ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF ACTON

FROM

FEBRUARY 26, 1891, TO FEBRUARY 26, 1892.

HUDSON:
THE ENTERPRISE PRINTING COMPANY, 1892.
TOWN OF ACTON in account with J. K. W. WETHERBEE, Treasurer.

1892.

Dr.  Feb. 26. To cash paid, State tax, $1,005 00
     Cash paid, County tax, 1,078 85
     Cash paid on Selectmen's orders, 19,499 06
     Outstanding orders, 1,313 79
     Balance due the town, 1,965 67

1891.

Cr.  Feb. 26. By cash in the treasury, $1,296 46
     Rec'd for rent of chapel room to Apr. 1, 1891, 33 00
     from Town of Methuen for aid furnished Wm. Austin, 11 00
     M. E. Reed for hay in Woodlawn cemetery, 16 04
     Julian Tuttle, for rent of Town hall, 12 99
     for old lumber sold, 18 00
     from Globe Furniture Co. rebate on freight of furniture, 7 56
     State Treasurer, corporation tax, 617 28
     State Treasurer, National Bank tax, 619 24
     State Treasurer, Military Aid, Chap. 279, Acts 1889, 62 00
     State Treasurer, State Aid, Chap. 301, Acts 1889, 340 00
     State Treasurer, for temporary aid furnished State Paupers, 16 00
     M. H. Garfield, for hard pine plank, 6 84

Total, $24,862 37
County Treasurer, on account of Leland and Stevens' road, 900 00
County Treasurer, dog tax, 180 80
State Treasurer, income of Mass. School Fund, 184 56
J. K. W. Wetherbee, borrowed money, 526 55
Mrs. P. V. Hapgood, borrowed money, 500 00
H. J. Hapgood, borrowed money, 400 00
Geo. A. Stevens, " " 800 00
Estate of Wm. Davis, borrowed money, 350 00
Frank H. Jones, borrowed money 600 00
Varnum Tuttle, " " 1,240 00
J. A. Bowen, " " 1,000 00
E. C. Damon, for old bridge plank 6 77
L. W. Stevens, for lots sold in Mount Hope cemetery, 40 00
John Fletcher, for lots sold in Woodlawn cemetery, 22 00
Estate of Amos Brooks, for aid furnished by the town, 64 19
James Fletcher, for school supplies sold, 3 41
D. C. Harris for material left from repairing fence in North District, 3 95
C. W. Pitman, for rent of Town Hall, 9 50
E. A. Phalen, taxes for 1889, 160 54
E. F. Conant, taxes for 1890, 564 69
J. E. Cutter, taxes for 1891, 14,188 00
Interest on money in Bank, 61 00

Treasurer's Report of Money Held for Care of Lots in Cemeteries.

Dr.
To Hepsabeth Piper Fund, $50 00
Interest received, 2 00
Frederick Rouillard Fund, 100 00
Interest received, 2 00

----- $154 00
Cr.

By Cash paid N. Johnson, for labor on lot of Hepsabeth Piper,  $2 00
Cash paid N. Johnson, for labor on lot of F. Rouillard,  2 00
Cash in Treasury,  150 00

$154 00

J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
Treasurer of Acton.

Acton, Feb. 1892.

This is to certify that we have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Town of Acton, and find them correct.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD,
DANIEL J. WETHERBEE,
Auditors of the Town of Acton.
# SELECTMENS' REPORT.

## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

### Centre School.

Paid Rev. James Fletcher, for teachers, $720.00
- care of house, 65.50
- fuel, 69.82
- cleaning rooms, 11.62
- incidentals, 4.53

**Total** $871.47

### West School.

Paid A. A. Wyman, for teachers, $720.00
- care of house, 78.00
- cleaning rooms, 11.67
- fuel, 41.53
- incidentals, 5.70

**Total** $856.90

### South School.

Paid Chas. L. Bradford, for teachers, $720.00
- care of house, 90.00
- cleaning room, 6.00
- fuel, 30.13
- incidentals, 5.83

**Total** $851.96

### North School.

Paid David C. Harris, for teachers, $360.00
- care of house, 25.00
- cleaning room, 4.00
- fuel, 39.67
- incidentals, 3.73

**Total** $432.40
East School.

Paid Chas J. Williams, for teachers, $360 00
- care of room, 27 00
- fuel, 42 20
- cleaning room, 3 10
- incidentals, 4 05

= $436 35

South East School.

Paid W. S. Jones, for teachers, $324 00
- care of room, 15 00
- cleaning room, 4 75
- fuel, 25 75
- incidentals, 2 26

= $371 76

High School.

Paid A. W. Armstrong, for teaching, $920 00
- Janitors, care of rooms, 34 00
- Geo. Gardner, rent of organ, 15 00
- Geo. Gardner, rent of piano, 10 00
- C. L. Bradford, for moving furniture, 2 00
- F. W. Green, for moving furniture and organ, 3 00
- James Fletcher, for fuel, 10 68
- C. L. Bradford, for fuel, 6 00
- E. C. Parker & Co., for fuel, 7 00
- James Fletcher, for incidentals, 2 40

= $1,010 08

School Supplies.

Paid Rev. James Fletcher, $444 11
- A. W. Armstrong, 5 89

= $450 00

STATE AID.

Paid Warren B. Ball, Chap. 279, acts 1889, $96 00
- Allen G. Smith, 60 00
- Wm. F. Wood, 40 00
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**SUPPORT OF POOR.**

Paid E. H. Cutler, deficiency on farm to March 1, 1891, 398.80

"aid of Mrs. Trainor, 69.10

"Geo. Kingsley children, 231.00

"Emily F. Town, 146.71

"Clara Wheeler, 169.46

"Richard Temple, 223.32

"W. B. Ball, 85.50

"Mrs. M. Jones, 168.00

"Mrs. Ruth Pike, 55.00

"Peter Simonson, 40.00

"Geo. O. Austin, 11.00

"Rebecca A. Randall, 15.00

"J. E. Harris, 99.14

"W. F. B. Whitney, 28.50

"Murphy family (So. Acton), 70.85

"Amos Brooks, 18.57

"Mrs. John Quinland, 93.01
Paid E. H. Cutler, aid of Two journeys to Lowell, 2 00
" Journey to Waltham, 1 50
Chas. S. Twitchell, for care of C. A. Brooks, 16 50

$1,942 96

Cemetery Expenses.

Paid N. Johnson, for labor in Woodlawn cemetery, 20 76
L. W. Stevens, for labor in Mount Hope cemetery, 64 25
Moses A. Reed, for labor in Woodlawn cemetery, 47 50
John Fletcher, for labor in Woodlawn cemetery, 2 00
John Fletcher, for trees for Woodlawn cemetery, 2 00
John Fletcher, for dipper in Woodlawn cemetery, 2 00
J. W. Hayward, for additional land for Mount Hope cemetery, 900 00
N. Johnson, for care of Woodbury lot, 1 00
" labor on hearse house grounds, 50
" mowing monum't gr'nds 2 00
" care of Fred'k. Rouillard lot, 2 00
" Jona. Piper lot, 2 00
" David M. Handley lot, 4 00
Julian Tuttle, for building wall, Woodlawn cemetery, 15 27
L. W. Stevens, for labor at Mount Hope cemetery, 7 40
L. U. Holt, for repairs at Woodlawn cemetery, 2 75

$1,073 53
PRINTING.

Paid H. S. Turner, for printing March warrants, $3 00
Enterprise Co., printing 600 sheet reports, 600 town reports, and town warrants, 71 50
A. Hosmer, for 500 town orders and envelopes, 5 15
A. Hosmer, library certificates and notices, 1 90
Campbell & Hanscom, printing poll tax lists, 7 00
H. S. Turner, printing town warrants, 3 00
Enterprise Co., printing voting lists, 11 25
Enterprise Co., printing fire reward notices, 1 75
Campbell & Hauscom, printing citation for adoption, Laura Maud Kingsley, 6 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Rev. James Fletcher, supt. of schools, $125 00
Hiram J. Hapgood, services as auditor, 1889-90, 10 00
C. B. Robbins, assessor, 1891, 35 00
Phineas Wetherbee, " " 50 00
John White, " " 18 00
A. A. Wyman, services as ballot clerk, 1890, 3 00
A. A. Wyman, services as ballot clerk and teller, 1891, 5 00
D. James Wetherbee, services as ballot clerk and teller, 1891, 5 00
Phineas Wetherbee, service, teller, 1891, 2 00
Chas. H. Mead, " " 2 00
Hanson A. Littlefield, " " 2 00
W. F. Kelley, " " 2 00
C. B. Sanders, " " 2 00
John Fletcher, " " 2 00
E. A. Phalan, " " 2 00
Lyman C. Taylor, " " 2 00

$110 55
James R. Lawrence, inspector of election, 1890, 3 00
E. A. Phalan, collecting taxes, 1889, 75 00
J. K. W. Wetherbee, treasurer, 75 00
Geo. R. Keyes, selectman, 45 00
Gustavus V. Bowen, selectman, 45 00
Wm. F. Stevens, selectman, 85 00
" " supt. roads, 75 00

LIBRARY EXPENSES.

Bills Approved by the Trustees.

Paid M. E. Taylor, for supplies, $21 24
D. A. Cutler, transporting books, 50 00
Ida A. Hale, services as librarian to March 1, 1892, 101 00
James Fletcher, for town history of the towns of Woburn, Westford, Sudbury and Medford, 5 00
Julian Tuttle, for services as janitor to April 30, 1891, 13 40
James Fletcher, for services as janitor to Jan. 1, 1892, 75 00
James Fletcher, for supplies, 32 90
J. E. Cutler, 20,300 lbs. coal, 63 44
Jame Fletcher, for repairs, 5 25

EXPENSES ON ROADS ORDERED BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Paid Varnum B. Mead, for damages awarded by the County Commissioners on the Leland-Stevens road, $1,000 00
L. U. Holt, for drain pipe, 146 53
J. E. Reed, labor on Hall shop, 8 75
E. Jones & Co., for lumber, 50 00
E. Hall & Sons, " 3 63
C. H. Mead & Co., nails, 38
Paid Thos. McCarthy, covering stone, 40 75
David C. Harris, covering and edge stone, 35 40
A. C. Piper, labor on turnpike, 335 46
N. Littlefield, " " 762 96
" " " Leland-Stevens road, 229 58
" " " Littleton road, 21 57
Wm. H. Kingsley, labor on bridges, 117 77
S. A. Guilford, 706 lbs. railing posts, 35 30
" " making over railing posts, 2 80
" " catch basin grates, 7 00
Samuel Jones, Jr., labor on railings, 25 26
E. Jones & Co., lumber for " 28 00

EXPENDED ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Nahum Littlefield, highway work, $696 46
Anson C. Piper, " " 1,439 52
Wm. H. Kingsley, " " 1,237 54
Anson C. Piper, breaking out roads, 6 20
Francis Pratt, " " " 12 00
Forbush & Hartwell " " " 5 50
Nahum Littlefield, " " " and repairing washouts, 32 07
Henry Warden, breaking out roads, 16 63
Thomas McCarthy, " " " 5 28
A. S. Fletcher, labor on bridges, So. Acton, 30 94
Samuel Jones, Jr., labor on bridge railings, 10 26
J. E. Cutter, breaking out roads, 18 65
Chas. Wheeler, " " " 16 85
A. C. Piper, dynamite, 2 00
A. H. Jones, repairing washouts, 5 85
J. P. Brown, " tools, 2 75
S. A. Guilford, " scraper, 75
Samuel Jones, Jr., labor on railings, 54 00
H. T. Clark, repairing scraper, 4 50
" cover to catch basin, 30
N. Littlefield, powder and fuse, 4 50
" repairs & blacksmith bill, 21 53
" covering stone, 2 00

$2,801 64
Paid N. Littlefield, use of gigger, 1 00
  "  "  14 posts, 1 20
  "  " gravel, 4 25
Geo. F. Tyler & Co., repairs, 8 50
J. Kinsley, use of road for Hurley, 8 00
A. A. Haynes, 72 loads gravel, 3 60
F. C. Nash, 600 " " 30 00
L. Rouillard, 121 " " 6 05
F. H. Whitcomb, 209 " " 10 45
A. Farrar, 225 " " 11 25
E. Jones & Co., railing lumber and hardware, 80 83
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, drain pipe, 42 31
A. C. Piper, repairs on scraper, 2 60
I. F. Duren, removing 5 apple trees in making changes on hill near Abel Farrar's, 40 00
Aaron Foster, cutting brush, 2 10
I. A. Sampson, 26 loads gravel, 1 30

$3,879 52

REPAIRS ON TOWN BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Paid Francis Jones, for painting at South school house, 9 10
Chas. J. Williams, for repairs at East school house, 1 50
Chas. L. Bradford, for repairs at South school house, 3 00
C. J. Williams, for repairs at East school house, 6 55
N. Johnson, for repairs at Centre school house, 1 35
F. W. Gray, for painting monument flag staff, 3 00
Chas. J. Williams lumber and labor on East school fence, 74 52
Francis Jones, for painting at South school house, 23 41
F. Z. Taylor, for labor on town hall floor, 31 50
Francis Conant, for repairs at South school house, 36 16
Paid C. L. Bradford, for repairs at South school house, 28 90
F. D. K. Hoar, for repairs at West school house, 49 88
A. A. Wyman, for repairs at West school house, 5 00
Sam'l. Jones, Jr., for repairs at South school house, 67 11
W. L. Mead, for repairs at West school house, 94 32
W. S. Jones, for repairs at South East school house, 10 00
Francis Jones, for painting at South school house, 6 75
Francis Jones, for labor and stock on town hall floor, 11 50
Spofford Robbins, for labor on town hall floor, 42 50
Spofford Robbins, for repairs on town hall, 16 88
James Fletcher, for 18 desks for school houses, 79 56
C. J. Williams, for repairs at East school house, 1 20
F. E. Harris, for repairs at West school house, 5 62
N. Johnson, for repairs at Centre school house, 12 67
Spofford Robbins, for repairs on town vault, 4 25
H. T. Clark, for repairs at West school house, 2 80
James Fletcher, for repairs at Centre school house, 7 00
Sam'l Jones, Jr., for repairs at South school house, 4 76
E. Jones & Co., for lumber and hardware for town hall floor, 139 84
L. U. Holt, pump for town well, 10 90
L. U. Holt, for repairs at West school house, 14 51
Chas. J. Williams, for repairs at East school house, 6 00
Paid Chas. J. Williams, for work on well at East school house, 4 00
Chas. J. Williams, for repairing wash-out in East school house yard, 4 00
C. H. Mead & Co., stock for repairs at West school house, 2 32
Rev. James Fletcher, for repairs at South school house, 9 62
Rev. James Fletcher, for repairs at Centre school house, 14 16
L. U. Holt, for repairs at South school house, 4 00

$850 14

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Chas. J. Williams, for carting fire ladders, 25
Chas. J. Williams, for boat hire, for Fish Committee, 25
Nathan Johnson, for repairs on monument flag, 2 02
James T. Joslyn, Esq., costs of court in V. B. Mead case, 43 94
Chas. H. Walcott, for legal services in V. B. Mead case, 50 00
E. F. Conant, for summoning town officers, 2 50
Luke Blanchard, award of damage on hall road, 150 00
Isaac Davis Post 138, for Memorial day, 100 00
N. E. Bean, for repairing fire hook, 2 50
Wm. Chisholm, for ladder, 1 50
John Fletcher, for fish permits, 3 00
" " " pass books for Fish Committee, 30
Chas. J. Williams, advertising for High school, 75
Chas. J. Williams, for cleaning East school well, 2 00
Julian Tuttle, for services as registrar of voters, to May 1, 1891, 12 00
Paid Phineas Wetherbee, for damages on Hall road, 144 18
Fred’k. C. Nash; for legal services in Blanchard case, 37 50
Fred’k. C. Nash, for legal services in Wetherbee case, 37 50
John S. Keyes, Justice of Central Midd. Court, for fee and expenses in criminal cases, 23 60
J. H. Whitney, for expenses in Barker case, 57 00
E. Jones & Co., coal for town hall, 29 24
Tuttles, Jones and Wetherbee, for assessor’s books, 1 00
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, Collector’s books, 1 50
H. T. Clark, for ladder rungs, 1 50
J. K. W. Wetherbee, for one weight for town scales, 65
J. K. W. Wetherbee, for recording deeds, 1 90
J. K. W. Wetherbee, for postage and stationery, 1 50
W. F. Stevens, for postage, express and stationery, 6 78
L. U. Holt, sealing weights and measures, 1890–1891, 10 00
Geo. E. Fifield, for damage to rye field by town cattle, 1 50
I. F. Duren, for making returns 41 deaths, 10 25
I. F. Duren, for attending 47 burials, 141 00
I. F. Duren, for removing 4 bodies from Elbridge Robbins tomb and burying same, 5 00
Wm. D. Tuttle, for postage, express and stationery, 6 80
Wm. D. Tuttle, for ballot box repairs, 47
" " Telephone charges, 26
" " surveying at cemetery, 1 00
Wm. D. Tuttle, surveying and making plans of road near P. Wetherbee’s, 7 00
Paid Wm. D. Tuttle, for collecting and recording 37 births, $18 50
Wm. D. Tuttle, for recording 45 deaths, 6 50
  "  "  "  23 marriages, 3 45
Wm. D. Tuttle, for services Town Clerk, 30 00
  "  "  "  as registrar of voters, 15 00
C. N. Pitman, care of town hall and clock, 22 55
Geo. R. Keyes, 4 trips to Lowell acc’t. Geo. Kingsley children, 4 00
Geo. R. Keyes, 1 trip to Cambridge acc’t. Blanchard case, 2 00
Geo. R. Keyes, 1 trip to Boston acc’t. State aid case, 2 00
J. E. Cutter, discount on taxes, 848 16
  "  for services in dog license cases, 5 00
E. A. Phalan, for services at Magog, pond, order Fish Committee, 5 00

$1,860 30

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Susan F. Durkee, for 1890, $4 25
John A. Puffer, 2 00
Abatement of taxes as certified by the Assessors for 1891, 78 00

$84 25

LOANS AND INTEREST.

Paid J. K. W. Wetherbee, temporary loan, $526 55
  "  "  interest on same, 10 97
5 months, 5 per cent.,
Hiram J. Hapgood, note, 400 00
  "  "  interest on note, 8 months, 6 days, 5 per cent. 13 67
Paid Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, interest on $1,000 note, 1 year, 5 per cent., $50 00
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, interest on $1,500 note, 1 year, 5 per cent., 75 00
Interest on J. W. Hayward's note, 5 months, 23 days, 5 per cent., 21 62

$1,097 81

$20,812 85

RECEIPTS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Balance in the Treasury, Feb. 26, 1891, $1,296 46
Due from Collector of Taxes, Feb. 26, 1891, 811 10
Appropriations for Town charges, 6,500 00
   Schools, 4,400 00
   School supplies, 450 00
   Highways, 2,300 00
   Overlayings, 289 23
   State tax, 1,005 00
   County tax, 1,078 85
Rec'd from State Treasurer, Corporation tax, 617 28
   "   Nat. Bank tax, 619 24
   "   Military Aid, 62 00
   "   State Aid, 340 00
   "   Income of Mass.
   School Fund, 184 56
County Treasurer, dog tax, 180 80
Chapel Society, rent to Apr. 1, '91, 33 00
Town of Methnen, for aid furnished Wm. Austin, 11 00
Moses G. Reed, for hay in Woodlawn Cemetery, 16 04
Julian Tuttle, on acct Town Hall, 12 99
Cash for old lumber sold, 18 00
Globe Furniture Co., refund of freight on school furniture, 7 56
Temporary aid of State Paupers, 16 00
M. H. Garfield, for hard pine plank, 6 84
Rec'd from County Treasurer, on Leland—

  Stevens road, $900 00
  J. K. W. Wetherbee, borrowed money, 526 55
  P. V. Hapgood, borrowed money, 500 00
  H. J. Hapgood, " " 400 00
  Geo. A. Stevens, " " 800 00
  Est. W. W. Davis, " " 350 00
  F. H. Jones, " " 600 00
  Varnum Tuttle, " " 1,240 00
  John A. Bowen, " " 1,000 00
  E. C. Damon, for old bridge plank, 6 77
  Levi W. Stevens, for sale of cemetery lots, 40 00
  John Fletcher, for sale of cemetery lots, 22 00
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  Estate of Amos Brooks, for aid furnished Chas. A. Brooks, 16 50
  C. H. Pitman, for rent of Town Hall, 9 50
  Estate of Amos Brooks, 47 69
  D. C. Harris, for lumber sold, 3 95
  Rev. James Fletcher, for school supplies sold, 3 41

  EXPENDITURES.

For Centre School, $871 47
  West School, 856 90
  South School, 851 96
  North School, 432 40
  East School, 436 35
  South East School, 371 76
  High School, 1,010 08
  School supplies, 450 00
  State and Military Aid, 794 00
  Support of Poor, 1,942 96
  Cemetery expenses, 1,073 53
Roads ordered by County Commissioners,
Printing, 110 55
Town Officers, 670 00
Roads and bridges, 3,879 52
Town Buildings and grounds, 850 14
Miscellaneous expenses, 1,860 30
Loans and interest paid, 1,097 81
State tax, 1,005 00
County tax, 1,078 85
Abatement of taxes, 84 25
Library, 367 23
$22,896 70
Balance due from E. F. Conant, taxes, 1891, 85 87
J. E. Cutter, taxes, 1891, 1,835 08
Treasurer, 1,965 67
3,886 62
$26,783 32

TOWN DEBTS.
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, note, $1,000 00
P. V. Hapgood, " 1,500 00
Geo. A. Stevens, " 500 00
Estate Wm. Davis, " 800 00
F. H. Jones, " 350 00
Varnum Tuttle, " 600 00
John A. Bowen, " 1,240 00
$6,990 00
Less amounts due from Collectors and Treasurer, 3,886 62
Balance against the Town, Feb. 26th, 1892, $3,103 38
WM. F. STEVENS,
GEORGE R. KEYES,
GUSTAVUS V. BOWEN,
Selectmen of Acton.

Acton, Feb. 26th, 1892.
We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, and find them correct.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD,
DANIEL J. WETHERBEE,
Auditors of the Town of Acton.
List of Jurors.

The following is a list of persons to serve as Jurors for the ensuing year, as revised by the Selectmen of Acton, to be submitted to said town at their April meeting:


WM. F. STEVENS, GEORGE R. KEYES, GUSTAVUS V. BOWEN, Selectmen of Acton.

Acton, March 22, 1892.
Report of Receipts and Expenditures at the Almshouse in Acton.

For the Year Ending February 29th, 1892.

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| Total Expenditures                | $1,914 37 |
| Total Receipts                    | 1,588 65  |

Income less than expense, $325 72
Due from treasury to balance account, 325 72
Interest on farm, 240 00

$565 72

Victualling and lodging 176 tramps, 70 40

Cost of supporting poor on farm, $495 32
Whole number of persons exclusive of tramps supported at almshouse, 4
Average number, 3 3-4
Present number, 3

E. H. CUTLER, LYMAN C. TAYLOR, AARON C. HANDLEY, Overseers of Poor.

We have examined the above accounts of the Overseers of Poor and find them correct.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD, DANIEL J. WETHERBEE, Auditors.
Town Clerk's Report for 1891.

*BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1891.*

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DEATHS RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK IN 1891.

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13.  Apr. 2.  Susan E. Handley, widow of Abraham B. Handley, 86 10 12
15.  Apr. 8.  Martha Lawrence, 84 1 2
18.  Apr. 27.  Hattie M. Robbins, 21 11 2
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<td>E. Lester Hall, son of E. Lester and Lucy F. Hall,</td>
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<td>Francis Robbins,</td>
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<td>Walter E. Burr, son of Wm. R. and Emily Burr,</td>
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<td>Lucy Jane Tuttle, widow of Horace Tuttle,</td>
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<td>James Wood Hayward,</td>
<td>81</td>
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<td>Thomas Calder,</td>
<td>45</td>
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<td>Nov. 8</td>
<td>John J. Beatty,</td>
<td>75</td>
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42. Nov. 24. Mary Skinner, widow of Heury Skinner, 95 3 10
43. Nov. 26. Reuel Williams, 43 11 —
44. Dec. 1. Elijah Bryan, 69 — —
45. Dec. 23. George A. Stevens, 79 6 1

NAMES OF PERSONS HAVING DOGS LICENSED IN 1892.

George Desseault. Luther Conant.
Mildred E. Handley. A. L. Lawrence, 1 female.
Wille S. Fletcher. A. L. Lawrence, 1 male.
Abel Cole. Chas. J. Williams.
C. B. Sanders. Clarence B. Smith.
Wm. Clark. Augustus Fletcher.
Otis H. Forbush. Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee.
Geo. T. Barstow. George W. Ball.
Samuel Jones, Jr.
Sylvester Haynes.
Frank Pratt.
Daniel H. Farrar.
Mrs. Daniel Harris.
Aaron C. Handley.
D. James Wetherbee.
Amasa M. Knowlton.
David C. Harris.
J. W. Clark.
Fred Reed.
Chas. L. Davis.
Chauncy B. Robbins, 2.
E. B. Forbush.
William Wilson.
M. E. Taylor.
Ralph Crooker.
Thomas Calder.
Henry Hanson.
Charles Wheeler, 1 female.
Charles H. Wheeler.
Alonzo L. Tuttle.
John Kelley.
Geo. H. Brooks.
Geo. H. Smith.
Wm. H. Hill.
Lyman Tuttle.
Willie H. Gilmore.
Mrs. Chas. Varney.
Wm. S. Jones.
Fred G. Jones.
Henry M. Smith.
Webster C. Robbins, 2.
Adelbert Mead.
Octavus A. Knowlton.

Thomas Manion.
William Jennings.
A. J. Fletcher.
Noble H. Kenyon.
George McDougal.
Abel Farrar.
Charles Morris.
George A. Hayward.
Thos. J. Sawyer.
L. M. Stewart.
J. C. Hunt.
John Temple.
Solon A. Robbins.
E. Eddie Fletcher.
Antoine Bulette.
W. W. Philbrick.
Charles S. Moulton.
Geo. H. S. Houghton.
Chas. A. Harrington.
Mrs. Geo. F. Flagg.
Wm. J. Moore.
Mrs. Jennie A. Pratt.
Jas. P. Brown.
Chas. J. Holton.
J. H. Standish.
Harvey J. Bishop.
Eph. L. Hall.
Moses Taylor.
Daniel Tuttle.
A. A. Wyman.
R. G. Brooks.
C. H. Mead & Co.
Chas. Barker.
Martin H. Worden.
Warren H. Jones.        Fred Lewis.
William Hayes, 1 female. Lucius S. Hosmer.
Wm. B. Davis.          Alexander Allen.
Geo. Conant.

Whole amount received from licenses, $228.00.

WM. D. TUTTLE, Town Clerk.

Acton, March 2, 1892.
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

TRUSTEES:

LUTHER CONANT,
ADELBERT MEAD,
MOSES TAYLOR,
DELETTE H. HALL,
HIRAM J. HAPGOOD,
DANIEL J. WETHERBEE,
LUCIUS A. HESSELTON,
WM. D. TUTTLE,
REV. JAMES FLETCHER.
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
Of the Acton Memorial Library, 1891-92.

The Trustees of the Acton Memorial Library, in accordance with custom, hereby present their second annual report. In submitting this report we feel that the assured success of this very valuable institution will be readily acknowledged by everyone. Though there has been a slight diminution in the number of books issued, this may be accounted for as arising from causes that do not affect the general condition of interest in the library.

The number of library cards given out has increased during the year from 586 to 703.

The proportion of books called for from the different departments of history, fiction, etc., remains about the same as last year.

The whole number of volumes issued during the year has been 9987.

The number of accessions during the year has been 253.
Number of visitors registered from June 17, 1891, to March, 1892, 298.

Whole number of books now in the library, 4420.
Number of books lost since the opening of the library, 0.
Number of books re-bound, 18.
Number of magazines bound, 18.
Fines collected during the year, $20.00.
The means to pay for the books purchased during the year were provided as follows: Early in the year, as evidence of his continued and permanent interest in the library, Mr. Wilde sent to the Trustees a check for the sum of $100, all of which has been expended in books. The town, at its annual meeting in April, appropriated a similar sum, of which $82.98 has been paid for the same purpose. For the magazines placed upon the table in the reading room for 1892, the sum of $22.95 has been paid. The list of these publications is as follows: Atlantic Monthly, Cassell's Magazine, Harper's Monthly, Century Magazine, Scribner's Magazine, St. Nicholas, Wide Awake, Harper's Young People, New England Magazine. Mr. Wilde also furnishes the Child's Hour, Our Sunday Afternoon and the Cottage Hearth. Mr. Chas. J. Williams has also contributed the Congressional Record for the same purpose.

Books donated to the library during the past year:

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<td>William A. Wilde (proceeds of check for $100,)</td>
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<td>Col. Gardner Tufts</td>
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<td>Jonas S. Hunt, Sudbury</td>
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<td>Paid for by the Town</td>
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Total, 258 vols.
Other articles of value donated to the library:

Picture of Libby Prison, where Union soldiers were confined in Richmond, as it appeared in 1863, by Moses Taylor, Esq.


"The Last Cartridge," a French engraving, Hon. W. A. Wilde.

Also, upon the evening of the 20th of April, Mr. Wilde, in the Town hall, presented to Post 138, G. A. R., the members of which were present in large numbers, an artist's proof engraving of Bachelder's picture of the Battle of Gettysburg at the time of the repulse of Longstreet's assault, July 3, 1863, to be placed in Memorial hall, accompanying the presentation with an interesting and eloquent address.

Afterward, during the same evening, Dr. I. Hutchins, representing Capt. Aaron C. Handley, who commanded Co. E, old Sixth Regt., Mass. Vols., during its second term of service in the war of the Rebellion, presented to the Post the sword and scabbard carried by Capt. Handley while he was in service. The Post in turn, through Commander Delette H. Hall, committed the sword to the custody of the trustees of the Acton Memorial Library, to be permanently kept in Memorial hall, as a memento of that ever memorable contest. The sword is a very elegant specimen of workmanship, and was presented to Capt. Handley by the company under his command, every member of the company contributing to the purchase. We give Capt. Handley's letter in full:

Commander of Isaac Davis Post, No. 138, Dept. of Mass.,
G. A. R.:

My Dear Sir—I have treasured and held very highly for a long time the sword presented to me by Co. E of the 6th Mass. Vols., while in the service of our country. I think every member participated in the present.

I now desire to place it in your hands, and through you into the custody of the trustees of Memorial Library, to be
kept and preserved by the town of Acton in Memorial hall forever.

I desire that it shall be for the use of Isaac Davis Post, No. 138, G. A. R., also for the Benj. Lovell Camp of the Sons of Veterans, on all public occasions and celebrations in which either of the above organizations or any military organization in Acton shall take a part.

Commander, please accept it for the purposes and uses above named.

Respectfully yours,

AARON C. HANDLEY.

South Acton, Mass., April 20th, 1891.

Even now an inspection of Memorial hall will show that it is fast becoming a repository of rare and valuable mementos of the past, and also an art gallery, to which all visitors are welcome.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

By Wm. D. Tuttle.

RECEIPTS.

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<td>Town appropriation for current expenses</td>
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<td>&quot; for new books,</td>
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<td>Fines collected to March 1, 1891</td>
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EXPENDITURES.

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<td>Estes &amp; Lauriat, for new books</td>
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<td>Henry D. Noyes &amp; Co., for magazines for reading room</td>
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<td>Ida A. Hale, services as librarian</td>
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<td>Julian Tuttle, services as janitor to April 1, 1891</td>
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<td>Rev. James Fletcher, services as janitor 11 mos.</td>
<td>91.67</td>
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D. A. Cutler, for transportation of books, 50 00
J. G. Roberts & Co., for re-binding books, etc., 16 98
L. Barta, for printing supplementary catalogues, 28 00
L. Barta, for printing 10,000 library slips, 9 27
J. E. Cutter, for 20,800 lbs. coal, 63 44
M. E. Taylor & Co., for oil and supplies for 1890, 21 24
  "  "  "  "  "  "  1891, 16 37
For visitor's registry book and ink pot, 7 50
For town histories of Sudbury, Medford, West- 5 00
  ford and Woburn, by way of exchange,
L. U. Holt, for repairs, 2 00
L. Conant, for express charges, 2 70
Janitor, for incidental supplies, 36 16

Total, $671 66
      632 67

Deficiency, $38 99

As will be seen, a portion of the deficiency of $38.99 arises from the fact that a bill for oil and supplies for 1890, amounting to $21.24, was not sent in season to be included in the report of that year. The actual excess of expenditure being so small, the trustees have voted to ask for an appropriation of $400.00, the same as last year.

Our library is doing a silent but effective work; its influences are felt in every house in this community. A public library is at once a common school and a university, and while it presents to us the realities of the past, it indicates the lines of progress of the future. And in that future we confidently look forward to an ever widening and broadening service, for that is the common destiny of institutions of this character.

For the Trustees,
LUTHER CONANT.
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1891-92.
REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Town of Acton:

In the retrospect of the year we have first to remind the citizens that God has been having what seems to have been a special oversight of the youth for the few months past. No contagious diseases have been prevalent. The grippe, so disastrous in its attacks upon the adults and the aged, has turned to the right and left when meeting the boys and girls on their cheery path to and from the school work. The average percentage of attendance for all the schools for the year is 91, which is better than was feared, and better than the general average for the State. There has been no approach to a failure on the part of any of the schools or teachers. There has been but little change in the personnel of instruction, and no desire for a change by the committee, except where stern necessity demands. The same is true of text books, the policy being to hold fast that which is known to be good rather than imperil appropriations upon doubtful experiments at the solicitation of every new-comer. Some extra expenses have been incurred in the way of repairs of school buildings, but they have been in the line of practical economy and not of wasteful extravagance.

What is regarded by private individuals as only decent and prudential foresight in the case of their houses, barns and premises has the same claim for approval where the condition of the school house is in question.
If a school house worth preserving for future use needs shingling, it is not economy or sense to let it remain long without protection. Damages from neglect are more expensive than repairs judiciously planned.

Public buildings, from the necessity of the case, are more exposed to wear and tear than private structures, and the school house is no exception to this statement.

A delapidate condition here proclaims at once a municipal stigma, demoralizing within and beyond the school enclosure.

A contemplated heavy expense upon a change in our school structures for a more satisfactory ventilation, ordered by the State Inspector of Public Buildings, has been deferred for the present.

There was a hearing before the Selectmen, who are ex-officio the Board of Health for the Town with power to modify or annul the State order.

The State Inspector appeared in person, presenting the claims of the order.

A. A. Wyman, Esq., appeared for the School Committee on an appeal to annul the order.

After due deliberation upon the immediate necessities of the case, the Board of Health finally decided to annul the order, leaving the whole subject for future deliberation and action.

The ventilation episode, it is hoped, will not be without its advantage to all concerned, and may ultimately lead to tangible results. We have a magnificent system of ventilation, provided by the higher powers, going on all around in these parts, without any extra charge, especially in the month of March, and it is a great pity if we have not brains nough in some way to secure our full share of the gratuity.
Grading the Schools.

The experience of years, and the careful investigations and decisions of the wisest experts appointed by the highest authorities in matters of education, pronounce in favor of the grade. Have your grade, by all means, is their verdict. Make it as complete as your local conditions will permit. Give it a generous and loyal support. If it has its defects any other plan has defects more numerous.

But what for the Town of Acton?

We are not situated in the central, northern and eastern sections of the Town for making the grade so cheaply and easily as at the south and west villages.

Nor are the West and South villages so favorably conditioned as they would be if united in one. What is wanted for all the scholars in town is an approximate equality in the advantages of a graded system.

The most feasible plan for securing this in the present and prospective conditions of the Town seems, after mature and impartial thought, something like the following, leaving the High School as now:

Take the average membership of the past year in the west, and have three grades—the Grammar, Intermediate and Primary:

Average membership of the Grammar, 35.1
" " " Primary, 40.

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\frac{35.1 + 40}{2} = 37.55
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The average membership for each school at the West.
South village, average membership of Grammar, 29.5
   " " " Primary, 35.7
South-east, " " 8.2

373.4
24.5

Average membership of Primary, Intermediate and Grammar at the South, providing transportation for each scholar at the South-east from his home.

Combine the North and East schools at the Centre, furnishing transportation for each scholar from his home to the Centre:
Average membership of the North, 19.9
   " " " East, 24.
   " " " Centre, Grammar, 16.8
   " " " " Primary, 13.5

374.2
24.7

Average membership of Grammar, Intermediate and Primary at the Centre.

This arrangement would give the same number of schools and teachers as at present, the advantages of a graded system for all the town, the stimulus of numbers, for scholars and teachers, in every school, without the confusion of an excess.

This proposition will, doubtless, at first strike some in the rural districts with prejudice, reminiscences of the past, old associations, local attachments, the fear of diminishing values because of removal from the school house, will lead to opposition at the outset. But it really brings a better school nearer to the door if transportation is furnished, and, if so,
how can the farm lose value? The experiment has been faithfully tried in other towns and the results do not prove the depreciation of estates. If the experiment, after proper deliberation, could be harmoniously adopted by the town, the results would in the end, beyond doubt, vindicate the wisdom of the plan. If, however, the time has not yet come for definite action, without too much irritation and complaint, let it abide for the calm moments of a future date. The signs point quite significantly towards the contemplated project. The watchword is forward! not a cowardly retreat to the rear.

The idea of consolidation is forced upon us by the changed condition within fifty years. Fifty years ago there must have been at least a hundred scholars in the eastern and northern portions of the town. Large family groups were scattered in all that section, some of them counting by the dozen. Now only about half that number can be found in the two schools at the North and East combined. The same is true of the Centre. Within the memory of some now living, a hundred scholars were in one school, with one teacher. The discipline of the crowd was ordinaril}^ enough for any master to manage, without wasting his strength on the minor matters of instruction. The little ones on the lower seats were pleased if they had one chance recognition in the course of the long day from the master in the desk. If only these large family groups on the hills and by the brooks could be duplicated, we might drop the question of transportation, and have the grade on the old spot.

In 1826, 412 pupils (227 males and 185 females,) attended schools in town—139 under 7 years, 160 from 7 to 14, and 113 from 14 upwards. The number now reported is 254, with a population nearly double what it was in 1826, and with a valuation more than double what it was then.
The logic of these facts argues for a liberal policy in providing for the education of the youth, now entrusted to the town. They are treasures rare in comparison with the past. In their physical, mental and moral equipment—in their ambitions to match the great destinies that are just upon them, they are not a whit behind their honored progenitors. The town will do itself a discredit, and its youth an injustice, if it does not keep step to the music of the times, and say "forward, march."

**Sentiment in Schools.**

Ex-President Cleveland, in his recent Washington’s birthday address at Detroit, emphasized the importance of sentiment in politics. We may not all agree with him in our political views. We may not all vote for him if again a candidate for the presidency, but we must all sanction with a hearty amen, the main thought of that address. Politics is dead and buried without sentiment. So when we pass into the domain of schools, they are dead and worse than buried without sentiment.

The dollars will come forth from the pockets of the taxpayers with but half their power to bless the giver and receiver, unless the glow of an enthusiast starts them on their mission.

The well furnished desk of the pupil will be but trash in his presence, unless the sentiment of a bounding heart swathes each book at the touch.

The columns of figures as they are added will be but stupid nothings, tiring the nerves, unless there can be a sentiment within to feel the beauty of those combinations, to repeat the charm of ascending and descending the scale, to say at the end how true to themselves and to each other those figures stand—for all times, places and persons, what constancy!
We hear about the hum-drum of the school room, but never from the lips of a teacher whose heart beats quicker at the sight of a pupil whom she is to instruct, care for and bless—whose inspiration starts anew at the stroke of each morning bell that calls her again to her choicest work.

Sentiment has built all our institutions of learning, from the Kindergarten to the University, and when sentiment dies the grandest structures fall, and the vision is no more.

**High School.**

The Acton High School has enjoyed for another year the faithful and earnest instructions of Mr. Armstrong. He has labored in season and out of season for the best culture of his pupils. If in any instance he has missed his high ideal, it has not been for the lack of an ideal. If obstructions have crossed his path, they have only stirred within a higher purpose to stand in his lot and place, and await the issues of another trial.

This school has already entrenched itself in the confidence of the town, as is shown by the continued support of its citizens. It has become so adjusted to the other grades that any misfortune to this must affect disastrously all the others. So, also, any improvement in this will have a tonic, uplifting force, ranging through all the ranks.

The principal needs the efficient co-operation of a competent assistant. If this could be had, a larger and more satisfactory course of study could be furnished. If the question is assistant or transportation, let the vote go for the assistant.

The whole number of different pupils in the High School during the year, 56

The number of pupils over 15 years, 40

The number of pupils under 15 years, 16
TOWN OF ACTON.

Total average membership, ........................................... 39.2
Average attendance, ............................................. 35.5
Percentage of attendance, ...................................... 90.6
Number of applicants in the written examination in
  June, ........................................................................ 42
Number entitled to certificates, .................................. 27
Number of applicants at the written examination in
  August, ...................................................................... 5
Number admitted, ..................................................... 1

The climax of educational interest in town was reached
Friday evening, June 12, when the Town hall was crowded
with an intensely appreciative audience, to witness the sixth
graduating exercises. The past graduates, in a body, accom-
panied the school, and took seats near the platform, attesting
their hearty good wishes for their alma mater.

PROGRAMME:

1—March. .....................................................................
2—Prayer, ................................................................. Rev. Dr. Knowlton
3—Music. Chorus. ....................................................... Charles E. Smith
   ................................................................. Mabel H. Decoster
5—Essay and History. “Character.”
6—Music. Vocal Duet. ................................................. Mabel H. Decoster
8—Essay. “At the Threshold.”
9—Music. Vocal Solo. ................................................. Grace N. Houghton
12—Music. Vocal Solo. ................................................. Lulu M. Lawrence
14—Essay and Prophecy. “Our Grandmothers and We.”
   ........................................................................... Lulu M. Lawrence
   ........................................................................... Grace N. Houghton
   ........................................................................... Sumner M. Teele
   ........................................................................... Jessie P. Wood
16—Essay and Valedictory. "Work that Ennobles.'
            Etta R. Hall
17—Presentation of Diplomas.
18—Music. Chorus.

The floral decorations and tributes were rare and rich.
The exercises were every way meritorious, and a great gratification and credit to the town.

Three year's course of the High School, subject to changes which may hereafter be made, according to the judgment of the Committee, and the light of experience.

FIRST YEAR.

First Term.—Arithmetic and Book-keeping, alternating.
            English Grammar and Composition.
            General History.

Second Term.—Arithmetic and Book-keeping, alternating.
            English Grammar and Composition.
            General History.

Third Term.—Arithmetic and Book-keeping, alternating.
            Rhetoric and Botany.

SECOND YEAR.

First Term.—Algebra begun.
            Latin begun.
            Physiology.

Second Term.—Algebra continued.
            Latin continued.
            Physics begun.

Third Term.—Geometry begun.
            Physics continued.
            Latin continued.
THIRD YEAR.

First Term.—Geometry continued.
Latin continued.
Chemistry begun.

Second Term.—Physical Geography.
Latin continued.
Chemistry continued.

Third Term.—Civil Government.
Latin continued.
Geology.

Four recitations in each branch per week.

Wednesday, a modified programme, including Compositions, Reading, Spelling, Drawing and other miscellaneous recitations as shall be deemed the most important at the time.

Rhetoric and Literature the second and third years once a week as Wednesday work.

The monthly written test to be continued as the fairest and surest proof of the real progress made.

THE CENTRE SCHOOL.
Grammar Department.

Miss Clara B. Holden, Teacher.

Ten pupils from this school presented themselves as candidates for the High School at the June examination. Eight of them received certificates, an unusual percentage, reflecting great credit upon them and their teacher.

Notwithstanding the loss of so many from the school by promotion, the average membership, also the average attendance, has been larger than the numbers reported five years since.
Order, discipline, thorough instruction, studious habits, have remained as the marked features of the school when visited. Miss Holden has a tact for reaching at once the foundation principles of knowledge. She seeks to plant her pupils upon a solid resting place to begin with, that the superstructure as it rises may fear no disturbance from the collisions of time. The public half day at the close attested to all present the certainty of the good work which had been going on so quietly all the year.

CENTRE PRIMARY.

Miss Sarah E. Hammond, Teacher.

This little craft has been sailing on peaceful waters throughout the year under the same pilot. The decks have not been crowded with passengers, but those on board have had a jaunty time. They have been well cared for, and have made some fine discoveries among the various inlets of knowledge. They have been allowed to throw out the hook and line into the sparkling waters and some of them have been in luck and caught a string which has more than pleased their youthful ambitions. Father and mother have been delighted as the tale of their adventures has been told. Other excursions are planned under the same pilot. It is understood that twenty-one are available for the trip, and if they will all secure a passage in season they are sure of a safe and happy return. Those present when the craft came to her moorings wished they could have been on board, but those days are gone. The best that can be done with gray hairs is to let the tint remain, and be glad that the primaries are having their day.
NORTH SCHOOL.

Miss Susan E. Conant, Teacher.

The school has been fortunate in retaining the services of Miss Conant for the entire year. She has been unsparing in her efforts to make the school a success, and such it has been in all particulars in a marked degree. There has been excellent deportment, a vivacious method in conducting recitations, attention to the details in all parts of the daily programme, and prompt loyalty to the ticking of the clock. The apparent secret of success has been the quick perception of the needs of individual scholars, and the ability and disposition to meet that need. The register shows a high percentage in the average attendance. Scholars, parents and committee united with the teacher in regrets that the public day had to be postponed on account of her temporary illness, and these regrets are intensified by the necessity of her relinquishing the charge for the coming term.

EAST SCHOOL.

Miss Rena M. Carr, Teacher.

Miss Carr has remained faithfully at her post for the year, and the result is unmistakable progress in all lines. She has an energetic, practical, common sense way of finding out what needs to be done by herself and pupils, and then seeing that it is done by all the parties concerned before nightfall. When she adds up the columns at the close, though there are some ciphers here and there, the grand total leaves a good balance for another day’s start. When all the balances of the year are closed, there is found a surprising amount for the net income. The business has paid, and had better be continued at the old stand and by the same partners.
Three of her pupils passed the written test for the High School. There have been other losses of scholars by removal, but there are goodly number of faithful ones left, mostly boys. There have been two public days, one in the fall and one in winter, and the exercises in all the branches have been satisfactory, and a pleasure to the visitors.

**SOUTH EAST SCHOOL.**

*Spring Term.*

**Miss Hattie L. Tuttle,** Teacher.

The school maintained its creditable condition during the term, and two of its members received certificates to the High School at the June examination.

*Fall Term.*

**Mrs. A. H. Loker,** Teacher.

Mrs. Loker entered upon her charge with an interest and ambition worthy of her former reputation as a teacher. She spared no pains to do full justice to the trust. She won the confidence of the pupils, and sure progress was made in all the studies. The minutest items belonging to a successful school were attended to, but the conditions of her health constrained the relinquishment of her care at the close of the term, much to the regret of the committee and district.

*Winter Term.*

**Mrs. Ella E. Day,** Teacher.

The school, disappointed in the departure of other teachers, was again favored in being able to secure, at short notice, one who had formerly taught the school with special acceptance.

Mrs. Day met expectations, maintained excellent order, and inspired an interest in the studies. The public day at
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the close of the winter term brought together an appreciating company of visitors, who united in praise of the general management and success of the school.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Grammar Department—Spring Term.

MISS CLARA A. JOHNSON, Teacher.

She retained charge of this school through the spring with her wonted vigor and thoroughness. It is a royal satisfaction to the visitor, when witnessing such a school, to note the quiet, dignified and graceful art with which the elements are kept in control.

The superficial, hesitating answer of the idler, as his turn comes in the class, is at once detected. His head droops with the confession of wasted moments. The united sentiment of the school falls upon the guilty one and he resolves to do better.

An uncontrollable negative from the home conditions of her friends obliged us to let her go with a God bless you for the work done in Acton.

Fall and Winter Terms.

MISS HATTIE L. TUTTLE, Teacher.

Miss Tuttle stepped from her successful experience in the South-east school into the graver responsibilities of the South Grammar Department.

She has gone through her probationary period with scholars and parents, and now it is confidently hoped bright, peaceful futures await her efforts.

The exercises of the public day gave sure testimony to the visitors of a teacher worthy of their earnest and united co-operation.
Primary Department.

Miss S. Anna L. Tirrell, . . . . Teacher.

There has been no change of teachers in this school, and no occasion for a change. In the general care and instruction of this large company of Primaries the same qualities have reappeared as reported a year ago—original tact, gentle, patient manners, and a general unpretending habitude of mind.

The large company of visitors present on the public day made a scene too impressive at the outset. The shattered nerves at last rallied. The palid faces began to glow. The tongues were loosed. They were still living and among friends. Quick answers came back to the questioner on the platform, and they did know something after all. Our regrets multiply and linger at the decision of Miss Tirrell to leave her charge for one possibly more to her tastes, but not certainly more important or precious in its memories.

West School.

Grammar Department.

Miss Albertie A. Preston, . . . . Teacher.

This school has had a year of unbroken prosperity under the leadership of Miss Preston. She has excelled herself, which seems to be her ambition at every sally into the uncertainties. The pupils have caught the idea and they have done what they have seen their leader do—excelled themselves.

"In order and general deportment, do you say it?" Yes, that is just what is said. "In loyalty to the different studies pursued?" Emphatically, yes. There is no dry study on the list. "In obedience to the wishes of the teacher, expressed or unspoken?" There cannot be a doubt. You can see it in the very style of the movements as they trip to their positions at the blackboards, desk or seats. There seems to
be a rivalry through all the ranks to push the standard of merit for the school to the prize point among competitors.

In the percentage of average attendance ninety-four has been reached, which is the highest point touched in town. Miss Preston has not had the advantages of the Normal education, but she has sought to be a Normal Institution in herself, and find, from actual trial, the methods which fit different moods, persons and conditions.

There was a large gathering of interested visitors to watch the proceedings on the public day. There would have been twice as many if the gentlemen had been there. They all chanted the amen chorus at the close.

Primary Department.

Miss Harriet H. Gardner, Teacher.

"Is this the West Acton Kindergarten?" That is the name of it. "Let us go in and take a look. The matron seems to know what she is about. All these plants and flowers to be cared for all the day, and day after day?" Yes, but she knows how to do it, and not whisper a word of complaint. "Isn't that plant off to the right, wilting; it looks like it?" Yes, but you wait, and the good matron will see the droop of the leaf and be there soon and give the whole plant a sprinkling and stir the soil around the roots, and what a change! No more droop. "Does she know all the different kinds of plants, their names, habits, and how to treat each one?" That is the very problem she studies. "Does she not get tired beyond endurance before the day is gone?" She does not speak it. She does not act it. She can sing, and if she does not hum the tune, there is heart music within, and that is the reason the tired does not come.

There was a public visiting day, and many who came through the gates to see were tempted to pluck some of the beautiful flowers and carry them off to their homes.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the School Committee,

JAMES FLETCHER, Chairman.
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Number between 5 and 15, as reported by the Assessors for the year 1891—254.
TOWN WARRANT.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. 

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton, in the County of Middlesex,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the Fourth Day of April, A. D., 1892, then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper, viz.: 

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

Art. 2. To fill all vacancies in the list of Town Officers and Committees.

Art. 3. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of schools and for school supplies for the present year, or act anything thereon.

Art. 4. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the repairing of roads and bridges the present year, or act anything thereon.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars for the due observance of Memorial Day, or act anything thereon.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will accept of the provisions of Sec. 72, Chap. 423, Election Act of 1890, to divide the Town into convenient voting precincts for the holding of meetings for the choice of officers elective by the people, except Town officers, or take any action thereon.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will elect that hereafter all of the Town officers shall be voted for upon one ballot, or act anything thereon.
Art. 8. To see if the Town will accept Sections 64 to 68, both inclusive, of Chap. 27 of the Public Statutes, and any amendments thereto, providing for the election of members of the Board of Selectmen and Assessors for the term of three years, or act anything thereon.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will accept the Jury List, as revised by the Selectmen.

Art. 10. To vote by ballot, "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town for the present year?"

Art. 11. To see if the Town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, and other Town officers.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the Town, if necessary, in anticipation of the taxes for the current year.

Art. 13. To see what action the Town will take in relation to lighting its streets the ensuing year.

Art. 14. To hear the report of any Committees chosen to report at this meeting, or act anything thereon.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the support of Memorial Library for the ensuing year, or act anything thereon.

Art. 16. To see what amount the Town will raise to defray Town charges the present year, or act anything thereon.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will authorize the Overseers of the Poor to dig a new well, erect wind-mill, and make special repairs on Town farm buildings the present year, appropriate money therefor, or act anything thereon.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will shingle the West school house, or act anything thereon.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will make certain repairs upon the Great Road, so called, between the residence of Daniel H. Farrar and the Concord line, or do or act anything thereon.
Art. 20. To see if the Town will instruct the School Committee to appoint a Superintendent of Schools.

Art. 21. To see what action the Town will take in relation to the preservation and protection of shade and ornamental trees, or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up copies, attested by you, in the following places: One at the store of Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee; one at the store of C. H. Mead & Co.; one at the Nagog House; and one at each of the railroad stations in the Town, seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or Town Clerk, on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands, in Acton, this twenty-third day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

WM. F. STEVENS,
GEORGE R. KEYES,
GUSTAVUS V. BOWEN,

Selectmen of Acton.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1892.

Town Clerk.
William D. Tuttle.

Selectmen.
Wm. F. Stevens, George R. Keyes, Gustavus V. Bowen.

Assessors.
Phineas Wetherbee, Chauncy B. Robbins, John White.

Overseers of the Poor.
Lyman C. Taylor, James B. Tuttle.
Town Treasurer.
Jona. K. W. Wetherbee.

Auditors.
Hiram J. Hapgood, D. James Wetherbee.

School Committee.
Rev. James Fletcher, Chas. L. Bradford, . . 3 years
Charles J. Williams, Davis C. Harris, . . 2 "
Isaiah Hutchins, William S. Jones, . . 1 "

Cemetery Committee.
John Fletcher, Levi W. Stevens, Horace F. Tuttle.

Fence Viewers.
Nahum C. Reed, H. F. Tuttle, Frank Hosmer.

Surveyors of Lumber.
William B. Davis, George H. Harris, William S. Warren,
Levi W. Stevens, E. F. Richardson, Charles A. Brooks,
Jona. P. Fletcher, Herbert T. Clark.

Surveyors of Wood.
William B. Davis, George H. Harris, Henry D. Parlin,
John F. Davis, S. L Dutton, Herbert T. Clark,
E. F. Richardson, Jona. P. Fletcher.

Surveyor of Hoops and Staves.
Augustus Fletcher.

Constables.
L. E. Reed, South Acton; James Kinsley, West Acton;
Edwin A. Phalen, Acton Centre.

Fish Committee.
Luther Conant, Elnathan Jones, John Fletcher,
Frank H. Whitcomb, Charles J. Williams, John White.

Trustees of the Acton Memorial Library.
(Corporate Members.)
Luther Conant, Delette H. Hall, Adelbert Mead,
Hiram J. Hapgood, Moses Taylor, D. James Wetherbee.
(Chosen by the Town.)
Lucius A. Hesselton, . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3 years
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