ruled by the Moderator that the acceptance of above report did not establish any town by-laws.

Voted to adjourn.

A True Record:

HENRY S. GRIFFITH,

*Clerk of Carver.*

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN CARVER DURING 1897.

- Jan. 6. Arthur C. Perkins of Plympton and Cordelia F. Shurtleff.  
 March 3. Herbert F. Atwood and Lucy T. Shurtleff.  
 April 7. James B. Braddock and Elva L. Richards.  
 May 8. Frank E. Raymond of Plympton and Florence L. Shurtleff.  
 June 12. William L. White of Pembroke and Hattie M. Houdlett of Middleboro.  
 Sept. 14. Geo. M. Garney and Gertrude Sanborn of Hyde Park.  
 Sept. 19. Henry E. Appling and Cora M. Bruce.  
 Nov. 24. Henry A. Kelley and Rebecca Benson.  
 Dec. 29. Walter H. Cassidy and Mabel E. Shaw.

DOGS LICENSED IN 1897.

Males,	.	81
Females,	.	7
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Total,	.	88

DEATHS RECORDED IN CARVER DURING 1897.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.		PLACE OF BIRTH.	CAUSE.	PARENTS.
		Y.	M. D.			
Jan. 10	Harriet Breach.	59	3 11	Wareham.	Melanosis of Liver.	Eliah Benson and Joan (Westgate).
Jan. 28	Mary A. Tillson.	65	5 28	Carver.	Consumption.	Ebenezer Atwood and Waitstill (Lucas).
Mar. 2	Lillis B. Crapo.	66	2 6	Dunby, Vt.	Heart Failure.	Jeremiah Conger and Rhoda (Phillips).
Mar. 6	Asaph Washburn.	9.	1 6	Carver.	Old Age.	Asaph and Mary (Barrows).
Mar. 8	Luther Barnes.	83	4 4	Bridgewater.	Abdominal Tumor & Bronchitis.	Josiah and Rebecca (Noyes).
Mar. 12	Sibilla Atwood.	88	4 5	Carver.	Exhaustion—La Grippe.	Benj. Ward and Hannah (Atwood).
Apr. 5	Thomas B. Griffith.	73	3 23	Carver.	Tumor of Brain.	Ellis and Lucy B. (Bent).
Apr. 5	Thomas E. Griffith.	—	3 23	Carver.	Congenital Malformation.	Alonzo D. and Bessie M. (Gammoms).
May 8	B. Alfred Fryckman.	40	— 3	Sweden.	Pleuritic Fever.	Joseph and Hannah (Gilbert).
May 24	Wm. G. Turner.	83	1 3	Leeds, Me.	Heart Disease.	J. M. Jefferson and Annie M. (Ellis).
June 11	Grace C. Bisbee.	21	5 4	Middleboro.	Blood Poison.	Nehemiah and Mehtable (Edson).
June 21	Nehemiah Lincoln.	72	11 —	Brockton.	Hemorrhage.	Francis F. and Phebe (Savery).
June 25	Edward F. Paulding.	52	3 1	Carver.	Lockjaw.	W. G. and Zilpha (Clayton).
July 11	Erastus L. Grafam.	91	4 —	Duxbury.	Necrosis of Femur.	Ebenezer Dunham and Priscilla (Morton).
Aug. 18	Fannie Barrows.	21	7 1	Carver.	Paralysis.	S. N. Gammoms and Deborah (Thomas).
Aug. 28	Lydia F. Atwood.	60	10 —	Middleboro.	Cholera Infantum.	Joseph and Mary (—).
Sept. 5	Mary Sylvia.	—	2 16	Carver.	Cerebral Hemorrhage.	Barzilla and Eunice (Fauce).
Sept. 18	Ezra Vaughan.	69	6 21	Carver.	Cerebral Hemorrhage.	Benjamin and Keshah (Pratt).
Oct. 24	Chas. H. Chace.	55	10 2	Carver.	Diabetes.	Ephraim Griffith and Sophronia (Briggs).
Nov. 10	Lucy A. Harlow.	71	9 12	Carver.	Heart Failure.	Luther and Lydia (—).
Nov. 19	Eli Atwood.	56	9 16	Carver.	Pneumonia.	Andrew B. and Calista (Vaughan).
Nov. 24	Sarah A. Sherman.	56	9 16	Wareham.	Peritonitis.	Bernard Conroy and Mary (McCormack).
Nov. 26	Mary A. Lincoln.	42	— 4	Carver.	—	Moses Chace and Phebe (—).
Dec. 20	Phebe A. Brooks.	32	4 4	Tiverton.	—	Cephas and Susanna E. (Bradford).
Dec. 25	Mercy Anna Morse.	70	7 13	Middleboro.	Typhoid Pneumonia.	Isalah Wilbur and (—) (Williams).
Dec. 25	Sarah Ryder.	88	9 —	Rayham.	Phtisis Pulmonalis.	Hezekiah Cole and Lucy (Bradford).
Dec. 29	Margaret T. Ransom.	71	— 5	Carver.	Pneumonia.	—

## BIRTHS

RECORDED IN CARVER DURING 1897.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS.
Mar. 10,	Angus Lincoln Parker,	John and Lizzie O. (Black).
April 2,	Ivan Wesley Case,	James E. and Waitstill A. (Tillson).
May 17,	Curtis Leroy Hudson,	Frank W. and Edith L. (Hall).
May 19,	Frank Ellsworth Drew,	Cornelius and Mary F. (Dixon),
May 21,	Mary Ardelia Bradford,	C. A. and Laura A. (Braddock).
May 31,	Donald Hector Bailey,	H. Robert and Mary A. (McLean).
June 10,	Edwin Eugene Bisbee,	L. Eugene and Grace C. (Jefferson),
June 20,	Esther Coleman Raymond,	Frank A. and Ruth (Thomas).
June 24,	Clarence Nelson Garnett,	Nelson and Louise (Wilkinson).
July 1,	Frederick Otis Bruce,	William E. and Alice (Smith).
July 5,	Forest Barrows Perkins,	Elmer B. and Flora M. (Atwood).
July 8,	Ruth Helena Jones,	Ernest P. and Edith M. (Griswold).
July 16,	Rodney Norwood Griffith,	Henry S. and Helen A. (Tillson).
Sept. 8,	Roy Franklin Atwood,	Herbert F. and Lucy T. (Shurtleff).
Sept. 13,	Solon Franklin Wrightington,	Joseph E. and Mabel D. (Shurtleff).
Oct. 6,	Joseph Fred Yockles,	Fred and Marie (Biladeau).
Oct. 22,	Florence Evelyn Stringer,	Wm. F. and Sophia A. (Stringer).
Nov. 10,	George Allen Braddock,	W. Reuben and Martha M. (Parker).
Nov. 17,	Lewis Arthur Lincoln,	Alfred F. and Mary A. (Conroy).
Dec. 11,	—— Larkin,	Anthony P. and Hannah N. (McKay).
Dec. 20,	Stella Edith White,	George E. and Eva L. (Merritt).
Dec. 25,	Freeman Thomas Shaw,	Henry F. and Eunice T. (Smith).

The attention of the citizens of Carver is called to Chap. 444, Acts of 1897, relative to the return of births and deaths, which went into effect Jan. 1st of the present year. By this law much responsibility is placed upon physicians, midwives, parents, etc., and it is desirable that all the people should make themselves familiar with its provisions. I quote but three sections.

“SEC. 3. Physicians and midwives shall on or before the fifth day of each month report to the clerk of each city or town a correct list of all children born therein during the month next preceding, at whose birth they were present, stating the date and place of each birth, the name of the child if it has any, the sex and color of the child, the name, place of birth, and residence of the parents, the maiden name of the mother, and the occupation of the father. If the child is illegitimate, the name of the father shall not be stated unless at the joint request in writing of both father and mother, which request shall be filed with the returns of births.” \* \* \* \*

“SEC. 6. Parents shall within forty days after the birth of a child give notice thereof or cause such notice to be given to the clerk of the city or town in which such child is born. Every householder shall within forty days after the date of a birth occurring in his house, give notice thereof or cause such notice to be given to the clerk of the city or town in which he resides; and he shall also within five days after the date of a death occurring in his house, give notice thereof or cause such notice to be given to the Board of Health other than the Selectmen, or if there is no such board, to the clerk of such city or town.”

“The oldest person next of kin present at the time of the death of any of his kindred in the city or town in which such death occurs shall, within five days thereafter, give notice thereof or cause such notice to be given \* \* \* \* to the clerk of such city or town.”

“SEC. 8. Any parent, keeper, superintendent or other person required by Sec. 6 of this act to give, or cause to be given, notice of a birth or death, who neglects to give the required notice or cause the same to be given, for ten days after it is due, shall for each offence forfeit not exceeding five dollars” \* \* \* \*

In accordance with Section 17 of Chap. 444, public notice is hereby given that I am prepared to furnish blanks for the returns of births and deaths to such as may require them.

HENRY S. GRIFFITH,

*Clerk of Carver.*

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

*To the Citizens of Carver:—*

As the revolving year comes round, your committee are reminded of their obligation to report to you the condition of our schools, and their labors connected therewith.

We realize that the responsibilities of our office are great, and have tried to exercise good judgment in the work you have committed to us.

You are not unmindful of the increased work and responsibility you have laid upon the committee in authorizing them to establish a High School in town. We would say that we have not been reluctant in discharging these additional duties, but have been much interested in doing all we could to make an auspicious beginning in High School work.

All who have visited the school or have had an opportunity to become acquainted with its work, will, we believe, be in sympathy with us when we say that the first term has been a success, and bespeaks for the school a bright future. The interest and desire to improve its privileges on the part of the pupils are clearly manifest by their good attendance and work. This favorable condition is due in no small degree to the faithful work of the principal, Mr. Rice, a man who impressed us favorably the first time we interviewed him, and whose record proved to be satisfactory. Your committee have visited the school quite frequently and have tried to keep in touch with the work in the different branches taught, and thus far have seen much to commend and little to criticise.

The old text-books have been used as far as practicable and thus expense curtailed in this direction. The only new books purchased for the first term are Beginners' Latin Books, English Histories, English Classics, and Music Books, besides some reference books which were bought second-hand at a great reduction

in price. It is our aim in the matter of text-books to get the latest and best in the market; for they cost no more, and much better work can be done by using them, as teachers can testify. We are glad to note that our schools are gradually improving in this respect.

Instead of buying new seats and desks for the High School building, which seemed desirable, we took ten of each from each of the schoolhouses in districts 2 and 8 and had them cleaned and varnished. This saved quite a bill of expense and they will answer for a while very well. Boards were purchased and painted for blackboards, which are good enough. Maps were taken from the schoolhouses vacated.

The outbuilding at No. 8 which was in a decaying condition and of service to no one, we thought judicious to move and repair instead of laying out money to build a new one. It looks fairly well and answers our purpose. Thus in equipping our new High School we have tried to work economically for the interests of the town in this grand enterprise.

The Pope's Point school has been discontinued and the scholars conveyed to the Centre. In this district the scholars are scattered and the attendance has always been irregular and small. Transportation increases the attendance and gives the scholars better advantages without increase of expenditure. This movement to consolidate the schools in sparsely settled districts is in operation in various parts of the State, as we learn from the last Annual Report of the State Board of Education, and those who have tried the experiment are, so far as we know, unanimous in their testimony that they can employ better teachers, increase the attendance, and thus accomplish better results for the same outlay of money. We think that none of our fellow-citizens who are interested in school work, and have good judgment concerning the same, will censure us for this step we have taken to consolidate our schools, as we have been to no additional expense, and our sole purpose is to benefit the children, and give them all equal privileges.

The Centre School, consequently, has been increased in membership, but the new teacher, Miss Towne, whom we engaged for



this school, has been successful in building it up, notwithstanding the increased number, so that a decided improvement can be seen, especially in the discipline.

On account of the resignation of Miss Bennett, a vacancy occurred at the South Primary and was filled by Miss Harris of Weymouth, a teacher who we think is conscientious and desirous to succeed. To this end she is glad to have her work criticised and is ready to receive suggestions. A spirit we wish all teachers would cherish.

Our schools are not in some respects all that we wish them to be, but the outlook for the future is more encouraging than ever before; for if our High School is maintained, it will give us a grand opportunity to make out a course of study and have a graded system.

All should be in favor of raising our schools to a higher standard of excellence. It should be considered a matter of vital interest to the town.

We are glad to be able to say that already there is a stimulus manifested in our schools that has never been so apparent heretofore, and which is not difficult to explain.

Your committee sincerely hope that you will continue to make liberal appropriations for schools, and that our town will soon be able to give her young people as good educational advantages as the state provides.

The only new text-book that has been introduced the past year is *The Natural Elementary Geography*, the latest book that has appeared on the subject, and we think the best. It is in accord with the most modern methods of teaching geography and takes with the teachers.

The schoolhouse at East Carver has received two coats of paint, a sink has been furnished, the floor patched, and woodshed repaired.

The Centre schoolhouse has been made more cheerful and attractive by whitewashing the ceiling and papering the walls.

By changing our fiscal year, our schools have been in session only two terms or twenty-seven weeks, except the schools at the North, which have had only twenty-six; therefore it has not been necessary to exhaust our appropriations, with one exception, that is

the transportation appropriation. And what has been spent in this way is not wholly an additional expense, for the running expenses of the Pope's Point school have been saved; but you plainly see that in order to give the scholars the privileges they now enjoy, there must be an increase in this appropriation the ensuing year.

Last year the sum raised and appropriated was \$350; we recommend this year an increase of \$150 besides the amount usually expended to run the school at Pope's Point, which is about \$300. This you see will bring the appropriation up to \$800, but will diminish the appropriation for schools \$300. So in reality the transportation expenditure will be only \$500 as an additional outlay.

This seems like a large sum for a small town and we wish we were more favorably situated geographically, but so long as these facilities are improved and appreciated, and good schools are maintained, it seems to us that it is an investment that will yield good returns to the town. It is almost needless to say that transportation is not only a benefit to those scholars living at a distance, but also to those who need no conveyance, since the number of classes is greatly reduced, and the teachers enabled to work to better advantage by having a longer period for each recitation. But it would be impossible and undesirable to transport all of our scholars. There must be a limit somewhere. And your committee have fixed this limit at two miles in summer and one and a half miles in winter. Those living within these limits are to get to school themselves.

There are some, we fear, that think since there is a team on the road it should pass right by the door, but it is evident that all cannot be thus favored. And we are in sympathy with the sentiment that we have heard not unfrequently, that if scholars are not interested enough in their school to walk a reasonable distance, they would not derive very great benefits from attending. It is evident that in order to maintain a High School in town provision must be made for the transportation of scholars, which we believe they have appreciated by their regular attendance.

In closing this part of our report, we wish to congratulate you

on the decision made in favor of a High School which at present seems promising, and you are to be commended for the liberal appropriations for conveying scholars and for schools. We sincerely hope that this spirit of generosity toward these worthy objects will ever be fostered in our town.

### SCHOOL STATISTICS.

	Enroll.	Av. Mem.	Av. Att.
High School,	19	17.50	17.15
No. 1 Grammar,	20	18.93	16.51
No. 1 Primary,	35	27.69	24.46
No. 2 Mixed,	12	11.52	9.98
No. 3 Mixed,	33	31.14	28.51
No. 4 Grammar,	20	16.4	15.5
No. 4 Primary,	38	29.37	27.67
No. 5 Mixed,	31	21.25	17.61

Whole number of scholars enrolled, 192.

Average membership, 173.80—90 per cent.

Average attendance, 157.39—90 per cent.

No. of scholars in town May 1 between 5 and 15 years, 165.

No. of scholars in town May 1 between 8 and 14 years, 105.

No. attending under 5, 2.

No. attending over 15, 17.

Cost per scholar, \$14.27.

### SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS.

To balance from 1896,	\$719.53
Amount raised by tax,	2,000.00

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\$2,719.53

CR.

Expenditures:

By teachers' salaries,	\$1,692.50
Fuel account,	77.21
Janitors' bills and cleaning,	72.40
Balance to new account,	\$877.42
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	\$2,719.53

## TEXT-BOOKS AND INCIDENTALS.

To amount raised by tax, . . . . .	\$300.00
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By amount overdrawn, bills 1896, . . . . .	\$25.71
Cash for books and supplies, . . . . .	259.59
Balance to new account, . . . . .	14.70
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	\$300.00

## REPAIRS OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

To amount, balance 1896, . . . . .	\$34.81
Amount raised by tax, . . . . .	150.00

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\$184.81

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By amount paid for labor and stock, . . . . .	\$98.91
Balance to new account, . . . . .	85.90
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	\$184.81

## TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT.

To amount raised by tax, . . . . .	\$350.00
Amount overdrawn bills, . . . . .	80.95
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	\$430.95

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By amount overdrawn bills, 1896, . . . . .	\$11.15
Amount sundry bills, . . . . .	419.80
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	\$430.95

The committee recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year :

For teachers' salaries, fuel, and janitors' services, . . . . .	\$1,500.00
Repairs of schoolhouses, . . . . .	100.00
Conveyance of scholars, . . . . .	800.00
Text-books and supplies, . . . . .	300.00

## ROLL OF HONOR.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. H. H. Rice, Principal.

Winnie Atwood,	Clarence Hines,
Elsie Case,	Marion Pratt,
Elmie Bump,	Anna Shurtleff,
Susie Crocker,	Ellsworth Shaw,
Solon Cornish,	Solon Boynton,
Grace Gammons,	Helena McFarlin,

Edith Hudson.

## NO. 1 GRAMMAR.

E. B. Perkins, Teacher.

First Term.

Chester Reckard.

## NO. 1 PRIMARY.

Miss Helen E. Sleeper, Teacher.

First Term.

Bernice A. DeRose,	Frank Rickard,
Frank DeRose,	Harold C. McKay,

Arthur McKay.

Second Term.

Bernice A. DeRose,	Margaret Forbes,
Frank DeRose,	Harold C. McKay,
Frank R. Rickard,	Arthur McKay,

Henry S. Pink.

## NO. 2 UNGRADED.

Miss Lucy W. Shaw, Teacher.

Elbridge Shaw,	Russel Holmes,
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## NO. 3 UNGRADED.

Miss Gertrude Sanborn, Teacher.

First Term.

Paul Cornish,	Abbie Johnson,
	Carlton Shurtleff.

## Second Term.

Miss Jennie M. Towne, Teacher.

Paul Cornish,	Alfred Freeman,
Florence Vaughan,	Eben Shaw,
Georgia Leaming,	Myrtle Shaw.

## NO. 4 GRAMMAR.

Miss Vesta B. Shaw, Teacher.

## First Term.

Ella Carlson,	Lila Hamblin,
Grace Gammons,	Elmer McFarlin.

## Second Term.

Herbert Gammons,	Roscoe Griffith,
	Elmer McFarlin.

## NO. 4 PRIMARY.

Miss Mattie Bennett, Teacher.

## First Term.

Nellie Benson,	Ellis Bumpus,
Arthur Burke,	Justin Southworth,
	Harold Tillson.

## NO. 5 UNGRADED.

Miss Myra A. Shaw, Teacher.

## First Term.

Mabel I. Peckham,	Otis Boynton.
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Respectfully submitted,

ELMER B. PERKINS,  
GUSTAVUS ATWOOD,  
BERNICE E. BARROWS.

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	\$212.65
Paid librarian, . . . . .	\$50.00
For books, . . . . .	133.76
Express and postage, . . . . .	1.25
Furniture, etc., . . . . .	2.65
Binding, . . . . .	4.90
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Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1898, . . . . .	\$20.09
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Publishers of Middleboro Gazette, Old Colony Memorial and Plymouth Free Press, one paper each week.	

No. of patrons .....	230
No. of books taken from the library to Jan. 15 .....	1,864
No. of books added during the year.....	257
Total No. of books in the library .....	866
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