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CLERK.

WILLIAM H. CLARK.

SELECTMEN.

LEDYARD BILL, WILLIAM COMINS,
LEANDER T. KIRBY.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

H. H. PIKE, OLIVER GOODNOW,
C. A. STREETER.

ASSESSORS.

DWIGHT ESTABROOK, JOHN SLADE,
DAVID BRYANT.

TREASURER.

WILLIAM H. CLARK.*

COLLECTOR.

HIRAM P. BEMIS.*

CONSTABLES.

H. H. PIKE, WILLIAM BROWN.*

SEXTON.

WILLIAM BROWN.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

LEDYARD BILL, HORACE H. BRYANT,
CHAS. B. PERRY.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

THE SELECTMEN.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

H. H. BRYANT, C. A. STREETER,
A. E. MAYNARD.

*Appointed in place of P. M. Howe, deceased.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

D. R. BOYNTON.*

Fence Viewers.

LEDYARD BILL, CHARLES DODD, OLIVER GOODNOW.

Cemetery Trustees.

WILLIAM BROWN, H. H. PIKE, LEDYARD BILL.

*Library Trustees.*LEDYARD BILL, ALWIN S. GRATON, HENRY H. PIKE, CHARLES
H. DODD, HORACE H. BRYANT, LEWIS FREEMAN,†
L. S. KILBOURN.†*Highway Surveyors.*J. H. PENNIMAN, WILLIAM BROWN, D. L. WARE, CHARLES DODD,
SMYRNA WOOD, C. A. STREETER, W. H. HARRINGTON,
CHARLES S. FLINT, DAVID BRYANT, S. G. HARRINGTON, L. FREEMAN.†*Field Drivers.*FRANK W. PIERCE, M. B. OLMESTEAD, C. E. GRATON,
ISAAC H. SWEETSER.*Pound Keeper.*

M. B. OLMESTEAD.

*Measurers of Wood, Bark, and Lumber.*A. S. GRATON,‡ L. FREEMAN,‡ W. H. CLARK, G. F. CHENEY,
G. C. LEMONIER,‡ A. E. MAYNARD,‡ W. H. HARRINGTON,‡
JOHN WHELOCK, CHARLES H. DODD.*Auctioneers.*

DWIGHT ESTABROOK, A. S. GRATON, GEO. A. BROWN, E. TYSON.

*Appointed in place of J. WHELOCK, deceased.

†Removed from town.

‡Measurers of Lumber.

The Selectmen's Report.

To the Citizens of Paxton :

We beg leave to present the following statement of expenditures for the past year :

HIGHWAYS.

The town granted for the repairs of highways, \$600, which was apportioned the several surveyors as follows :

Granted,	\$600 00	
Names of Surveyors.	Apportioned.	Paid.
J. Henry Penniman,	80 00	87 08
Charles Dodd,	70 00	80 36
William Brown,	70 00	72 50
Daniel L. Ware,	95 00	103 60
Smyrna Wood,	40 00	40 00
Charles A. Streeter,	27 00	25 41
William H. Harrington,	50 00	58 82
Simon G. Harrington,	25 00	33 44
Charles S. Flint,	38 00	38 57
David Bryant,	45 00	46 57
Selectmen,*	60 00	23 02
	<hr/> \$600 00	<hr/> \$609 37

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Town granted for the support of Public Schools, \$1000 00

Paid by town orders for expenses chargeable to town grant, 846 12

For items see School Report.

SUPPORT OF THE TOWN'S POOR.

The town granted the sum of \$600 00

Paid by town orders to the Overseers, 600 00

For items see the Overseer's Report.

*Lewis Freeman removed from town before the roads were worked.

BREAKING OUT ROADS.

Patrick Murphy,	\$14 70	H. H. Bryant,	11 08
David Bryant,	17 94	Charles H. Dodd,	12 41
Farrell Leonard,	6 92	A. L. Chamberlain,	1 75
Thomas Ahern,	1 75	David Bryant,	30 00
Henry H. Pike,	4 92	Alexander Barclay,	5 83
William Warren,	8 34	Wm. H. Harrington,	19 88
W. D. Smith,	4 75	N. L. Parkhurst,	14 82
Smyrna Wood,	4 01	Patrick Norton,	12 25
Anson Williams,	9 00	Daniel Hunt,	4 91
J. H. Penniman,	41 98	L. S. Kilbourn,	5 86
E. P. Hosmer,	3 23	W. W. Woodruff,	4 50
Wm. Brown,	3 79	Smyrna Wood,	14 50
Geo. D. Bisbee,	1 17	Lewis Freeman,	21 38
Willard Howe,	1 16	F. A. Whitehouse,	3 25
David Bryant,	7 65	C. P. Woodbury,	2 00
Ezekiel Tyson,	5 63	T. B. Robinson,	24 96
William Daw,	5 58	Levi Smith,	1 54
Peter Daw,	13 04	William Brown,	5 17
I. N. Keyes,	30 00	J. O. Keep,	7 52
L. S. Kilbourn,	7 59	Jacob Karle,	3 33
Charles S. Flint,	39 77	A. S. Graton,	1 19
William Lumbard,	1 16	J. D. Whitney,	4 16
Daniel L. Ware,	12 01	Jason A. Woodruff,	3 91
Charles Dodd,	17 16	George B. Woodruff,	8 91
Smyrna Wood,	2 97	Horace Daniels,	12 00
W. F. Pike,	2 62	Albert Shover,	3 65
Charles A. Streeter,	7 63	John G. Crouch,	3 82
John O. Howe,	4 50	H. L. Fiske & Son,	6 50
Daniel L. Ware,	3 25	S. G. Harrington,	9 18
Wm. M. Warren,	18 95	Edgar H. Abbott,	2 88
C. B. Perry,	64		
Peter Daw,	7 65		
B. L. Maynard,	3 71		
			<hr/>
			\$573 31

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

The town granted the sum of	\$800 00
Paid the following bills by town orders :	
Wm. H. Clark, recording vital statistics, storage of weights and measures, expressage, &c. for 1880,	\$11 40
M. B. Olmstead, repairing road scraper,	50
T. S. Penniman, labor on the highway for 1880,	8 17
Wm. Brown, for returning list of deaths to town clerk,	1 00

Paid Geo. W. Dodd for posting warrants in 1880,	4 00
Tyler & Seagrave, printing town reports last year,	30 00
J. A. Cummings, ringing bell from Jan. 1 to April 1,	9 00
P. M. Howe for services as treas. and col. for 1880,	50 00
Kinnicutt & Co., for bell rope,	3 48
Thomas & Jas. Ahern, damages, defective highway,	5 00
Walter Cook, for labor on highways in 1880,	2 28
P. M. Howe, for interest on note of Mrs. Ainsworth,	24 00
Kinnicutt & Co., for 215 feet rope for liberty pole,	90
J. D. Coggsweil, for painting 9 new guide boards and repainting two old ones,	15 50
M. B. Olmstead, for repairs on liberty pole, road scraper, fixing pump, &c.,	5 50
P. M. Howe's estate, as per auditing com's report,	13 62
J. A. Cummings, ring. bell from April 1 to July 1,	9 00
E. P. Hosmer, sundries,	1 00
Mrs. Naomi Moore, one year's interest on Slade note held by her,	18 00
Blanchard & Wilson for printing the Assessors' report for 1881.	16 00
Worcester Mutual Ins. Co. for insurance on school house No. 2 for 5 years,	8 00
Wm. H. Clark for record book for treasurer,	1 95
J. A. Cummings. ring. bell from July 1 to Oct. 1,	9 00
Wm. Brown, setting soldiers' headstones, furnished by the United States,	75
Jotham Parker, for relaying 22 rods of cemetery wall north side of lot.	27 50
Wm. Comins, for plank for bridges on highways,	14 96
Charles Dodd, for repairs of tools, &c., used on highway,	2 10
David Bryant for cedar poles and posts furnished and set in his highway district,	5 33
David Bryant for services as assessor for 1881,	16 00
Chairman of Cemetery Committee for labor, mate- rial, repairs, &c., on cemetery gates and grounds,	26 31
Wm. Brown for labor on the highway by direction of the selectmen,	1 50
J. A. Cummings, ring. bell from Oct. 1 to Jan. 1, '82	9 00
Simon C. Abbott for 3 posts for highways,	30
John Slade for services as assessor for 1881,	16 00
Dwight Estabrook for services as assessor for 1881,	18 00
Dwight Estabrook, for expressage, stationery, and postage for assessors,	2 90
Putnam & Davis, record and order books for town,	6 95

Paid Wm. H. Clark, expressage, stationery, and postage,	2 66	
Selectmen, for stationery, expressage and postage for their use during the year,	2 62	
Wm. H. Clark, fees for recording births, marriages and deaths for the past year,	7 60	
L. T. Kirby for services as selectman past year,	15 00	
William Comins, for services as selectman past year,	18 00	
Ledyard Bill, for services as selectman past year,	18 00	
		<u>\$458 78</u>

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Town granted the "Dog Fund of	57 75	
Paid by town orders to H. H. Pike, treasurer,	57 75	

MEMORIAL DAY.

Town granted the sum of		10 00
Paid George W. Dodd for sheet music,	2 00	
Jonas White for decoration flags,	50	
	<u>2 50</u>	

STATE AID.

Town granted,		400 00
Paid Leander T. Kirby,	53 00	
George A. Brown,	53 00	
Horace L. Fiske, sr,	45 00	
John A. Cummings,	51 00	
S. A. Newton,	51 00	
G. F. Cheney,	47 00	
J. F. Graton,	27 00	
Joseph D. Whitney,	21 00	
	<u>\$348 00</u>	
Due from the State to offset the above disbursement to the disabled soldiers,		273 00
		<u>75 00</u>
Total net cost to the town,		

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

The poll taxes of members of the Fire Com- pany were abated by vote of the town at its annual meeting,	24 00	
Tax of Mrs. F. W. Russell,	6 50	
	<u>\$30 50</u>	

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

For the support of the highways,	609 37
public schools,	846 12
town poor.	600 00
breaking out roads,	573 31
contingent charges,	458 78
public library,	57 75
memorial day,	2 50
state aid,	348 00
taxes abated,	30 00
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	\$3,526 33

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Balance due the town in hands of the town treasurer,	54 47
of tax bills and cash in hands of collector	886 96
in hands of overseers,	166 99
Cash due from the State for State Aid,	273 00
Inventory of school books at N. Clark & Cos.	20 05
Cash in hands of treasurer of school committee,	4 01
Tuition bill against the town of Holden,	15 00
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	\$1,420 48

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

To town note held by Mrs. Ainsworth bearing	
6 pr ct.,	400 00
To town note held by L. Bill, bearing 5 pr ct.,	300 00
outstanding bills, estimated,	310 00
cash due for ringing bell to April 1, 1882.	9 00
	<hr/>
	\$1019 00
Balance in favor of the town, Feb. 15, 1882,	<hr/>
	\$401 48

In presenting this report of the expenditures and receipts of the town, together with the financial standing at the close of the year ending Feb. 15, 1882, we have real cause to congratulate the citizens on having gotten "practically out of debt."

The statement above shows about four hundred dollars in the hands of the town above all indebtedness, if the assets given

are all good. At all events the assets are not only the same in character, but such as have been returned in previous accounts as good, and it was but just to ourselves that we should give a similar estimate of them.

This result has been achieved under rather adverse circumstances, especially when it is considered that the present Board have had to carry into their account the great snow-bills of last year—amounting in the aggregate to a large sum—larger with one exception than it has been for several years. (It is proper to say that a small fraction of the total sum belongs to this year.) This heavy expense was only met by rigid economy and saving in the other departments of your town affairs.

The cause, or at least one of the prime causes of our being able to show so good a financial result for the past year, has been the careful running of the public schools during the period named, and the saving in the contingent department where much of the power to expand expenses is in the hands of the board of selectmen.

For the current year we recommend that the Contingent grant be made one hundred dollars less than last year. That in our opinion would be a sufficient sum.

The school committee also suggest a reduction of the sum of one hundred dollars, as will be seen by their report; and likely some other departments could move forward efficiently with something less than last year. Still we but suggest, as is properly our duty, leaving however all things to your wiser discretion.

Finally, we would call attention to the condition of the Guide boards, as the law requires of us, and state that there have been several new ones erected and several old ones repainted and repaired. They are established as follows: one at or near the house of Michael Nugent, one near the house of Charles S. Flint, one near the house of Daniel L. Ware, one near the house of T. Wendell, one near the house of B. L. Maynard, one near the house of Mrs. Ainsworth, one near the house of H. L. Fiske, one near the barn of Peter Daw, one on the North East school house, one at the junction of the Holden road and

the road leading to "the Dea. Harrington place," and one on the barn of T. S. Penniman, one at the junction of the Leicester and Barre road, and one at the junction of the roads near the South West school house. They are all up and in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

LEDYARD BILL,	} Selectmen
WILLIAM COMINS,	
LEANDER T. KIRBY,	
	of
	Paxton.

Treasurers' Reports.

The town treasurer, Mr. P. M. Howe, died May 30, 1881, and soon after his decease the auditing committee were called in to examine and audit his account, and it is thought entirely proper that the result be given as made out by them in their report to the Selectmen.

TOWN OF PAXTON.

We, the undersigned, have examined and audited the town account of the late treasurer and collector, Phineas M. Howe, and find the same to stand at his decease, May 30, 1881, as follows:

DEBIT.		
To balance at last annual settlement, Feb. 18, 1881,		\$601 64
cash borrowed since.*		300 00
interest received since,		4 31
		\$905 95
CREDIT.		
By town orders, paid since last annual settlement,		729 67
uncollected taxes, May 30, 1881,		143 39
cash on hand,		46 51—919 57
		\$13 62
Leaving a balance due late treasurer.		

H. H. BRYANT, } Auditing
C. A. STREETER, } Committee.

Paxton, June 7, 1881.

*This sum was borrowed as follows—\$150 of W. Mulligan trust fund—\$100 of L. Bill—and \$50 of J. O. Keep.

SETTLEMENT WITH TREASURER.

W. H. CLARK. Treasurer,

In account with the TOWN OF PAXTON.

1881.	DR.		
June 6,	To cash received of P. M. Howe, late Treas.,	\$46	51
	State Treas., pauper trans.	1	50
	" " " burial,	10	00
9,	L. Bill on town note,	100	00
14,	L. Bill " "	500	00
17,	H. A. Howe, admr. of		
	P. M. Howe, bal. of int. on Goulding estate,	1	75
Aug. 8.	To cash rec'd of L. Bill on town note,	110	00
12,	Wm. Brown, grass in cemetery,	12	00
Dec. 6,	State Treas., corporation tax,	10	61
	" " Nat. Bank tax,	59	58
	" " State aid,	23	00
	" " Relief of indigent		
	& dis. soldiers,	233	00
1882.	County Treas., dog fund,	47	36
Jan. 2,	State Treas., school fund,	211	81
26,	H. P. Bemis, collector,	3200	00
Total,			\$4567 12

1881.	CR.		
June 17,	By cash paid School Committee, state grant,	\$212	40
Nov. 3,	county tax,	218	00
Dec. 5,	state tax,	270	00
14,	L. Bill, two notes, principal,	210	00
	interest,	5	00
	Sarah Slade, note, principal,	300	00
	interest,	8	70
19,	J. O. Keep's note, principal,	50	00
1882.	interest,	1	53
Jan. 5,	Wm. Mulligan, note, principal,	150	00
	interest,	5	21
13,	L. Bill's note, principal,*	100	00
	interest,	4	62
Feb. 16,	L. Bill, end. on note of June 14,	200	00
	161 town orders,	2777	19
	By cash on hand,	54	47
Total,			\$4567 12

WM. H. CLARK, Treasurer.

*This was borrowed by P. M. Howe.

This certifies that we have examined the above account, and find it correct and properly vouched.

H. H. BRYANT, } Auditing
C. A. STREETER, } Committee.

Paxton, Feb. 15, 1882.

SETTLEMENT WITH COLLECTOR.

H. P. BEMIS, Collector for 1881,

In account with the Town of Paxton.

DR.

Amount of uncollected tax for 1880,	\$143 39
interest collected on the same,	7 44
tax list committed for 1881,	3963 33
interest collected on same,	3 30

CR.,

\$4117 46

By cash paid town treasurer,	3200 00
poll taxes of firemen abated,	24 00
tax of Mrs. Russell abated,	6 50
amount of uncollected taxes,	815 64
cash on hand,	71 32
	—————\$4117 46

Paxton, Feb. 15, 1882.

H. P. BEMIS, Collector.

We have examined the above account and find it correct.

H. H. BRYANT, } Auditing
C. A. STREETER, } Committee.

To the Selectmen of Paxton :

We have examined and audited the town account of the late Treasurer and Collector, P. M. Howe, and find cash to be charged to his successor as Treasurer, the sum of forty-six and 51-100 dollars, (\$46.51) ; and to his successor as Collector of taxes, the sum of one hundred forty-three and 39-100, (143.39) it being the amount of taxes uncollected May 30, 1881, at time of his decease.

H. H. BRYANT, } Auditing
C. S. STREETER, } Committee.

Paxton, June 7, 1881.

Report of Overseers of Poor.

INVENTORY AND APPRAISAL OF THE PROPERTY OF THE TOWN.

Inventory and appraisal of the property of the town of Paxton at the alms house, as made Feb. 13, 1882, by the Assessors of the town,

Farm 100 acres,	2000 00	
Pasture, 40 acres,	575 00	
		<hr/> \$2575 00
Farming tools,	195 00	
Wagons, sleigh, harness and robe,	140 00	
Household Furniture,	185 00	
		<hr/> \$520 00

STOCK.

1 horse,	175 00	
6 cows,	208 00	
1 calf,	8 00	
3 shoats,	24 00	
25 fowls,	18 75	
		<hr/> \$433 75

HAY, GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

10 1-2 tons English hay,	210 00
4 1-2 tons meadow hay,	40 50
lot of rye straw,	15 00
corn fodder,	9 00
lumber,	8 00
rye meal,	87
150 lbs. shorts,	1 95
1 bbl. cob meal,	3 00
2 bush. salt,	1 40
20 lbs. tallow,	1 60

8 1-2 lbs. fresh pork,	1 00
1 1-4 tons of coal,	11 25
2-3 bbl. flour,	6 00
oil,	1 00
2-3 bbl. flour,	6 50
pepper and spices,	1 50
tea,	1 00
sugar,	1 25
2 lbs. saleratus,	16
1 gal. molasses,	65
1 doz. eggs,	35
1-2 bush. sweet corn,	1 00
1-2 bush. pop corn,	1 50
13 lbs. of dried beef,	2 60
5 bush. rye,	6 00
1 1-2 bush. beans,	4 50
4 bush. corn,	4 00
garden seeds,	75
4 bush. turnips,	2 00
8 1-2 lbs. butter,	2 72
20 lbs. lard,	3 00
lot carrots,	60
50 bush. potatoes,	55 00
30 bush. mangel wurtzel,	7 50
1-2 bbl soap,	2 50
1 bar soap,	08
175 lbs. salt pork,	21 00
90 lbs. ham, boneless,	11 70
125 lbs. salt beef,	10 00
1 bottle of butter coloring,	50
1 bbl. cider,	3 00
tobacco,	30
1 double barrel gun,	7 00
	<hr/> \$469 23

RECAPITULATION.

Real estate,	2575 00
Farming tools,	195 00
Wagons, sleigh, harness and robe.	140 00
Household furniture,	185 00
Stock,	433 75
Hay, grain and provisions,	469 23
	<hr/> \$1422 98

DWIGHT ESTABROOK, } Assessors
JOHN SLADE, } of
DAVID BRYANT, } Paxton.

EXPENSES OF THE TOWN FARM.

One year's interest on real estate, farming tools and household furniture, as reported by the assessors, March 15, 1881,	\$154 25
Warden's salary,	250 00
8 bbls. flour,	70 25
Sugar,	18 13
Molasses,	6 87
Tea,	14 45
Coffee,	1 40
Other groceries,	17 52
Phosphate,	28 85
Grass seed,	12 19
Farm sundries,	27 26
Tobacco,	6 98
Clothing,	19 31
Shoat,	6 00
Calf,	1 00
Coal,	24 27
Paint, oil and labor,	48 93
Sundries,	48 49
Horse hoe,	10 50
Blank books,	50
Dr's bills,	9 00
Labor,	9 00
1 horse,	175 00
2 cows,	55 00
Weekly Spy,	2 00
Advertising,	2 25
1 bag corn,	1 80
36 bags of meal,	48 83
Shorts,	17 21
Other expenses,	6 00
Postage and stationery,	2 10
3 pigs,	6 50
Overseer's salary,	24 00
	—\$1125 84

INCOME OF FARM.

Veal sold,	52 06
Pigs sold,	17 34
Potatoes sold,	24 29
Rye sold,	4 78
Hay sold,	52 57
Poultry sold,	5 02

Eggs sold,	9 38
109 lbs. butter sold,	29 55
1 hide sold,	3 31
Rags,	32
Sundries,	9 26
Opening roads,	3 82
Labor on highway,	8 20
Use of pasture,	34 00
Outstanding bills,	13 35
Increase of invoice,	93 09
1 pair oxen sold,	127 50
1 horse sold,	80 00
1 horse collar sold,	1 50
Cash in hands of Warden,	20 54
Total income of the farm,	<hr/> \$589 88

SUMMARY.

Total expense of form,	\$1125 84
income of farm,	589 88

Balance against the farm, \$535 96

Whole number of weeks board at almshouse, 317.

Cost of each person per week, \$1 69.

SUPPORT OF POOR AT ALMSHOUSE.

The following persons have been supported at the almshouse the past year :

Names.	Age.	Weeks.
Mary Pierce,	80	52
Harriet Allen,	59	52
Jason Bigelow,	77	52
Rebecca Bigelow,	84	52
John P. Metcalf,	90	52
Abby Goodnow,	4	42
Mary Goodnow,	40	7
Child of Mary Goodnow,		7
Traveling poor,		1

Whole number of weeks board, 317

SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Expense of Mary Goodnow and child, \$19 00

SUMMARY OF OVERSEERS' ACCOUNT.

OVERSEERS OF POOR,	To Town of Paxton,	DR.
To cash received of former board of overseers,		\$122 86

To cash received for one yoke of oxen,	127 50
one horse,	80 00
one horse collar,	1 50
of town treasurer,	600 00
J. A Foreacre's note,	67 00

 999 20

By cash paid J. G. Crouch,	\$125 00
on account of Mary Goodnow,	19 00
for blank book,	50
pocket book,	1 25
grass seed,	5 25
meal and flour,	20 20
N. Clark & Co.,	155 42
for labor, painting,	20 00
Dr's bills,	6 00
labor,	9 00
coal,	22 13
1 horse,	175 00
2 cows,	55 00
Weekly Spy & advertising,	4 25
overseer's salary,	24 00
overseer's expenses,	6 00
postage and stationery,	2 10
J. A. Foreacre's note,	71 38

 721 48

 Balance in the hands of the overseers, \$277 72

RESOURCES OF OVERSEERS.

Cash in hands of overseers,	277 72
Outstanding bills,	47 35
Cash in hands of warden,	20 54
J. A. Foreacre's note,	71 38

 416 99

LIABILITIES OF OVERSEERS.

Warden's salary to April 1st, 1882,	250 00
Balance in favor of overseers,	\$166 99

HENRY H. PIKE,	} Overseers of Poor.
OLIVER GOODNOW,	
CHAS. A. STREETER,	

Report of the Fire Company.

It has been deemed proper for the Fire Company of Paxton, to make a report of its organization and doings to the town, from whence it received its authority, and in obedience to a request of the Selectmen the following report is submitted :

In the month of August, 1878, at a special meeting of the town, there was in the warrant an article to see what action the town would take towards the establishment of a local Fire Company. The question was promptly considered, and a grant of the small sum of seventy-five dollars was made, and a committee appointed to purchase such articles as were of the first necessity, and to organize a company. In the following September, a meeting was duly called, and a permanent organization effected by the choice of Alwin S. Graton as foreman. The company was small in numbers, but enthusiastic in its endeavors, yet little could be done the first year besides the procurement of buckets, extinguishers and ladders. At the next annual meeting, Mr. M. B. Olmstead was duly chosen foreman, and under his administration there has been added a "truck," for the carriage of the ladders and buckets of the company. This truck is a large and ample vehicle, entirely new, and well adapted for its purpose. Frequent drills are had, at which times the company, having some suitable building in view for practice, place its ladders, ascend the roof, pass the buckets, and as it were, "go through all the motions" involved in an actual case of fire. At one of these drills, the church was scaled and "extinguishers" used on its roof, thus giving a practical demonstration of the ability of "the boys" to do much towards the suppression of a fire, at least while in the bud. This was well illustrated in the recent case of an actual outbreak of flames through the roof of the "stage barn," so

called. The company rallied and in a very few minutes had the fire out, while but for their timely efforts several buildings must have been swept away.

The company since its first organization has been called out at five different fire alarms, namely,—one at the Bellows wood lot, one at the Dodd pasture lot, one at the mowing fields of Wm. Lumbard, the case of the “stage barn” above referred to, and once to the residence of Mr. Harris when the chimney was on fire—saying nothing of their prompt rally to prosecute the search for the lost children of Foster Merriam.

The company meets once in two months as a rule, and has occasional social assemblies, and has held one or two fairs for its benefit.

A list of articles in the possession of the company is appended hereto:

- 17 buckets in good order—one has been destroyed.
- 4 long ladders—one 28 ft., two 26 ft., and one 20 ft.
- 2 extinguishers, in good order.
- 4 iron hooks.
- 1 piece of rope.
- 2 pairs of rubber shoes for roof climbing.
- 1 truck, 4 wheeled.

A ROLL OF MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY is likewise annexed—

M. B. OLMSTEAD, *Foreman*.

H. H. PIKE, *Clerk*.

MARTIN L. OLMSTEAD, *Steward*.

D. R. BOYNTON,

ALBERT S. ROBINSON,

FRANK H. ROBINSON,

J. A. CUMMINGS,

WILLIAM LUMBARD,

FRANK W. PIERCE,

CARLOS D. STRATTON,

WALLACE LYON,

EDGAR H. BURNETTE.

Respectfully submitted,

M. B. OLMSTED, *Foreman*.

Paxton, Feb. 14, 1882.

Report of the Town Clerk.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN PAXTON IN 1881.

- July 16, Joseph Henry Gothe, son of David and Adeline E. Gothe.
- July 31, Cora Martin, daughter of Samuel and Mary Martin.
- Aug. 29, Anna Tracy Naughton, daughter of Patrick and Margaret Naughton.
- Sept. 8, Irving Bowman Pierce, son of Frank W. and Olive A. Pierce.
- Oct. 1, Marion Augusta Henry, daughter of James E. and Orinda K. Henry.
- Oct. 1, Marion Augusta Henry, daughter of James E. and Orinda K. Henry.
- Oct. 20, Blanche Evelyn, daughter of David and Emeline E. Bryant.
- Oct. 21, Anne Elizabeth Woodruff, daughter of Jason A. and Ada E. Woodruff.
- Dec. 19, George Henry Whitney, son of Joseph D. and Sophronia L. Whitney.

MARRIED.

- Jan. 13, 1881, Frank Moore and Linnie M. Daniels.
Theodore P. Brown and Alice J. Daniels.
- Sept. 21, Frederick A. Balcom and Helen E. Newton.
- Dec. 7, Don Carlos E. Stratton and Caroline T. Reardon.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN PAXTON IN 1881.

- Jan. 5, Thomas W. Mabry, age 1 mo., 21 days.
Jan. 18, Amelia A. Sheldon, age 72 yrs., 7 mos., 13 days.
March 17, Edward Walton Pierce, age 4 mos.
March 24, George W. Anthony, age 71 yrs., 14 days.
April 14, Michael Nugent, age 14 yrs., 2 mos., 17 days.
May 28, Mary A. Graton, age 32 yrs., 8 mos., 25 days.
May 30, Phineas M. Howe, age 72 yrs., 11 mos., 22 days.
July 4, Asenath Goddard, age 59 yrs., 5 mos., 24 days.
July 8, Violet —, age 2 yrs., 1 mo., 19 days.
July 9, Patrick Nugent, age 74 yrs.
July 11, Isaac Bellows, age 88 yrs., 11 mos., 27 days.
Aug. 13, Katharine Butler, age 74 yrs.
Sept. 18, Flora Estelle Lakin, age 20 yrs., 6 mos., 4 days.
Oct. 13, Frederic J. Smith, age 1 mo., 14 days.
Oct. 28, John Wheelock, age 73 yrs., 11 mos., 27 days.
Nov. 9, Effie Dean Daniels, aged 28 yrs., 9 mos., 14 days.

W. H. CLARK, *Town Clerk.*

Paxton, Feb. 14, 1882.

School Report.

To the Citizens of Paxton :

Again your Committee, in compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth, submit the following brief report of the character and condition of the public schools of this town for the past year.

It has been our constant aim during the period of our connection with the schools of this place, to elevate their standard, and in every proper way improve upon the old methods without going to any extremes, but gradually progressing in what has seemed to be the right direction.

The problem with us is ever the same, namely, to secure, with our limited means, the largest and wisest advantages to the entire school population under our temporary care. Experience has served but to confirm us in the heretofore expressed belief that two terms, of about twelve weeks each, in each school district, with an extra term for the centre Grammar, is by far the best programme for the advancement of education among our youth. This plan has been acted upon the past year, and with entire satisfaction to the mass of school patrons, so far as we can judge. This was the unanimous suggestion of the Committee in their report last year and has been faithfully carried out. Of course we are not unmindful that more schooling would be desirable, but considering all the surrounding circumstances, such as the winter season, when the weather is usually so inclement as to almost, if not abso-

lutely, prevent two-thirds of the school children from attending, also, the sparsity of school population in several of the outside districts that, even leaving out entirely the other considerations named, we should not feel justified in opening such schools. The expense would be large with little corresponding benefit. But the plan as already named, of two terms, with an extra term at the centre grammar, said extra term open to all pupils of the town of the proper age and grade, seems to fill the school year up pretty full in point of time, and gives to just that class of scholars who most need advancing, an opportunity to be forwarded, and forwarded at an age when they first begin to realize, and in a measure appreciate the purposes of school life. This arrangement of terms on which we have been acting and which was first instituted in 1878, is the one, all things considered, we would recommend for the town to follow as being the wisest and best as well as the most economical.

The general character of our schools the past year has been most excellent. The teachers employed have been, for the most part, young ladies of considerable experience, and their work has been as good and in some instances better and of more value to the town than in former years. It has been a matter of some surprise to us to note the great advancement in the capacity of the teacher to teach, of course some progress is always expected, but we are glad to be able to chronicle more than the average improvement in some instances. We have employed but one normal graduate during the year, and we could wish for more. It is undoubtedly a great advantage to a teacher to have the benefits and experience of a normal school training. It would not necessarily follow, however, that all normal graduates are good teachers. Still we would urge upon all looking forward to teaching as a business or profession, to avail themselves of the privileges of the State Normal School situated so near us.

Four of our pupils have left for that school the past year, while two others have gone to the Technical school, likewise adjacent—giving at this writing a half dozen delegates to advanced institutions of education from our little hill town of Paxton. We cordially wish them success, and believe we have

other scholars in our schools who will, in the natural course of events, acquit themselves with equal credit.

It is a matter of some pride to your Committee to know that the standard of our schools is such that our students graduating can, by means of their good scholarship and character, easily enter these higher institutions of learning without probation.

The number of pupils in the district known as the North East being so few, your Committee thought it best not to open that school, and it was kept closed during the entire year. The pupils belonging there were transported to the centre district at an expense of about one half the usual cost of maintaining that school. This arrangement seemed to be in the main satisfactory to all parties, and saved some expense. It may or may not be best to close that school another year, as much depends on circumstances. The population is in a measure shifting in that locality at the present time. It is proper to state that the cost of transportation covered only the two terms and did not apply to the extra or winter term at the center known as the Town-school.

There was also a consolidation of the Primary school with that of the Grammar room during the spring term. This was in consequence of the general sickness prevailing among the children of the district named, making the number able to attend, of both schools so small, as to seem to justify the consolidation. The result was not satisfactory, and we did not expect it well could be, but the course pursued was perhaps justified by the situation.

With a single exception, the best of order and good government has been maintained in all of the schools. The exception noted impaired the value of that school the last few days. But taken all in all, the year has passed with excellent results and your Committee in the main are satisfied.

We should perhaps for self-justification state that the winter term of the Grammar or Town-school had a different teacher from what we had designed. It was our purpose to employ a male teacher of ability and experience to carry it, and we so arranged, but "man proposes while the gods dispose," &c., was

fully illustrated in this instance. The gentleman engaged was well recommended, but by reason of illness, tendered his resignation but a few hours before the school was to open. It was decided to fill the vacancy temporarily by a substitute. In the meanwhile, having failed to secure the services of any satisfactory gentleman, Miss Lakin was given the school for the term, and we all the more cheerfully assented in view of the cordial good feeling which for the most part had displayed itself in the school room between teacher and scholar in the brief period of substitution. We ought in justice to the teacher to say, that she in no way sought or desired the place, but on the contrary simply consented to act as teacher for a brief period. We do not claim, nor does she, that she possesses that breadth of culture necessary to carry easily such a school, but that the teacher has done well cannot be denied. Indeed we have been surprised in many respects, at the success which has attended her efforts.

The usual studies in our schools have been pursued as the law directs. We have observed an increasing interest in the study of history in some of the schools, and we trust that more will find time to take up this highly profitable branch. All should know something of history, and especially of their own country. The other studies have received about the ordinary share of attention except drawing. In that we have been and still continue to be deficient. A very few have anything of skill in teaching this branch. It is undoubtedly profitable as well as pleasant to understand the art, but yet few will excel in it, and it does not seem to stand on so broad a basis of necessity to a liberal education as do many other studies. Its excellencies are first observed in connection with map drawing, which is in itself quite valuable to the student either of history or geography.

There has been no diminution of the public interest in the schools, judging from the large number of visitors registered. It is gratifying to observe the large attendance of patrons at the closing exercises, and we have often commented on the value of parental visitations, but think that they would possess an increased influence if made during the term, when they

could witness the regular work of the schools as well as the results of examinations.

The writer of this report feels that there are some objections to public examinations at the close of each and every term. They are certainly well enough at the close of the school year, but once a year surely seems often enough. We would not be understood as willing to discard all examination at the close of each term—not at all—but rather that it be done in a quiet way. There can be no denying that these frequent *public* examinations tend to something of display and superficial work during the last weeks of the school, and so hinder the general progress of school routine and are too often a severe tax on the nerves of the younger pupils far beyond any benefit to be derived. The pains-taking parent can gauge the value and progress of a school by regular term visits far better than by a single visit at one of these popular closing examinations. The education of our youth would be as secure while we should gain something of relief from the friction and excitement of the present course, by the adoption of the plan suggested. We have never missed but one single public examination out of the nearly one hundred which have occurred during our connexion with the schools of the town, and it is out of this ample opportunity to study their value that we have come to the conclusions named above.

The practice continues of devoting a portion of every Friday afternoon to exercises of a general character, and this practice should be maintained.

The following general rules were adopted by a unanimous vote of the Board, and it was agreed that a copy of them be placed in each school room in town, for the information and guidance of both pupils and teachers:

SCHOOL REGULATIONS.

RULE 1. All teachers are required to be at their school rooms both in the morning and afternoon, 15 minutes before the hour for opening the school.

RULE 2. The roll shall be called punctually at the hour of commencing school, morning and afternoon, and all who enter after the roll call is finished shall be marked tardy.

RULE 3. Each school day shall consist of two sessions of three hours each.

RULE 4. Five school days constitute a school week, as per the laws of the Commonwealth. All public holidays occurring on a regular school day are included in the count.

RULE 5. There shall be no school exercises on Saturdays, without special consent of the School Committee.

RULE 6. There shall be miscellaneous exercises every Friday afternoon of each week during the term.

RULE 7. The length of the recesses in winter shall not exceed ten minutes, while in summer fifteen minutes may be allowed. There shall be separate recesses in all schools unless otherwise ordered.

RULE 8. The teachers may dismiss regularly each day the small pupils one hour before the close of each session.

RULE 9. Any damage to school property will be charged to the pupil doing the same, and it is made the teacher's duty to ascertain the party and report same to the Committee.

The number of children in town on the first of May, between the ages of five and fifteen as reported to us was 116.

The Committee would ask the town to grant the sum of nine hundred dollars for school purposes the ensuing year, which amount with the state grant, will be sufficient in our judgment to carry the schools the six months as required by law, and give the extra term for the Grammar room as during the past year.

Herewith is appended the usual list of names of such pupils as have been perfect in attendance ; likewise the customary table of statistics, and the account of current expenses, to which attention is especially called.

ROLL OF HONOR.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE.

CENTRE GRAMMAR. *Winter*—Henry S. Streeter, Allie F. Graton.

CENTRE PRIMARY. *Fall*—Myrtis Kirby, Clara Graton, Herbert Robinson.

WEST. *Spring*—Florence A. LeMonier. *Fall*—Florence A. Le Monier.

SOUTH WEST. *Spring*—Timothy Murphy, Mary Murphy. *Fall*—Timothy Murphy, Mary Ahern.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Wages per Week.	Number of weeks.	Number of Scholars.	Average attendance.	Per cent of attendance.	Not absent or tardy.	No Scholars under 5 yrs.	No Scholars over 15 yrs.	Scholars between 8 & 14.
SPRING TERM.										
CENTRE PRIMARY, and } CENTRE GRAMMAR, }	A. DeW. Peirce,	9.25	10	20	11	55	—	—	—	12
SOUTH WEST,	Sarah J. Shaw,	6.—	11	23	15+	64+	2	—	—	18
SOUTH EAST,	Fannie E. Dodd,	6.00	12	12	9+	75+	—	—	—	8
WEST,	Myra C. Healey,	6.00	12	11	7+	63+	1	—	—	4
FALL TERM.										
CENTRE PRIMARY,	Phronia M. Lakin,	6.50	14	36	25+	69+	3	—	—	—
CENTRE GRAMMAR,	A. DeW. Peirce,	8.50	12	26			—	—	8	11
SOUTH WEST,	Ida L. Snow,	5.50	13	26	17+	65+	2	—	—	15
SOUTH EAST,	Fannie E. Dodd,	6.00	12	11	8+	72+	—	—	—	7
WEST,	Myra C. Healey,	6.00	12	10	8+	80+	1	—	2	5
WINTER TERM.										
CENTRE GRAMMAR,	Phronia M. Lakin,	10.	10	37	27+	73	2	—	14	13

ACCOUNT OF SCHOOL EXPENSES

To Feb. 18, 1882.

WAGES OF TEACHERS.

<i>Spring Term.</i> —By cash paid Myra C. Healey,	\$72 00	
Fannie E. Dodd,	72 00	
A. DeW. Peirce,	111 00	
Sarah J. Shaw,	66 00	
	<hr/>	\$321 00
<i>Fall Term.</i> —By cash paid A. DeW. Peirce,	102 00	
Fannie E. Dodd,	72 00	
Myra C. Healey,	72 00	
Ida L. Snow,	71 50	
Phronia M. Lakin,	91 00	
	<hr/>	\$408 50
<i>Winter Term.</i> —By cash paid Phronia M. Lakin,	100 00	
	<hr/>	
Total wages paid,		\$829 50

CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

By cash paid for care of School houses, Spring term	9 40	
Fall term,	12 50	
Winter term,	4 00	
Total care of School houses,	<hr/>	\$25 80

FUEL.

By cash paid Charles Dodd,	\$8 20	
W. F. Pike,	12 00	
Wm. Comins,	7 28	
S. C. Abbott,	6 90	
N. Clark & Co.,	7 00	
S. C. Abbott,	4 63	
	<hr/>	\$46 01

SUNDRIES.

By cash paid Harlie Newton,	2 60	
W. A. Bryant,	25	
E. G. Howe for map,	50	
Arthur L. Kirby,	2 50	
Tyler & Seagrave, printing rules,	3 50	
A. E. Peck, framing rules,	2 00	
J. D. Baldwin & Co., advertising,	1 50	

By cash paid N. Clark & Co., for sundries,	11 87	
Knight, Adams & Co.,	4 32	
Robert L. Davis,	8 25	
	<hr/>	\$3 29

TRANSPORTATION.

By cash paid W. H. Harrington,	48 00	
C. S. Butler,	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$68 00

REPAIRS.

By cash paid J. Wheelock,	14 69	
Wm. Brown,	1 00	
J. Wheelock,	1 65	
D. & C. P. Stevens & Co.	2 75	
J. C. White, 11 galls. paint,	15 64	
D. R. Boynton, painting,	14 56	
Estate of J. Wheelock,	1 40	
Wm. Comins, for plank,	2 20	
	<hr/>	\$53 89

SUMMARY.

Town grant,	1000 00	
State grant,	212 40	
Cash of last Committee,	5 54	
	<hr/>	\$1,217 94
Paid total wages,	829 50	
care School rooms,	25 80	
fuel,	46 01	
sundries,	37 29	
transportation,	68 00	
repairs,	53 89	
salaries,	<hr/>	
	<hr/>	\$1,060 49

There is due from the town of Holden the sum of fifteen dollars for the tuition of the two Dougherty children the past year.

The treasurer of the School Board, Mr. H. H. Bryant, has in his hands the sum of four dollars and one cent.

Respectfully submitted,

LEDYARD BILL,	} School Committee of Paxton.
H. H. BRYANT,	
C. B. PERRY,	

Public Library.

To the Inhabitants of Paxton :

This report closes the fifth year of the work of your public library, and it is highly gratifying to be able to speak in unqualified praise of its general usefulness. It has now been long enough in operation for you to have tested its merits as an institution, and to begin to feel its enlightening force. The very general demand upon it from week to week for something to instruct or entertain, is one of the highest proofs of its necessity and utility. Each year adds to the number of similar institutions throughout the commonwealth, and the time is not distant when every town will possess its own free public library. It is to the enquiring mind what the public fountain is to the thirsty traveler on the highway—both a benefaction and a benediction.

At the last annual meeting the town appropriated the dog fund to the library, as has been its custom from the beginning, and which we trust will be continued. The amount of said fund was fifty-seven dollars and seventy-five cents, which sum, together with the balance in the treasury at the close of the account last year, has been expended by your trustees in the following manner, namely : about forty dollars in the purchase of new books and rebinding old ones, and the sum of twenty-five dollars in payment of the librarian's salary, while the remainder went for sundry expenses, leaving a balance against the treasury of seven cents.

The Treasurer reports to us the following financial condition for the year ending Feb. 15, 1882 :

Dr.	
To balance at last settlement,	\$14 80
cash received of the town (dog fund,)	57 75
“ from other sources,	2 05—\$74 60
Cr.	
By librarian's services,	\$25 00
cash for new books and rebinding old ones,	41 07
cash for sundries—printing supplements,	
postage, expressage, and expenses of	
book committee,	8 60—\$74 67
	<hr/>
Balance against the library,	07

The annual inspection on the 11th of February showed the condition of the library to be excellent, and all volumes in their places or accounted for by the librarian except Nos. 1185 and 1203.

The total number of books catalogued to date is 1303, giving an increase, by purchase and donation, over the report of last year of one hundred and twenty-two volumes.

In the management of a public library it is exceedingly important that the immediate control of it be in the hands of a competent as well as an accommodating librarian. And where the services of a librarian can be secured, who has a good knowledge of books and their authors, and particularly of the general reputation of authors, they are invaluable. It is in the power of such an official to give direction to many of the patrons of the library in their selection of suitable books, and often aid in the establishment of good reading habits. The position of librarian, in short, has something of the character of a public teacher, both in its educational forces and far-reaching results. The present incumbent, Miss Ella M. Rowell, has discharged the duties of the place in a highly satisfactory manner, and it is our earnest wish that she may continue the coming year.

At the October meeting the President of the library resigned. He had held the place from its foundation in 1877, a period of five years, and felt it to be time to give place to others. The library is out of debt, has good and convenient quarters, its system of working is well understood by all its officers, and

if the spirit in which it was founded shall continue to attend it, we do not hesitate to predict a perpetual lease of life with an ever increasing value to its patrons, exercising the most salutary effects upon all our population.

There are vacancies in the board of trustees caused by the removal from town of L. S. Kilburn, Lewis Freeman and E. W. Whiting.

Below we append a list of the names of donors for the past year, and would call attention to the gift of the American Antiquarian Society of Worcester, through one of its officers, Mr. E. M. Barton, of an ancient volume in fine binding and good condition. We call special attention to this particular donation on account of the peculiar interest it must or ought to have to all our citizens, since the author was a resident of this town a hundred years ago at the time of his journey to Europe of which this volume is the product. The trustees voted not to place it in general circulation since it would be ruined in a few years, but it is to be preserved as a relic in the library, being allowed out only on the joint assent of the librarian and some one of the trustees. It is not a book possessing at this day any great value to the tourist or traveler in the lands of which it speaks, except to show by contrast the marked progress over the times in which it treats.

Names of Donors for 1881. Mrs. Emily F. Allen, E. P. Keep, Joseph E. Davis, Esq., Mrs Reliance Kendall, L. Bill, L. G. Howard, Pliny Earle, Hon. J. H. Walker, Hon. W. W. Rice and the American Antiquarian Society.

Respectfully submitted,

LEDYARD BILL,

Paxton, Feb. 15, 1882.

For the Trustees.

Bonds of Town Officers.

TREASURER'S BOND.

[Copy.]

Know all Men by these Presents,

That we, William H. Clark, of Paxton, in the County of Worcester, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as principal, and Nathaniel Clark and Hiram P. Bemis of said Paxton, as sureties, are holden and stand firmly bound and obligated unto the said town of Paxton, in the full and just sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, to be paid unto said town, to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals, dated this fourth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, (June 4, 1881.)

The condition of this obligation is such, that, whereas said William H. Clark has been duly appointed Treasurer by the Selectmen, to fill a vacancy for said town of Paxton for the remainder of the current year and he having accepted said office and been duly sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties thereof,—Now if the said William H. Clark shall as Treasurer as aforesaid, faithfully account for and discharge all his legal duties appertaining to the said office, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in presence of
DWIGHT ESTABROOK,
LEDYARD BILL.

WM. H. CLARK,	[L.S.]
NATHANIEL CLARK.	[L.S.]
H. P. BEMIS.	[L.S.]

COLLECTOR'S BOND.

(Copy.)

Know all Men by these Presents,

That we, Hiram P. Bemis of Paxton, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as principal, and William H. Clark and Nathaniel Clark of said Paxton, as sureties, are holden and stand firmly bound and obligated unto the said town of Paxton in the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to be paid unto the said town, to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals. Dated this fourth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, (June 4, 1881.)

The conditions of this obligation is such, that whereas said Hiram P. Bemis has been duly appointed Tax Collector by the Selectmen, to fill a vacancy in said office for said town for the remainder of the current year, and he having accepted said office and been duly sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties thereof,—Now if the said Hiram P. Bemis shall as Tax Collector as aforesaid faithfully account for, collect and pay over all the taxes which he shall be legally required to collect, and also to pay as often as the Town Treasurer shall demand and faithfully discharge all other legal duties of the said office, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed and sealed in
presence of
LEDYARD BILL,

H. P. BEMIS. [L.S.]
WM. H. CLARK. [L.S.]
NATHANIEL CLARK. [L.S.]

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, 1882.

(Copy.)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

WORCESTER, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton, in the County of Worcester,

GREETING :

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Paxton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Paxton, on Monday the sixth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Articles, namely :—

ARTICLE 1st. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2nd. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3rd. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and Committees, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 4th. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5th. To see what sums of money the town will grant for the support of the Public Schools, for the support of the Poor, for the repair of Highways, Town ways and Bridges, for the Contingent Charges, and paying of Debts, the ensuing year, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 6th. To see what disposition the town will make of their "Dog Fund."

ARTICLE 7th. To see what action the town will take in regard to the observance of "Memorial Day."

ARTICLE 8th. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money to pay necessary expenses, under the direction of the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 9th. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the relief of indigent and disabled soldiers, as provided in chapter 252 and 301 of the Acts of the General Court of Massachusetts of the year 1879, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 10th. To see if the town will vote a discount on the Taxes for the ensuing year, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 11th. To see if the town will fix the amount of compensation for labor on the Highways the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 12th. To see what time the town will authorize the publication of the report of the Assessors the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 13th. To see what compensation the town will allow its Firemen the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 14th. To see if the town will accept the List of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 15th. To see if the town will sell to Charles Dodd a piece of land originally purchased by the town of one Samuel Slade for road repairs, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 16th. To see what action the town will take with reference to the abatement of the Taxes the past year or the year to come on the Mulligan property held in trust by the town, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 17th. To see what action the town will take on the question submitted by the Acts of the General Court, chapter 54 of the year 1881, namely :—" Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" The form of the ballot shall be "Yes" or "No."

ARTICLE 18th. To see if the town will approve and authorize the School Committee to pay for the transportation of school children, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 19th. To see if the town will authorize the Overseers of the Poor to sell the "town-pasture," so called, situated near the farm of Anson Williams, direct the manner of its sale and the disposition of the proceeds, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 20th. To choose a Committee to reckon and settle with the Town Treasurer, and deface such orders as have been paid by him when their report has been accepted by the town.

ARTICLE 21st. To see if the town will cause the bell to be rung the ensuing year, or act any way thereon.

ARTICLE 22nd. To see if the town will, by and with the consent of the heirs or interested parties, authorize its Town Treasurer or other officers to assume the trust of the Simon Allen estate, and give proper bonds, or act in any way thereon.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof; one at the Post Office, one at the Hotel and one at the Meeting House, in said town, ten days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hands, this 22nd day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two.