

REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF MAYNARD,

FROM MARCH 1, 1877, TO MARCH 1, 1878.

ALSO,

THE REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.



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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr. TOWN OF MAYNARD, in account with L. MAYNARD, Treasurer and Collector. *Cr.*

<p>1878. March 1. Paid Selectmen's Orders \$14,981 74 Abated Taxes..... 113 12 Unpaid Taxes 195 79 Cash on hand..... 1,575 16</p>	<p>1877. March 1. By balance due Town this date \$936 94 1878. March 1. " amount received for Auctioneers' Licenses..... 4 00 " " from Corporation Tax 642 60 " " Bank Tax..... 38 28 " " State Aid 625 13 " " Mass. School Fund..... 192 40 " " Dog Licenses 126 67 " " sales Cemetery Lots..... 70 00 " " Interest on Taxes..... 20 03 " " L. Hollingsworth & Co. (Loan)..... 3,000 00 " " State for burial of Miss E. Hart..... 10 00 " " Mrs. W. Fairbanks for daughter's schooling.. 2 66 " " Taxes for 1877..... 11,197 10</p>
<p>\$16,865 81</p>	<p>\$16,865 81</p>

L. MAYNARD, Treasurer and Collector.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS FROM MARCH 1, 1877, TO MARCH 1, 1878.

Assessment for 1877.

For support of Schools,	\$3,200	00
“ repairs of Highways,	700	00
“ Decoration Day,	50	00
“ State Tax,	1,095	00
“ County Tax,	641	99
“ Incidental Expenses,	5,000	00
“ Overlayings,	510	11
	\$11,197	10
Received from Corporation Tax,	642	60
“ “ Bank Tax,	38	28
“ “ State Aid,	625	13
“ “ Massachusetts School Fund,	192	40
“ “ Dog Licenses,	126	67
“ “ Sales of Cemetery Lots,	70	00
“ “ Auctioneers' Licenses,	4	00
“ “ L. Hollingsworth Co., Loan,	3,000	00
“ “ State, for the burial of Miss E. Hart,	10	00
“ “ Mrs. Fairbanks, for daughter's schooling,	2	66
Interest on taxes,	20	03
Balance in Treasurer's hands March 1, 1877,	936	94
	\$16,865	81
The Treasurer is credited as follows:		
Amount of Selectmen's orders,	14,981	74
“ “ Taxes abated by Assessors,	113	12
	\$15,094	86
Due from Treasurer,		\$1,770 95

ORDERS DRAWN OF TREASURER, AS FOLLOWS :

Support of Schools.

Sidney E. Bailey,	Spring Term,	\$225 00	
Lilla A. Hayward,	“ “	120 00	
Hannah H. Taft,	“ “	120 00	
Addie M. Barlow,	“ “	120 00	
Ida E. Martin,	“ “	120 00	
Ida G. Adams,	“ “	96 00	
Lizzie H. Powers,	“ “	60 00	
Helena J. Dyer,	“ “	42 00	
			\$903 00
Sidney E. Bailey,	Fall Term,	\$225 00	
Mary M. Fuller,	“ “	120 00	
Lucy S. Doliver,	“ “	120 00	
Lilla A. Hayward,	“ “	120 00	
Ida E. Martin,	“ “	120 00	
Ida G. Adams,	“ “	120 00	
Abbie L. Dennis,	“ “	120 00	
Mary S. Whippey,	“ “	120 00	
			\$1,065 00
Sidney E. Bailey,	Winter Term,	\$225 00	
Mary E. Felton,	“ “	120 00	
Mary M. Fuller,	“ “	120 00	
Lilla A. Hayward,	“ “	120 00	
Ida E. Martin;	“ “	120 00	
Lucy S. Doliver,	“ “	120 00	
Minnie B. Boardman,	“ “	120 00	
Ida G. Adams,	“ “	120 00	
			\$1,065 00

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Care of School Rooms.

W. Cleary, \$8.00;	D. Cleary, \$8.00;	\$16 00
T. Crowley, 4.00;	C. Osborn, 4.00;	8 00
I. G. Adams, 4.00;	I. E. Martin, 4.00;	8 00
F. Phillips, 5.00;	C. Norton, 8.00;	13 00
D.C. Osborn, 8.00;	J. Mahoney, 3.00;	11 00
M.M. Fuller, 5.00;	L. S. Doliver, 5.00;	10 00
P. Powers, 4.50;	W. Burns, 1.50;	6 00
C. Jones, 15.00;	S. Lawton, 4.50;	19 50
W. Sumner, 3.00;		3 00
		\$94 50

Wood, Coal, Supplies, &c.

D. C. Osborn, sawing wood,	\$20 88
“ “ taking number of scholars,	6 00
“ “ supplies,	4 86
“ “ cleaning funnels,	2 35
L. H. Powers, “ school house,	2 00
Mrs. Lynch, “ “	7 00
Mrs. Callihan, } “ “	5 00
“ Cleary, }	
Ellen Mahoney, “ “	3 00
S. S. Mathews, supplies (books, &c.),	14 79
H. Fowler, “	75
A. D. Holt, “	14 95
Haynes Bros., “ (books, &c.),	35 00
J. L. Hammett, “	8 55
W. G. Baker & Co., shades and fixtures,	29 00
A. M. Mosman, 3 call bells,	3 25
D. Pratt's Sons, 2 clocks, 8.00,	16 00
N. E. School Furniture Co., supplies,	6 40
J. K. Harriman, labor,	1 00
A. Friel, whitewashing,	4 00
Thomas Snee, sawing 7½ cords wood,	10 00
H. Fowler, 15 cords oak wood, 6.25,	93 75
Jos. B. Adams, 28½ ft. W. pine wood, 4.50,	16 03
“ “ measuring “	12
H. Balcom, ⅝ cord pine “ 5.00,	3 12
“ “ 1 “ oak “	7 00
“ “ 3 “ “ “ 6.25,	18 75
“ “ ½ “ pine “ 4.50,	2 25
Assabet Mfg. Co., ½ cord cut oak “ 8.50,	4 25
“ “ “ 14,530 lbs. coal, 6.25 per ton,	45 40
“ “ “ 5 bbls. shavings,	1 25
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	\$385 70

TOWN OFFICERS.

E. R. Chase, services as Selectman and Overseer of Poor,	\$50 00
A. D. Holt, services as do., do.,	50 00
A. McEachran, services as do., do.,	25 00
E. R. Chase, “ “ Town Clerk,	35 00
L. Maynard, “ “ Treasurer, Collector and Assessor,	50 00
A. Balcom, “ “ Assessor,	32 00
C. W. Maynard, “ “ “	32 00

D. C. Osborn, services as School Committee,	\$50 00	
S. S. Mathews, " " " "	50 00	
J. K. Harriman, " " Truant Officer,	10 00	
S. W. Merrill, " " " "	10 00	
" " " " Sealer of Weights		
and Measures,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$399 00

COST OF NEW SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Joel F. Parmenter, labor on wall and cellar,		\$60 00
Bay State Brick Co., 10 M brick,		70 00
Fitchburg R. R. Co., freight on brick,		24 00
A. Balcom, surveying and writing deeds for land,		2 00
Mrs. Sanders, for land,		320 00
Ezra S. Pierce, 1065 ft. lumber, 13.50,		14 37
Loyal Lovejoy & Co., 522 ft. boards, 50.00,	26 10	
Cartage on same,	38	
	<hr/>	26 48
Fitchburg R. R. Co., freight on same,		1 15
Sherwood, school furniture, desks,	292 90	
Less freight, 42.27; setting up, 27.63,	69 90	
	<hr/>	223 00
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 6 chairs, 67c,	4 02	
" " " 2 " 1.75,	3 50	
	<hr/>	7 52
Francis Pratt, 90 posts, 25c,	22 50	
Carting from South Acton to Westvale,	75	
	<hr/>	23 25
Henry Walcott, plans and window frames,	4 50	
" " labor on blackboard,	3 75	
	<hr/>	8 25
Fitchburg R. R. Co., freight on desks,		42 27
D. C. Osborn, labor setting up desks,		8 00
Recording deed of land,		2 10
J. E. Reed, moulding for fence,		70
Hinges and locks " "		1 35
J. Griffin, 1½ days' labor, at 1.16,		1 75
J. Hapgood, labor on well,		1 00
A. J. Warren, pointing wall and brick work,		1 25
J. Randall, bricking well,		1 00
Jos. Breck & Sons, vane, &c.,		11 25
Express on vane,		65
J. Manley, ½ day's labor, at 1.50,		75
B. Conant, 8 " " "		12 00
Pat. Brennan, 1½ " " "		2 25
Eugene Colbert, 3 " " "		4 50

Timothy Donovan, $\frac{3}{4}$ labor, at 1.50,		
John McCarty, $1\frac{1}{2}$ " "		\$1 25
E. F. Tilton, 1 day's " "		2 25
John Sheean, $3\frac{1}{4}$ " " "		1 50
Daniel Coughlin, 11 " "		4 63
M. McGowan, $3\frac{3}{4}$ " "		16 50
John Wall, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days " "		5 63
J. S. Murray, pointing cellar,		2 25
A. J. Warren, 1 day's labor mason and tender,	\$4 00	9 00
" " stock,	75	
" " laying 7000 brick, at 4.00,	28 00	
	<hr/>	32 75
P. Clapp & Co., pump,		11 00
F. W. Nyman, painting school house fence,		32 50
L. C. Webster, 15 bolts,	1 80	
" " 41 lbs. hinges and hasps,	4 90	
" " 1 small hasp, staple and links,	80	
" " 1 threshold plate,	50	
	<hr/>	8 00
Daniel Fletcher, 5 loads sand,		1 00
Damon & Almy, turning posts,		4 50
J. K. Harriman, fencing yard and nails,	40 00	
" " pointing pickets,	1 00	
" " grooving capping,	1 00	
" " furnishing windows for base- ment, stock for steps, and labor,	42 00	
	<hr/>	84 00
" " building school house per contract,	2,000 00	
" " changing windows,	3 00	
" " " piazza,	2 00	
" " putting rods across the win- dows and board fenders for the same,	1 50	
" " labor setting up desks,	1 00	
	<hr/>	2,007 50
Assabet Mfg. Co., labor of W. Martin, H.		18 55
Cheney and J. Parmenter, setting up desks,		1 55
One sample desk,		
Joel F. Parmenter, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days' labor with man, 5.00,	12 50	
" " stone, and drawing same,	2 50	
" " 1 load sand,	1 00	
" " 1 day E. F. Tilton on well,	3 00	
" " 1 " " " wall,	2 50	
" " 2 " man, 2 horses and carts 4.50,	9 00	
" " $1\frac{1}{2}$ days' labor John Dean, 1.50	2 25	
	<hr/>	32 75

S. W. Merrill, painting and slating blackboard,		\$11 00
D. C. Osborn, $\frac{1}{4}$ days' labor on	"	6 00
Mrs. J. Owens, cleaning school house,		2 50
A. J. Warren, labor on furnace foundation,	\$9 25	
" " stock,	2 75	
	<hr/>	12 00
D. C. Osborn, labor on coal bin,	1 00	
" " nails for	09	
	<hr/>	1 09
E. Henderson, labor man and 2 horses 1 day,	4 25	
" " " " $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	75	
" " 2 men " 2 " $\frac{3}{4}$ " "	4 50	
	<hr/>	9 50
A. Whitney, labor 1 man and 2 horses 3 days,	13 50	
" " 1 " 2 "	2 50	
" carting lime,	50	
" " 10,000 bricks,	5 00	
	<hr/>	21 50
Magee Furnace Co., furnace,		235 00
A. D. Holt, 1 thimble, .15 ; 2 elbows, .50,	65	
" " 12 3-in. gas pipe, 1.81; labor, 1.75,	3 56	
" " 1 grating, 3.50 ; stopper, .25,	3 75	
" " 2 sheet iron, .40 ; register case, 1.00,	1 40	
	<hr/>	9 36
Assabet Mfg. Co., sundries as follows :		
2 casks cement, 1.75,	3 50	
5 " lime, 1.25,	6 25	
5 window and 1 door frames,	6 00	
Teaming fence material,	2 00	
1500 ft. spruce, planed 2 sides,	30 00	
Labor on same,	3 00	
700 pickets,	14 00	
1120 ft. rails,	33 60	
100 ft. spruce,	2 00	
Telegraph to Stamford about desks,	30	
182 ft. rails,	5 46	
226 ft. pine,	6 78	
Labor,	75	
159 ft. pine rails,	4 77	
60 " spruce boards,	1 20	
136 " pine, 2 x 3,	4 08	
60 " spruce,	1 20	
Labor,	50	
$\frac{1}{2}$ day, 2 men and team moving desk,	2 25	
$\frac{3}{4}$ " labor on blackboards,	1 35	
Screws,	2 32	
88 lbs. iron,	2 20	
8 hours' labor,	3 20	

500 old bricks,		
Teaming “	\$4 25	
“ lumber for coal bin,	50	
64 ft. joist,	25	
200 ft. spruce,	96	
11 hours' labor on furnace,	3 00	
Teaming lumber,	1 38	
200 ft. pine,	25	
25 hours' labor,	4 00	
100 hard bricks,	3 13	
18 ft. pine,	1 15	
Labor,	36	
	50	
	<u> </u>	\$156 44
		<u> </u>
		\$3,612 34
Less received from Assabet Mfg. Co. for bricks,	6 58	
J. K. Harriman, “ “	25 30	
for 20 ft. pine lumber,	1 05	
	<u> </u>	32 93
		<u> </u>
		\$3,579 41

STATE AID.

Margaret Moore,	\$48 00	
Charlotte Holbrook,	20 00	
James Carney,	72 00	
Mary Monedick,	96 00	
Edwin A. Winch,	72 00	
Olive M. Lovering,	48 00	
Alson R. Sumner,	36 00	
George Chalmers,	36 00	
Catherine Maynard,	48 00	
Maria M'Cauly,	22 00	
	<u> </u>	\$498 00

SUPPORT OF TRAMPS AND POOR.

W. R. Hall, care of 839 tramps,	\$111 71	
Herrings and crackers for “	20 51	
	<u> </u>	\$132 22

Aid to family of James Downes, by city of			
Lawrence,		\$3 00	
" " Daniel Coughlin,		2 60	
" Mrs. Mary Shea, as follows:			
Paid Mrs. S. McGrath, board,	\$36 10		
" Owens, attendance,	3 00		
" Dr. N. H. Scott, do.,	6 50		
" Assabet Co., for wood,	8 50		
		<u>54 10</u>	
Aid to Michael Doner,		3 50	
		<u> </u>	\$63 20

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Tolman & White, printing 300 reports,			\$30 00
Town of Stow, instalment,	\$1,000 00		
" " interest,	90 00		
		<u> </u>	1,090 00
B. F. Johnson, services as Selectman, &c., '76,			50 00
D. C. Osborn, printing town warrants,			2 00
L. Maynard, expenses in McGrath case,			42 80
Tolman & White, tax blanks,			1 50
S. W. Merrill, painting cemetery fence and hearse house, and whitewashing fence,			65 93
Appropriation for Decoration Day,			50 00
A. Friel, whitewashing fence,			10 00
D. C. Osborn, printing town warrants,			1 00
H. Fowler, 2 men 1½ days at cemetery,	5 00		
" 2 horses " "	3 00		
" hauling muck,	3 60		
		<u> </u>	11 60
A. McEachran, 27 hrs. labor at lock up, .25,	6 75		
" nails, .42; teaming, .75;			
" stock, .25,	1 42		
		<u> </u>	8 17
A. Balcom, drafting, writings and other ser- vices in "Cutting" case,	5 00		
" paid D. J. Wetherbee, referee,	3 00		
" " N. L. Pratt, "	3 00		
" " Geo. Thorndike, "	3 00		
" " E. Goding, witness fee,	1 00		
		<u> </u>	15 00
L. C. Webster, grating, &c., for lock-up door,			4 00
Secretary of State, voters' register,			80
Dodge, Gilbert & Co., burs and rivets for lock-up,			1 78
Tax book,			87
Peters' Express, to Oct. 1,			3 75

G. E. Underwood, insurance on new school house, hearse house, and hearse,		\$64 75
L. Hollingsworth & Co., note due Oct. 2,	\$2,000 00	
" " interest on same,	100 00	
Postage and stationery for Assessors,		2,100 00
Hooper, Lewis & Co., order book,		1 00
State tax,		6 50
A. Maynard, rent of hall 1 year,		1,095 00
A. McEachran, labor on lock-up shed,	6 50	100 00
" " nails, hardware and teaming,	1 91	
County tax,		8 41
Town of Sudbury, instalment,		641 99
R. H. Cullen, posting warrants,		300 00
Joel Abbott, guideboards, and putting up,		50
Estate of H. Fowler, return of deaths,		1 75
E. R. Chase, recording births, marriages and deaths,		5 75
Hooper, Lewis & Co., voters' lists,		35 05
S. W. Merrill, record book,		14 00
A. D. Holt, sundry articles and labor at lock-up,		25
Dr. Campbell, examining Chas. Carroll, 28th August, 1876,		11 95
J. K. Harriman, knob for school house,		2 00
J. E. Watson, banking around trees in cemetery,		25
Assabet Mfg. Co., wood and shavings,	18 61	1 25
" " lumber for shed and cell,	9 68	
" " glass, .50; express, .90,	1 40	
" " shingles, 1.88; telegraph, .25,	2 13	
		31 82
Haynes Bros., 2 mattresses for lock-up,	7 00	
" " sundry articles,	4 21	
		11 21
J. M'Adoo, services as detective,		65 00
D. C. Osborn, labor on school house,		6 25
A. J. Warren, " and stock on school house,		6 00
S. W. Merrill, " " "		5 50
E. Henderson, teaming,		1 25
W. R. Hall, sawing wood for lock-up,		2 50
		<u>\$5,909 13</u>

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' BILLS.

Edward Henderson :

31 days' labor of self, 2.00,	\$62 00
22 " " " man and 2 horses, 4.50,	99 00
69 $\frac{3}{4}$ " " men, 1.50,	104 61
11 " " " 1.25,	13 75
C. E. Watson's bill,	1 45
Chas. Maynard, breaking roads,	3 50
J. Bent, man and oxen, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	2 25

 \$286 56

Charles Randall :

41 8-10 days' labor of self, 2.00,	83 52
24 4-10 " " " oxen, 2.50,	61 00
8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " horse, 1.50,	27 75
58 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " men, "	87 67
3 9-10 " " " " 1.25,	5 03
Nails, and sharpening picks,	70
J. F. Parmenter, 1 day with man,	5 00
" " sluice stone and drawing,	2 00
" " 2 men 2 days on sluice,	8 00
C. E. Watson, 1 hours' labor,	20
Nails,	15
14 posts, .17,	2 38

 283 40

Joel Abbott :

44 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' labor of self, 2.00,	89 09
30 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " horse, 1.50,	45 75
28 " " " men, "	42 00
1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " " " " 1.25,	2 17
Labor on bridge, 1.00 ; nails, .30,	1 30
Expenses searching records and locating bounds on Warren st.,	1 60
repairing railing,	75
Geo. Smith, plank,	5 45

 185 11

Sundries :

James & Abbott, 8000 feet 2-inch spruce plank, at 13.50,	108 00
Bogman & Vinal, 5 ca. nails, 2.50,	12 50
" " cartage,	50
Fitchburg R. R. Co., freight on nails,	1 15
Assabet Co., lumber and tar for repairs,	7 36

 129 51

RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITURES.

Incidental Expenses,	\$5,909 13
New School House,	3,579 41
Schools,	3,513 20
Road Commissioners,	887 58
State Aid,	498 00
Town Officers,	399 00
Support of Poor and Tramps,	195 42
	<hr/> \$14,981 74

INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWN, MARCH 1, 1878.

There is due to the town of Stow, payable April 19, 1878,	\$500 00
Interest on same, one year,	30 00
There is due to the town of Sudbury, payable in instalments of \$300 Jan. 31, of each year,	900 00
L. Hollingsworth & Co.'s note, due May 10, '78,	3,000 00
Interest on same, one year,	150 00
	<hr/> \$4,580 00

ASSETS.

Balance of Taxes due for 1877,	\$195 79
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	1,575 16
	<hr/> \$1,770 95
Net debt,	<hr/> \$2,809 05

E. R. CHASE, } *Selectmen*
 A. McEACHRAN, } *of*
 A. D. HOLT, } *Maynard.*

MAYNARD, March 1, 1878.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF MAYNARD,

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR 1877-8.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The School Committee respectfully submit the following Report:

But first it is only fitting, that we pause upon the threshold of our Report to make brief record of the sad fact, that our Committee has been invaded by death during the year just closing; and to pay a tribute of respect to our late honored co-worker.

The narrow limits into which this Report is necessarily compressed forbid more than the briefest notice, but the following Resolution, adopted by the School Committee soon after Mr. Fowler's death, will explain itself:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst, by lingering disease, one who has been for many years one of our most honored citizens, and who for several years has been an efficient member of this Committee, (a portion of the time its Chairman,) therefore

Resolved, That in the death of the late HENRY FOWLER, Esq., the town of Maynard has lost not only one of its most prominent citizens, but one who was a firm friend to all its interests, and an efficient ally of the cause of Education in our midst.

Resolved, That we hereby tender to the afflicted family our heart-felt sympathy, and, experiencing a sense of our personal loss, will, with them, cherish his memory.

The vacancy occasioned by Mr. Fowler's death was, by a unanimous vote of the Selectmen and School Committee, filled by the choice of Mr. Aaron S. Thompson.

The Committee organized by the choice of the Rev. S. S. Mathews, Chairman, and Mr. D. C. Osborn, Secretary.

The year has been one of much labor on the part of the Committee, for the greatest advancement of every scholar who has come under our jurisdiction. The Committee have exerted themselves to do the very best thing possible in all cases, and how far we have succeeded remains for others to determine.

We feel very grateful to such of the parents as have always been ready to second every effort of either teacher or Committee for the advancement of their children in school.

If all parents manifested the same interest that some do in school, both in their children's advancement in study, and in their obedience to all wholesome discipline of the school-room, much better results could be produced than are now possible. In previous reports we have repeatedly called the attention of parents to their influence upon school discipline. All we have now to say in regard to this subject is, that a few parents would save themselves considerable trouble and mortification, if they would instruct their children, that they must in all instances obey their teacher; and if they would do so, their children would have no more exacted of them than they could easily accomplish.

SCHOOL-HOUSES.

A very decided want of school accommodations has been met by the new School-House on Acton street.

The Building Committee secured a very excellent site, and erected a fine building thereon, containing two school-rooms, about the size of the others in town, but higher studded and having larger windows, making the rooms much lighter and more attractive than any other, while the teachers in this building have, at their own expense, hung a number of pictures upon the walls of their respective school rooms, making them still more attractive. The furniture of this building, purchased from the Sherwood School Furniture Co., of Chicago, is made according to the most approved modern style, and is superior both in its workmanship and in the comfort which it affords to those using it. Its durability remains, of course, to be tested, yet its appearance indicates that it will last much longer than the old desk and chair.

The play-ground of this school contains two trees of considerable size, in addition to which there is one in the street in front of it. These, together with the size of the lot, and the architecture of the building, make it by far the most desirable school-house in town. The thanks of the School Committee and of all interested are due to those members of the Building Committee, who exerted themselves so earnestly in building and furnishing this school-house. The building is heated by furnace, which the Committee deem a great improvement upon the old system of stoves and wood fires, with the long funnels always getting out of repair. The other buildings might be much improved by placing furnaces

in them, which we think would be the true economy on the part of the town, besides largely decreasing the risk of fires.

SCHOOL FURNISHINGS.

Our school-houses are all furnished with a good supply of blackboards, and a clock in each room. A Webster's Unabridged Dictionary has been placed in the Grammar school at Acton street, but a set of large wall-maps is very much needed in this school, as also a Webster's Unabridged Dictionary and wall-maps at the High School. The intention of the State fund is, that at least a portion of it shall be devoted to the purchase of apparatus or books of reference for the use of schools. The present year, upon an appropriation for six schools, we were compelled to employ two assistant teachers for the spring term, and provide for two more schools for the fall and winter terms, by which we so exhausted our resources that we had nothing left for school-furnishings. We think that the true interests of education in town demand an increase in the appropriation for our public schools. The town is now nearly free from debt, well supplied with school-buildings, which, with some repairs, will meet the demands made upon them for several years to come, so that, having no very large expenses to meet anywhere, we think it can well afford to provide good educational advantages for the children of the town.

TEACHERS.

The requisitions for a good teacher are altogether too indefinite both in the minds of the public and of the teachers themselves. Besides good scholarship, constantly improving, which is of itself indispensable, she

must be familiar with the improved methods of teaching. Nothing is easier than to have a mistaken confidence on this subject. The circumstances of school life are constantly changing. Pupils leave school much earlier than formerly, while the subjects to be studied are much more numerous. The standard of good scholarship is increasing from year to year. The question, then, how to accomplish the greater work in the shorter time, is engaging the attention of the best educators of the land. It becomes every teacher to know what old methods have been discarded, and what new ones approved, and to be able to apply them to use.

The selection of suitable teachers is, perhaps, the most important, and certainly the most delicate duty devolving upon a Committee. With the many applicants that present themselves, the questions in regard to each, are, Does she understand the branches which she is to teach? Can she govern a school, and place it under the required discipline, so that each scholar shall know their place and what is expected of them, without undue severity? Does she understand the most approved methods of teaching? Has she the energy, tact, perseverance and patience necessary for her work? It is often remarked, that any one knows enough to teach a primary school, yet it is fast coming to be considered by the best educators, that to become a successful primary school-teacher requires more talent, even, than to succeed in a grammar school. The child, upon his first entrance to the school-room, needs to be brought under correct influences, and to be helped to form right habits of study, and if properly started in the primary school, the same habits will be an incalculable help to him during his entire school life.

We now have four Framingham Normal graduates with us as teachers, and, while we do not think any amount of training can make teachers unless there is an adaptation of the individual to the position, yet the success of those who have received their training there, as compared with those who have had no especial training for the work, is such as to convince us of the great benefit to be derived from that or a similar preparatory course for teaching.

Complaint is sometimes made in regard to the salaries of teachers. By the latest report of the State Board of Education, the average salaries for male teachers for Middlesex county, including grammar schools, was one hundred and seventeen dollars and sixty-two cents per month, while the salaries of female teachers was forty-one dollars and ninety-seven cents per month, from which it will be seen that our salaries are less than the average for Middlesex county.

Of the three hundred and forty-two towns and cities in Massachusetts, Maynard, in its appropriation for each scholar between five and fifteen years of age, is the one hundred and seventy-sixth, and of the fifty-four in Middlesex county it is the forty-fifth. In the per cent. of its valuation as appropriated to public schools, it is the two hundred and sixty-fourth, and in the county the forty-second.

NAMES AND NUMBER OF SCHOLARS.

By a recent act of the Legislature, the School Committee are required some time during the month of May to ascertain, or cause to be ascertained, the names and ages of all persons belonging to their respective towns on the first day of May, between the ages of five

and fifteen years, and make a record thereof. This service has been performed the present school year by one of the Committee, and the result was, that sixty-six more names were reported than by the Assessors in any previous year, while the actual attendance at school was twelve more than last year.

The whole number of names thus found by the Committee was four hundred and thirty-eight.

The placing of this matter in the hands of the School Committee is leaving it where it should be, and gives the Committee an opportunity of knowing how many of that number have attended school.

ABSENCE AND TRUANCY.

The State Law now requires that the School Committee shall appoint, and fix the salary of, two or more truant officers, who shall inquire into all cases of truancy, and carry into execution all truant laws, and make all complaints, in case of violation thereof.

That there may be satisfactory causes for absence, either from sickness or otherwise no one will attempt to deny, but we think that if parents were as anxious to have their children obtain a good education as they should be, there would be much fewer absent marks upon the registers than at present. During the winter term our schools have been largely broken into by fear of scarlet-fever, and repeated reports came to the Committee of the schools being closed. Should a case arise where the physicians in town, and the Board of Health considered that there were sanitary reasons, as in case of an epidemic, for closing the schools for a season at least, it would be a very obstinate Committee indeed, who would refuse to do so under such circum-

stances. But as no such case has existed with us and neither the physicians or Board of Health considered it necessary, we have not done so, but the primary and Turnpike schools were badly broken up for several weeks, and the usefulness of the school term very severely interfered with.

While we believe that parents should use every means for preserving good health in their children, we are of the opinion, that by keeping them from school and allowing them to play upon the street, in the snow and water, they are not doing the very best thing for their physical well-being.

Whatever excuse there may be for absence, there certainly is none on the part of the child for truancy, and the only means a teacher has for detecting truancy is to send to the child's home every time he is absent from school. We think that if a greater desire for learning, and a more noble emulation to succeed, were inculcated in the minds of their children by parents, there would be far less temptation to truancy. Truancy is with us a growing evil, and unless it is corrected by parents themselves, other means will need to be taken for its extermination.

We have two or three years past published in the reports the names of those who were neither absent or tardy for an entire term, in order to encourage punctuality on the part of scholars, and in looking over past lists we find the same names frequently repeated from year to year, while many others never appear, and, when we consider that a person's habits of life often depend upon the character of school life, the ones whose names are published here have many advantages over others. We are fully aware that unavoidable cases will arise,

but we cannot believe that the large number of marks which disfigure our registers are the result of causes beyond the control of those concerned. Several cases have occurred where only one tardiness or absence has been found, but this honor is only given upon an absolutely clean record.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

It frequently occurs that several scholars in each school are not supplied with books until from one to five or six weeks of the term has past. Could parents realize the annoyance and even demoralization of the school caused by this alone, it does seem that they would try and supply their children with books as soon as called for by the teacher. The past year there has certainly been no cause for the delay, as there has been no change in books in any school.

SPECIAL REPORT OF EACH SCHOOL.

HIGH SCHOOL.

SIDNEY E. BAILEY, - - *Teacher.*

Wages of Teacher, for each Term, \$75.00.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number of scholars,	48	38	37
Average attendance,	39.9	34	32.2
Number over 15 years of age,	5	7	11
“ neither absent or tardy,	1	3	5
Whole number of scholars during the year,	62.		

We were exceedingly fortunate last spring in securing the services of Mr. Bailey as teacher for this school. A man of ripe scholarship, unblemished moral character, together with an untiring devotion to his work, he has succeeded admirably as teacher.

Previous to building the new school house the past spring, we were compelled to send scholars there, of a much lower grade than desirable, which was a means of keeping some older ones from school, but that necessity does not exist at present, and we hope that the young gentlemen and ladies of the town will avail themselves of the opportunity afforded them in this school for completing their education. Special attention has been given both to penmanship and book-keeping, qualifying scholars for keeping their own accounts, at least, in all ordinary affairs of life. A new feature of the reading class, has been introduced, by requiring one scholar to read from a historical work for seven minutes, and then calling upon individual members of

the class to state as much as possible from memory of what has been read. We also noticed the class in Swinton's School Composition for the winter term, in the teaching of which, leading facts are given and a composition required to be written from the same. The compositions read by the class at one recitation, while all stated nearly the same facts, yet each possessed individuality to such an extent as to indicate that there must have been considerable thought on the part of the scholar. We mention these few classes only as examples of what has been accomplished, there being no class but deserves commendation.

But three promotions have been made since last spring term to this school, and if the older scholars would remain in school, we might from year to year raise its grade until it would rank with high schools in other towns. As it is, unless scholars remain in school longer, the grade of this school must always be second rate. It seldom occurs that good scholarship can be secured in a class whose members are under fourteen years of age, yet this is the age at which the most of the children in town leave school, and not only not having reached the High School, but it sometimes occurs that even at that age children have not left even the primary grade.

The Roll of Honor for this school, including all who have neither been absent or tardy for one entire term, contains the following names:—For the spring term—Frank H. Phillipps; for the fall—Jessie F. Adams, Ella Proudman and James Wood; winter—Eva L. Haynes, Caroline A. Osborn, Charles F. Jones, Ernest M. Johnson and James Wood.

NASON STREET INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

MISS ADA M. BARLOW, }
 MISS IDA E. MARTIN, } - - - *Teachers.*

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number of scholars,	56	45	43
Average attendance,	49½	41	38
Number over fifteen years of age,	1	0	0
“ neither absent or tardy,	17	12	6
Whole number that have attended this school during the year, 85.			

Miss Barlow returned to this school for the spring term, and was succeeded in the fall by Miss Martin, who had won an excellent reputation as primary school teacher and has fully sustained in this school her previous reputation.

The Roll of Honor in this school for the spring term was as follows: Willie Adams, John Coulter, Johnie Callahan, George Carmichael, Amy Fussell, Florence Fussell, Ellen Hannon, Mary Healy, Nellie Johnson, Jennie Lawler, Maggie Mahoney, May Merrill, Jennie O'May, Mertie Phillipps, Charlie Rogers, Irving Robertson and Dennis Sheehan; fall—Florence Gove, Amy Fussell, Jennie Lawler, Mamie Lockwood, Katie Lawler, Lessie Maynard, Mertie Phillipps, John Coulter, Tommy Smith, George Carmichael, Willie Adams and Byron Gustin; winter—Mamie Lockwood, Lessie Maynard, Mary Hannon, Amy Fussell, George Carmichael and Willie Adams.

NASON STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MISS IDA E. MARTIN,
MISS MARY WHIPPEY,
MISS MINNIE BOARDMAN, } - - *Teachers.*

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number of scholars,	92	57	54
Average attendance,	80	49	37.4
Number under 5 years of age,	3	2	0
“ neither absent or tardy,	21	13	3
Whole number of scholars during the year, 128.			

Miss Martin, with her usual excellent success, taught the school during the spring term, and was promoted to one of the intermediate schools in the fall, when she was succeeded by Miss Whippey, who came to us with excellent recommendations from former committees, under whom she had taught. At the close of the fall term she retired from the school and was followed by Miss Boardman in the winter. This was Miss B's first experience, but the excellence of her work indicates that she may become one of our best teachers.

The Roll of Honor for this school in the spring term was as follows: Mamie Lockwood, Abbie Henderson, Martha Henderson, Annie Callahan, Maggie O'May, Susie McPick, Mary McPick, Maria Farrell, Maggie Lawler, Jennie Matthews, Nellie Conolly, Annie Winch, Mary Winch, James Cleary, Willie Smithson, Willie Wilson, Willie Coulter, Frank Allen, Connie Murphy, Mikie Sheehna and Tommy Lawler; fall—Frank Allen, Melia Haigh, Nellie Conolly, Anson Carpenter, Patrick Kelley, Willie Coulter, Johnie Deane, Johnie Lyons, Harley Maynard, Mary McPick, Willie Smithson, Mark Thornton and Lizzie Wood; winter—Maggie O'May, Sadie Lockwood and Ida Gove.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

MISS MARY M. FULLER, - - -	<i>Teacher.</i>	
	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number of scholars,	44	36
Average attendance,	38.5	28.25
Number over 15 years of age,	1	3
" neither absent or tardy,	4	3
Whole number in school, 53.		

This school was commenced in the fall in the new building on Acton street, as a Grammar school. This was formed by taking the more advanced scholars from what had hitherto been the grammar schools, the rank of which schools was thus reduced to that of intermediate or second primary. The only objection to this has been that some scholars from the upper part of the town were compelled to walk farther to school. It is not to be expected that a school house is to be built at every man's front door, and the only objection in the majority of cases is, that five or ten minutes' longer walk would take so much from their play time, while those scholars who have any work to do out of school are the ones who have made no objections to the distance of the new school-house. Some scholars from the upper part of the village must be sent to either the Nason or Acton street, and if the convenience of all are taken into account, it would be much easier for the older scholars to go to Acton street to the grammar school, than for the primary scholars near the depot to go to Nason street.

We have a very excellent teacher here, a graduate from the advance course of the Framingham Normal School, possessing an intense interest in every scholar

under her care, and labors hard to have each scholar succeed in their studies. She is always kind but strict in her discipline, and social with her scholars, and no child can come under her influence, who possesses any emulation whatever, but will be benefited by her society.

She commenced an evening school at the first of the winter for the benefit of two scholars, who were to be in the mill during the winter and return to school in the spring, without fee, but several others wishing to avail themselves of the advantages of an evening school have attended, paying a small tuition therefor.

The Roll of Honor for this school was as follows:—
for the fall term—Mary Dunsmore, Mary Mahoney, Caroline A. Osborn and Josie M. Keith; for the winter—Willie Dawson, May E. Merrill and Lucius H. Maynard.

ACTON STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MISS LUCY S. DOLIVER, - - - *Teacher.*

	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number of scholars,	51	55
Average attendance,	42.4	39.74
Number under five years of age,	0	0
“ neither absent or tardy,	5	9
Whole number of scholars, 68.		

This was Miss Doliver's first experience in teaching. She is a diligent worker in school, a good disciplinarian, yet not harsh, endeavoring to govern by inculcating noble sentiments in the minds of her pupils, and they have made good advancement in their studies.

The Roll of Honor for this school was as follows:—
for the fall term—Mary Barrett, Mary Deane, Thomas Lawler, Maggie Lawler and Sadie Wilson; for the

winter—Charlie Bracket, John Hannon, Willie Johnson, Thomas Lawler, Maggie Lawler, Sadie Wilson, Annie Winch, Mary Winch and Michael Sheehan.

MAIN STREET INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

MISS HANNAH H. TAFT, }
 MISS A. L. DENNIS, } - - Teachers.
 MISS MARY FELTON, }

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number of scholars,	46	37	38
Average attendance,	35.9	33	28.5
Number neither absent or tardy,	4	8	1
Whole number of scholars, 67.			

We always regret having to change teachers as often as we have in this school, still in this case it seemed unavoidable. Miss Taft had a more desirable position offered her, and left us at the close of the spring term, and was succeeded by Miss Dennis in the fall, who came to us very highly recommended, and in many respects was a good teacher. She left us at the close of the term and secured a position in Hudson, where we understand she is to be continued for the spring term. Miss Felton has taught a very excellent school during the winter. She has had a long and successful experience in school, and her work this term has been faithfully performed, and those interested will be very fortunate if her services can be secured for the future.

The Roll of Honor for this school was as follows:—for the spring term—Sarah Brook, Mary Shea, Mary Whitney and Samuel Lawton; for the fall—Jennie Lawton, Mary Cullen, Mary Lawton, Mary Shea, Sarah Maley, Julia Cullinane, Charles Norton and James Sweeney; for the winter—Samuel Lawton.

MAIN STREET PRIMARY.

MISS LILLA A. HAYWARD, - - - *Teacher.*

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number of scholars,	71	52	44
Average attendance,	60.6	45.17	32.45
Number under five years of age,	1	0	0
“ neither absent or tardy,	11	9	3
Whole number of scholars, 87.			

It is useless to speak in praise of Miss Hayward where she is known, and we simply say that this year has been equal to or better than any previous one.

The Roll of Honor for this school was as follows:— for the spring term—Fred. Lehy, James Burns, Willie Hayes, James Hillferty, Willie Burns, George Woods, Tommy Hillferty, James Lehy, Mary Lehy, George Moulton and Lizzie Moulton; for the fall—Louisa Bri- endly, Willie Cullen, George Flood, James Hillferty. James Murphy, Mary Sweeney, Freddie Taylor, Lewis Woodart and Arthur Woodart; for the winter—Fred- die Taylor, Arthur Woodart and Florence Woodart.

TURNPIKE SCHOOL.

MISS IDA G. ADAMS, - - - *Teacher.*

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number of scholars,	51	31	29
Average attendance,	39.7	27.8	21.1
Number under five years,	1	0	0
“ neither absent or tardy,	3	7	
Whole number of scholars, 60.			

This is Miss Adams' first experience in teaching. Her discipline has been good and the scholars have made good progress in their studies.

The Roll of Honor for this school was as follows :—
for the spring term—Emma Detling, Fred Fletcher and John Mead ; for the fall—Kate Dailey, Mary Matthews, Maggie Matthews, Bell Sumner, Willie Cleary, Simon Little and Willie Sumner.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

There have been in all 483 different scholars in school during the year. Nineteen of these were over fifteen years of age, while four were under five, leaving 460 that have attended school between five and fifteen years of age. There were 364 in all of the schools during the spring term, and the average attendance was 305.6 or 83 per cent. of the whole. . In the fall, the whole number was 355, and the average was 311 ; per cent. of attendance, 87.6. In the winter the whole number was 336, and the average 257.65 ; per cent. of attendance, 76.4. The average attendance for the year has been 291.3, or 60.3 per cent. of the whole number.

The wages of teachers for the high school has been \$75 per month, and \$32 per month for the Turnpike school in the spring term, and that school for the remainder of the year and all other female teachers has been \$40 per month, and assistants in the spring term \$20.

S. SHERBERNE MATHEWS, }
DWIGHT C. OSBORN, } *School Committee.*
AARON S. THOMPSON, }