

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF UPTON,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1900.



WORCESTER:
PRESS OF CHARLES HAMILTON,
311 MAIN STREET
1900.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

TOWN RECORDS, 1899.

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 6TH, 1899.

WORCESTER, SS.

TO THE CONSTABLE OF THE TOWN OF UPTON, IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER,
GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Upton, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Upton, on Monday the sixth day of March, punctually at nine o'clock forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To hear the reports of all Town Officers and Committees, and act thereon.

Article 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing—Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Overseers of the Poor, three Assessors, Town Treasurer, one School Committee for three years, Tax Collector, Auditor, one Highway Surveyor for three years, five Constables, three Fence Viewers, one Trustee of Cemeteries for three years, one Sexton; also for said voters to give in their votes, Yes or No, in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted to sell intoxicating liquors in this Town the ensuing year?" all on one ballot.

Article 4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, make appropriations of the same, and determine the time the same shall be paid, or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to defray in part the expenses of Memorial Day.

Article 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year.

Article 7. To see if the Town will appropriate money for Military Aid, under Chapter 279, Acts of 1894.

Article 8. To see if the Town will appropriate money to pay State Aid, under Chapter 301, Acts of 1894.

Article 9. To see if the Town will appropriate money to pay Town Aid, under Chapter 279, Acts of 1893, and act thereon.

Article 10. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors submitted by the Selectmen.

Article 11. To see if the Town will appropriate money to care for and light the street lamps belonging to the Town Improvement Association, and act thereon.

Article 12. To see if the Town will appropriate money for the annual expense of the Town Library, and act thereon.

Article 13. To see if the Town will appropriate money for the care and repairs of their Cemeteries, or act thereon.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate money to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors, or act thereon.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to repair the Sanitary Department in their Town Building, appropriate money for the same, or act thereon.

Article 16. To see if the Town will appropriate money to pay in part the expense of grading and curbing around the Drinking Fountain at West Upton, or act thereon.

Article 17. To see if the Town will accept and adopt the corrected survey and plan of the new road, beginning on Pleasant Street, near Mrs. C. A. Bachelor's place; thence easterly by the G. & U. R. R. depot to the Mendon road, near Victor Noe's place.

Article 18. To see what action the Town will take in building a sidewalk from a point near the residence of Jerry Leary to the church at West Upton, and act thereon, as petitioned for by George F. Prentiss and others.

Article 19. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the purchase of a Steam Fire Engine, or Chemical Engine, or act in any way relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said Town, ten days at least before the time of holding said meeting: At each of the Post-Offices, and on the Town House in said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Upton, this seventeenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

B. A. JOURDAN,
CHAS. A. DAVIS,
GEO. E. CHILDS,

Selectmen of Upton.

UPTON, MASS., Feb. 24th, 1899.

By virtue of the within Warrant, I have this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Upton herein described, to assemble in their Town Hall, on Monday, the sixth day of March, 1899, for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up attested copies of the within Warrant in each of the Post-offices of the Town, and on the Town Hall, ten days before the day of meeting.

A. C. SOUTHLAND, *Constable.*

A true copy of the Warrant and the officer's return thereon.

Attest,

FRANCIS T. NELSON,

Town Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 6, 1899.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

WORCESTER, SS.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the inhabitants of said Town of Upton, qualified to vote in town affairs, met at the Town Hall, in said Upton, on the first Monday in March, 1899, it being the sixth day of said month.

The meeting was called to order at the time and place named in said Warrant, by the Town Clerk, who then read the Warrant and the officer's return thereon.

MODERATOR.

Article 1. The meeting made choice by ballot, the check-list being used, of Albert Davis for Moderator, who was sworn to faithfully perform the duties of the office, by the Town Clerk.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Article 8. Michael O'Connell and J. Frank Despeaux having been appointed Ballot Clerks by the Selectmen, were sworn to faithfully perform the duties of said clerks, by the Moderator. The Town Clerk then delivered to them a package containing the official ballots properly sealed as by law required, and the receipt of said Ballot Clerks was taken for said ballots as follows, viz.:

UPTON, MASS., March 6th, 1899.

RECEIVED from Francis T. Nelson, Town Clerk, a package said to contain 559 official ballots to be used at the Annual Town Election.

J. F. DESPEAUX,
MICHAEL O'CONNELL,

Ballot Clerks.

The Town Clerk caused the cards of instruction to be posted both in the marking shelves or compartments provided by the Selectmen and outside of the guard rail, as the law directs.

The Moderator appointed William W. Houghton, Roger Shaughnessy and George E. Childs, Inspectors and Tellers. They were duly sworn by the Moderator.

The ballot box provided by the Commonwealth to be used at this election, was publicly opened and shown to the voters present to be empty, and was examined by the Moderator and Town Clerk and found to be empty; the register being set at 000, said box was locked, and the key thereof was delivered to Alonzo C. Southland, Constable, in attendance at said meeting.

The ballot box was in charge of William W. Houghton, and the check-list at the ballot box in charge of the Town Clerk.

When the ballots were delivered to the voters by the Ballot Clerks, the check-list was used, and the name of each voter receiving a ballot was announced and checked on said list by the Ballot Clerks, and the voter so receiving his ballot, marked it at the marking shelf, and then deposited his ballot in the box as the law directs. The name of each voter so casting a

ballot was announced in a loud and distinct tone of voice, and checked upon the check-list by the election officer in charge of said list.

The polls were declared open for the reception of votes for Town Officers at 9.25 A. M.

Voted, to close the polls at 3.30 P. M.

Voted, to take up Article 5.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Article 5. Voted, that the Town appropriate one hundred dollars (\$100) to to defray in part the expense of Memorial Day.

BORROWING MONEY.

Article 6. Voted, on a motion by Mr. Charles A. Davis, that the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, such sum or sums of money so borrowed not to exceed in the aggregate \$10,000, and said sum or sums to be paid from said taxes.

Unanimous vote.

MILITARY AID.

Article 7. Voted, that the Town appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) to be used for Military Aid.

STATE AID.

Article 8. Voted, that the Town appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) to be used for State Aid.

TOWN AID.

Article 9. Voted, that the Town appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) to be used for Town Aid.

JURY LIST.

Article 10. There being three illegal names on the list, it was voted to refer back to the Selectmen until afternoon.

STREET LIGHTS.

Article 11. Voted, on motion by Mr. George E. Southland, that the Town appropriate six hundred and fifty dollars (\$650) for the purpose of lighting the street lamps belonging to the Town Improvement Association the ensuing year.

TOWN LIBRARY.

Article 12. A motion by Mr. William W. Houghton, that the Town appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) for the Town Library.

Amended, by Mr. Charles A. Davis, that the Town appropriate three hundred dollars for the Town Library.

Voted, that the Town appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) to be used for the Town Library.

Voted, that the Town appropriate the sum of sixty dollars (\$60) to purchase books for the Carpenter alcove in the Town Library.

CARE OF CEMETERIES.

Article 13. Voted, on motion by Mr. George E. Southland, that the Town appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) for the care and repairs of their Cemeteries.

ILLEGAL SALE OF LIQUORS.

Article 14. Voted, that the money left in the hands of the Selectmen from the appropriation for the suppression of the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors last year be appropriated to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors the year ensuing.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN AT WEST UPTON.

Article 16. Voted, that the Town appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125) to pay in part the expense of grading and curbing around the drinking fountain at West Upton.

Voted, to lay the remaining articles on the table until afternoon.

Upon the meeting being called to order at 1.15 p. m. by the Moderator it proceeded as follows:

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS.

After Mr. George H. Stoddard had made some criticisms on the manner of running the schools, it was voted to accept the Town Officers' reports as printed.

Mr. Charles A. Davis made a verbal report for the committee chosen at the last annual meeting to look up land for burial purposes. They had examined lands in West Upton, also in South Upton, and near the new cemetery in Centre. He did not believe it good policy to buy poor land. That situation should be taken into account, and recommended near cemetery most suitable.

Voted, to accept the report of the committee to look up land for burial purposes.

RELOCATION OF ROAD NEAR CENTRE DEPOT.

Article 17. Voted to pass over this article.

JURY LIST.

Article 10. Voted, to excuse John H. Tuttle and substitute Henry J. Batchelor.

Voted, to excuse Tom J. Harper and substitute George F. Prentiss.

Voted, to accept the following as amended:

Alexander, John W.	Murphy, Michael
Aldrich, George I.	O'Connell, Michael
Batchelor, Henry J.	Potter, Harris J.
Buck, Herbert M.	Prentiss, George F.
Chapman, Albert H.	Pierce, George R.
Corbin, Henry A.	Rawson, Gilbert
Chamberlain, Henry A.	Ruggles, James M.
Childs, George E.	Sadler, Walter E.
Davis, Charles A.	Shaughnessy, Roger
Davis, Albert	Shaughnessy, Michael
Dana, Charles W.	Stoddard, George H.
Fisk, Chandler C.	Symonds, Henry A.
Fiske, Dennis T.	Taft, Orlando F.
Goldthwaite, Adin	Wood, William P.
Harrington, Henry O.	Walker, William

Williams, Appleton P.

SIDEWALK IN WEST UPTON.

Article 18. Voted, on a motion by Mr. George F. Prentiss, that a committee of three be appointed to look into the matter of building a sidewalk from Jerry Leary's residence to the church in West Upton, get an estimate of the cost of the same on each side of the street, and report the expense of each walk separately at a future meeting of the Town.

The Moderator appointed the Highway Surveyors to be that committee.

SANITARY DEPARTMENT OF TOWN BUILDING.

Article 15. Mr. Benjamin A. Jourdan, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, said that Mr. Smith, a plumber, and himself had looked over the premises, and that Mr. Smith estimated that the plumbing that would be required would cost \$128.70. An estimate of the carpenter work required would be \$45.

A motion by Mr. Arthur B. Eames, that the Town appropriate \$200 to repair the Sanitary Department of the Town Building.

Amended, by Mr. Charles W. Childs, that the Town appropriate three hundred dollars (\$300) to repair the Sanitary Department of the Town Building.

Amendment carried.

Voted, that the \$300 appropriated to repair the Sanitary Department be taken from the balance in the hands of the Treasurer.

STEAM FIRE ENGINE.

Article 19. A motion to pass over the article was lost.

Voted, on a motion by Mr. B. A. Jourdan, that a committee of three be chosen to look into the matter and report at a future meeting of the Town.

The following were nominated and elected as that committee: Stephen B. Fiske, Appleton P. Williams, J. Frank Despeaux.

Voted, that all officers not elected be appointed by the incoming Board of Selectmen.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Article 4. The following is a list of the appropriations made. Each item was acted upon separately.

Notes and Interest,	\$ 3,000.00
Support of Schools, including Superintendent's Salary,	6,000.00
Roads and Bridges,	2,000.00
Support of Poor,	1,800.00
Removing Snow,	600.00
Fire Department,	700.00
Fire Wardens,	50.00
Town Library,	300.00
Carpenter Fund,	60.00
Town Officers,	900.00
Town Incidentals,	1,000.00
Military Aid,	150.00
State Aid,	500.00
Town Aid,	500.00
Street Lights,	650.00
Memorial Day,	100.00
Cemeteries,	300.00
Water Fountain at West Upton,	125.00
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	\$18,785.00

Voted to raise \$18,735 by taxation.

Voted, that all taxes be paid on or before November 15th, 1899; that on all taxes unpaid after that date interest be added at the rate of six per cent. per annum.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Article 3. The Moderator appointed the following named persons to act as Tellers to canvass the vote: William H. Walker, Walter W. True, Herbert M. Buck and William B. Walker. They were sworn by the Moderator.

Due notice having been given, the polls were at 3.30 P. M. declared closed.

During the voting the ballot box was opened by the unanimous consent of the Election Officers, at 1.25 P. M., and 250 ballots taken therefrom for the purpose of counting the same, at which time the register on said box showed that two hundred and eighty-five (285) ballots had been cast therein. All of said ballots and check-lists were kept within the unobstructed view of the voters present, as the law requires.

At the close of the polls the register on the ballot box showed that three hundred and forty-seven (347) ballots had been cast therein, and the names checked as voted on each list were then counted in a distinct and audible voice, and the number checked on each list was three hundred and forty-seven (347). The ballots were then taken from the ballot box and audibly counted, making the total number of ballots cast three hundred and forty-seven (347).

The ballots having been sorted and counted, public declaration thereof was made in open meeting and recorded as follows:

FOR TOWN CLERK.

Francis T. Nelson had three hundred and two votes,	302
Blanks had forty-five,	45

Whole number of votes, three hundred and forty-seven,	347
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Francis T. Nelson was declared elected, and sworn by the Moderator in open meeting.

FOR TREASURER.

Stephen B. Fiske had two hundred and seventy-five votes,	275
Blanks had seventy-two,	72

Whole number of ballots, three hundred and forty-seven,	347
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Stephen B. Fiske was declared elected, and sworn by the Town Clerk March 7, 1899.

FOR SELECTMEN.

David A. Farrington had two hundred and sixty-one votes,	261
Dennis T. Fiske had two hundred and eighteen votes,	218
Benjamin A. Jourdan had two hundred and two votes,	202
William H. Wellington had two hundred and three votes,	203
Blanks had one hundred and fifty-seven,	157

Whole number of votes, ten hundred and forty-one,	1,041
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David A. Farrington, Dennis T. Fiske and William H. Wellington were declared elected, and sworn by the Town Clerk as follows: David A. Farrington March 9th, Dennis T. Fiske March 8th, William H. Wellington March 28d.

FOR ASSESSORS OF TAXES.

Henry A. Corbin had two hundred and thirty-six votes,	286
Edward C. Lyford had two hundred and thirty-seven votes,	287
William H. Miskell had one hundred and thirty-eight votes,	138
Orlando F. Taft had two hundred and thirty-eight votes,	288
Blanks had one hundred and ninety-two,	192

Whole number of votes, ten hundred and forty-one, 1041

Henry A. Corbin, Edward C. Lyford and Orlando F. Taft were declared elected, and were sworn by the Town Clerk as follows: Henry A. Corbin, Edward C. Lyford March 11th, Orlando F. Taft March 9th.

FOR OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Thomas T. Brewer had two hundred and forty-eight votes,	248
Walter Curley had one hundred and sixty-six votes,	166
Perley W. Rockwood had two hundred and fifty-three votes,	253
Charles M. Wood had one hundred and eighty-one votes,	181
Albert Sadler had one vote,	1
Blanks had one hundred and ninety-two,	192

Whole number of votes, ten hundred and forty-one, 1041

Thomas T. Brewer, Perley W. Rockwood and Charles M. Wood were declared elected, and were sworn by the Town Clerk as follows: Charles M. Wood, March 8th, Thomas T. Brewer and Perley W. Rockwood March 9th.

FOR COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Henry J. Batchelor had two hundred and eighty-six votes,	286
Blanks had sixty-one,	61

Whole number of votes, three hundred and forty-seven, 347

Henry J. Batchelor was declared elected, and sworn by the Town Clerk March 11th.

FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS.

George H. Stoddard had one hundred and twenty-four votes,	124
Edward C. Traver had two hundred and two votes,	202
Blanks had twenty-one,	21

Whole number of votes, three hundred and forty-seven, 347

Edward C. Traver was declared elected.

FOR AUDITOR.

Stedman C. Brown had two hundred and thirty-nine votes,	239
Blanks had one hundred and eight,	108

Whole number of votes, three hundred and forty-seven, 347

Stedman C. Brown was declared elected, and sworn by the Town Clerk March 9th.

FOR CONSTABLES.

Herbert A. Bagley had two hundred and forty-eight votes,	248
Edward B. Newton had two hundred and forty-seven votes,	247
William F. Parsley had two hundred and forty-two votes,	242
Alonzo C. Southland had two hundred and sixty-one votes,	261
George E. Southland had two hundred and forty-three votes,	243
Blanks had four hundred and ninety-four,	494

Whole number of votes, seventeen hundred and thirty-five, 1735

Herbert A. Bagley, Edward B. Newton, William F. Parsley, Alonzo C Southland and George E. Southland were declared elected, and sworn by the Town Clerk March 6th.

FOR HIGHWAY SURVEYOR THREE YEARS.

Emery W. King had over one hundred and fifty-one votes,	151
Orlando F. Taft had one hundred and eighty votes,	180
Benjamin A. Jourdan had one vote,	1
Blanks had fifteen,	15

Whole number of votes, three hundred and forty-seven, 347
Orlando F. Taft was declared elected, and sworn by the Town Clerk March 9th.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES FOR THREE YEARS.

Benjamin A. Jourdan had two hundred and eighteen votes,	218
Blanks had one hundred and twenty-nine,	129

Whole number of votes, three hundred and forty-seven, 347
Benjamin A. Jourdan was declared elected.

FOR FENCE VIEWERS.

Charles A. Davis had two hundred and forty-three votes,	243
Benjamin A. Jourdan had two hundred and twenty-one votes,	221
Alfred Young had two hundred and thirty-six votes,	236
Blanks had three hundred and forty-one,	341

Whole number of votes, ten hundred and forty-one, 1041

Charles A. Davis, Benjamin A. Jourdan and Alfred Young were declared elected, and sworn by the Town Clerk as follows: Charles A. Davis, Alfred Young March 11th, Benjamin A. Jourdan June 3d.

FOR SEXTON.

Alfred Sadler had two hundred and sixty-seven votes,	267
Blanks had eighty,	80

Whole number of votes, three hundred and forty-seven, 347
Albert Sadler declared elected.

FOR LIBRARY COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS.

Albert Davis had two hundred and thirty-six votes,	236
George F. Prentiss had two hundred and sixteen votes,	216
Mrs. M. A. Stoddard had two hundred and forty-one votes,	241
Blanks had three hundred and forty-eight,	348
Whole number of votes, ten hundred and forty-one,	1041

Albert Davis, George F. Prentiss and Mrs. M. A. Stoddard were declared elected.

FOR LICENSE.

Yes had one hundred and twenty-two votes,	122
No had one hundred and seventy-three votes,	173
Blanks had fifty-two,	52
Whole number of votes, three hundred and forty-seven,	347

The ballots cast and the check-list used at this election were sealed up in open meeting and delivered to the Town Clerk, as the law directs.

Voted to dissolve the Warrant at 6.45 P. M.

A true record. Attest:

FRANCIS T. NELSON,

Town Clerk.

RECOUNT OF VOTES.

UPTON MASS., March 10th, 1899.

Upon a petition signed by ten legal voters, who believing that an error exists in the records of the election officers of the recent town meeting, and that a recount of the ballots cast for Selectmen would change the result of the election, respectfully asks that the ballots cast for Mr. William H. Wellington and Benjamin A. Jourdan, be recounted.

In accordance with Section 264, Chapter 548, Acts of 1898, the Registrars met for that purpose at the Selectmen's Room, on the day and year above written.

Mr. Benjamin A. Jourdan was represented by Mr. Appleton P. Williams, Mr. William H. Wellington was represented by Mr. Albert Davis.

In block No. 7, Benjamin A. Jourdan gained one vote, making the following the result of the recount:

Mr. B. A. Jourdan.	Mr. W. H. Wellington.
Block 1, 29	29
" 2, 37	24
" 3, 21	30
" 4, 27	34
" 5, 34	27
" 6, 28	30
" 7, 27	29
208	208

The ballots were then sealed up and endorsed by the Registrars, and delivered unto the custody of the Town Clerk.

A true record.

Attest:

FRANCIS T. NELSON,
Clerk of the Board of Registrars.

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 22ND, 1899.

WORCESTER, SS.

TO THE CONSTABLE OF THE TOWN OF UPTON, IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER.

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Upton, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Upton, on Wednesday, the 22nd day of March, punctually at 11 o'clock, forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose one Selectman for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to correct the record of the new road beginning on Pleasant Street, near Mrs. C. A. Batchelor's place; thence easterly by the G. & U. R. R. depot, to the Mendon road, near Victor Noe's place, to correspond with the official survey.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said Town, ten days at least before the time of holding said meeting: At each of the Post-offices and on the Town House, in said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, before the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Upton, this eleventh day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine,

DAVID A. FARRINGTON,
DENNIS T. FISKE,
Selectmen of Upton.

UPTON, MASS., March 18th, 1899.

By virtue of the within Warrant, I have this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Upton, herein described, to assemble in their Town Hall, on Wednesday, the twenty-second day of March, 1899, for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up attested copies of the within Warrant, in each of the Post-offices of the Town and on the Town House, ten days before the day of meeting.

A. C. SOUTHLAND,
Constable.

A true copy of the Warrant and officer's return thereon.

Attest:

FRANCIS T. NELSON,
Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 22ND, 1899.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

WORCESTER, ss.

UPTON, MASS., March 22nd, 1899.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Upton, qualified by law to vote in Elections and on Town Affairs, holden this twenty-second day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, who then read the Warrant and the officer's return thereon.

MODERATOR.

Article 1. A ballot was taken for Moderator, the check-list being used, which resulted in the choice of Albert Davis; he was duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

Article 2. Michael O'Connell and J. Frank Despeaux having been appointed Ballot Clerks by the Selectmen, they were sworn by the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk delivered to them a duplicate check-list and a package containing the official ballots to be used, and received their receipt for the same.

The specimen ballots and cards of instruction having been posted as the law directs, the ballot box was examined by the Moderator and Town Clerk, and publicly shown to be empty, said box was then locked and the keys thereof given to Alonzo C. Southland, Constable, in attendance at the polls, the register of said box being set at 000.

Roger Shaughnessy, George E. Childs and William W. Houghton having been appointed Inspectors and Tellers, they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

William W. Houghton had charge of the ballot box, the Town Clerk the check-list at the ballot box.

The polls were declared open for the reception of ballots, at 11.15 A. M.

The voting proceeded as by law provided.

Voted, to close the polls at 3.30 P. M.

NEW ROAD NEAR G. AND U. R. R. STATION.

Article 3. Voted, on a motion by Mr. David A. Farrington, that the record of the road beginning on Pleasant street near Mrs. C. A. Batchelor's place, thence easterly by the G. and U. R. R. depot to the Mendon road near Victor Noe's place, be corrected to agree with the official survey.

Below is a description of the plan in the custody of the Town Clerk.

LOCATION OF A ROAD IN UPTON, MASS.

Beginning at a stake driven in the ground on the southerly side of the road leading from Upton Centre to Northbridge, Mass., via the Vails Bridge (so called); said stake is 13 feet westerly from the northwest corner of the house lot occupied by Dr. Wilmarth and owned by Mrs. C. A. Batchelor.

Thence, S. $15^{\circ} 50'$ E., 12 rods, 17 links, to the northerly line of the Dunn Road (so called) leading to Uxbridge, Mass. Of this section of the location,

11 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet in width at the northerly end and running to a point at the southerly end, and containing 4 square rods, is over land of the said Mrs. C. A. Batchelor, and 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet in width at the northerly end and the full location at the southerly end (containing 33 $\frac{1}{10}$ square rods) is over land belonging to the Rawson estate. Thence, S. 19° 45' E., crossing said road to Uxbridge, to the Hayward land; thence on the same bearing, 21 rods, 14 links (containing 64 $\frac{1}{2}$ square rods), over said Hayward's land to land of the Barnes estate; thence on same bearing, about 31 rods, 23 links, to an angle.

Thence, S. 58° 20' E., 9 rods, 18 links, to a stake at an angle; said stake is about 24 feet northerly from the fence on the line of the railroad location and is 38 feet from the rail of said railroad. Thence, N. 71° 10' E., 26 rods (containing 1 acre, 36 square rods) over said Barnes estate to the land belonging to the Wood estate; thence on the same bearing as the last line, 5 rods, 14 links, to an angle. Thence, S. 83° 30' E., 18 rods, 12 links (containing 57 square rods), over said Wood estate to the westerly side of the road leading from Upton to Mendon, Mass. The last mentioned bound is 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet northerly from the N. E. corner of the house lot of Victor Noe.

The road is laid out three rods wide, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ rods each side of the above given line, and the grade of said road is established as shown on a plan and profile on the centre line of the location made by A. C. Moore, C. E., of Sturbridge, Mass., and dated Oct. 1st, 1899.

The total length of the road is 122 rods, 6 links. Stone bounds are placed in the ground to mark the easterly and northerly lines of the location.

Article 2. Due notice having been given, the polls at 3.30 P. M. were declared closed.

At close of the polls the register stood at 385.

The names of those on the list of voters, both at the polls and at the table of the Ballot Clerks, which had been checked, were audibly counted and found to be as follows:

List at polls, three hundred and eighty-five,	385
List at table, three hundred and eighty-five,	385

The ballots were then taken from the ballot box and audibly counted, there being found three hundred and eighty-five (385) ballots cast therein.

The Tellers having counted the votes given in, public declaration thereof was made in open meeting and recorded as follows:

FOR ONE SELECTMAN, TO FILL A VACANCY.

Benjamin A. Jourdan had one hundred and sixty-two votes,	162
William H. Wellington had two hundred and twenty-one votes,	221
Blank or defective had two,	2

Whole number of ballots, three hundred and eighty-five,	385
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William H. Wellington was declared elected, and sworn by the Town Clerk March 23d, 1899.

The ballots cast and the check-list used at this election were then sealed up

in different packages, endorsed by the proper officers and delivered into the custody of the Town Clerk, in accordance with the law in such cases made and provided.

Voted, to dissolve the Warrant at 4.50 P. M.

A true record. Attest:

FRANCIS T. NELSON.

Town Clerk.

The undersigned William H. Walker having been appointed by the Selectmen to serve on the Board of Registrars of Voters for said Town of Upton for three years from the first day of May, A. D., 1899, I do hereby solemnly swear to faithfully perform the duties of said office according to my best skill and judgment.

WILLIAM H. WALKER.

UPTON, June 6th, 1899.

Then personally appeared the above named William H. Walker and made oath and subscribed to the same before me.

STEPHEN B. FISKE,
Justice of the Peace.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1899.

TOWN CLERK.

Francis T. Nelson.

TREASURER.

Stephen B. Fiske.

SELECTMEN.

David A. Farrington, Dennis T. Fiske, William H. Wellington.

ASSESSORS OF TAXES.

Orlando F. Taft, Henry A. Corbin, Edward C. Lyford.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Thomas T. Brewer, Perley W. Rockwood, Charles M. Wood.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Henry J. Batchelor.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Mrs. S. Jennie Batchelor, term expires 1900.

Appleton P. Williams, term expires 1901.

Edward C. Traver, M.D., term expires 1902.

AUDITOR.

Stedman C. Brown.

CONSTABLES.

Herbert A. Bagley, William F. Parshley, Edward B. Newton,
Alonzo C. Southland, George E. Southland.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

Benjamin A. Jourdan, term expires 1900.

William P. Wood, term expires 1901.

Orlando F. Taft, term expires, 1902.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES.

George R. Pierce, term expires 1900.

Charles A. Davis, term expires 1901.

Benjamin A. Jourdan, term expires 1902.

Stephen B. Fiske, *ex-officio*.Albert Sadler, *ex-officio*.

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

John B. Fay,

Mrs. C. A. Batchelor,

Fred W. Wood,

Term expires 1900.

Henry A. Corbin,

Miss Hannah N. Johnson,

Edward C. Traver, M.D.,

Term expires 1901.

Albert Davis,

George F. Prentiss,

Mrs. M. A. Stoddard,

Term expires 1902.

SEXTON.

Albert Sadler.

FENCE VIEWERS.

Charles A. Davis,

Benjamin A. Jourdan,

Alfred Young.

TREE WARDEN.

Albert Davis.

APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN.

FIELD DRIVERS.

Z. B. Grandy,

H. J. Potter,

H. F. Sadler.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

William H. Miskell, term expires 1900.

Walter F. Partridge, term expires 1901.

William H. Walker, term expires 1902.

Francis T. Nelson, *ex-officio*.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Ziba B. Grandy.

WEIGHERS.

Alvin Hodge,

Leander A. Snow,

Harris J. Potter.

MEASURERS OF LUMBER.

Edward B. Newton,

Fleming Hunter.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.

Harris J. Potter, Elisha Bradish, Alex Barton.
 Charles M. Wood, Edward B. Newton.

INSPECTOR OF COAL OIL.

George S. Ball.

BURIAL AGENT OF DECEASED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

Charles A. Davis.

POUND KEEPER.

Ziba B. Grandy.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

David A. Farrington, Dennis T. Fiske,
 William H. Wellington, Edward C. Traver, M.D.
 Francis T. Nelson, Agent to issue Burial Permits.

INSPECTORS OF CATTLE AND PROVISIONS.

George D. Whitney, Benjamin A. Jourdan.

SPECIAL POLICE.

George A. Wood at R. R. Station in West Upton.
 James S. Le Sure at R. R. Station in Upton and at Town Hall Building.

FIRE ENGINEERS.

Joseph E. Walker, Michael O'Connell, Edward M. Baker, Jr.,
 Arthur E. King, Prescott W. Prouty.

FIRE WARDENS.

Emery W. King, Perley W. Rockwood, George D. Whitney,
 Harris J. Potter, Nathan H. Holbrook, John F. Whitney.

APPOINTED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

Henry D. Aldrich, William F. Parshley.

I administered the oath of office to the following named persons (they having been appointed to Town office by the Selectmen) on the date set against their respective names, all in the year 1899.

Sealer of Weights and Measures and Pound Keeper, Ziba B. Grandy, April 15th.

Weighers, Alvin Hodge, April 7th.

Board of Health, E. C. Traver, M.D., April 6th.

Measurers of Wood and Bark, Charles M. Wood, April 5th. Elisha Bradish, April 19th. Edward B. Newton, April 20th.

Inspectors of Cattle and Provisions, George D. Whitney, April 7th and July 16th. Benjamin A. Jourdan, June 3rd.

Measurers of Lumber, Fleming Hunter, April 19th. Edward B. Newton, April 20th.

Truant Officers, William F. Parshley, April 22nd. Henry D. Aldrich, April 9th.

Special Police, James S. Le Sure, August 22nd.

Attest:

FRANCIS T. NELSON.

WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION, NOVEMBER 7TH, 1899.

WORCESTER, ss.

TO THE CONSTABLE OF THE TOWN OF UPTON, IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Upton, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Upton, on Tuesday, the seventh day of November, punctually, at nine o'clock, forenoon, at which time the polls will be open for said voters to give in their ballots to the Selectmen of said Town for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Councillor for the Seventh Councillor District, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor and Attorney General, one Senator for the Fifth Worcester Senatoral District, two Representatives to the General Court to represent the Tenth Worcester District for said Commonwealth; one County Commissioner for the County of Worcester, all on one ballot.

The polls may be closed at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon of said day of meeting.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said town, ten days at least before the time of holding said meeting: At each of the Post-offices and on the Town House in said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen, before the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Upton, this twenty-sixth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

D. A. FARRINGTON,
D. T. FISKE,
W. H. WELLINGTON,
Selectmen of Upton.

UPTON, October 27th, 1899.

By virtue of the within Warrant, I have this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Upton, herein described, to assemble in their Town Hall, on Tuesday, the seventh day of November, 1899, for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up attested copies of the within Warrant, in each of the Post-offices of the Town and on the Town House, ten days at least before the time of said meeting.

A. C. SOUTHLAND,
Constable.

A true copy of the Warrant and the officer's return thereon.

Attest:

FRANCIS T. NELSON,
Town Clerk.

STATE ELECTION, NOVEMBER 7TH, 1899.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

WORCESTER, SS.

In pursuance to the foregoing Warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Upton, qualified by law to vote in Elections, met in the Town Hall, in said Town, on Tuesday, the seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. David A. Farrington, who then read the Warrant and officer's return thereon.

The cards of instructions and specimen ballots having been posted as the law directs, a package said to contain 600 official ballots to be used at this election was then delivered by the Town Clerk to Mr. David A. Farrington, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, he being presiding officer, and his receipt taken therefor.

Michael O'Connell, J. Frank Despeaux, William W. Houghton, Albert Davis, Charles A. Davis, Dennis T. Fiske, Thomas J. Gorman, William H. Wellington, having been appointed Ballot Clerks, Inspectors and Tellers for this meeting by the Selectmen, they were sworn by the Town Clerk to faithfully perform the duties of the offices to which they had been appointed.

The ballot box furnished by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to be used in elections, was then opened in public meeting and shown to the voters present to be empty; the register of the box having been set at 000, the box was then locked and the keys thereof delivered to Alonzo C. Southland, Constable, in attendance at said meeting.

The seals on the package of ballots were publicly broken and delivered to the Ballot Clerks.

The polls were declared open at 9.20 o'clock, forenoon, for the reception of ballots.

Voted, to close the polls at 3.30 P. M.

During the voting, the ballot box, by the unanimous consent of the election officers, was opened at 2.05 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time it registered 204, and two hundred ballots taken out for the purpose of sorting and counting the same.

Due notice having been given, the polls at 3.30 P. M. were declared closed. At the close of the polls the register stood 249.

The names of those on the list of voters, both at the polls and at the table of the Ballot Clerks, which had been checked, were audibly counted and found to be as follows:

List at polls, two hundred and forty-nine,	249
List at table, two hundred and forty-nine,	249

The remaining ballots were then taken from the ballot box and audibly counted, making the total number of ballots cast,

Two hundred and forty-nine,	249
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The Tellers having sorted and counted the votes given in, declaration thereof was made in open meeting and recorded as follows:

FOR GOVERNOR.

Albert B. Coats of Beverly, had five votes,	5
W. Murray Crane of Dalton, had one hundred and sixty-five votes,	165
Robert Treat Paine, Jr. of Boston, had sixty-seven votes,	67
George R. Peare of Lynn, had no votes,	0
Winfield P. Porter of Newburyport, had one vote,	1
Blanks had eleven,	11

Whole number of ballots, two hundred and forty-nine, 249

FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

John L. Bates of Boston, had one hundred and sixty-five votes,	165
John H. Mack of North Adams, had sixty-four votes,	64
James H. Roberts of Cambridge, had eight votes,	8
Isaac W. Skinner of Brockton, had one vote,	1
James F. Stevens of Boston, had one vote,	1
Blanks had ten,	10

Whole number of ballots, two hundred and forty-nine, 249

FOR SECRETARY.

Charles H. Bradley of Haverhill, had no votes,	0
John B. Lewis, Jr. of Reading, had four votes,	4
Henry Lloyd of Boston, had sixty-seven votes,	67
Frank McDonald of Stoneham, had one vote,	1
William M. Olin of Boston, had one hundred and sixty-five votes,	165
Blanks had twelve,	12

Whole number of ballots, two hundred and forty-nine, 249

FOR TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL.

Edward S. Bradford of Springfield, had one hundred and sixty-seven votes,	167
Joseph J. Flynn of Lawrence, had sixty votes,	60
Herbert B. Griffin of Winthrop, had three votes,	3
Frederick A. Nagle of Springfield, had one vote,	1
Charles W. White of Winchester, had three votes,	3
Blanks had fifteen,	15

Whole number of ballots, two hundred and forty-nine, 249

FOR AUDITOR.

Elbridge Gerry Brown of Brockton, had sixty-six votes,	66
Frank Albin Forsstrom of Worcester, had one vote,	1
John W. Kimball of Fitchburg, had one hundred and sixty-three votes,	163
Angus McDonald of Boston, had one vote,	1
Franklin A. Palmer of Stockbridge, had four votes,	4
Blanks had fourteen,	14

Whole number of ballots, two hundred and forty-nine, 249

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Addison W. Barr of Worcester, had three votes,	3
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford, had one hundred and sixty-seven votes,	167
John H. Morrison of Lowell, had sixty-one votes,	61
Sidney Perley of Salem, had four votes,	4
Walter P. J. Skahan of New Bedford, had no votes,	0
Blanks had fourteen,	14

Whole number of ballots, two hundred and forty-nine,

249

FOR COUNCILLOR SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Martin V. B. Jefferson of Worcester, had one hundred and sixty-two votes,	162
Ransom C. Taylor of Worcester, had seventy-two votes,	72
Blanks had fifteen,	15

Whole number of ballots, two hundred and forty-nine,

249

FOR SENATOR FIFTH WORCESTER DISTRICT.

Edward N. Jenckes of Douglas, had seventy-eight votes,	78
John E. McClellan of Grafton, had one hundred and fifty-seven votes,	157
Blanks fourteen,	14

Whole number of ballots, two hundred and forty-nine,

249

FOR REPRESENTATIVES TENTH WORCESTER DISTRICT.

Henry L. Chase of Westborough, had one hundred and forty-seven votes,	147
Clifford A. Cook of Milford, had one hundred and forty-five votes,	145
George H. Stoddard of Upton, had ninety-one votes,	91
William J. Welch, of Milford, had fifty-one votes,	51
Blanks had sixty-four,	64

Whole number of votes, four hundred and ninety-eight,

498

COUNTY COMMISSIONER WORCESTER COUNTY.

Nicholas J. Mooney of Worcester, had sixty-six votes,	66
Henry G. Taft of Uxbridge, had one hundred and sixty-nine votes,	169
Blanks had fourteen,	14

Whole number of ballots, two hundred and forty-nine,

249

The returns were then filled out, signed by the Selectmen, attested to by the Town Clerk, sealed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Commonwealth as the law directs.

The ballots and check-lists used by the election officers were sealed up in different packages, endorsed by the proper officers, and delivered into the custody of the Town Clerk, in accordance with the law in such cases, made and provided.

A true record. Attest:

FRANCIS T. NELSON,
Town Clerk.

TOWN CLERKS' MEETING AT HOPEDALE.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

WORCESTER, SS.

HOPEDALE, November 17, 1899.

In compliance with Section 234, Chapter 548 of the Acts of 1898, we the Clerks of the Towns of Hopedale, Milford, Mendon, Upton and Westborough, which Towns comprise the Tenth Worcester Representative District, this day met at the Town Hall in said Hopedale, and compared the returns of votes cast in the said Towns for two Representatives to the General Court, to be held in Boston, on the first Wednesday in January next.

Said votes were returned to us as by law required, and were given in at legal meetings held in each of said Towns for that purpose, on the seventh day of November, A. D., 1899, and are shown by the following tabular statement:

REPRESENTATIVE VOTE IN THE TENTH WORCESTER REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT.

	Hope- dale.	Mil- ford.	Men- don.	Up- ton.	West- boro ¹	Total.
Henry L. Chase, of Westborough	192	581	56	147	326	1802
Clifford A. Cook, of Milford	201	651	56	145	287	1840
George H. Stoddard, of Upton	27	631	13	91	92	854
William J. Welch, of Milford	23	631	9	51	96	810
George G. Gentner					1	1
John Nason					1	1
Blanks	25	234	22	64	99	444
Total vote in each Town	468	2728	156	498	902	4752

Henry L. Chase, of Westborough, and Clifford A. Cook, of Milford, having received the largest number of votes, were declared elected, and to them were certificates of election issued, also a duplicate certificate sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, as the law directs.

In witness whereof, we, the clerks of the towns of Hopedale, Milford, Mendon, Upton, and Westborough, hereunto set our names this seventeenth day of November, A. D., 1899.

Attest:

DAVID A. WESCOTT, Town Clerk of Hopedale.

JOHN T. McLAUGHLIN, Town Clerk of Milford.

HORACE C. ADAMS, Town Clerk of Mendon.

FRANCIS T. NELSON, Town Clerk of Upton.

FRANK W. BULLARD, Town Clerk of Westborough.

A copy. Attest:

FRANCIS T. NELSON,

Town Clerk.

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN UPTON DURING 1899.

Jan. 2.	Stillborn.	Aug. 7.	Herbert Daniel Cooper.
" 6.	Edna Leslie Potter,	" 19.	Grace Marion Tuttle.
" 15.	Alice Katherine Vayo.	" 27.	Morris Ellison Ballou.
" 21.	Ruth Bennett Aldrich.	" 29.	Florence Caroline Brown.
Feb. 14.	Mary Jane Olney.	Oct. 1.	Stillborn.
Mar. 27.	Cora Irene Donnelly.	" 1.	Josephine Louisa Richards.
April 9.	Amy Catherine Jordan.	" 12.	Mary Exzella Bush.
May 11.	Esther May Whitney.	" 23.	Irene Louise Seaver.
" 11.	Walter Knight, Jr.	Nov. 18.	Albert Eldred Prentiss.
" 21.	Gladys Linnetta Reynolds.	" 19.	Jessie May Gould.
June 12.	Hartwell Walker Ingerson.	Dec. 16.	William Jordan Smith.
July 1.	Joseph Moore.	" 18.	Julia Waldron.
" 10.	Lillian Marion Callanan.	" 28.	<i>Done</i> Usher.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN UPTON DURING 1899.

Date.	Name.	Age.	By Whom Married.
Jan. 29.	George Henry Southland, Lizzie Theresa Dennen,	24 26	Rev. M. J. Carroll.
Feb. 16.	Rufus Gardner Bayer, Ethel May Wiggins,	25 18	Rev. Harry G. Butler.
April 3.	John F. Donnelly, Nellie J. Dowd,	41 22	Rev. C. A. Sullivan.
May 28.	Fred Rodney Leland, Nettie L. French,	23 20	Rev. George S. Ball.
June 15.	Willie Edwin Whitney, Bessie May McCaslin,	25 20	Rev. George S. Ball.
June 17.	William Howard Staples, Lilla Jane Southland,	21 23	Rev. Alexander Wiswall.
June 28.	Perry Calvin Alexander, Alice Edna Weeks,	24 21	Rev. Harry G. Butler.
Aug. 2.	Rowland Greene Stockwell, Ida Etta Leland,	50 34	Rev. Alexander Wiswall.
Aug. 13.	Winslow Temple, Fannie B. McQuestin,	25 17	Rev. S. Ingersoll Briant.
Aug. 27.	William L. Fairbanks, Barbara E. Hunter,	41 30	Rev. Alexander Wiswall.
Sept. 6.	Alvrado Henry, Elsie Belle Church,	25 22	Rev. Alexander Wiswall.
Sept. 13.	Harry Daniel Phipps, Mary A. Cooney,	24 28	Rev. M. J. Carroll.
Sept. 27.	Jefferson H. Lyford, Helen C. Judson,	45 35	Rev. William F. Doris.
Sept. 28.	George Coburn Goodhue, Laura Elizabeth Cobb,	53 21	Rev. William A. Burch.

Oct. 30.	Harry Ansel Cheney, Mabel Blanche Gibbs,	25 25	Rev. W. M. Cassidy.
Nov. 30.	John Harvey Baker, Martha (Walker) Eames,	34 26	Rev. Payson M. Lyman.
Dec. 2.	Frank Edward Rollins, Alice Maria Prentiss,	24 22	Rev. George S. Ball.
Dec. 26.	Elbridge Alonzo Phipps, Bessie Frances Beck,	21 22	Rev. Alexander Wiswall.

DEATHS RECORDED IN UPTON DURING 1899.

Date.	Name.	Cause of Death.	Age, Y. M. D.
Jan. 2.	Stillborn.		
" 8.	Varanous E. Walker,	Pneumonia.	56 11 16
" 19.	Marion Gertrude Russell.	Pneumonia.	0 4 10
" 19.	Peter Kelley.	Peritonitis.	17 7 28
" 21.	William B. Olney.	Chronic Cystitis.	79 5 21
" 24.	Harriet R. Cooper.	Pneumonia.	55 8 4
" 27.	John J. Slattery.	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	42 0 0
Feb. 7.	Michael J. Seaver.	Pneumonia.	49 0 9
" 22.	Joanna B. Viall.	Cerebral Apoplexy.	94 4 22
" 26.	Lucy A. Follett.	Cancer.	46 11 0
Mar. 11.	Hannah S. Handy.	Pneumonia.	54 11 2
" 17.	Levi Taft.	Apoplexy.	77 8 24
April 5.	Catherine D. Standish.	Angina Pectoris.	77 9 20
" 18.	Mary B. Partridge.	Pneumonia.	64 0 8
" 21.	Lizzie E. Clark.	Uraemia.	47 2 0
May 23.	Nettie M. Mowry.	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	24 11 4
" 27.	James H. Bowen.	Pleuro Pneumonia.	38 3 0
June 4.	Phila C. Steward.	Bright's Disease.	73 6 0
" 13.	Ida Maud Harris.	Bright's Disease.	19 3 18
July 22.	Mary Elizabeth Clapp.	Chronic Bright's Disease.	52 7 16
Aug. 6.	Betsey F. Fiske.	Old Age.	81 2 7
" 6.	Eunice R. McQuestin.	Peritonitis.	38 7 24
" 19.	Delucia Lamb Ward.	Gastro-Enteritis.	72 3 25
" 26.	Ethel V. Willey.	Tubercular Peritonitis.	19 4 25
Sept. 3.	Katie Hines.	Phthisis.	31 0 0
" 14.	Otis Rawson.	Bright's Disease.	60 0 25
" 17.	Annie B. Moroney.	Convulsions.	0 7 23
" 18.	Mary Eliza Bates.	Peritonitis.	53 5 7
" 24.	Thomas D. Harris.	Typhoid Fever.	45 3 25
Oct. 1.	Stillborn.		
" 1.	Sylvia Gleason.	Dysentery.	78 3 5
" 4.	Mary B. Walker.	Diabetis.	76 6 0
Nov. 4.	Kate A. Walker.	Peritonitis.	54 2 0
" 22.	James Gorman.	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	35 3 9
" 30.	Adaline S. Goldthwaite.	Gastritis.	60 10 18

Dec. 4. John J. Kelley.	Pneumonia.	26	10	8
" 22. Alice S. Clark.	Pneumonia.	44	0	0
" 24. Jane F. Taft.	Old Age.	83	7	13
" 27. Ellisha C. Wood.	Apoplexy.	84	8	20

The following named persons died elsewhere and have been brought to Upton for interment during the past year:

		Y.	M.	D.
Dec. 28, 1898.	Sarah E. Alexander, at Marlborough,	76	8	28
Feb. 15, 1899.	Daniel C. Lakin, at Worcester,	64	0	15
May 16, "	David Brown, at Holliston.	67	1	26
June 21, "	Florence F. Pressy, at Philadelphia, Pa.,	30	0	0
July 6, "	Edith C. Pierce, at Worcester,	29	9	7
Sept. 22, "	Maria C. Ruggles, at Worcester.			

Births recorded,	26
Marriage Intentions issued,	17
Marriages recorded,	18
Deaths recorded,	39

DOGS LICENSED.

180 Males.	14 Females.	
Amount sent to County Treasurer,		\$391.20

MORTGAGE RECORDS.

Chattel Mortgages recorded,	6
Mortgage Discharge recorded,	3
Assignment of Wages recorded,	1
Telephone Franchise recorded,	1

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRANCIS T. NELSON,

Town Clerk.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

FEBRUARY 3, 1900.

1896 Book.	Due Feb. 4, 1899,	\$526 77
	Abated,	\$8 00
	Collected,	518 77
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		\$526 77
	Interest collected,	62 83
1897 Book.	Due Feb. 4, 1899,	\$1,285 40
	Abated,	\$27 12
	Collected,	730 57
	Due Feb. 3, 1900,	527 71
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		\$1,285 40
	Interest collected,	49 61
1898 Book.	Due Feb. 4, 1899,	\$6,287 98
	Abated,	\$136 93
	Collected,	4,236 55
	Due Feb. 3, 1900,	1,914 50
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		\$6,287 98
	Interest collected,	118 97
1899 Book.	Tax levied,	\$19,113 45
	Collected,	\$12,268 68
	Due Feb. 3, 1900,	6,844 77
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		\$19,113 45
	Interest collected,	14 02

H. J. BATCHELOR,
Collector.

This is to certify that I have carefully examined the above report and find it correct.

S. C. BROWN,
Auditor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

S. B. FISKE, Treasurer,

In account with the TOWN OF UPTON.

DR.

To Cash balance received of Selectmen,	\$3,655 90
“ Cash received on Notes of Bond & Goodwin,	8,000 00
“ Cash received on Notes of Richardson, Hill & Co.,	2,000 00
“ Cash received on taxes, H. J. Batchelor, Collector,	18,000 00
“ Cash received of 3d District Court, C. A. Dewey, Justice,	8 98
“ Cash received of B. A. Jourdan, butcher's license,	1 00
“ Cash received of S. B. Fiske, liquor license,	1 00
“ Cash received of H. F. Pellett, pool license,	2 00
“ Cash received of George C. Olney, pool license,	2 00
“ Cash received of Dr. Goodman, show license,	2 00
“ Cash received of H. W. Hunter, butcher's license,	1 00
“ Cash received of R. H. Chamberlain, Jailer, for fine,	10 00
“ Cash received of E. C. Traver, old material sold,	2 00
“ Cash received of E. P. Shaw, Treasurer, schooling State wards,	189 00

To Cash received of A. P. Williams, account school repairs,	6 00
“ Cash received of E. P. Shaw, Treasurer, State Supt. School Fund,	312 50
“ Cash Income Massachusetts School Fund,	294 38
“ Cash received of H. J. Potter, Brick School House,	10 00
“ Cash received of H. J. Potter, South part School House,	45 00
“ Cash received of E. W. Bradish, Bradish School House,	35 00
“ Cash received of W. L. Wood, No. 1 School House,	300 00
“ Cash received of Henry F. Sadler, Mechanics St. School House,	103 00
“ Cash received of Robert Kenniston, Pudding St. School House,	10 00
“ Cash received of State Board of Charity, Transportation,	1 05
“ Cash received of D. T. Fiske, Old School Desks and Chairs,	10 80
“ Cash received of E. P. Shaw, State Treasurer, Compensation Inspecting Animals,	7 58
“ Cash received of E. P. Shaw, State Treasurer, Corporation Tax,	861 86
“ Cash received of E. P. Shaw, State Treasurer, National Bank Tax,	188 32
“ Cash received of E. P. Shaw, State Treasurer, Military Aid, Chap. 279, Acts 1894,	48 00
“ Cash received of E. P. Shaw, State Treasurer, State Aid, Chap. 301, Acts 1894,	952 00
“ Cash received of Edward A. Brown, County Treasurer, County Dog Fund,	351 69

To Cash received of Columbian Chapter	
O. E. S., Rent of Hall,	10 00
" Cash received of Post 105, G. A. R.,	
Rent of Hall,	1 00
" Cash received of J. S. Le Sure,	
Rent of Town Building,	222 50
" Cash received of E. A. Willard,	
Road Wash,	5 50
" Cash received of Alfred L. Whitney,	
Bridge Plank,	1 25
" Cash received of Worcester Co. Inst.	
for Savings, Interest on Car-	
penter Fund,	40 20
" Cash received of First National	
Bank, Interest on Deposit,	28 95
	———— \$35,721 46

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By Cash Paid on Selectmen's Orders,	\$33,670 08
By Cash Paid Selectmen to Balance,	2,051 38
	———— \$35,721 46

Respectfully submitted.

S. B. FISKE,
Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Cash paid Notes and Interest :—

Salem Savings Bank,	\$320 00
E. P. Shaw, State Treasurer,	8,760 00
Bond & Goodwin,	172 70
Chas. A. Chase,	283 40
National Bank of Commonwealth,	3,000 00
Hill & Co.,	46 97

	\$12,583 07

Cash paid for Support of Schools :—

A. P. Williams, Chairman School Board,	\$7,293 02

	\$7,293 02

Cash paid for Support of Poor :—

T. T. Brewer, for Overseers,	\$2,487 00

	\$2,487 00

Cash paid Town Library :—

Fred. W. Wood, Treasurer,	\$360 00

	\$360 00

Cash paid Military Aid, Chap. 372, Acts of 1899 :—

George E. Hatch,	\$96 00
C. W. Comstock,	66 00
Calvin A. Taft,	6 00

	\$168 00

Cash paid for Memorial Services :—

D. Willard Morse, Treasurer J. Orson Fisk Post,	\$100 00

	\$100 00

Cash paid for Soldiers' Relief:—

C. S. Temple, Groceries for Geo. E. Hatch,	\$76 26
Jos. Woods, Bread, &c., for Geo. E. Hatch,	33 20
E. M. Baker, Meat and Fish for Geo. E. Hatch,	50 54
G. H. Stoddard, Milk for Geo. E. Hatch,	18 25
J. T. Cree, Boarding Judson Southland,	60 75
G. A. Jordan, M.D., Medical Attendance, Judson Southland,	18 00
C. S. Bradley, M.D., Medical Attendance, Sarah Potter,	3 65
Town of Milford, for Susan Bates,	58 50
Sarah Potter, Town Aid,	104 00
E. E. Holbrook, Town Aid,	100 00
Orphan's Home, for E. W. Harback's Children,	258 50
	—
	\$781 65

Cash paid for Grading and Curbing around Water Fountain at West Upton:—

Wm. Knowlton & Sons,	\$125 00
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	\$125 00

Cash paid State Aid, Chap. 301, Acts 1899:—

Geo. E. Aldrich,	\$48 00
Dolly Brooks,	48 00
Caroline Clark,	48 00
Louise Cushing,	48 00
Wm. O. Davenport,	48 00
Jennie Davenport,	48 00
Louise Despeaux,	48 00
Geo. G. Hall,	48 00
Chas. D. Holmes,	48 00
E. W. Harback,	66 00
E. E. Holbrook,	48 00
Marshall Pike,	60 00
Chas. E. Pierce,	48 00
James M. Rockwood,	48 00
Mary E. Stone,	48 00
Hannah Sullivan,	48 00

H. E. Taylor,	60 00
H. M. Taft,	48 00
Sarah E. Vallett,	48 00
Aaron Aldrich,	50 00
Chas. W. Pierce,	36 00
John Clifford,	36 00
Harry Pierce,	30 00
Ora S. Gibbs,	15 00
Samuel P. Hall,	15 00

_____ \$1,136 00

Cash paid State and County Tax :—

E. P. Shaw, Treasurer, State Tax,	\$600 00
E. A. Brown, Treasurer, County Tax,	1,230 00

_____ \$1,830 00

Cash paid Fire Department :—

John F. Gorman, Treas. Hook & Ladder Co.,	\$124 14
Geo. F. Prentiss, Treas. Niagara Engine Co.,	350 83
Michael O'Connell, for Board of Engineers,	50 00
A. E. King, for Board of Engineers,	100 00

_____ \$624 97

Cash paid Fire Wardens :—

E. W. King, Service at Brush Fires,	\$9 50
A. E. King, Service at Brush Fires,	21 08
H. M. Buck, Service at Brush Fires,	27 41
H. J. Potter, Service at Brush Fires,	14 25
W. H. Rockwood, Service at Brush Fires,	75
Thos. Miskell, Service at Brush Fires,	2 75

_____ \$75 74

Cash paid for Street Lights :—

Geo. E. Southland, Care of Street Lights,	\$482 28
E. T. Hall, Oil, &c.,	172 88
Clark, Sawyer Co., Oil Tank, Globes, &c.,	27 60
E. E. Poland, Express,	1 75

_____ \$684 51

Cash paid for Roads and Bridges :—

B. A. Jourdan, for Highway Surveyors,	\$2,146 49
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Cash paid for Removing Snow :—

B. A. Jourdan, for Highway Surveyors,	\$642 87
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Cash paid for Care of Cemeteries :—

S. B. Fiske, Treas. for Board of Trustees,	\$300 00
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	\$300 00
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Cash paid for Suppressing Liquor Traffic :—

A. A. Jenkins,	\$71 37
A. C. Southland, Constable,	30 40

	\$101 77
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Cash Paid for Town Incidentals :—

Geo. E. Southland, Care of Water Works,	\$ 32 35
Chas. Hamilton Est., Printing Town Report,	134 85
Harvey P. Wilder, Copying Records,	2 50
Geo. D. Whitney, for Appraisers at Town Farm,	9 00
Geo. D. Whitney, Inspecting Cattle,	15 16
H. A. Bagley, Notifying Town Officers,	7 00
O. E. Lincoln, Labor on Banner Case,	2 20
O. F. Taft, Books for Assessors,	3 15
H. E. Mason, Labor in Lockup,	7 50
Benj. Ridgeway, Repairing Clock,	5 45
E. A. Willard, Insurance,	361 58
Wm. E. Salisbury, Painting G. A. R. Hall,	47 00
H. D. Clark, D. V. S., Examination of Horse,	5 00
F. W. Clark, Killing and Burying Horse,	3 00
E. B. Newton, Police Duty July 3, 1899,	2 00
Albert Sadler, Burial of David Butler,	40 00
W. G. Fiske, Lumber, Nails, etc.,	13 48

E. P. Shaw, Treasurer, one-quarter Liquor License,	25
Ray Bros., Merchandise Delivered,	15 75
Marble & Allen, Surveying and Plans of 3 Roads,	50 00
G. M. Billings, Printing 50 Copies Poll Tax List,	10 00
James A. Saxe, Copies of Records for Assessors,	7 40
A. C. Southland, Posting Warrants and Police Duty,	31 00
Avery & Woodbury, 4 Mattresses for Lockup,	10 00
Geo. P. Walcott, 9 Blankets for Lockup,	7 65
A. A. Bowker, Supplies for Lockup,	2 15
L. A. Snow, Fertilizer and Seed,	5 25
S. Warren Cooke, Selling School-Houses,	10 00
Wm. F. Parshley, Police Duty July 3d,	3 00
Cook & Sons, Printing,	7 50
E. W. Batchelor, 10 Tons Coal for Town Hall,	60 00
Wm. M. Olin, Counting Apparatus,	5 00
J. S. Wesby, Binding 3 Magazines,	2 25
J. S. Le Sure, Services as Janitor Town Hall,	150 36
J. S. Le Sure, Supplies for Town Hall,	64 82
Albert Sadler, Returning Deaths,	6 50
F. T. Nelson, Sundries for Town Clerk,	27 89
E. C. Traver, M.D., Board of Health,	17 50
D. T. Fiske, Removing Furniture from School-Houses,	8 00
D. T. Fiske, Drawing Monuments and Setting Posts,	5 00
G. M. Billings, Printing,	10 00
Albert Sadler, Burial of Eugenia Phelps,	25 00
S. B. Fiske, Paint, etc., for Waverly Hall,	21 37
S. B. Fiske, Expenses of Treasurer,	21 65
H. A. Bagley, Constable,	14 05
J. Frank Despeaux, Ballot Clerk,	6 00
Michael O'Connell, Ballot Clerk,	6 00
Geo. E. Childs, Inspector,	6 00
H. M. Buck, Teller,	1 50

Wm. W. Houghton, Tellers and Inspectors,	30 00
Walter W. True, Teller,	3 00
Roger Shaughnessey, Ballot Clerk,	6 00
Geo. E. Southland, Labor on Common,	8 45
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	\$1,357 51

Cash Paid Town Officers:—

E. C. Lyford, Services as Auditor 2 Years,	\$20 00
H. A. Corbin, " " Assessor,	55 00
O. F. Taft, " " "	65 00
E. C. Lyford, " " "	52 50
O. F. Taft, " " Highway Surveyor,	15 00
Wm. P. Wood, " " "	30 00
Surveyor 2 years,	75 00
T. T. Brewer, for Overseers,	70 00
F. T. Nelson, for Board of Registrars,	83 90
F. T. Nelson, Services as Town Clerk,	186 08
H. J. Batchelor, Collecting Taxes,	35 00
B. A. Jourdan, Services as Surveyor and Inspector of Meats,	10 00
E. C. Traver, Services as School Committee,	10 00
A. P. Williams, " " " Committee,	15 00
S. Jennie Batchelor, " " " Committee,	25 00
W. H. Wellington, Selectman,	25 00
D. T. Fiske, "	50 00
D. A. Farrington, "	50 00
S. B. Fiske, Treasurer,	<hr/>
	\$872 48

RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITURES.

Paid Notes and Interest,	\$12,583 07
Appropriation,	\$3,000 00
School, including Superintendent,	7,293 02
Appropriation,	6,000 00
Support of Poor,	2,487 00
Appropriation,	1,800 00

Roads and Bridges,		2,146 49
Appropriation,	2,000 00	
Removing Snow,		642 87
Appropriation,	600 00	
Fire Department,		624 97
Appropriation,	700 00	
Fire Wardens,		75 74
Appropriation,	50 00	
Town Library, with Carpenter Fund,		360 00
Appropriation,	360 00	
Town Officers,		872 48
Appropriation,	900 00	
Town Incidentals,		1,357 51
Appropriation,	1,000 00	
Memorial Services,		100 00
Appropriation,	100 00	
Military Aid, Chap. 279, Acts of 1899,		168 00
Appropriation,	150 00	
State Aid,		1,136 00
Appropriation,	500 00	
Soldiers' Relief, Chap. 279, Acts of 1899,		781 65
Appropriation,	500 00	
State Tax,		600 00
No Appropriation.		
County Tax,		1,230 00
No Appropriation.		
Street Lights,		684 51
Appropriation,	650 00	
Cemeteries,		300 00
Appropriation,	300 00	
Illegal Sale of Liquors,		101 70
Appropriation,	540 00	
Curbing and Grading around Water		
Fountain,		125 00
Appropriation,	125 00	

**FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN,
FEBRUARY 1st, 1900.**

Town owes Worcester County In-		
stitution for Savings on Soldiers'		
Monument,	\$260 00	
Town owes National Bank of the		
Commonwealth in Anticipation of		
Taxes,	7,000 00	

Town owes Treasurer and Receiver General, Boston, School-house Bonds,	18,000 00
Town owes Salem Savings Bank, Salem, Municipal Bonds,	8,000 00
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	\$33,260 00
Deposited in Worcester County Institution for Savings, Carpenter Library Fund,	\$1,000 00
Due the Town for Taxes, 1897,	527 71
Due the Town for Taxes, 1898,	1,914 50
Due the Town for Taxes, 1899,	6,844 77
Due the Town State Aid, Chap. 301,	1,136 00
Due the Town Military Aid, Chap. 279,	84 00
Cash in hands of Treas. of Trustees of Cemeteries,	213 74
Cash in hands of Overseers of Poor,	10 89
Cash in hands of Highway Surveyors,	2 59
Cash in hands of Library Treasurer,	3 80
Cash in hands of Fire Engineers,	138 20
Cash in hands of Selectmen,	2,051 38
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Balance against the Town Feby. 1, 1899,	\$21,566 26
Balance against the Town Feby. 1, 1900,	19,332 42

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. A. FARRINGTON,
D. T. FISKE,
W. H. WELLINGTON,
Selectmen of Upton.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

This is to certify that I have carefully examined the above reports and find them correct.

S. C. BROWN,
Auditor.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

REPORT OF SURVEYORS.

Cash received on orders of Selectmen,	\$2,146 49
Cash received from Alex. Barton,	6 35
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	\$2,152 84

Cash paid for Labor on Highways :—

Alex. Barton, with Teams,	\$911 99
James Boland, Labor,	209 99
Samuel Walker, Labor,	184 61
C. E. Whiting, Labor,	184 15
J. N. Holbrook, Labor,	151 36
L. W. Gould, Labor,	110 25
Mark Cooper, Labor,	94 04
Daniel Cooper, Labor,	78 74
W. P. Wood, Labor,	3 50
O. F. Taft, Labor,	35 75
Thos. Cullinan, Labor,	1 70
Thos. W. Frisby, Labor,	34
Cash on hand,	2 89
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	\$1,969 31

Cash paid for Incidentals :—

Alex. Barton, Chestnut Plank,	\$50 44
Wm. P. Wood, Chestnut Plank,	19 20
E. E. Poland, Extra Gravel Screen,	8 50
C. Ellis & Sons, Road Tools,	14 50
G. W. Wood, Blacksmithing,	5 30
C. W. Hopkins, Lumber,	4 10
R. B. Langill, Blacksmithing,	6 28
A. A. Bowker, Nails,	50
Amount paid for Gravel,	74 76
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	\$183 58

Approved by

S. C. BROWN,

Auditor.

Cash received on orders of Selectmen for removing
Snow, \$642 87

Cash paid for removing Snow :—

J. A. Richards,	\$9 09
Thos. Cullinan,	44 37
Jos. N. Martin,	41 40
Frank Martin,	16 56
J. S. & J. E. McCausland,	12 00
T. N. McCausland,	5 50
Thos. Kelly,	6 67
Alex. Barton,	123 93
O. F. Taft,	85 50
G. A. Walker,	11 66
L. W. Gould,	9 50
J. N. Goodell,	8 05
A. E. King,	15 61
J. F. Whitney,	25 50
Thos. W. Frisby,	2 12
C. J. Prowse,	29 10
Fred. A. Eames,	3 01
E. W. Southland,	2 00
C. T. Potter,	30 00
N. O. Rawson,	3 50
Town Farm,	13 28
Chas. Viall,	1 50
John Viall,	3 33
M. W. Clafin & Son,	1 80
E. A. Comstock,	3 50
J. F. Gorman,	8 34
C. Whiting & Son,	12 67
E. F. Keene,	29 06
B. A. Jourdan,	23 17
N. N. True,	24 16
J. Colbert,	16 83
Wm. Walker,	3 33
Mrs. R. Morrison,	3 33
N. F. Sadler,	7 00
Patrick Cooney, 1897, 1898 & 1899,	6 50

\$642 87

Approved by

S. C. BROWN,

Auditor.

TOOLS ON HAND.

Iron Bars,	3
Rakes,	2
Chains,	2
Picks,	5
Grub Hoes,	5
Road Hoes,	2
Short Handle Shovels,	6
Long Handle Shovels,	2
Long Handle Sycrom Shovels,	2
Bush Scythe Sticks,	4
Bush Scythes,	3
Axes,	1
Drilling Hammer,	1
Drills,	5
Wedges and Half rounds,	4 lbs.
Forks,	3
Sledge Hammer,	1
2-inch Chestnut Plank,	260 feet
One Set Letters for Marking Tools.	

B. A. JOURDAN,
WM. P. WOOD,
O. F. TAFT,

Highway Surveyors.

REPORT OF GUIDE-BOARDS.

2 Near Box Mill, West Upton.
1 " G. N. Hayward's corner house.
2 " D. W. Batchelor's boot shop.
2 " Michael Reynolds'.
2 " Joshua Aldrich's.
1 " Jos. J. Gould's.
1 " Sadler's Bridge.
1 " School-house No. 5.
2 " Charles Leland's.
1 " Thomas Miskell's.
2 " N. B. Hall place
4 " Dr. Capen's house.
2 " Austin Warren's house.
1 " Mary Packard's house.
2 " School-house.
2 " Winslow Whitney's house.
2 " Avery Place.
1 " Uranus Walker's.
1 " D. T. Fiske's.
3 " N. Perham's house.
2 " John Carroll's.
2 " Nathan Holbrook's.
2 " D. W. Morse's.
1 " M. O'Connell's house.
1 " Henry Johnson's.
1 " C. A. Davis'.
1 " Waverly Hall building.
1 " Methodist Church.
1 " Mrs. John Buckley's.
1 " Merrill Baker's.
1 " Levi Taft's.
1 " School-house No. 4.
4 " L. W. Taft's.
2 " J. A. Rockwood's.

Some of the Guide-Boards in poor condition.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

To cash received for 1898 of E. A.	
Baldwin, for care of lot,	\$1 00
E. M. Wilson, for 1898, care of lot,	1 00
A. T. Wood, for 1898, care of lot,	1 00
Lucy Eames, for 1898, care of lot,	2 00
Lewis Fiske Est., for 1898, care of lot,	1 00
H. J. Batchelor, care of lot,	1 00
Fred Lursene, care of two lots,	6 00
Fred Lursene, labor on lot,	6 00
Balance from last year,	6 29
George H. Temple, care of lot,	3 00
Mrs. John Dipper, care of lot,	1 00
J. W. Alexander, care of lot,	1 00
Jennie Davenport, care of lot,	1 00
Charles Leland, care of lot,	1 00
Mrs. J. H. Brooks, care of lot,	1 50
George E. Childs, care of lot,	1 00
Mrs. A. Smart, care of lot,	1 00
Mrs. J. H. Le Sure, care of lot,	1 00
George Buck, care of lot,	1 00
G. J. Aldrich, care of lot,	1 00
Henry Hatch, care of lot,	1 00
Edson Walker, lot repairs,	8 00
J. S. Le Sure, care of lot,	1 00
Augusta M. Aldrich, care of lot,	1 00
Dolly Walker, care of lot,	1 00
Sarah Cooper, care of lot,	1 00
Sarah Cooper, repairs of lot,	1 00
Annie Freeman, care of lot,	1 00
Lovica Whitney, care and repairs,	3 25
W. B. Keith, care of lot,	1 00
Nettie Jones, care of lot and repairs,	1 35

George A. Wood, care of lot,	1 00
Mary Gleason, care of lot,	1 00
H. O. Harrington, care of lot,	1 00
Jane Rockwood, care of lot,	1 00
Mrs. G. A. Sharpe, care of lot,	1 00
George White, care of lot,	1 00
Emma Wood, care of lot,	1 00
Mrs. A. C. Southland, care of lot,	1 00
C. W. Nourse, foundation,	8 00
Ellen M. Taft, care of lot,	1 00
H. L. Fisk, care of lot,	2 50
S. Etta King, care of lot,	2 00
S. J. Batchelor, care of lot,	1 00
L. A. Hayward, repairs,	25
Hiram Batchelor, repairs,	1 25
Phila Weier, care of lot,	1 00
Mrs. E. G. M. Sampson, care of lot,	2 00
Mrs. P. G. Harrington, care of lot,	1 00
Aaron Emerson, care of lot,	1 00
O. F. Taft, care of lot,	1 00
Town Appropriation,	300 00
Alex. Barton, care of lots,	2 00
J. J. Nelson, care of lots and repairs,	5 00
James Alexander, repairs,	75
Hannah Wood, repairs,	12 00
Benjamin D. Wood, care of lot,	1 00
Albert Pierce, repairs,	11 00
Daniel Holbrook, care of lot,	2 50
D. E. Fisk, care of lot,	1 00
B. A. Jourdan, care of lot,	1 00
F. T. Nelson, repairs,	11 00
Sarah L. Bradish, care of lot,	1 00
Dividend on Legacies,	38 19

	\$476 83

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By cash paid R. & J. Farquhar & Co.,	\$6 30
George E. Southland, labor,	7 75
James Beck, labor,	144 49
Will White, labor,	60
J. L. Buxton, repairing lawn mower,	2 85
Oliver Capistraw, labor,	1 20
Ross Bros.,	9 05

John Wrenn, labor,	15 75
C. M. Wood, fertilizer,	6 00
Geo. F. Prentiss,	7 50
E. J. Urban, labor,	7 50
Duncan & Goodell Co.,	10 35
Williams Bros.,	2 15
H. O. Harrington,	8 62
C. W. Comstock, labor,	7 20
G. W. Wood, labor,	1 00
L. A. Hayward, labor,	8 25
L. P. Bradish, labor,	3 00
S. B. Fiske, labor and material,	13 53
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	\$263 09
Cash balance in hands of Treasurer,	213 74
	—
	\$476 83

The following legacies in trust are deposited in the Worcester County Institution for Savings :—

Henry Chapin, by will,	\$200 00
Johanna B. Rawson, by will,	50 00
Ann Maria Torrey, by will,	200 00
Otis C. Lackey,	100 00
William K. Follett,	100 00
J. B. & H. W. Chapin,	200 00
Elisha Walker,	100 00
	—
	\$950 00

Respectfully submitted.

S. B. FISKE,

Treasurer of Trustees of Cemeteries.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF ENGINEERS.

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 1900.

DR.

Cash on hand, Feb. 10, 1899,	\$161 00
Town order, No. 1,	50 00
" " No. 2,	100 00

	\$311 06

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Feb. 17.	
G. E. Southland, ringing fire alarms,	\$13 00
Waldo Comstock, watching fire,	1 70
Olive Capstraw, " "	1 70
F. W. Clark, teams to fires,	32 00
Miss Delia Bourne, " " "	6 00
A. E. King, " " "	6 00
A. E. King, postage,	10
Salary five engineers,	50 00
E. M. Baker, 100 panes glass,	2 00
E. M. Baker, for team,	1 50
S. Smith, for watching fire,	2 75
S. B. Fiske, supplies,	6 96
H. C. Bennet, for straps,	1 00
W. H. Kay, services as steward and supplies for Niagara, No. 2,	26 00
W. Baker, supplies for Hook and Ladder Company,	12 00
S. C. Brown, postage and stationery,	30
Aaron Jackson, splicing rope,	50
A. A. Bowker, lamp chimneys,	50
W. G. Fiske, bracket and repairs,	1 70

G. A. Fiske, watching fire,	1 50
R. E. Aldrich, " "	1 50
H. D. Aldrich, for supplies,	4 15

	\$172 86
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	138 20

	\$311 06

J. E. WALKER,
Treasurer.

This is to certify that I have examined the above report and
find it correct.

S. C. BROWN,
Auditor.

TOWN LIBRARY.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.		
Balance on hand March 1, 1899,		\$ 18 44
Received Town Appropriation,	\$360 00	
Received for fines collected,	7 75	
Received for catalogues sold,	2 55	
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		\$388 74

Cr.	
Paid Harper's Magazine,	\$ 3 25
Review of Reviews, Magazine,	2 50
Cosmopolitan "	1 00
Munsey "	1 00
North American Review "	4 25
Century Magazine,	3 50
New England "	3 00
Albert Davis, for labor,	25
Mrs. L. C. Sadler, services as Librarian,	100 00
Mrs. L. C. Sadler, for Janitor,	12 00
Mrs. L. C. Sadler, for Assistant,	13 00
" Our Home,"	2 60
Cleaning Library room,	1 95
J. S. Le Sure, express and freight since 1894,	12 20

Paid A. Storrs & Bement, paper,	1 80
J. S. Wesby, binding books,	32 15
Charles E. Lauriat Co., books,	181 29
Kozozius' History,	60
Work on books,	3 50
Money orders, postage, etc.,	1 15
Express, box rent, mucilage, etc.,	2 45
Library expenses,	1 50
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	\$384 94

Balance cash in Treasurer's hands, \$3 80

FRED W. WOOD,

Treasurer Town Library.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, JULY, 1899.

Number of Volumes in Library July 1st, 1898,	3,651
Number of Volumes added during the year,	130
Number of Volumes in Library July 1st, 1899,	3,781
Number of Volumes added by Town Appropriation,	80
Number of Volumes added by Carpenter Fund,	50
Number of Books rebound,	64
Number of Volumes of Monthly Magazines rebound,	17
Number of Volumes duplicated,	5

Books donated were :—

Atlas of Worcester County, 1898, Walter G. Partridge.

Autobiography of Adin Ballou, Wm. S. & Abbie Heywood.

History of Hopedale Community, Wm. S. & Abbie H.

Report of Free Public Library Commission.

Report of Perkins Institution for the Blind, A. P. Williams

Officers and Students of Harvard University, A. P. Williams.

Year Book of Department of Agriculture, A. P. Williams.
Editor, A. G. Johnson, D. W. Williams.

Railroad Commission, A. P. Williams.

Official Records :—Soldiers and Sailors of Revolution, Vol. 4—

Smithsonian Report, 1890—Fifteenth Mass. Infantry in
War of the Rebellion.

Number of names registered,	295
Number of Volumes delivered for circulation,	8,811
Number of days the Library was open,	48
Number of Volumes weekly circulation,	183.5

LAURA C. SADLER,
Librarian of Upton Town Library.

UPTON, February 3rd, 1900.

REPORT OF APPRAISERS.

We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Selectmen of the Town of Upton as Appraisers of the Town Farm, and the personal property thereon, for the year ending February 1st, 1900, submit the following report:—

STOCK, HAY AND GRAIN.

2 Horses,	\$130 00
10 Cows,	350 00
5 Two-year-olds,	100 00
2 Yearlings,	30 00
6 Hogs,	44 00
50 Fowls,	25 00
6 Tons English Hay,	108 00
4 Tons Meadow Hay,	36 00
1 Ton Hungarian,	15 00
6 Tons of Corn Fodder, Ensilage,	36 00
4 Barrels of Grain,	6 00
250 Bushels of Corn on the Ear,	55 00
1 Bushel of Rye,	75
7 Calves,	63 00
1 Bull,	20 00

	\$1,083 75

FARMING TOOLS.

Democrat Wagon,	\$25 00
Express Wagon,	20 00
1 Two-horse Wagon,	60 00
1 Farm Wagon,	15 00
1 Two-horse Sled,	10 00
1 Pung Sleigh,	6 00
1 Single Sleigh,	8 00
1 Set Double Harness,	15 00
2 Single Harnesses,	20 00
1 Set of Hames and Traces,	2 00

1 Mowing Machine,	15 00
1 Horse Rake,	4 00
4 Plows,	6 00
1 Two-horse Cart,	110 00
1 Wheelbarrow,	3 00
1 One-horse Sled,	5 00
1 Two-horse Sled,	2 00
1 Creamery,	25 00
1 Truck and Box,	6 00
4 Harrows,	15 00
1 Weeder,	6 00
2 Horse Hoes,	4 00
1 Corn Planter,	10 00
1 Stone Drag,	4 00
1 Winnowing Mill,	2 00
1 Grindstone,	2 00
2 Feed Cutters,	4 00
1 Corn Sheller,	3 00
1 Grain Cradle,	1 00
5 Rakes,	75
5 Scythes and Snaths,	3 50
4 Hay Forks,	1 60
1 Flail,	25
1 Hammer and Drills,	1 00
1 Seed Sower,	3 00
1 Hay Hook,	25
1 Drag Rake,	50
3 Grass Hooks,	25
7 Shovels,	2 00
6 Manure Forks,	3 00
1 Manure Hook,	25
2 Iron Bars,	1 00
1 Pickaxe,	40
1 Bog Hoe,	60
1 Bill-hook,	75
4 Axes,	2 50
3 Wood Saws,	1 50
2 Wagon Jacks,	75
2 Pairs of Ice Tongs,	1 50
2 Ice Hooks,	1 00
1 Garden Rake,	20
5 Potato Hooks,	1 50
1 Pair of Balances,	2 00
1 Tackle and Rope,	5 00

2 Ox Yokes,	1 00
3 Ox Wagon Poles,	4 00
5 Ladders,	5 00
1 Suction Pump,	2 00
6 Whiffletrees,	4 00
1 Chain Evener and Wood Evener,	2 00
5 Horse Blankets,	2 50
3 Halters,	2 00
1 Lap-robe,	1 00
1 Post-hole Digger,	1 00
1 Barrel of Cement,	2 40
1 Door Truck and Track,	1 25
4 Horse-brushes,	1 00
3 Draft Chains,	3 00
8 Stake Chains,	1 25
1 Whiffletree Chain,	1 00
2 Feed Bags,	1 00
50 Pounds of Nails,	2 00
13 Hoes,	2 50
1 Cross-cut Saw,	1 50
1 Scalding-tub,	50
2 Bushel Baskets,	50
40 Flour Barrels,	4 00
1 Set Grain Measures,	30
1 Grain Chest,	12 00
Grain Bags,	2 40
Feed Boxes,	2 50
Carpenter Tools,	7 00
3 Saw-horses,	2 00
1 Lawn Mower,	2 00
200 Pounds of Phosphate,	3 20

— — — — — \$520 85

WOOD AND LUMBER.

1 Lot of Oak Lumber,	\$ 3 00
1 Lot of Pine and Chestnut Lumber,	20 00
1 Lot of Wood,	93 00
— — — — —	\$116 00

FURNITURE.

Furniture in Kitchen,	\$ 45 00
Furniture in Inmates' Room,	5 00
Furniture in Inmates' Dining-room,	8 00

Furniture in Women's Sitting-room,	10 00
Furniture in Sleeping-rooms upstairs,	130 00
Furniture in Bath-room,	8 00
2 Stoves and Pipe,	6 50
1 Extension-table,	5 00
1 Small Grindstone,	1 00
1 Wash-boiler,	1 25
1 Wash-tub,	1 00
1 Clothes-wringer,	50
2 Wash-boards,	50
3 Clothes-baskets and Lines,	2 00
Tables and Chairs,	3 00
1 Nut-cracker,	25
Furniture in Attic,	10 00
3 Lanterns,	1 00
3 Jugs,	75
5 Wooden Buckets,	1 50
7 Stone Jars,	2 50
3 Flatirons,	1 25
1 Pair of Steelyards,	1 00
5 Milk Pails,	3 50
1 Milk Cooler,	2 00
1 Meat Cutter,	2 00
1 Bread Case,	1 50
1 Double Boiler,	1 00
4 Clocks,	6 00
7 Water Pails,	1 50
8 Brooms,	2 00
2 Dinner Bells,	1 00
1 Lot of Tinware,	6 00
1 Lot of Glass and Crockery,	12 00
1 Sewing Machine,	8 00
Bed-linen,	11 00
Bed Clothing,	8 00
Clothes Frame,	1 00
Lamps and Chimneys,	10 00
Knives and Forks,	1 50
Spoons,	7 00
Table-linen,	3 50
1 Oil-can,	75
Wire Mats,	1 00
8 Window Curtains,	4 00
Mats and Matting,	6 00

2 Fire Extinguishers,	26 00
1 Faucet,	75
	—
	\$372 00

PROVISIONS.

Soap,	\$8 00
2 Bushels of Walnuts,	1 50
50 Pounds of Oyster-shells,	25
5 Bushels of Salt,	2 00
75 Bushels of Potatoes,	52 50
Vinegar,	14 00
80 Pounds of Salt Pork,	6 40
8 Pounds of Butter,	2 40
Flour,	1 25
Baking-powder,	1 00
20 Pounds of Starch,	90
8 Pounds of Raisins,	80
18 Cans of Fruit,	3 00
1 Lot of Oil,	1 00
1 Lot of Vegetables,	6 25
40 Gallons of Molasses,	14 00
Rice, Lemons, etc.,	1 00
Coffee,	54
	—
	\$116 79
Whole Amount of Personal Property,	2,209 39
Farm,	6,000 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HARRIS J. POTTER.
GEORGE D. WHITNEY.
EMORY W. KING.

OVERSEERS' REPORT.

EXPENSES AT THE TOWN FARM FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1900.

Cash paid:—

C. W. Childs, Superintendent,	\$400 00
Andrew Hanson, labor,	36 00
Alex. McDonald, labor,	91 83
Frank Plum, labor,	25 20
Moses Styles, labor,	8 67
Henry Mellen, labor,	25 00
Labor filling silo,	56 73
Help in house,	133 00
Labor on farm,	30 26
Perry Wood, saw bill and lumber,	138 64
P. W. Rockwood, fertilizer,	47 50
C. M. Wood, fertilizer,	28 00
E. C. Wood, creamery,	25 00
L. C. Fisk, roofing for silo,	73 73
Ensilage truck,	5 50
E. J. O'Connell, boots and shoes,	18 15
Paid for bull,	20 00
John T. Crowell, repairing,	2 37
S. B. Fiske,	33 55
H. A. Barney, cement,	16 80
Thomas & Walcott, dry goods,	16 67
C. W. Comstock, painting,	27 93
E. E. Poland, repairs and express,	17 05
W. A. Burpee, seeds,	5 25
R. B. Langill, tip-cart,	125 00
R. B. Langill, blacksmithing,	32 83
Geo. W. Wood, blacksmithing,	20 16
W. G. Fisk, lumber and nails,	44 37
Ross Bros.,	10 11
E. T. Hall, grain and groceriers,	139 17
E. T. Hall, fertilizer,	30 00

E. M. Baker, meat and fish,	105 49
L. A. Snow, grain and grinding,	209 48
H. L. Patrick, grain and groceries,	118 79
Dr. E. C. Traver, medical attendance,	25 75
B. A. Jourdan,	12 31
O. E. Donnelly,	4 45
E. A. Willard,	2 65
W. S. Marden, crackers,	15 20
Avery & Woodbury,	7 31
Upton dry goods store,	15 44
C. S. Temple, groceries,	91 36
G. D. Richardson, groceries,	55 79
E. F. Keene, saw bill,	13 00
T. D. Harris Est., groceries,	23 14
T. F. Boyd, meat,	11 71
King Bros., clothing,	7 78
M. L. Benson, meat,	3 18
R. E. Aldrich, lime,	40
G. D. Whitney, rye,	5 25
E. W. Batchelor, coal,	2 50
Clark Ellis & Sons, hardware,	35 40
Groceries,	13 05
Dry goods,	9 24
Crackers,	15 95
Meat and fish,	8 81
Labor in house,	20 67
Labor on farm,	62 93
Cash to inmates,	6 00
Grinding,	2 60
Calves,	3 75
Bull,	16 00
Shoes,	85
Blacksmithing,	45
Drag plank,	1 15
Ice,	3 00
Land damage,	2 00
Service of boar,	1 00
Potatoes and seeds,	2 60
Express,	97
Lumber, paper and hardware,	53 83
Repairs,	12 25
Employment agency,	5 00
Expenses,	5 55
	\$2,698 50

RECEIPTS AT THE TOWN FARM FOR THE YEAR
ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1900.

Cash received :—

Cash in hands of Overseers,	\$29 48
Cash received for lumber,	399 03
Milk and cream checks,	354 94
Milk sold at farm,	17 25
Potatoes and vegetables,	24 09
Wood,	7 00
Hay,	16 00
Cows and calves,	61 50
Services of bull,	13 50
Lumber,	63 95
Pork,	12 90
Eggs,	13 05
Removing snow,	10 97
Labor with team,	14 25
Received for repairs,	1 50
Use of wagon,	3 00
	————— \$1,042 41

EXPENSES AWAY FROM THE TOWN FARM FOR
THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1900.

Cash paid :—

Worcester Insane Hospital, boarding Elinor	
A. Howe,	\$169 46
Sarah A. McBride,	169 46
Edward Hunter,	169 46
Jonathan E. Hayden,	169 46
Medfield Insane Asylum, boarding Cora G.	
Leet,	146 00
Town of Milford, rent for Mrs. J. E. But-	
ler,	91 00
Town of Milford, aid for Mrs. Calvin Taft,	36 04
Town of Brockton, aid for Mrs. James	
Walker,	5 50
Expenses to Tewkesbury,	5 00
Expenses to Worcester,	1 50
Aid furnished Hannah Rose,	62 00
Aid furnished Hannah Rose,	9 00
Town of Westboro, aid for Mrs. Joseph	
Maynard,	12 90

Paid Mrs. Fred. Alexander, care of Ella	
A. Aldrich,	6 00
Cash to Ella A. Aldrich,	25
Albert Warren, Express,	50
Worcester City Hospital, boarding James	
Brown,	32 00
Aid furnished T. Rockwood,	63 93
C. S. Temple, groceries for Mrs. Ida Callanan,	13 46
A. A. Bowker, groceries for Mrs. Callanan,	36 76
C. S. Temple, groceries for Thos. Young,	9 11
C. S. Temple, groceries for J. A. Richards,	4 03
M. L. Benson, meat for J. A. Richards,	1 08
C. S. Temple groceries for Edna French,	2 00
Dr. E. C. Traver, attending Edna French,	3 50
Dr. E. C. Traver, attending Mrs. J. A.	
Richards,	10 00
Dr. E. C. Traver, attending Mrs. Callanan,	10 00
Dr. E. C. Traver, attending Pat. Hagerty,	10 00
Dr. E. C. Traver, attending tramps,	4 00
A. C. Southland, care of 563 tramps,	84 45
A. A. Bowker, groceries for Thos. Young,	9 91
Aid furnished Mrs. R. Johnson,	20 00
Dr. S. R. Capen, attending Thos. Young,	1 50
Dr. S. R. Capen, attending Mrs. McQuesten,	10 00
A. Sadler, funeral expenses Mrs. McQuesten,	22 00
E. T. Hall, shoes for McQuesten children,	2 75

	\$1,404 01

RECEIPTS AWAY FROM TOWN FARM FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1900.

Cash received:—

From Fleming Hunter,	\$169 46
From Sarah A. McBride,	169 46
From Elinor A. Howe,	169 46
Town of Northboro, for J. A. Richards,	15 11
Town of Northbridge, for Hannah Rose,	62 00
Town of Mendon, for Edna French,	5 50

	\$590 99

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
TOWN OF UPTON.

DR.

To Cash on hand at last settlement,	\$ 29 48
Bills due the town at last settlement,	54 84
Farm as appraised Feb. 1, 1899,	6,000 00
Personal property as appraised Feb. 1, 1899,	2,048 68
Sales at Farm as per account rendered,	1,012 93
Cash from Fleming Hunter,	169 46
Cash from Sarah A. McBride estate,	169 46
Cash from Elinor A. Howe estate,	169 46
Cash from other Towns,	82 61
Selectmen's orders,	2,487 00
Balance (increase in valuation and bills due),	301 11
	————— \$12,525 03

CR.

By Cash on hand,	\$ 10 89
Bills due the Town,	202 24
Farm as appraised Feb. 1, 1900,	6,000 00
Personal property as appraised Feb. 1, 1900,	2,209 39
Amount paid out at Farm,	2,698 50
Amount paid out away from Farm,	1,404 01
	————— \$12,525 03

TOWN FARM IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF
UPTON.

DR.

To amount expended at the Farm,	\$2,698 50
Interest on investment (\$8,048.68) at	
5 per cent.,	402 43
	————— \$3,100 93

CR.

By receipts at the Farm,	\$1,012 93
Increase in valuation (stock bought and on hand),	160 71
Boarding poor 391 weeks, at \$4.92 ⁸⁵ ₇₁ ,	1,927 29
	————— \$3,100 93

NAMES OF PAUPERS SUPPORTED AT THE TOWN
FARM FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1900.

Alonzo Fisk,	52 $\frac{1}{4}$ weeks.
Geo. H. Fisk,	52 $\frac{1}{4}$ weeks.
Benjamin Pettice,	52 $\frac{1}{4}$ weeks.
Mrs. Gould,	52 $\frac{1}{4}$ weeks.
Mrs. Merrill Baker,	52 $\frac{1}{4}$ weeks.
Ella Aldrich,	48 weeks.
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Mrs. Geo. Bowker,	16 $\frac{1}{4}$ weeks.
Michael Kerrivan,	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ weeks.
Patrick Hagerty,	15 weeks.
	391 weeks.

Respectfully submitted.

T. T. BREWER,
C. M. WOOD,
P. W. ROCKWOOD,

Overseers of the Town of Upton.

This is to certify that I have examined the above reports and
find them correct.

S. C. BROWN,
Auditor.

TOWN WARRANT.

WORCESTER, ss.

*To the Constable of the Town of Upton, in the County of
Worcester,* GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are
directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Upton, qualified
to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the Town
Hall, in said Upton, on Monday, the 5th day of March, punc-
tually, at nine o'clock forenoon, then and there to act on the fol-
lowing articles, to wit :

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

ARTICLE 2. To hear the reports of all Town Officers and Committees, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing—Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Overseers of the Poor, three Assessors, Town Treasurer, one School Committee for three years, Tax Collector, Auditor, one Highway Surveyor for three years, five Constables, three Fence Viewers, one Trustee of Cemeteries for three years, one Sexton; also for said voters to give in their votes, yes or no, in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted to sell intoxicating liquors in this town the ensuing year?" all on one ballot.

ARTICLE 4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, make appropriations of the same, and determine the time the same shall be paid, or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to defray in part the expenses of Memorial Day.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will appropriate money for Military Aid, under Chapter 372, Acts of 1899, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will appropriate money to pay State Aid, under Chapter 374, Acts of 1899, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will appropriate money to pay Town Aid, under Chapter 279, Acts of 1893, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors submitted by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will appropriate money to care for and light the street lamps belonging to the Town Improvement Association, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will appropriate money for the annual expense of the Town Library, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will appropriate money for the care and repairs of their Cemeteries, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate money to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will authorize their Assessors

to have their valuation of the Town for the year 1900, printed, and appropriate money for the same.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to elect its boards of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, to serve as follows, one member on each board to serve one year, one member two years, one member three years, and thereafter a member to each board to be elected to serve three years, as provided in Sections 335 and 336, Chapter 548, Acts of 1898, as petitioned for by C. M. Wood and others.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to purchase additional land for Cemetery purposes, as petitioned for by the Trustees of the Cemeteries, appropriate a sum of money for the same, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of eight hundred dollars to be expended on a road in South Upton, as petitioned for by Charles Whiting and others, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to repair the side-walk from the Town Hall to the residence of Jerry Leary, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will accept Taft Street (so called) as relocated by the Selectmen, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will accept the relocation by the Selectmen of the Warren Road (so called), from the John Hill place (so called) to the turnpike, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to add the Tree Warden to the printed ticket, furnished at public expense.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said Town, ten days at least before the time of holding said meeting: At each of the Post-offices and on the Town House in said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Upton, this twenty-first day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred.

DAVID A. FARRINGTON,

D. T. FISKE,

W. H. WELLINGTON,

Selectmen of Upton.

A true copy.

1899.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF
TOWN OF UPTON.

APPLETON P. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

SARAH J. BATCHELOR, *Secretary.*

EDWARD C. TRAVER, M. D.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS :

WILLIAM H. HOLMES, JR.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE :

HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

OFFICE HOURS :

TUESDAYS DURING TERM TIME, FROM 9 TO 9.45 A. M.

REGULAR MEETINGS OF SCHOOL BOARD :

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 2 P. M.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

February, 1900.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND TO ADOPT THE SAME AS THE REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF UPTON:

I have the honor to submit to you the Annual Report of the Schools of Upton for the school year ending February 1, 1900.

The following are the

STATISTICS.

Population of Upton.....	2,150
Number of schools	8
Number of teachers	10
Number of children between the ages of five and fifteen years, September, 1899.....	280
Whole number of pupils enrolled for the year ending February 1, 1900.....	347
Average membership	306.23
Average daily attendance	278.57
Number of pupils in the different grades :	
Grades, I. II. III. IV. V. VI. VII. VIII. Total,	
Number, 46 26 47 19 37 31 26 22 254	
Number of pupils in the High School	72
	—
Total of pupils in all schools.....	326

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE.

SCHOOLS.	Grades.	Average Membership.	Average Daily Attendance.	Per Cent. of Attendance to Membership.	Number Registered.	Number Enrolled.
High	9-10-11-12	65.38	61.87	94.6	83	72
Grammar	7-8	41.22	38.05	92.3	44	44
Grammar	5-6	50.31	47.51	94.4	56	56
Center	1-2-3-4	36.56	24.95	93.9	32	30
West	3-4	31.18	27.68	88.7	38	38
Center	1-2	30.07	26.48	88.	38	35
West	1-2	35.84	29.54	82.4	42	40
East Part	All.	25.67	22.51	87.6	32	32
Totals and Averages.		306.23	278.59	90.9	365	347

EXPENSES.

Teachers	\$4,183 50
Transportation	753 00
Fuel	524 88
Repairs	204 13
Books, stationery, etc.	525 92
Janitors	537 89
Miscellaneous	107 45
Superintendent	456 25
Total expenses	\$7,293 02

EXPENSE PER PUPIL.

Total expenses	\$7,293 02
Expense per pupil, based on enrollment	21 02
Expense per pupil, based on membership	23 82

Expenses, including only fuel, janitors and teachers.	5,246	27
Expense per pupil, based on enrollment	15	12
Expense per pupil, based on membership	17	13

BOOKS, STATIONERY, SUPPLIES, ETC.

Expenses for text books, stationery, supplies, etc...	\$525	92
Expense per pupil, based on enrollment	1	52
Expense per pupil, based on membership	1	72

BUILDINGS.

The condition of the different buildings is good.

Some steps might be taken to beautify the grounds and surroundings. Environment is a potent factor in education.

The desks at the East Part School are not suitable for the younger pupils. They should be replaced by adjustable desks which can be fitted to the stature of the pupil.

The walls and ceiling of the Primary School at Upton Center are in need of repairs.

There would be a great saving of fuel if the buildings at Upton Center and West Upton were fitted with double windows. If this does not seem advisable, something should be done to keep out the cold air which comes in around the loose window-casings of these buildings.

The school buildings, furniture and apparatus are now in a good state of repair. We desire to keep them so. Special effort has been made to make the pupils understand the sacredness of school and other public property.

The parents should co-operate with the teachers in giving the children wholesome instruction on this subject.

THE WORK OF THE SCHOOLS.

The work of my predecessor, I am led to believe, met with your approval. In general, I have followed along the same lines that he was following. The work of the Upton schools is above

the average. This is due to the fact that there is system in the work.

There were certain ends to be accomplished, and all the work has been directed toward those ends. Definiteness of purpose will accomplish more than any other one thing. Without system the work will be without result. There is, however, ample room for progress in our schools, and I am confident that "Progress" is the watchword of all connected with them.

AIM OF THE SCHOOLS.

The aim of the schools is to produce men and women of thought and character. There can be no nobler product.

Character building and mind training are the essentials with which the schools are concerned. Both are necessary to accomplish the ends for which the schools are established.

TEACHERS.

Since every teacher in Upton has had the advantage of a college or normal school training, much should be done to realize this aim. Our teachers are faithful and painstaking. They are willing to work and to learn. Upton, however, suffers with other towns of her class from being unable to retain, on account of inability to pay sufficient salaries, teachers after they have come to be of great value to the schools.

List of the teachers employed in Upton, February 1, 1900.

Names.	Grades.	School.	Residence.	Where Educated.
Robert O. Small,	9-10-11-12	High,	Upton, Mass.	Bowdoin College.
Harriet O. Paul,	9-10-11-12	High,	Newton, Mass.	Wellesley College.
Ida B. Eames,	9-10-11-12	High,	Natick, Mass.	Wellesley College.
Frances L. Belcher,	7—8	Grammar,	Chicopee, Mass.	Westfield Normal.
Blanche C. Horton,	5—6	Grammar,	Lancaster, Mass.	Fitchburg Normal.
Flora Walker,	3—4	Upton Center.	Upton, Mass.	Worcester Normal.
Cora A. Day,	1—2	Upton Center.	Fitchburg, Mass.	Fitchburg Normal.
Cassie A. Brehaut,	3—4	West Upton.	Winn, Maine.	Farmington Normal.
Alice R. Barton,	1—2	West Upton.	Upton, Mass.	Worcester Normal.
Florence Gilbert,	Mixed.	East Part.	Upton, Mass.	Sioux City Normal.

TEXT BOOKS.

In general, the text books in use in the schools are of a good standard of excellence. More could be accomplished in reading, if during the first year of the child's school-life some regular system were followed. I would recommend that the Ward system of teaching reading be adopted in our schools, and I am confident that we should see valuable results immediately. This system has been widely adopted, and it is everywhere highly commended. A good start in reading means everything to the child. If started well, he can appreciate the excellent course in standard literature which has already been laid out for the schools. To acquaint the child with the noblest thoughts of English and American literature, means culture of mind and soul, that places the possessor on a higher plane of manhood or womanhood. For this reason it is all-important that the mechanics of reading be mastered very early, in order that thought reading may engage the attention as soon as possible.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School is progressing in all lines of school work. The pupils are being made to realize that promotion depends upon faithful effort.

At the beginning of the year there were seventy-two pupils on the register, or more than one pupil for every thirty inhabitants. Few towns or villages can show such a record.

It is my opinion that much could be done to strengthen the course in English in the school. Good work is being done in this subject, but the way is open for a still higher quality of work with better results. I think that the school session could be divided into seven periods of forty minutes each, and that the extra recitation period so gained could be used to strengthen the curriculum in English, History and Science. With spirited recitations, experience proves that almost, if not quite the same amount of work can be done in forty as in forty-five minutes.

It would be a wise plan to have a course of study for the High School of somewhat the same nature as that now in use in the lower schools. Changes in teachers are frequent, and it takes nearly one term for the new teachers to get their bearings; whereas, if there were definite outlines in each branch, the work could be taken up at once.

SCHOOL AGE.

I think it would add to the efficiency of the schools if the age of entering were raised from five to six years. This has been done in many cities and towns of the different States. It is a move in the right direction. A child under six years of age is too immature to do the work of the regular primary school.

The minds of the great majority are blunted rather than sharpened.

These little ones often have to be hurried on to the next grade to make room for new comers. Here they find the work too difficult, and more harm is done than years can atone for.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you, Madam and Gentlemen, for the generous support which you have at all times given me. The efficiency of the schools is due in no small degree to the harmony which exists among those concerned with their management.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. HOLMES, JR.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. Wm. H. Holmes, Jr., Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR:—I have the honor of submitting to you a report concerning the condition of the Upton High School at the close of this school year (1899-1900).

My connection with the school has been of but five months duration; there is no opportunity for me to make a report comparative with the conditions at this time a year ago. Therefore the theme of this communication will be a summary of progress, statement of needs and suggestion of improvements which seem apparent to the corps of teachers.

Several changes have been instituted in the text books used, and by the addition of more physical and chemical apparatus the working possibilities of the school have been enhanced. Since we have individual apparatus for chemistry, it is now possible for a number of that class to carry on experiments independent of each other. Individual work is what we are working for throughout the school. Text work in nearly all subjects is supplemented by note books, thus bridging the hiatus which is met with in every text book. Some rearranging of subjects in the "course of study" now allows a full year of work to studies which were formerly completed in two terms.

A large book has been obtained in which to keep a permanent record of each scholar's work while a member of the school. The record inscribed in this is taken from the teacher's daily record; this daily record is the basis of the monthly reports. Reference to such a record gives the nearest possible estimate of a scholar's comparative standing. As long as it is necessary to place scholars in classes, the only reasonable or just method is to have a record of their work made immediately after the work is done; and in order that this may be of any future value, the record must be permanent.

A live organization exists in the body of the school for the purpose of conducting the rhetorical requirements. It is organized for the practice of parliamentary law and proceedings. A full set of officers is elected each term who conduct the meetings. Debates and mixed rhetorical programs are presented once each week.

We have been generously supplied with many necessary appliances during the year and none of these have been shelved; they are in use. The policy of the school supply committee, in the future, should be to add annually to the school working properties. Pursuing this policy our fine building will be equipped as it should be, within a few years. More maps are needed for history and general reference, more supplies for individual work in chemistry, and a few more large pieces of apparatus for physical research.

It may not be out of place to suggest here that the High School building would be greatly improved in appearance if the ground between its site and the street could be graded and adorned with trees and shrubbery. It is an imposing structure, exceptionally fortunate in the mural decorations, which are works of art. Such an improvement as I suggest would give a suitable setting for a sightly building, enhance its value, and be an additional source of pride to every citizen of Upton.

A suggestion has been made to the graduates of the school, having in mind the provision of an annual reception to the members of our graduating class. We are persuaded, in view of the generous interest shown by many of this body, when the interior

decoration of the building was undertaken, that a definite plan will be consummated. Each graduating class will thus be relieved of much anxiety and worry during its senior year.

Attempts have been made to receive United States weather maps from the Weather Bureau, United States department of Agriculture, to be exposed in the schoolroom. In view of the lack of general current information among our pupils, and the absence of a public reading-room in Upton, I suggest that the school be provided with a daily newspaper, while it is in session.

History is being made in these days, and it is of importance that all of our boys and girls should get it now. The objections which may be offered to the newspaper are, in my mind, very largely overbalanced by the advantages.

The work of the assistant teachers is especially satisfactory. We take this opportunity to express our appreciation of their co-ordinate labors. To Mr. Aldrich, the janitor of the building, we are indebted largely for a restraining influence over pupils while on the playground and about the building.

Our scholars are studious and upright in their bearing. The relations between scholars and teachers are harmonious in every particular. It would be difficult to find a school body with a better "morale" and "esprit de corps."

There is no apparent reason why the future should not find us continuing to prosper and to render a good account in the meeting of those responsibilites placed upon us.

I am, with respect,

ROBERT ORANGE SMALL,

Principal.

Upton, Mass., Jan. 29, 1900.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC AND DRAWING:

NO. GRAFTON, MASS., Jan. 30, 1900.

Mr. Wm. H. Holmes, Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR:—It gives me pleasure to submit to you my fourth annual report of music and drawing in the town of Upton.

Reviewing the work of the past year, I find that although we did not in every instance attain that high degree of excellence at which we aimed in the beginning of the year, we have accomplished much in both departments, and the results in some of the schools have been all that could be desired.

The nature work occupied a large share of our attention in the spring, and was made so much more interesting to the pupils where the brush and colors were used, that I feel confident that they should be placed in the lower grades also.

The little child is so delighted with the bright colors, that he is satisfied at first to color his red flowers and green leaves with any hue of red and green. But after his color sense becomes more acute by studying and matching colors, it is not right to hinder his progress by giving him colored crayons to draw with that do not represent the colors that he sees, and cannot be blended or made to do so.

In the fall the nature work was resumed, and the leaves, flowers and berries were sketched and studied for further use in original designs for wall paper, book covers, calendar cards, etc.

In all our work in drawing, we endeavor not only to train the eye to see and the hand to execute, but encourage the children to look for beauty in the common things around them in nature and every-day life.

Representative drawing has also received its share of attention, and care has been taken to lead the pupils to discover the fundamental principles for themselves, and apply them intelligently to their drawings of objects.

Some time has also been given to the study of out-door scenes, encouraging the pupils to make original sketches that will express their ideas and impressions of landscape. This work is usually done in monotone, and executed in broad, simple masses.

The same general plan of last year has been continued in the primary grades, imaginative or illustrative drawing forming a considerable proportion of the work.

The results of the past year in music will not only compare favorably with others preceding it, but shows an improvement in many ways that is very encouraging. The teachers have, as a rule, striven earnestly for a better quality of tone with consequent good results.

In the primary grades about half of the time is consumed in learning rote songs. These consist of patriotic airs and songs for special occasions, hymns, nature songs, etc. The scale is also taught as a little rote song, and after the pupils have learned it and acquired the ability to think sounds and sing from the printed symbols, the work of the books and charts take the place of rote songs.

As but fifteen minutes per day is allowed for the teaching of music, very little written work is required; it being our aim rather to teach that which, if once thoroughly learned can never be forgotten,—the singing of music at sight.

It is for the pupils' advantage, as well as our own, that the elementary knowledge of music and sight reading shall be assured when they reach the seventh or eighth year of school life, and not be left until they shall enter the High School. The reasons for this are apparent in the uncertainty of pitch occasioned by the changing of the boys' voices, and the lack of interest in attempting to master the difficulties of notation under these conditions.

To the Principal of the High School and his assistants, I am indebted for the attention music has received in this school since last September. Although but a few moments each day can be given to the work, this has been faithfully and earnestly carried

out, with the result that at the weekly singing period the lesson is not forgotten, but strengthened by continued drill.

I desire to express my sincere appreciation of this as well as the earnest work of the grade teachers. My thanks are also due you and the members of the school committee for the favors granted to aid in carrying out my plans.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORA M. RANDALL.

**GRADUATING EXERCISES OF THE CLASS OF 1899,
UPTON HIGH SCHOOL.**

HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, UPTON, MASS., WEDNESDAY
EVENING, JUNE 14, 1899.

PROGRAMME.

MUSIC	ORCHESTRA
INVOCATION	REV. WALTER KNIGHT
MUSIC	ORCHESTRA
ESSAY,—“Public Opinion,”	FRANK LEROY EAMES
ESSAY,—“Elements of Success in Life,”	MARJORIE HAYNES WISWALL
MUSIC	ORCHESTRA
ADDRESS	HON. JOHN L. BATES
MUSIC	ORCHESTRA

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS.

MUSIC	ORCHESTRA
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GRADUATES.

TECHNICAL COURSE.

Marjorie Haynes Wiswall,
Grace Marian Murphy,
Lillian Augusta Holbrook,
Mercie Wheelock Richardson,
Frank LeRoy Eames.

ENGLISH COURSE.

Mary Beatrice MacCord,
Walter Hayward Fiske,
Dennis Anthony Clifford,
Ernest Harrison Young,
Herbert William Seymour.

Class Flower—Carnation.

Colors—Green and White.

Motto: “As the Labor so the Reward.”

Music by Whitinsville Social Orchestra.

CALENDAR 1900-1901.

HIGH AND COMMON SCHOOLS.

Spring and Summer Term opens Monday, April 9, 1900; closes Friday, June 15, 1900. Ten weeks.

Fall Term opens Monday, September 10, 1900; closes Friday, December 14, 1900. Fourteen weeks.

Winter Term opens Monday, December 31, 1900; closes Friday, March 22, 1901. Twelve weeks.

HOLIDAYS.

Every Saturday; February 22; April 19; May 30; November 29.

SESSIONS.

Common Schools.—February, March, April, May, June, September, October, 9 A. M. to 12 M. and 1.30 P. M. to 4 P. M. November, December, January, 9 A. M. to 12 M. and 1.30 P. M. to 3.30 P. M.

High School.—8 A. M. to 1 P. M.

RECESSES.

Grades I., II., and III., fifteen minutes each session. Grades IV., V., VI., VII., and VIII., fifteen minutes each session, except during November, December and January, when grades IV., V., VI., VII., and VIII., have five minutes each afternoon session.

High School.—Twenty minutes each session.

STORM SIGNALS.

Signals given at 8.00 A. M. by ringing the bell of the Unitarian church at West Upton, and by blowing the whistle at W. G. Fiske's mill one long and two short blasts repeated once.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

TEACHERS.

Elmer L. Fargo,	\$500 00
Robert O. Small,	450 00
Mae M. Bolster,	126 00
Ida B. Eames,	180 00
Carrie V. Lynch,	216 00
Harriet O. Paul,	170 00
Bessie G. Nicholson,	198 00
Frances L. Belcher,	187 00
Alice E. Weeks,	171 00
Cassie Brehaut,	153 00
Flora Walker,	324 50
Cora A. Day,	324 50
C. Blanche Horton,	329 50
Alice R. Barton,	343 50
Florence Gilbert,	310 50
Flora M. Randall,	200 00
	———— \$4,183 50

SUPERVISION.

Stanley H. Holmes,	\$237 50
Wm. H. Holmes, Jr.,	218 75
	———— \$456 25

SUPPLIES.

J. L. Hammett Co.,	\$123 43
E. E. Babb & Co.,	90 78
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	17 53
Ginn & Co.,	24 51
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.,	23 19
Wadsworth, Howland & Co.,	10 48
H. P. Smith Publishing Co.,	2 19
American Book Co.,	6 10

Worcester Rubber Co.,	1 05
The Morse Co.,	1 13
Sanford-Sawtelle Co.,	4 50
University Publishing Co.,	2 64
A. Sartoris & Co.,	4 20
Gilbert G. Davis,	9 25
Eben T. Hall,	60
J. S. Wesby & Sons,	8 00
Maynard, Merrill & Co.,	2 40
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	8 85
Franklin Educational Co.,	3 50
Werner School Book Co.,	46 79
The Beale Press,	9 85
D. C. Heath & Co.,	29 82
Allyn & Bacon,	20 48
Eimer & Amend,	55 08
Prang Educational Co.,	4 88
Thomas R. Shewell Co.,	11 20
Putnam, Davis & Co.,	1 50
Sibley & Ducker,	1 99
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REPAIRS.

W. G. Fiske,	\$13 85
E. T. Hall,	11 18
Geo. E. Southland,	8 80
Mrs. S. J. Batchelor,	2 75
C. W. Comstock,	3 38
Aaron Jackson,	3 60
A. A. Bowker,	8 96
S. B. Fiske,	34 56
Perry Alexander,	2 00
E. E. Poland,	3 45
Clark Ellis & Sons,	40 93
Avery & Woodbury,	8 80
American School Furniture Co.,	26 10
Nelson Brown,	10 75

C. F. O'Connell,	5 75
R. E. Aldrich,	2 00
L. A. Hayward,	3 00
J. F. Gorman,	1 95
Fuller & Warren W. & V. Co.,	12 32
	— \$204 13

FUEL.

Eli W. Batchelor,	\$419 38
W. G. Fiske,	73 00
Alex. Barton,	32 50
	— \$524 88

TRANSPORTATION.

C. P. Bennett,	\$306 00
J. J. Gould,	288 00
Mrs. S. J. Bruce,	135 00
Mrs. H. Jordan,	24 00
	— \$753 00

CARE OF SCHOOLS.

H. D. Aldrich,	\$298 34
D. H. Willey,	190 00
Geo. O. Taft,	9 00
A. G. Bradish,	34 05
Mrs. O. F. Taft,	2 00
Raymond Taft,	4 50
	— \$537 89

MISCELLANEOUS.

Class of '99,	\$40 00
H. D. Aldrich,	12 90
Mrs. S. J. Batchelor,	12 86
A. E. Warren,	24 50
J. S. Le Sure,	14 19
S. R. Leland,	2 00
Geo. Pond,	1 00
	— \$107 45

RECAPITULATION.

RESOURCES.

Appropriation for Schools,	\$5,800 00
Appropriation for Superintendent,	200 00
Mass. School Fund,	294 38
State Supt. Fund,	312 50
County Dog Fund,	351 69
Schooling State Wards,	189 00
Repairs, etc.,	8 00
Overdraft,	137 45
	— \$7,293 02

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers,	\$4,183 50
Superintendent,	456 25
Fuel,	524 88
Janitors,	537 89
Transportation,	753 00
Supplies,	525 92
Repairs,	204 13
Miscellaneous,	107 45
	— \$7,293 02

APPLETON P. WILLIAMS,
 SARAH J. BATCHELOR,
 EDWARD C. TRAVER,

Committee.

This is to certify that I have carefully examined the above report and find it correct.

S. C. BROWN,
Auditor.

