ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF WATERTOWN

FOR THE

Year ending Feb. 2, 1875.

COMPRISING

REPORTS OF THE AUDITOR, TREASURER, SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, APPRAISERS,
COLLECTORS OF TAXES, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR AND HIGHWAYS,
TOWN CLEFK AND REGISTRAR, ENGINEERS OF THE FIRE
DEPARTMENT, SCHOOL COMMITTEE, TRUSTEES OF
THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, ETC., ETC.

BOSTON:
CONANT & NEWHALL, PRINTERS, 32 HAWLEY STREET.
1875.
TOWN OFFICERS, 1874.

Selectmen.

OLIVER SHAW, GEORGE N. MARCH,
HAYES W. MACURDY, SAMUEL S. GLEASON,
NATHANIEL C. SANGER, GEO. N. MARCH, Chairman.

Note. — S. S. Gleason tendered his resignation, Oct. 26, 1874.

Town Clerk.
JOSEPH CRAFTS.

Town Treasurer.
JOHN K. STICKNEY.

Assessors.
ISAAC ROBBINS, JOSEPH CRAFTS,
WILLIAM C. FOLEY, ISAAC ROBBINS, Chairman.

School Committee.
HENDERSON J. EDWARDS, Chairman. Term expires, March, 1876.
CHARLES W. STONE, Secretary, " " " 1875.
REV. MICHAEL M. GREEN, " " " 1876.
JOHN COOLIDGE, Jr., " " " 1877.
CORNELIUS WALKER, " " " 1877.
T. GRAFTON ABBOTT, " " " 1875.

Auditor.
EDWARD B. EATON.

Surveyors of Highways, and Overseers of the Poor.
OLIVER SHAW, GEO. N. MARCH,
HAYES W. MACURDY, SAMUEL S. GLEASON (since resigned),
NATHANIEL C. SANGER.

Constables and Truant Officers.
GEORGE PARKER, EZRUM V. HOWARD,
MICHAEL CARROLL.

Collector of Taxes.
GEORGE L. NOYES.
Appraisers.

GEORGE N. MARCH, OLIVER SHAW,
NATHANIEL C. SANGER.

Fence Viewers.

JOHN COOLIDGE, Jr., DANIEL A. TAINTER,
EZRUM V. HOWARD.

Surveyors of Lumber.

WILLIAM H. DADMUN, GEORGE C. SANGER,
GEORGE L. NOYES.

Trustees of Free Public Library.

ALFRED HOSMER, Chairman, Term expires March, 1876.
A. C. STOCKIN, Secretary, " " " 1875.
CHARLES J. BARRY, " " " 1876.
JOSHUA COOLIDGE, " " " 1877.
GEORGE N. MARCH, " " " 1877.
GEORGE K. SNOW, " " " 1875.

Field Drivers.

GEORGE H. CHAPIN, ZACHARIAH BOODY,
EZRUM V. HOWARD, GEORGE PARKER,
MICHAEL CARROLL, L. P. HAMMOND,
MICHAEL B. CORRIGAN, MATTHEW McCUE.

Officers Appointed by the Selectmen.

Regular Policemen.

GEORGE PARKER, EZRUM V. HOWARD.

Policemen with Pay while on Duty.

THOMAS CARROLL, RICHARD NEWMAN,
WILLIAM J. GLEASON, MICHAEL CARROLL.

Policemen Appointed without Pay.

DANIEL J. BOYNTON, HIRAM McGLAULIN,
FRANK E. FORBES, JOSEPH COLLINS,
GEO. F. BARRINGTON, ALEXANDER A. BARKER.

Fire Police—with Pay while on Duty.

H. B. CHENEY, ALLEN SHAW,
CHARLES L. NYE, HENRY CLARK,
JAMES F. RUSSELL, JOHN COOLIDGE, Jr.,
OWEN McGRATH.
TOWN OFFICERS.

Superintendent of Highways.
WILLIAM PERKINS.

Sexton and Undertaker.
ALEXANDER GREGG.

Pound Keeper and Keeper of Alms House.
ZACHARIAH BOODY.

Scaler of Weights and Measures.
JOSEPH CRAFTS.

Surveyors and Measurers of Wood and Bark.
SAMUEL S. GLEASON (resigned), ARTEMAS B. ROGERS,
CHARLES J. BERRY, WILLIAM H. PEVEAR.

Clerks of the Market.
SAMUEL S. GLEASON (resigned), J. ALBERT SULLIVAN,
GEORGE PARKER.

Measurers of Grain.
* CHESTER LYMAN, * ALBERT C. LYMAN,
WILLIAM PERKINS, JOHN D. KELLY.
FRED. HUTCHINS, JOHN BOYCE,

* These two persons having left the town,
Were appointed in their stead.

Public Weigher and Superintendent of Hay Scales.
THOMAS PATTEN.

Private Weighers of Hay, Coal, Live Animals, &c.
EDWARD B. EATON, L. B. HAMMOND,
WILLIAM H. PEVEAR, B. F. WYETH,
EARLE P. MASON, WILLIE P. HARRIS.

Engineers of Fire Department.
ATWOOD D. DREW, GEORGE B. MOORE,
S. S. GLEASON (resigned), CHARLES W. BERRY,
Appointed in his stead.

Janitor of Town Hall.
ALEXANDER GREGG.
TOWN GRANTS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Grants of money made by the town of Watertown, for the year 1874, and ordered to be assessed upon the polls and estates of the town, according to law, except as hereafter stated,* and having been appropriated for the following purposes; namely:

For building new barn at almshouse, $3,500 00
Support of schools, 25,500 00
Fire Department, 7,000 00
Support of the poor, 3,000 00
" " highways, 12,000 00
Bridges and culverts, 2,000 00
Paying interest on Town debt, 8,000 00
Salaries of Town Officers, 4,100 00
Discounts and abatements, 3,500 00
Paying portion of Town debt, 5,000 00
Police Department, 3,500 00
Insurance, 550 00
Free Public Library, 2,337 62
Concrete sidewalks, 3,000 00
Contingent expenses, 2,000 00
Street lights and lamp posts, 4,000 00
Printing, 1,000 00
Heating, lighting, and care of Town Hall, 1,000 00
Reservoirs, 4,000 00
Care of burial-grounds, 100 00
Purchase of land, &c., for burial purposes, 1,500 00
Moving and rebuilding the "lock-up," 1,000 00
TOWN GRANTS.

Purchasing a street-sprinkler, \hspace{1cm} 500 00
Isaac B. Patten Post, G. A. R. \hspace{1cm} 200 00
Horse for the Fire Department, \hspace{1cm} 400 00
Purchasing Town maps (by F. W. Beers), \hspace{1cm} 50 00
Widening Main Street, \hspace{1cm} 394 00
Widening Walnut Street, \hspace{1cm} 1,795 75
Fencing and loam-grading on Market Street, \hspace{1cm} 1,500 00
Paying balance due on High School-house, \hspace{1cm} 509 72

\textbf{\$102,937 09}

* Voted to pay from the treasury to the Free Public Library, the dog-tax refunded for 1873, \hspace{1cm} \$337 62

Voted to anticipate from the bank-tax and corporation tax for the year 1874, and apply the same towards town grants, \hspace{1cm} \$6,000 00 \hspace{1cm} 6,337 62

Voted to assess the balance of town grants on the polls and estates of the town, \hspace{1cm} \$96,599 47

Grants of money which the town Treasurer was authorized to borrow on the credit and behalf of the town, the same being appropriated as follows; namely:

1875, Dec. 22, For support of schools, \hspace{1cm} \$6,800 00

Paying claims of abutters on Pleasant Street, \hspace{1cm} 600 00
The purchase of new hose and hose-carriage, \hspace{1cm} 1,000 00
Paying expenses of water committee, \hspace{1cm} 2,200 00

\textbf{\$10,600 00}

Granted to be paid out of any money in excess in such department as the Selectmen may deem advisable, as follows: —

For land taken from John Coolidge, Jr., to widen Arlington Street, \hspace{1cm} \$88 00
ASSESSORS' REPORT.

VALUATION AND TAXES OF THE TOWN OF WATERTOWN, FOR THE YEAR 1874.

The valuation of real estate is, $5,552,550 00
" " personal estate is, 2,489,360 00
Total valuation, $8,041,910 00
The whole number of polls is 1,285.

AMOUNTS ASSESSED.

For State tax, $6,340 00
County tax, 4,338 44
Town grants, 96,599 47
Overlayings, 3,857 88
$111,135 79
Tax on 1285 polls, $2 each, 2,570 00
" Estates, $1.35 on $8,041,910 108,565 79
Total tax assessed, $111,135 79
The sum of $86.98 has also been assessed as additional taxes, 86 98
The number of houses in town is 787
" " Horses " 446
" " Cows " 210
" " Bulls " 7
" " Oxen " 6
" " Acres of land taxed is 2,014 ½ and 4,008 feet.

ISAAC ROBBINS, JOSEPH CRAFTS, WM. C. FOLEY, Assessors of Watertown.
COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

WATERTOWN, May 8, 1874.

To the Auditor of the Town of Watertown.

Sir,—I herewith submit my report of the collection of taxes for the year 1871.

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<td>To amount due town, as per report of 1874,</td>
<td>$1,028 64</td>
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<td>&quot; taxes unpaid,</td>
<td>308 37</td>
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<td>Interest,</td>
<td>15 65</td>
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<td>$1,352 66</td>
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<td>By cash paid Treasurer, as per receipt,</td>
<td>456 75</td>
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<td>expenses, sale silk factory building, sold for taxes,</td>
<td>143 25</td>
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<td>abatement, as per Assessors' certificates,</td>
<td>209 75</td>
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<td>amount due Town this day,</td>
<td>542 91</td>
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<td>$1,352 66</td>
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Yours respectfully,

JOEL BARNARD, Collector.

This is to certify that I have examined the above statement, and find it to be correct.

E. B. EATON, Auditor.

The above balance, due May 8, 1874, $542 91
with interest to October 5, 1874, 13 30
making a total of, 556 21
was paid to the Treasurer, February, 1875.
COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

To the Auditor of the Town of Watertown.

Sir,—I herewith submit my report of the collection of taxes for 1872-73-74.

1872.  Dr.  
To balance of taxes unpaid, per report 1874, $881 22
Interest collected,  134 88

$1,016 10  
Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer, per receipts, $1,016 10

1873.  Dr.  
To balance of taxes, unpaid per report 1874, $8,744 22
additional taxes,  4 00
Interest collected,  413 87

$9,162 09  
Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer, $6,406 45
balance, taxes uncollected,  2,755 64

$9,162 09  

1874.  Dr.  
To amount of taxes committed, $111,135 79
additional taxes,  86 98
Bank tax,  687 33
Interest collected,  50 51

$111,960 61
COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

By cash paid Town Treasurer, $90,552.00
County Treas. County Tax for 1874, 4,338.44
balance uncollected, 17,070.17

$111,960.61

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE L. NOYES, Collector.

The above statement was presented with proper vouchers, which were duly examined and found to be correct.

E. B. EATON, Auditor.
AUDITOR'S REPORT.

SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1875.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury, Feb. 23, 1874, $8,565.76
Received of G. L. Noyes, taxes and interest, 1872, 1,016.10
" " " " 1873, 6,406.45
" " " " 1874, 90,552.00
Joel Barnard, " " " " 1871, 1,012.96
Borrowed of Union Market National Bank, in anticipation of taxes, 6% per cent, 52,000.00
North Atlantic Insurance Co., in anticipation of taxes, 6% per cent, 5,000.00
F. A. Hawley & Co., in anticipation of taxes, 6% per cent, 7,000.00
Boston Five-cent Savings' Bank, for schools, &c., as voted Dec. 22, 1874, 10,000.00
John Templeton, estate (beneficent fund), 7% per cent, 2,500.00

$184,053.27

ON ACCOUNT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Received of town of Belmont, support of paupers, $201.91
Howard Brothers, for plank and potatoes, 10.00
W. L. Stiles, for old iron, copper, &c., 13.52
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Received of John Trickey, for labor, J. Tufts, $53.00
Wm. Wallace, for rent, house town farm, to Jan. 1, 1875, $88.00
Sundry persons, for produce sold, $16.00
Fire Department, for board of horse, $35.50
Highways, for hay for horses, $210.00
" for labor, Z. Boody, $52.50

$680.43

## ON ACCOUNT OF HIGHWAYS.

Received of J. Russell, labor on culvert,
- Common street, $131.67
- C. W. Stone, labor on Parker street, $50.00
- Wm. Perkins, sale of old iron, $77.58
- Wm. Perkins, labor on Centre street, $20.00
- Bridges and Culverts, labor, $492.00
- Reservoirs, labor, $731.00
- Market street, labor, $593.00
- New barn at Almshouse, labor, $77.00
- Schools, labor, $98.00

$2,270.25

## ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN HALL.

Received of A. Gregg, janitor, rent Feb. 1, 1874, to Feb. 1, 1875, $787.00
J. Harrison, janitor, 1873-74, rent to Feb. 1, 1874, $120.00
Mrs. Condell, rent for dancing school, $14.00

$921.00
AUDITOR'S REPORT.

ON ACCOUNT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Received of New barn at Almshouse, for horse, $250 00

Schools, for filling tank at High School-house, 15 00

Reservoirs, coal used, filling, 18 75

A. D. Drew, for manure sold, and water pumped, 194 50

$478 25

ON ACCOUNT OF POLICE.

Received of Circus Company, for license, $15 00

$15 00

ON ACCOUNT OF SCHOOLS.

Received of State Treasurer, proportion of school fund, $198 85

$198 85

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

Received of Firemen's and Mechanics' Insurance Co., dividend, $69 62

Howard Insurance Co., final dividend, 25 13

A. Frazier, for grave lot, 40 00

A. Whitney, " " " 14 50

J. Russell, for labor rendered under High School appropriation, 96 50

C. W. Stone, for labor rendered under High School appropriation, 40 00

H. J. Edwards, for fines received in enforcing by-laws, 146 03

State Treasurer, Corporation tax, 3,777 47

State Treasurer, Bank tax, 2,368 25

State Treasurer, State aid for 1873, 700 00
AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Received of Thos. Patten, weighing at town scales, 127.40
Town Treasurer, four months' interest to Dec. 21, 1874, on J. Templeton beneficent fund, 58.33 $7,463.23

EXPENDITURES.

To cash paid

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<td>Schools</td>
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<td>Almshouse</td>
<td>4,154.20</td>
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<td>Fire department</td>
<td>8,773.77</td>
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<td>Highways</td>
<td>12,962.31</td>
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<td>Bridges and Culverts</td>
<td>2,319.73</td>
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<td>Reservoirs</td>
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<td>Police</td>
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<td>Street lights and posts</td>
<td>3,904.53</td>
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<td>Expense, water committee</td>
<td>2,200.00</td>
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<td>Heating, lighting and care of Town House</td>
<td>1,872.50</td>
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<td>New barn at Almshouse</td>
<td>3,499.98</td>
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<td>Burial ground at Village</td>
<td>1,487.04</td>
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<td>Market street expenses</td>
<td>1,497.43</td>
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<td>Claims on Pleasant street</td>
<td>599.03</td>
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<td>Widening Walnut street</td>
<td>1,757.85</td>
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<td>&quot; Starch Factory Lane</td>
<td>480.00</td>
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<td>&quot; Arlington street</td>
<td>88.00</td>
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<td>Insurance</td>
<td>430.89</td>
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<td>Printing</td>
<td>894.00</td>
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<td>Removing and reconstructing Lock-up</td>
<td>1,000.00</td>
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<td>Balance due on High Schoolhouse</td>
<td>567.90</td>
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<td>I.B. Patten, Post 81, G.A.R.</td>
<td>200.00</td>
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<td>Care of Cemeteries</td>
<td>100.00</td>
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$196,080.28
To cash paid Widening Main street, 394 00
Purchase, hose and hose carriage, to be located at
N. C. Sanger & Son's mill, 897 55
Free Public Library, 2,337 62
Maps, 50 00
Salaries, 4,175 00
Interest, 7,525 70
Discounts and abatements, 5,168 74
Contingent, 3,109 59
John Templeton beneficent fund, 58 00
Town debt, 5,000 00
Borrowed money, anticipation taxes, 57,000 00
State tax, 6,340 00
Bank tax, 676 36
State aid, 764 00
Balance in Treasury, $181,784 85
$14,295 43
$196,080 28

SCHOOLS.
To Appropriation, March, $25,500 00
December, 6,800 00
Town's share of State-school Fund, 198 85
$32,498 85

EXPENDITURES,
as follows; viz.,

SALARIES OF TEACHERS.
Geo. R. Dwelley, 6 months, $1,000 00
Byron Groce, 6 months, 1,000 00
W. H. Crocker, 1,450 00
Geo. W. Andrew, 6 months, 800 00
John W. Ballantine, 6 months, 750 00
B. S. Andrew, 1,450 00
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Geo. S. Turner, 1,500 00
H. G. Carey (music teacher), 600 00
S. Alice Worcester, 1,000 00
Ellen M. Crafts, 800 00
Etta B. Dadmun, 487 50
Lottie P. Kent, 487 50
Harriet Robbins, 700 00
Lilla Frost, 600 00
Mary E. Tingley, 487 50
Sarah F. Coolidge, 472 50
Mary D. Patten, 487 50
H. Maria Tucker, 462 50
Alice I. Norcross, 462 50
Hattie B. Crafts, 500 00
Bertha M. Whitney, 487 50
Elizabeth Jennison, 112 50
Emma McLauthlin, 5 months, 150 00
Lyda F. Wicks, 487 50
Nellie Bradlee, 462 50
Kate L. Barrows, 425 00
Nellie E. Williams, 495 00
Annie M. Gregory, 1,000 00
Lottie M. Bemis, 54 50
Bessie M. Rogers, 362 50

$19,534 50

SALARIES OF JANITORS.

W. H. Crocker, $120 00
Nathaniel Gee, 1,025 00
Clement R. Howes, 360 00

$1,505 00

FUEL FOR SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid R. Gilkey, coal, 1,769 00
Aiken & Woodward, charcoal, 115 20

$1,884 20
### AUDITOR'S REPORT

#### BOOKS, STATIONERY, &c.

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<td>C. C. McLauthlin, books, &amp;c.</td>
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<td>H. G. Cary (music)</td>
<td>314 00</td>
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<td>Nichols &amp; Hall, drawing materials</td>
<td>207 71</td>
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<td>Noyes, Holmes, &amp; Co., books</td>
<td>54 88</td>
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<td>J. P. Osgood &amp; Co., models</td>
<td>30 00</td>
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<td>J. H. Foss, books</td>
<td>18 00</td>
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<td>Brewer &amp; Tileston, charts</td>
<td>6 00</td>
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<td>Brewer &amp; Tileston, dictionaries</td>
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<td>A. Mudge &amp; Son, books</td>
<td>32 00</td>
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<td>J. H. Wyeth, stationery</td>
<td>6 76</td>
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<td>Thompson &amp; Brown, maps</td>
<td>3 60</td>
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<td>Jos. Grant, books</td>
<td>1 75</td>
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<td>W. H. Crocker, books, &amp;c.</td>
<td>30 44</td>
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#### FURNITURE AND APPARATUS

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<td>American Tablet Co., blackb'ds, &amp;c.</td>
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<td>E. S. Ritchie &amp; Sons, electrical apparatus</td>
<td>53 88</td>
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<td>G. Joslin &amp; Son, globe repaired</td>
<td>5 00</td>
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<td>H. B. &amp; W. O. Chamberlain, electrical apparatus</td>
<td>24 63</td>
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<td>J. L. Hammatt, globes</td>
<td>36 23</td>
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<td>J. L. Ross, teacher's desk</td>
<td>55 00</td>
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<td>W. O. Haskell &amp; Son, settees and ink wells</td>
<td>55 00</td>
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<td>J. A. Sullivan, chemicals for experiments</td>
<td>29 42</td>
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#### CLOCKS AND REPAIRING

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<td>Howard Watch &amp; Clock Co., clock for High School</td>
<td>$52 50</td>
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<td>A. Howes, clocks</td>
<td>16 00</td>
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<td>W. Rogers, care of clocks</td>
<td>15 00</td>
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<td>J. B. Sweet, repairing clock</td>
<td>3 00</td>
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<td><strong>$86 50</strong></td>
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AUDITOR'S REPORT.

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURES.

Paid M. Pratt & Co., Applin boiler, Centre School, $398 65
Walker, Pratt, & Co., boiler front, Centre School, 55 67
H. C. Derby, door springs and mouldings, 462 10
Paid Knox & Angier, stone posts, fence at High School-house, 333 00
J. T. Blaisdell, fence, High School-house, 687 00
T. L. French, setting posts, 62 13
Henry Russell, painting fence, 235 00
Thos. Gavin, grading High School, 148 81
Hugh Hart, " " 114 25
Highway Dept., " " 98 00
Jos. Crafts, surveying at " 30 50
D. W. Bailey, concrete, 1,815 34
Davis & Farnum, iron pipe, 13 60

$4,454 05

REPAIRS.

Paid Walker, Pratt, & Co., heater, H. S., $2 12
G. W. Walker & Co., boiler doors, and grates, High School, 119 01
J. Ross, blacksmithing, 60 10
G. S. Bowen, repair'g furnaces, &c., 164 00
J. F. Bryan, pumps and rep'g, 166 03
E. O. Morris, slating, 46 36
J. T. Blaisdell, carpenter work, 385 41
T. L. French, mason work, 143 05
A. Cummings, " 48 60
Henry Russell, painting, 88 90
J. Barnard, painting and glass, 1 12
C. R. Howes, repairing glass, 2 80
A. Howes, hardware and sundries, 87 92
Mrs. Heffernd, cleaning, 22 50
Chas. Redding, " 26 80
Paid Nath'l Gee, cleaning,  2 50
L. Bent & Co., repair'g, brushes, &c.,  32 15
J. Tucker, repairing wheelbarrow,  1 75

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

Paid H. W. Macurdy, work at Town Hall for High-School Exhibition,  $12 25
S. S. Gleason & Co., brooms, brushes, dusters, &c., for cleaning,  55 54
H. M. Warren, soap,  2 70
J. Coolidge, Jr., door mats,  3 00
Fire Department, filling tank, H. S.,  15 00
H. J. Edwards, advertis'g for teacher,  9 75
Worthington, Flanders, & Co., advertis'g for teacher,  3 50
T. P. Emerson, express and moving pianos,  20 65
G. Cutting, tuning pianos,  6 50
Thos. Gavin, remov'g ashes, snow, &c.,  172 45
Parker & Howard, truant officers,  60 00

**Total expenditure,**  $361 34
**Balance unexpended,**  $32,498 85

**ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.**

To Appropriation,  $3,000 00

Receipts as follows; viz.:—

from Town of Belmont,  201 91
" Rent of house at Town Farm,  88 00
" Howard Brothers, plank and potatoes,  10 00
" Fire Department, board of horse,  35 50
" Highway " hay for horses,  210 00
" " " labor Z. Boody,  52 50
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From sales of produce, 16 00
  " W. L. Stiles, for old iron, copper, 13 52
  " John Trickey, for labor of Tufts, 1873, 53 00
  " Contingent account transferred by order of Selectmen, as per town vote Dec. 22, 1874, 473 77

----- $4,154 20

EXPENDITURES.

Paid salary of Z. Boody, Supt., $500 00
  services Ellen M. Adams, 155 75

----- $655 75

FISH.

Paid M. Rogers, $47 04

----- $47 04

PROVISIONS, MEAT, ETC.

Paid W. Horne, $164 17
  H. P. Mason, 74 36
  E. C. Plaisted, 37 73
  B. Whitney, milk, &c., 45 80

----- $322 06

GROCERIES, ETC.

Paid S. S. Gleason & Co., $387 08
  Sam'l Noyes & Co., 111 46
  S. E. Sparrow, 21 03
  H. M. Warren, soap, 4 00
  Geo. A. Meacham, soap, 5 00

----- $528 57

DRY GOODS.

For am't paid Otis Brothers, $80 77
  " Nourse & Barnard 3 81

----- $84 58

CLOTHING, ETC.

For am't paid A. B. Rogers, $66 25
  " A. McMaster, 5 30

----- $71 55
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### BOOTS AND SHOES.

For am't paid S. H. Coombs, $53.17
" A. D. Drew, 2.00

**Total:** $55.17

### FUEL.

For am't paid R. Gilkey, $51.00
" Cushman, Loveland, & Co., 48.30

**Total:** $99.30

### HARDWARE.

For am't paid A. Howes, $45.88
" W. L. Stiles, 18.67

**Total:** $64.55

### BLACKSMITHING.

For am't paid James Hall, $3.67
" W. C. Foley, 14.33

**Total:** $18.00

### FURNITURE.

For am't paid L. Bent & Co., $104.36

**Total:** $104.36

### HAY, STRAW AND GRAIN.

For am't paid Coffin & Magee, $295.35
" D. W. Fitzgerald, 20.59
" W. C. S. Harrington, 16.40
" T. P. Emerson, 73.33

**Total:** $405.67

### CARPENTER WORK.

For am't paid Berry & Moody, porch, $13.12
" H. Horne, Jr., sink, 5.88
" H. W. Macurdy, corn house and barn, 139.04

**Total:** $158.04

### PAINTING.

For am't paid John Barnard, $37.40
" John Page, 35.67
" Henry Russell, 5.05

**Total:** $78.12
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MEDICINE AND MEDICAL ATTENDANCE.

For am't paid J. A. Sullivan, $18 25
" Dr. S. Richardson, 2 00
" Dr. L. B. Morse, 5 00

$25 25

SUNDRIES.

For am't paid Z. Boody, use of horse, $22 50
" " " car fares paid, 5 15
" " " for apples, 4 25
" " " for labor paid, 6 50
" G. H. Sleeper, use of horse
and carting wood, 14 00
" John B. Rogers, killing hogs, 6 00
" John Trickey, horse mowing, 1 00
" John Trickey, use of sled
&c., in 1869 and 1873, 21 00
" John Trickey, 3 pigs, Dec.
10, 1873, 39 00
" Howard Brothers, ice, 25 20
" R. Gilkey, mowing grass, 5 00
" Geo. McWhirtur, cushion, 1 75
" T. L. French, whitening
rooms, 10 35
" T. Patten, harness repairs, 19 02
" R. Gilkey, plaster, 1 00
" R. Gilkey, rails and posts, 8 00

$189 72

ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid city of Boston, aid to Elizabeth Bacon, $17 06
" " " Mary A. Chant, 10 00
" " " Mary Skinner, 53 76
" " " Elizabeth Smith, 80 25
" " " Nancy W. Stone, 97 00
" " " E. W. Walker, 35 38
" " " Theresa Mackin, 4 32
" " " Mary Dunn, 8 32
Paid city of Boston, aid to Moses Whitney, 14 00
  " Cambridge, aid to M. A. Dailey, 89 32
  " Worcester, medical attendance and funeral expenses, Wm. Rooney, 19 00
  " Lowell, aid to Mrs. Kerwin, 46 50
  " Lawrence, aid to Mrs. D. Wright, 9 80
Town of Medway, " Jane Whitney, 160 00
  " medical attendance and funeral expenses of Jane Whitney, 33 43
State Reform School, Board of Fred Robbins, 26 00
R. Gilkey, fuel deliv. Mrs. Fing, $9 00
S. S. Gleason & Co., groceries deliv. to Mrs. Fing, 14 00
S. E. Sparrow, groceries, deliv. Mrs. Fing, 4 03 27 03
R. Gilkey, fuel deliv. Mary Carey, 9 88
R. Gilkey, fuel do. Mary Crehan, 9 50
S. S. Gleason & Co., groceries deliv. Mary Crehan, 11 50 21 00
S. S. Gleason & Co., groceries deliv. Mrs. Daniels, 7 00
Otis Brothers, dry goods deliv. Mrs. Daniels, 13 00
Walker, Pratt, & Co., grate and lining, deliv. Mrs. Daniels, 2 00 22 00
S. S. Gleason & Co., groceries deliv. Mrs. Kelley, 10 00
R. Gilkey, fuel deliv. John Rose, 9 00
Lynch Brothers, groceries, deliv. John Rose, 15 00 24 00
S. S. Gleason & Co., groceries deliv. Pat. Hughes, 12 00
J. H. Wyeth, groceries deliv. Ann Bowman, 10 00
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Paid R. Gilkey, fuel deliv. M. Keily, 4 50
S. S. Gleason & Co., groceries deliv. M. Keily, 10 40 14 90
R. Gilkey, fuel deliv. L. Lemmins, 6 75
S. S. Gleason & Co., groceries deliv. L. Lemmins, 5 00 11 75
R. Gilkey, fuel deliv. Mrs. Kinneen, 23 50
W. Horne, provisions deliv.
Mrs. Kinneen, 32 76 56 26
R. Gilkey, fuel deliv. Mrs. Victory, 12 38
S. S. Gleason & Co. groceries deliv. Mrs. Victory, 6 00 18 38
R. Gilkey, fuel deliv. Mrs. Callahan, 8 00
S. S. Gleason & Co., groceries deliv. Mrs. Callahan, 5 00 13 00
R. Gilkey, fuel deliv. Geo. Bright, 4 50
S. S. Gleason & Co., groceries deliv. Geo. Bright, 43 50
W. H. Lyman, provisions delivered Geo. Bright, 9 33 57 33
J. Welch and daughter, aid $12 per month, 144 00
J. B. Woodward, medicine to James Freeborn, 3 50
S. S. Gleason & Co., refreshments to travellers, 23 50
Parker & Howard, refreshments to travellers, 6 25
Oliver Shaw, transportation John Millett to State almshouse, 2 00
Oliver Shaw, telegraphing and fares to tramps, 4 55
A. Gregg, funeral expenses, child of John and Ann M'dden, 5 00
A. Gregg, funeral expenses Kate Egan, 20 00
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Paid L. B. Morse, medical attendance, Mr. Morrison, broken leg,
Do. Do. Police Station,
Do. Do. Mrs. Madden,

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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To Appropriation, $7,000.00
Almshouse barn for horse, 250.00
Appropriation for horse, 400.00
School Department. Filling tank High School-house, 15.00
Reservoir Department. Coal used filling Walnut-Street reservoir, 18 75
A. D. Drew, for manure sold and water pumped by Fire Dept. 194 50
Unexpended balances transferred by order Selectmen as follows, as per town vote Dec. 22, 1874.
From appropriation, purchase hose, &c., Sanger's, 102 45
New barn at almshouse, 02
Market Street expenses, 2 57
Pleasant Street claims, 97
Starch Factory Lane widening, 20 00
Purchase, street sprinkler, 500.00
Contingent account, 269 51

**Total** $8773.77

EXPENDITURES.

PAY ROLL.

Board Engineers to Feb. 1, 1875, $600.00
H. McGlaufflin, engineman to Feb. 1, 1875, 1,080.00
H. G. Peirce, driver " " 905.00
Hosemen (15) steamer " " 1,287.50
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Hook and ladder men (15), to Feb. 1, 1875, 1,231 25
W. H. Stevens, stoker, " " 128 00
W. Courtney, driving to fires, 4 50
Thomas Carroll, clearing snow from reservoir, 4 00

$5,240 25

HAY, STRAW AND GRAIN.

Paid Coffin & Magee, grain, $324 97
D. W. Fitzgerald, hay, straw, 29 99
T. P. Emerson, straw, 62 33
C. H. Bright, hay, 231 33
B. B. Titcomb, hay, 46 89

$695 51

EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS.

Paid J. Ross, blacksmith work, engine and hose carriage, 135 65
J. Madden, wheelwright work, engine and hose carriage, 35 00
George E. Teele, painting hose carriage, &c., 100 50
Allen Fire Department Supply Co., repairing steamer, 303 68
Allen Fire Department Supply Co., repairing hose carriage, 29 21

$604 04

ORDINARY REPAIRS.

Paid John Madden, wheelwright work, $12 45
John Ross, blacksmith work, 35 50
George E. Teele, painting, 18 00
American Tube works, tubes for boiler, 8 32
Boston Nickel Plating Co., plating pipes, 2 70
Braman, Dow & Co., valves, 6 10
A. Howes, sundries, 7 14
J. F. Bryan, plumbing, and gas fitting, 5 72
Metallurgic Art Works, brass valves, &c., 10 65
Paid G. S. Bowen, sundries, 3 00
American Steam Gauge Co., repairing gauge, 10 00
A. T. Mills repairing glass, 1 20
William Blake & Co., brass work, 12 02
Hunneman & Co., sundries, 67 61
Miles Pratt & Co., grate for steamer, 4 82
Kendall & Roberts, repairing boiler, 5 15
H. Strater & Sons, brass pipe, &c., 20 26
T. Patten, harness repairs, 18 54
G. McWhirter, harness repairs, 47 05
James Boyd & Sons, repairing hose, 80 91
Asbestos Felting Co., felting, 3 50
Berry & Moody, carpenter work, 5 41
George Peirce, carpenter work, 20 29
L. Bent & Co., repairing chairs, 87
H. G. Peirce, washing, 7 50
S. S. Gleason & Co., broom and salt, 1 55

**OIL, ETC.**

Paid G. P. Palmer, agent, oil for cleaning, 5 75
S. E. Sparrow, sperm oil, &c., 23 50
S. Walker & Co., sperm oil, &c., 10 00
Belt & Leather Stuffing Co., oil for hose, 105 00
Hollingsworth & Whitney, cop waste, 2 06

**$416.26**

**FUEL AND LIGHT.**

Paid R. Gilkey, coal and wood, $80 67
Newton & Watertown Gas Light Co., gas, 109 20

**$189.87**

**SHOEING.**

Paid W. C. Foley, $92 04

**$92 04**
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Conrad Egge, for die for badges, $50 00
Charles West, for 35 badges, 175 00
Williams, Page, & Co., lanterns for
  steamer, 16 50
H. A. Hall, rubber coats, &c., 101 53
H. A. Winship, bridles, pipes, fire
  hats, &c., 81 75
W. C. S. Harrington, 1 collar, 6 50
W. C. S. Harrington, pair horses, 650 00
T. P. Emerson, expressing, 5 24
J. O. Critchett, " 4 50
F. E. Ladd, bed springs for beds at
  engine house, 6 85
A. D. Drew, Expenses Committee on
  H. & L. truck, 20 00
Otis Brothers, cotton cloth, 6 50
A. D. Drew, articles for sick horse, 4 95
A. D. Drew, sundry services February,
  1872, to January, 1874, 31 00
W. H. Earlin, tending sick horse, 7 50
J. B. Woodard, medicine, sick horse, 5 67
L. Putnam, attendance, sick horse, 51 00
Almshouse Department, board horse, 35 50
S. L. Batchelder, refreshments, 14 00
S. S. Gleason & Co., refreshments, 12 00
George McWhirter, double harness,
  used on water cart, 103 50

Total expenditure, $1,389 49
  $8,773 77
BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

To Appropriation, $2,000 00
Contingent account transferred by order selectmen as per town vote,
Dec. 22, 1874, 319 73
$2,319 73

EXPENDITURES AS FOLLOWS: BRIGHTON BRIDGE.

Paid H. W. Macurdy, labor and materials, 293 53
G. Fuller & Son, lumber, 225 57
Tainter & Tripp, tarring lumber, 11 50
$530 60

CREEK BRIDGE (GALEN STREET).

Paid Stetson & Pope, lumber, 63 60
Benj. Ellston, timber, 266 55
W. S. Blanchard, selecting timber, 4 95
T. L. Bishop, carting timber, 55 56
H. S. Cate, stone, 21 36
Walker, Pratt, & Co., laying stone, 16 75
John Ross, iron work, 9 90
R. Gilkey & Co., cement, 53 00
Geo. Peirce, carpenter work, 96 64
Highway department, labor, 96 00
684 31

CULVERT, MT. AUBURN STREET NEAR A. BAILEY'S.

Paid Day & Collins, drain pipe, 279 72
Highway department, labor, 260 00
539 72

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid R. Gilkey & Co., cement, 10 25
H. W. Clapp, sewer caps, 77 00
Fitchburg R.R. Co. freight s. caps, 4 81
T. L. French, labor and materials on culverts, &c., 142 50
Geo. Peirce, repairing bridges, 28 28
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Paid Day & Collins, drain pipe, 118 79
W. C. Foley, gratings, 12 52
W. C. Foley, repairing drills, 6 35
Walker, Pratt, & Co., castings and frames, 33 60
Highway department, labor, 136 00

Total expenditure, 565 10

2,319 73

**RESERVOIRS.**

To Appropriation, 4,000 00

**EXPENDITURES AS FOLLOWS: WALNUT STREET.**

Paid T. L. French, labor and materials, 805 24
W. W. Clark, powder, 5 00
Highway department, labor, 465 00
Walker, Pratt, & Co., cover, 6 22
T. Stuart, use of derrick, 12 00
A. D. Drew, paid for labor filling, 35 00
Fire Department, coal used filling, 18 75

1,347 21

**ORCHARD STREET.**

Paid T. L. French, labor and material, 693 65
Highway department, labor, 249 00
Walker, Pratt, & Co., cover, 6 22

948 87

**PALPREY STREET (REPAIRS).**

Paid T. L. French, labor and material 23 70
Knox & Angier, covering stone, 45 00
Highway department, labor, 17 00

85 70

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

Paid R. Puffer, filling reservoir, East District, 10 00
Knox & Angier, curbs in Galen-street bridge, 36 00
AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Paid Walker, Pratt, & Co., covers in Galen-street bridge, 15 60
Day & Collins, drain pipe, 31 86
A. Howes, drain pipe, 8 00

Total expenditure, 101 46
Unexpended balance, 2,483 24

$4,000 00

SIDEWALKS.

To Appropriation, $3,000 00

EXPENDITURES AS FOLLOWS:

Paid Tainter & Tripp, concrete, 1,002 13
D. W. Bailey, concrete, 31 05
T. L. French, brick at Otis Bros., 39 37

Total expenditure, 1,072 55
Unexpended balance, 1,927 45

HIGHWAYS.

To Appropriation, $12,000 00
Bridges and culverts, for labor, 492 00
Reservoirs, " " 731 00
Market Street, " " 593 00
New Barn at Almshouse, for labor, 77 00
J. Russell, labor on culvert, Common Street, 131 67
C. W. Stone, material and labor on Parker Street, 50 00
School Department, grading at High School-house, 98 00
William Perkins, old iron sold, 77 58
" " labor and material Centre Street, paid by abuttors, 20 00

$14,270 25
AUDITOR'S REPORT.

EXPENDITURES,

as follows:—

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<td>B. Whitney, stone,</td>
<td>15 60</td>
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<td>J. Trickey, &quot;</td>
<td>33 00</td>
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<td>G. W. Rackliffe, stone,</td>
<td>2 40</td>
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<td>Thomas Gavin, &quot;</td>
<td>13 50</td>
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<td>Hugh Gray, gravel,</td>
<td>29 60</td>
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<td>J. Dardas, &quot;</td>
<td>36 80</td>
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<td>H. Jenison, &quot;</td>
<td>4 80</td>
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<td>M. W. Angier, &quot;</td>
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<td>A. Wollitzer, &quot;</td>
<td>32 40</td>
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<td>C. McBride, &quot;</td>
<td>12 80</td>
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<td>P. Gallagher, &quot;</td>
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<td>G. H. Willard, &quot;</td>
<td>6 00</td>
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<td>D. W. Bailey, Agt., concreting roadway,</td>
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<td>J. W. Trickey, material and labor on sidewalk, June 1, 1870,</td>
<td>50 00</td>
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<td>T. P. Emerson, hay and straw,</td>
<td>30 90</td>
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<td>Alms-house Department, hay,</td>
<td>210 00</td>
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<td><strong>$637 27</strong></td>
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## Horses, and Horse Keeping (additional).

Paid
- G. B. Stockwell, horse keeping, $100.00
- W. C. Foley, rent of stable, 40.00
- W. C. S. Harrington, pair of horses, 750.00
- Alms-house Department, labor, Z. Boody, 52.50

**Total:** $942.50

## Repairs.

Paid
- John Ross, blacksmith work, $192.77
- James Hall, 5.82
- Rawson & Hittinger, iron 8.74
- Blake Crusher Co., repairing crusher, 161.34
- Boston & Albany R.R. Co., freight castings, 7.18
- Walker, Pratt & Co., castings crusher, 21.38
- George McWhirter, harness repairing, 44.30
- Thomas Patten, harness repairing, 72.82
- G. E. Teele, painting, 7.40
- John Madden, wheelwright, 118.25
- A. Howes, sundries, 68.74

**Total:** $708.74

## Street Signs.

Paid
- George E. Teele, painting and lettering, 34.00
- George Peirce, carpenter work, 41.19
- N. C. Sanger & Sons, posts, 5.40
- H. W. Macurdy, carpenter work, 8.01

**Total:** $88.60
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FENCING.
Paid R. Gilkey & Co., lumber and posts, Market and Arsenal Streets, 183 19
Berry & Moody, carpenter work, Market and Arsenal Streets, 127 78
John Barnard, painting, Market and Arsenal Streets, 21 70
J. T. Blaisdell, carpenter work, Market and Arsenal Streets, 57 75

$390 42

CARTING AND LABOR.
Paid as per Pay Rolls, $8,736 66
J. E. Gill, carting stone, 19 80
John Trickey, carting stone, 1869 and 1870, 17 40

$8,773 86

HORSE SHOEING, &c.
Paid W. C. Foley, $117 87

$117 87

MISCELLANEOUS.
Paid Parker Gannet, shovels, &c., $39 88
George S. Bowen, lanterns, 2 80
T. P. Emerson, expressing, 4 59
Knox & Angier, bound posts, 14 40
" " " cutting stone, 2 50
W. C. S. Harrington, horse collar, 6 00
Samuel Noyes & Co., oil, &c., 13 38
R. Gilkey, fuel, 70 47
Rawson & Hittinger, use of engine, 104 49
Joseph Crafts, levelling Walnut Street, 20 43
D. & H. Gore, paving, &c., Church and Galen Streets, 111 75
PAID CHARLES WHITNEY, resetting edge stones, Church Street, 8 50 $
\text{Total expenditure,} \quad \text{Balance unexpended,} \\
\$12,962 31 \quad 1,309 94 \\
\$14,250 25 \\

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POLICE.

To Appropriation, $3,500 00 
License fee from Circus Co., 15 00 
Contingent account, transferred by order Selectmen, at per vote of 
Town, Dec. 22, 1874, 18 94 $3,533 94 

EXPENDITURES.

Paid George Parker, 1 year's service, $1,095 00 
E. V. Howard, 1,095 00 
W. J. Gleason, special, 300 00 
Thos. Carroll, 262 80 
M. Carroll, 87 00 
R. Newman, 234 00 
O. McGrath, 18 00 
H. M. Clark, 15 00 
C. L. Nye, 16 50 
J. F. Russell, 15 00 
L. A. Shaw, 6 00 
H. B. Cheney, 22 50 
Fire, 18 00 
O. McGrath, 12 00 
C. L. Nye, 24 75 
J. F. Russell, 18 75 
H. M. Clark, 16 50 
L. A. Shaw, 4 50 
G. S. Bowen, lanterns for fire police, 20 00 
Chas. West, 12 badges, 60 00 
J. Ross, repairing pails, 1 75
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Paid J. F. Bryan, gas piping, &c., 15 00
T. L. French, labor and materials, 50 50
H. W. Macurdy, " " 33 94
Berry and Moody, " " 5 62
John Page, painting, 12 57
S. S. Gleason & Co., matches, sand, &c., 6 46
Newton & Watertown Gas Light Co., gas, 66 80

Total expenditure, $3,533 94

STREET LIGHTS AND LAMP POSTS.

To Appropriation, $4,000 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Newton and Watertown Gas Light Co., care and lighting, $2,106 28
Newton and Watertown Gas Light Co., posts, lanterns and connecting, 1,337 18
New England Gas Light Co., care and lighting, 205 50
Globe Gas Light Co., post and lantern, 24 00
J. H. McDonough, care, lighting, &c., 31 26
W. Macurdy, " 97 32
Thomas Carroll, " 13 75
J. R. Harrison, " 24 00
P. J. Flannery, " 14 00
A. French, " 24 00
Mary E. Coolidge, " 15 24
Isaac Robbins, " 12 00

Total expenditure, $3,904 53
Unexpended balance, 95 47 $4,000 00
AUDITOR’S REPORT.

EXPENSES OF WATER COMMITTEE.

To Appropriation, $2,200 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid N. H. Crafts, engineer, $1,761 76
Rand, Avery & Co., reports, 385 08
George B. Stockwell, horse hire, 45 00
J. E. Cassidy, demijohns, 8 16

$2,200 00

HEATING, LIGHTING, AND CARE OF TOWN HOUSE.

To Appropriation, $1,000 00

Rent received of A. Gregg, janitor, 787 00
Rent received of James R. Harrison, 120 00
       janitor, 1873–74,
Rent received of Mrs. Condell, on 14 00
       account,

$1,921 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid R. Gilkey, for coal, $181 15
Cushman, Loveland, & Co., for coal, 355 12
Newton and Watertown Gas Light 339 20
Co., gas,
Alexander Gregg, janitor, 480 00
" extra work, cleaning 91 00
and repairing,
J. R. Harrison, janitor, 1873–74, bal-
       ance due, 115 95
S. S. Gleason & Co., soap, sand, 17 75
       matches, &c.,
S. S. Gleason & Co., water cooler, 8 75
A. Howes, tacks, nails, and sundries, 14 08
E. O. Morris, slating, 4 87
Wm. Rogers, cleaning clock, 2 50
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Paid Metallic Art Works, locks, &c., 17 17
Miles Pratt & Co., grate bars, and iron stopper, 16 02
J. F. Bryan, gas piping, &c., 15 22
Geo. Peirce, case of drawers, selectmen's room, 38 62
Geo. Peirce, water-tank, 10 92
Geo. E. Teele, lettering drawers, 15 00
G. S. Bowen, cuspidores, 46 00
lining tank, 15 00
American Shade Roller Co., shades, selectmen's room, 6 75
Putney and Corson, matting, Selectmen's room, 16 50
N. C. Sanger & Sons, tables for hall, 33 00
Howard Brothers, ice, 12 00
W. F. Field & Co., repairing gauge, 2 00
John Barnard, drawing window sash, 15 18
John Ross, repairing vault doors, 2 75

Total expenditures, $1,872 50
Unexpended balance, 48 50 $1,921 00

NEW BARN AT ALMSHOUSE.

To Appropriation, $3,500 00

Note. — The unexpended balance of this account, was at April meeting granted for purchase of a horse, cow, and cart.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Berry and Moody, as per contract, $2,494 60
vane, 55 01
T. L. French, mason work, 253 76
G. W. Horne, plans and specifications, 50 00
N. C. Sanger & Sons, frame and sash, 7 56
A. Howes, hardware, 9 77
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Paid Highway Department, grading, 77 00  
H. W. Macurdy, materials and labor, 127 28  
Fire Department, horse, 250 00  
J. P. Osgood, cows, 115 00  
D. Bond, express wagon, 60 00  

Total expenditure, $3,499 98  
Unexpended balance to Fire Department, by order Selectmen, as per town vote, Dec. 22, 1874, 02 $3,500 00

## BURIAL GROUND AT VILLAGE.

To Appropriation, $1,500 00  

**EXPENDITURES.**  
Paid W. W. Russell, for 2,087 feet land, $208 70  
J. Russell " 8,743 " 874 30  
Thos. Gavin, " building wall, 380 00  
Jos. Crafts, for services, surveys, &c., 24 04  

Total expenditure, $1,487 04  
Unexpended balance, 12 96 $1,500 00

## MARKET STREET EXPENSES.

To Appropriation, $1,500 00  

**EXPENDITURES.**  
Paid Willey & Sprague, labor and materials, fence, $109 50  
Berry & Moody, labor and materials, fence, 541 19  
G. Peirce, labor and materials, fence, 99 72  
Ward & Benjamin, painting 94 00  
W. H. Foley, hinges, &c., 4 47  
Jos. Crafts, surveying lines, &c., 33 05
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Paid Highway department, labor, 593.00
T. Mannahan, loam, 22.50

Total expenditure, $1,497.43
Unexpended balance to Fire Department, by order of Selectmen, as per town vote, Dec. 22, 1874, 2.57 $1,500.00

CLAIMS ON PLEASANT STREET.

To Appropriation, $600.00

EXPENDITURES.
Paid Mrs. A. Wollitzer, fencing, $134.03
" " damages in full, 250.00
" L. A. Livermore, " " 160.00
W. C. Stone, and others, " " 55.00

Total expenditure, 599.03
Unexpended balance to Fire Department, by order of Selectmen, as per town vote, Dec. 22, 1874, 97.00 $600.00

WIDENING WALNUT STREET.

To Appropriation, $1,795.75

EXPENDITURES.
Paid A. White, as voted April 13, 1874, $129.69
D. M. Brown, " " " 913.35
E. M. Mahew, " " " 416.56
J. W. Priest, " " " 102.25
F. W. Masters, " " " 196.00

Total expenditure, $1,757.85
Unexpended balance uncalled for by abutters, Delano March, $32.70, H. Goodnow, $5.20, 37.90 $1,795.75
AUDITOR'S REPORT.

WIDENING STARCH FACTORY LANE.

To Appropriation, May 7, 1872, $500 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Geo. Tainter, $150 00
F. H. Howard, 40 00
J. Brigham, heirs, 285 00
Mrs. Farnum, 5 00

Total expenditure, $480 00

Balance transferred to Fire Department by order of selectmen as per town vote, December 22, 1874, 20 00

$500 00

WIDENING AND STRAIGHTENING ARLINGTON STREET.

To amount transferred from contingent, by order of Selectmen as per town vote, Dec. 22, 1874, $88 00

EXPENDITURE.

Paid John Coolidge, Jr., $88 00

JOHN TEMPLETON BENEFICENT FUND (Income).

For interest on $2,500, 4 months to Dec. 21, 1874, 7 per cent. $58 33

EXPENDITURES.

Paid H. P. Mason, for 29 turkeys, and vegetables, distributed by Selectmen in accordance with provisions of the bequest, $58 00

Balance unexpended, 33 $58 33

STATE TAX.

To amount assessed, $6,340 00

Paid State Treasurer, 6,340 00
AUDITOR'S REPORT.

BANK TAX.

To amount received of State Treasurer, $2,368 25
Paid State Treasurer, 676 36
Balance to Town Treasury, $1,691 89

INSURANCE.

To Appropriation, $550 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid G. N. March, Free Public Library, $25 00
W. H. Ingraham, Almshouse barn, 60 00
W. H. Ingraham, Almshouse barn and stock, 82 50
C. T. Powell, Free Public Library, 50 00
Central M. Fire Ins. Co., assessments, 25 65
Dorchester M. Ins. Co., assessments and costs, 127 74
Ætuna Mills School-house, 60 00

Total expenditures, $430 89
Unexpended balance, 119 11

PRINTING.

To Appropriation, $1,000 00

EXPENDITURES,

as follows; viz.:

Paid Conant & Newhall, town reports, $776 10
Conant & Newhall, bill heads, &c., 16 50
C. C. McLouthlin, warrants, notices, &c., 97 90
Rand, Avery, & Co., dog licenses, 3 50

Total expenditures, $894 00
Unexpended balance, 106 00

$1,000 00
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**REMOVING AND RECONSTRUCTING LOCK-UP.**

To Appropriation, $1,000.00

Expenditure.

Paid T. L. French, as per contract, $1,000.00

**BALANCE DUE ON HIGH SCHOOL-HOUSE.**

To Appropriation, $509.72

Amount received of J. Russell, Grading, $96.50

" " " C. W. Stone, " $40.00

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$646.22

Expenditures.

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**ISAAC B. PATTON POST 81, G. A. R.**

To Appropriation, $200.00

Expenditure.

Paid Ward M. Otis, treasurer, $200.00

**CARE OF CEMETERIES.**

To Appropriation, $100.00

Expenditure.

Paid A. Gregg, labor, mowing, &c., $100.00

**WIDENING MAIN STREET.**

To Appropriation, $394.00

Expenditure.

Paid Otis Brothers, 394 feet land, $394.00
PURCHASE OF HOSE AND HOSE-CARRIAGE,
to be located at N. C. Sanger & Sons' mill.
To Appropriation, $1,000 00

EXPENDITURES.
Paid Hunneman & Co., for second-hand carriage, $25 00
John Ross, for altering and repairing carriage, 52 00
Jas. Boyd & Sons, for 504 feet patent hose and couplings, 790 80
H. A. Winship, for blunderbuss pipe, 25 00
J. O. Critchett, for expressing, 4 75

Total expenditure, $897 55
Unexpended balance to Fire Department by order of Selectmen, as per town vote, Dec. 22, 1874, 102 45

$1,000 00

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To Appropriation, $2,000 00
" dog tax, 337 62

$2,337 62

EXPENDITURE.
Paid Geo. N. March, treasurer, $2,337 62

PURCHASE OF MAPS.

To Appropriation, $50 00

EXPENDITURE.
Paid F. W. Beers, 5 copies Map of Water- town, $50 00
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STATE AID.

Received from State Treasurer for 1873, $700.00
Transferred from contingent account, as per town vote, December 22, 1874, 64.00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Charles F. Jackson, $72.00
John Hallahan, 144.00
H. G. Peirce, 144.00
H. W. Otis, 72.00
Deborah Bright, 48.00
Sarah W. White, 72.00
Mary Keating, 20.00
Geo. W. Young, 12.00
O. A. Pollard, 96.00
Mary McCabe, 36.00
Mary Severance, 48.00

$764.00

SALARIES.

To Appropriation, $4,100.00
Contingent account transferred, order selectmen, as per town vote, December 22, 1874, 75.00

$4,175.00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Auditors, for year ending Jan. 31, 1874, $75.00
School committee, for year ending Jan. 31, 1874, 300.00
Selectmen, for year ending Jan. 31, 1875, 1,000.00
Assessors, for year ending Jan. 31, 1875, 900.00
Town clerk, for year ending Jan. 31, 1875, 600.00
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Paid Collector of taxes, for year ending Jan. 31, 1875, 600 00
Town Treasurer, for year ending Jan. 31, 1875, 500 00
Auditor, for year ending Jan. 31, 1875, 150 00
Sealer of weights and measures, for year ending Jan. 31, 1875, 50 00

**$4,175 00**

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

To Appropriation, **$8,000 00**

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Paid Eliza J. Norcross, 1 year's interest, 7 per cent on $200, **$14 00**
Boston Five-cent Savings Bank, 1 year's interest, 6 per cent on $10,000, 600 00
Lowell Institution for Savings, 1 year's interest, various, on $11,725, 664 88
Lowell Institution for Savings, 1 year's interest, 6 per cent on $5,500, 330 00
Watertown Savings Bank, 1 year's interest, 7 per cent on $10,900, 763 00
Watertown Savings Bank, 6 months 58 days, 7 per cent on $1,500, 69 70
Mrs. L. Forbes, 1 year's interest, 7 per cent on $3,000, 210 00
Miss A. J. Norcross, 1 year's interest, 7 per cent on $700, 49 00
Mrs. Eliza Glines, 1 year's interest, 7 per cent on $1,000, 70 00
State Treasurer, 1 year's interest, 6 per cent on $9,268, 556 08
PAID STATE TREASURER, 1 YEAR'S INTEREST,
6½ PER CENT ON $4,500, 292 50
EASTPORT SAVINGS BANK, 1 YEAR'S INTEREST, 7 PER CENT ON $2,100, 147 00
ANTILE SAVINGS BANK, 1 YEAR'S INTEREST, 7 PER CENT ON $24,000, 1,680 00
HINCKLEY & COMPANY, 1 YEAR'S INTEREST, 7 PER CENT ON $8,000, 560 00
ALDEN BRADFORD, 1 YEAR'S INTEREST, 7 PER CENT ON $2,000, 140 00
M Campus M. & S. B. WHITNEY, 1 YEAR'S INTEREST, 7 PER CENT ON $1,500, 105 00
MRS. A. A. LEARNED, 1 YEAR'S INTEREST, 7 PER CENT ON $1,000, 70 00
JOHN TEMPLETON, BENEFICENT FUND, 4 MONTHS, TO DECEMBER 21, 1874, 7 PER CENT ON $2,500, 58 33

TOTAL EXPENDITURE, $6,379 49

TEMPORARY LOAN.
F. A. HAWLEY & CO., DISCOUNT NOTE, 6½ PER CENT, $164 21
UNION MARKET NATIONAL BANK, DISCOUNT NOTES, 6 PER CENT, 982 00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE, $7,525 70
UNEXPENDED BALANCE, 474 30

$8,000 00

DISCOUNTS AND ABATEMENTS.

TO APPROPRIATION, $3,500
INTEREST ON TAXES, 1872-73-74 COLLECTED, 599 26
CONTINGENT ACCOUNT TRANSFERRED BY ORDER SELECTMEN, AS PER TOWN VOTE, DECEMBER 22, 1874, 1,069 48

$5,168 74
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid S. O. Brock, abatement tax, 1873, $6 00
S. Jennison, " " 1874, 3 87
B. Whitney, " " 1872, 2 32
G. L. Noyes, collector, abatement and discount tax, 1872, 31 00
G. L. Noyes, collector, abatement and discount tax, 1873, 90 25
G. L. Noyes, collector, abatement and discount tax, 1874, 5,035 30

$5,168 74

PURCHASE OF A STREET SPRINKLER.

To Appropriation, $500 00
By Fire Department, amount transferred by order selectmen, as per vote of town, December 22, 1874, 500 00

PAYING PORTION OF TOWN DEBT.

To Appropriation, $5,000 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Lowell Institution for Savings, $1,000 00
Boston Five-cent Savings Bank, 4,000 00

$5,000 00

CONTINGENT.

To Appropriation, $2,000 00
H. J. Edwards, for fines received, prosecuting under by-laws, 146 03
Overlay on taxes, 3,857 88

$6,003 91

EXPENDITURES.

Paid C. C. McLaughlin, Stationery, town officers, $38 32
Conant & Newhall, Record book and envelopes, 48 75
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Paid G. L. Noyes, collector, Boyd dam and 3 acres west of pond, 1874, 40 50
G. L. Noyes, Preparing copy of valuation book, 30 00
G. L. Noyes, Services as town clerk, pro. tem., 20 00
G. L. Noyes, Horse-hire, collecting taxes, 14 50
Isaac Robbins, Horse-hire, assessors, 12 00
J. B. Stockwell, Horse-hire, town clerk, and police distributing notices, &c., 25 50
T. P. Emerson, Expressing, 11 55
William Rogers, care town clock, 50 00
A. L. Willey, Bird houses, 44 50
M. Carroll, Killing 43 dogs, 43 00
H. W. Macurdy, Hoisting topmast to flagstaff, 7 00
Knox & Angier, Tending draw, Brighton bridge, 51 85
Geo. F. Morgan, Abstract Probate record, for assessors, 34 74
Registry Deeds, Fees for recording, 7 86
John Ross, Hook to town pump, 95
James Hall, Iron to " " 50
Geo. E. Teele, Painting and lettering auditor's box, 1 00
S. S. Gleason, Watertown Directory, 2 00
L. T. Brown, Ringing bell, Feb. 22, 1872, to May 1, 1874, 13 00
H. Collins, Ringing bell, July 4, 1873-74, 4 50
E. Pratt, Ringing bell sundry times, 3 50
Little, Brown, & Co., Law books, delivered town clerk, 19 65
Alex. Gregg, Returns of deaths, 16 75
Thomas Patten, Weighing, record book, &c., $2 00

51
Paid Thomas Patten, Services as town weigher 1 year, 63 70
Sturges & Brigham, Plans and specifications, Lock-up, 30 00
S. L. Batchelder, Refreshments, town officers, town meeting, 18 00
H. J. Edwards, Costs in cases prosecuted under by-laws, 144 20
G. W Chapman, Detective service, 59 00
James S. Burns, Enlistment bounty, quota 1861, 100 00
John Burrowscale & others, damages in full, accident Sept. 2, 1874, 150 00
John K. Stickney, Services on State aid, 1874, 30 00
John K. Stickney, Recording deeds, stationery, stamps, &c., 30 00
J. F. Wheeler, Costs collecting account, J. Barnard, 55 62

Total expenditure, $3,109 59

The following transfers were made from this account by the Board of Selectmen, as authorized by vote of the town, Dec. 22, 1874, to meet deficiencies in these departments: —

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<td>$98,787 62</td>
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List of Town Notes, Time they Mature, and Rate of Interest, with other Remarks. 1875.

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<td>$8,600</td>
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$1,000 payable annually on Oct. 6.

Borrowed for building Schoolhouse, etc.
Alterations at South Schoolhouse.
Borrowed for building Schoolhouse.
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<td>Four Notes, April 1, 1872,</td>
<td>6,900</td>
<td>483 00</td>
<td>Oct. 1 and April 1</td>
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<td>Borrowed for building Engine-house, and alterations in Town Hall, and for</td>
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<td>Feb. 8, 1872, April 22, 1872</td>
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<td>new Hose and Furniture for Engine-house. Vote of Town for 1871</td>
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<td>Mercantile Savings Institution</td>
<td>August 9, 1875</td>
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<td>April 8, 1873</td>
<td>3,000</td>
<td>210 00</td>
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<td>New Hose Fire Department.</td>
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<td>February 2, 1874</td>
<td>1,500</td>
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<td>Heating and Furnishing School-houses.</td>
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<td>Martha and Susannah B. Whitney</td>
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<td>$101,893</td>
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JOHN K. STICKNEY, Town Treasurer.
APPRAISEMENT

Of Property at Town Farm, pertaining to and used on Roads.

Horses, $1,400 00
Harness, carts, wagons, etc., 947 00
Stone-crusher engine and covering, 890 00
Materials for roads, 600 00

$3,837 00
APPRAISEMENT

Of Personal Property at the Almshouse in Watertown, pertaining to and used on the Town Farm.

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>Live Stock,</td>
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<td>Grain and Produce,</td>
<td>810 00</td>
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<td>Farming Utensils, etc.,</td>
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<td>Furniture in House,</td>
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<td>Groceries and Provisions,</td>
<td>194 60</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>$2,720 60</td>
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A detailed inventory of the above property can be seen at the Selectmen's rooms.

GEO. N. MARCH, OLIVER SHAW, N. C. SANGER, Appraisers.
### Schedule and Valuation of Town Property

**Town Farm,** —

<table>
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<th>Item</th>
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<td>31½ acres of land, $1,000</td>
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<td>Buildings on the same, as</td>
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<td>follows; viz.: —</td>
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<td>House</td>
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<td>Barn</td>
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<td>Hospital</td>
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<td><strong>$6,700</strong></td>
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<td>Personal property, as per appraisement, $2,720</td>
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<td>Used on roads</td>
<td>3,837</td>
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<td><strong>$6,557</strong></td>
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**Town-House and Land, and Engine-House,** —

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<td>12,920 feet of land,</td>
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<td>Furniture in Town-house,</td>
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<td>including heating apparatus</td>
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**High School-House,** —

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<td>High School-house and furniture</td>
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<td>Philosophical apparatus,</td>
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<td>Library and piano,</td>
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**Centre School-House,** —

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<td>15,318 feet of land,</td>
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<td>Schoolhouse and furniture,</td>
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<td>Piano</td>
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<td><strong>$16,250</strong></td>
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### Valuation of Town Property

#### East School-house,
- 27,378 feet of land: $2,500 00
- Schoolhouse and furniture: $12,000 00
- Piano: $250 00
  - **Total**: $14,750 00

#### West School-house,
- 21,500 feet of land: $2,250 00
- School-house and furniture: $14,000 00
  - **Total**: $16,250 00

#### New West School-house,
- Land, 48,120 feet: $2,500 00
- School-house and furniture: $7,000 00
  - **Total**: $9,500 00

#### South School-house,
- 11,830 feet of land: $2,000 00
- School-house and furniture: $14,000 00
  - **Total**: $16,000 00

- Free Public Library and furniture: 10,000 00
- Iron Safe at Town Treasurer's: 40 00
- Hay Scales: 200 00
- Gravel Bank on Beacon Hill, 1 2-5 acre land: 1,500 00
- Water-Cart: 450 00

#### Apparatus used by Fire Department,
- Steam Fire-engine and Hose-carriage: $4,250 00
- One Hand-engine and apparatus: 100 00
- Hook-and Ladder Carriage: 30 00
- 4 horses used on Engine and Hose-carriage: 1,000 00
- Hose, harnesses, and furniture: 3,000 00
- New Hook-and Ladder Truck: 1,200 00
- 4 Hose-carriages: 450 00
- Tender Wagon and equipments: 350 00
  - **Total**: $10,380 00

**Total Valuation Town Property**: $246,697 60
## INSURANCE

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<td>Fitchburg, Fitchburg</td>
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<td>Liverpool, London, and Globe</td>
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<td>Oct. 1, 1876</td>
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## A List of Jurymen.

*As prepared by the Selectmen, Feb. 15, 1875, to be passed upon at the Annual March Meeting.*

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**JOSEPH CRAFTS,**  
*Town Clerk.*

**Watertown, Feb. 15, 1875.**
The text is a table that lists the evaluation and taxation of Watertown from 1820 to 1874. The table includes columns for the date, total polls, tax on polls each, valuation, and various tax details such as town, counties, state, minister, and total tax. The table also includes financial figures such as total valuation, total tax, and rate per $1,000.

### Synopsis of Valuation and Taxation on Watertown from 1820 (5 years' interval) to 1870, and also including 1871, 1872, 1873, and 1874.

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<td>1,285</td>
<td>2 00</td>
<td>8,041,910 00</td>
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<td>4,338 44</td>
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* Belmont was incorporated in 1859.
REPORT OF TOWN CLERK AND REGISTRAR.

BIRTHS.

The whole number of Births registered during the year 1874 is one hundred and fifty-seven (157), twelve (12) less than in 1873.

The number of births is in the ratio of one (1) to 27.62 of the population.*

Of the whole number born, seventy-seven (77) were males and eighty (80) were females.

One hundred and forty-two were born in Watertown, 142
Two were born in Newton, 2
Two " " " Waltham, 2
Three " " " Cambridge, 3
Three " " on U. S. A. grounds in Watertown, 3
One was born in Middleboro', 1
One " " at Benecia Arsenal, California, 1
One " " in Westboro', 1
One " " " Peabody, 1
One " " " New York City, 1

There were born of American parents,
" " " " Irish " 67
" " " " English " 3
" " " " English and Irish parents, 2
" was " " Swedish " 1
" " " " German and Swiss " 1
" " " " Swedish and Irish " 1
" " " " English and French " 17
" were " " American and foreign "

* By census of 1870, the population of Watertown was 4,837.
REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK AND REGISTRAR.

MARRIAGES.

The whole number of Marriages recorded for 1874, is eighty-eight (88), ten more than in 1873.

First marriage of both parties, - 75
" " of one and second of the other, - 12
Second marriage of both parties, - 88

Number of marriages of both parties, native born, - 34
" " foreign born, - 35
" native and foreign born, - 19

AGES OF SOME OF THE PARTIES MARRIED.

Oldest couples. Groom's age, 58 Bride's age, 41
" " 55 " 45
" " 45 " 24
" " 44 " 30
" " 41 " 31
" " 40 " 28

Younger couples descending in age to Groom, 20. Bride, 20

The number of intentions of marriage recorded comprises fifty-three (53) couples. Ratio to population, 1 to 81.83.

OCCUPATION OF GROOMS.

Mechanics, 24; laborers, 21; coachmen, expressmen, etc., 11; clerks, salesmen, and merchants, 8; butchers, 3; brake-men, engineers, and firemen, 3; cooks and servants, 3; farmers, 2; physicians, 2; mill operatives, 2; real-estate agent, 1; sea-faring, 1; soldier, 1; boarding-house keeper, 1; laundry man, 1; gentleman, 1; school-teacher, 1; cigar maker, 1; watchman, 1. Total, 88.

NOTE.—Persons solemnizing marriages are required by law to make returns of the same to the Town Clerk or Registrar, between the first and tenth days of each month; and they
should be careful to read the instructions on the back of the certificate as to the manner of returns. The Statutes require that the parties to a marriage—if dwelling in separate towns—shall each have a certificate of intention of marriage from the clerks of their respective towns. Marriages have been solemnized to such parties when only one such certificate had been obtained; which is not in compliance with the law.

DEATHS.

The whole number of deaths registered for 1874, is eighty-seven (87), eight more than in 1873.

The ratio of deaths to the population is as 1 to 49.83.

Of the whole number of deaths, forty-three (43) were males and forty-four (44) females.

CONDITION OF PERSONS DECEASED.

Single persons, 53
Married " 24
Widowed " 10

NAME, AGE, AND CONDITION OF SOME OF THE OLDER PERSONS DECEASED.

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<th>Days</th>
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<td>90</td>
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<td>Josiah Coolidge</td>
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<td>Charles Bemis</td>
<td>84</td>
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<td>Mary Meacham</td>
<td>82</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>27</td>
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<td>William A. Eaton</td>
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Sarah Whitney, 66 8 Female. Married
William Atkinson, 66 3 Male. Married
Samuel Berry, 64 4 10 Male. Widower
William White, 63 6 Male. Married
Catherine Murray, 63 Female. Widow
John Hartnett, 60 Male. Single

The number of persons deceased, under 5 years of age, is 37
betw'n 5 & 10 y'res of age, is 4
10 20 30 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
3 9 7 5 4 8 6 3 1

The number of deaths of persons native born is 64
foreign born is 22
place of birth unknown is 1

The number of deaths of native born parentage is 35
foreign " " " 43
native and foreign parentage is 9

CAUSES OF DEATH AS RETURNED.

Accidents—drowned, 2 Accident—fall and frac.
fall and concussion of skull, 1
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NOSOLOGICAL TABLE.

CAUSES OF DEATH. TABULAR LIST.

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*Order 3. Dietetic.*

Intemperance and exposure to heat,                        | 1     |

**CLASS 2. CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.**

*Order 1. Diathetic.*

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**Total:** 17
**Class 3. Local Diseases.**

**Order 1. Nervous System.**

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**Order 2. Organs of Circulation.**

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**Order 3. Respiratory Organs.**

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**Order 4. Digestive Organs.**

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**Order 5. Urinary Organs.**

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Class 4. Developmental Diseases.


Dentition, 1
Dentition and meningitis, 1
Infantile, 6
Premature birth, 1
Stillborn, 3

Order 2. Developmental Diseases of Women.

Puerperal inflammation, 1


Old age, 3


Marasmus, 1

Class 5. Violent Deaths.

Order 1. Accidents, &c.

Drowned, 2
Fall and concussion of brain, 1
Fall and fracture of skull, 1
Injury of leg, gangrene, and amputation of thigh, 1

Unknown cause, 5

Facts concerning births and deaths, required by statute to be returned to the town Clerk.

"In the record of births, the date of the birth, the place of the birth, the name of child (if it have any), the sex and color of the child, the names and the places of birth of the parents, the occupation of the father, the residence of the parents, and the date of the record.

"In the record of deaths, the date of the death, the name of the deceased, the sex, the color, the condition (whether single, widowed, or married), the age, the residence, the occupation, the place of death, the place of birth, the names and places of birth of the parents, the disease or cause of death, the place of burial, and the date of the record."
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DOGS.

The whole number of dogs licensed the past year is 208: males, 191; females, 17.

Amount received for licenses; viz.: —
191 male dogs, at $2 each, $382 00
17 female dogs, at $5 each, 85 00

Clerk's fees: —
208 licenses, at 20 cents each, 41 60

Paid County Treasurer, per receipt, $425 40

The whole number of dogs killed during the last year, as per return of Michael Carroll, Constable, is forty-three (43).

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH CRAFTS, Town Clerk.
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* From balance of Contingent Account deduct transfers made (see account), leaving an actual balance of $516.89 only.
† Balances transferred to Fire Department to cover deficiency.
The auditor appointed by the town having made a monthly examination of receipts and expenditures for the past year, I deem it unnecessary to make a detailed statement of the same at this time. The amount of cash on hand Feb. 23, 1874, with the receipts to date, amount to $196,080 28 the expenditures for the year were 181,784 85 leaving a balance in the treasury on this date of $14,295 43

Fourteen thousand two hundred and ninety-five forty-three hundredth dollars.

JOHN K. STICKNEY, Treasurer.

I have examined the accounts of J. K. Stickney, treasurer, and find the same carefully and correctly kept, and attested with proper vouchers, and the balance above given is correct.

EDWARD B. EATON, Auditor.

CASH ASSETS, FEB. 16, 1875.

Balance in treasurer's hands, $14,295 43
Due from State on account of State Aid, 764 00
Outstanding taxes 1873, in hands of G. L. Noyes, 2,755 64
" 1874, " " " 17,070 17
Silk Factory Building bought for taxes, 450 00
Taxes on Boyd property, uncollected, 424 90
Taxes on Mount Auburn Corporation, uncollected, 327 53

$36,087 67

LIABILITIES.

Note on demand, borrowed of North Atlantic Ins. Co., anticipation taxes, $5,000 00
Note due April 29, 1875, borrowed of F. A. Hawley & Co., anticipation taxes, 7,000 00
Note due April 28, 1875, borrowed of Union Market Nat. Bank, anticipation taxes, 8,000 00 $20,000 00

Surplus, $16,987 67
In concluding his report, the auditor wishes to say that, in November, 1874, several departments were notified that their appropriations were nearly exhausted, and that one of the duties of the auditor, as defined by vote of the town, was to see that no appropriation was exceeded. It became necessary, therefore, to bring the matter of further appropriation before the town, and at a town meeting held Dec. 22, 1874, appropriations were made, and authority given, to the Selectmen to make such transfers as they may deem expedient. These transfers have been so made, and with them no account has been overdrawn. Each department has been urged to have all claims against it presented and paid, that no old claims may be paid out of the appropriations which may be made the coming year. This has been done for the most part, and it is believed that the indebtedness of the town is small, aside from the town debt ($101,893) and borrowed money, anticipating taxes ($20,000).

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. B. Eaton, Auditor.
The old and time-honored name of Watertown still exists. Although the grasping spirit of annexation has reached her south-eastern borders, and is attempting to push over her southern line, yet Watertown still retains her identity as a town, and we hope will long continue to do so.

Repeatedly shorn of her territory, she has nevertheless continued to increase in business and wealth, showing that the enterprise of her citizens has remained unshaken, and proved competent to bridge over emergencies.

Growth, and increase in wealth are due largely to individual enterprise; but a well administered government may do much to call forth individual energy and activity, and gather within its fold not only increased population, but increased prosperity — morally, educationally, socially, and financially.

To render the administration of a town government effective in developing its resources, and securing its highest interests, there should be co-operation of intent and effort between the citizens and the chosen authorities; and to the end that as much as possible may be done to facilitate the growth and prosperity of our town, we ask from the citizens a fair consideration of the subjects treated upon, and the views advanced in this report.

**GENERAL BUSINESS.**

The business of the town confided to its officers is steadily increasing, requiring with each successive year an additional amount of time. By systematizing, that is by reference of subjects to be acted upon to committees chosen for special duties, the labor performed has been simplified, and rendered more intelligible for final action. We have held regular
meetings each Monday evening throughout the year, those on second Mondays having been devoted mainly to examination of, and ordering the payment of, bills or demands against the town. For the amount of bills, ordered, as well as for information on the financial condition of the town, we rely upon, and respectfully refer the citizens to the Reports of the Auditor and Treasurer.

**AUDITOR.**

The office of Auditor, as created by vote of the town at the last annual meeting, in response to recommendations of the Selectmen in the Report for 1873, has proved highly beneficial, and we heartily recommend the continuance of that office.

**BURIAL GROUND.**

As authorized by vote of the town, a strip of land along the northern border of the village Burial Ground, comprising 10,830 square feet of land, has been purchased of Jeremiah and William W. Russell, and a wall has been built on the said northern border as far as the grade of the ground required such a structure. The appropriation made for those purposes has covered the expense, but there is some grading to be done; a light fence should be built on the top of the wall, and at the east and west end; the old wall on common and Mount Auburn Streets should be repaired, and all the wall should be pointed. We estimate the cost of the work at $1,000, which sum we recommend should be granted and appropriated for the same.

**LOCK-UP.**

An appropriation for the building of a new "Lock-up" was made at the last annual meeting of $1,000; and the "Lock-up" has been built. It comprises seven cells, built of brick and iron, and two rooms of wood. The cells can be used either to accommodate lodgers or to confine prisoners. The whole is in good comfortable shape and condition.
FIRE POLICE.

The organization of a Fire Police has proved of good service. It has been efficient at fires, which have been few however, and has proved useful on many occasions of emergency. We hope the organization will be continued.

STREET SPRINKLER.

Although a grant of $500 was made for purchasing a Street Sprinkler, yet, by the arrangements which were made by individuals, with reference to watering the streets, it was found that two sprinklers could not be used advantageously. Consequently the grant has not been used for the appropriated purpose, but has been transferred to credits of Fire Department.

STREET LIGHTS.

Until the town is completely furnished with Street Lights the subject will continue to be one of yearly increasing expense.

For the past year they have been located at such points as were deemed most essential, but there are still many places where they are needed. The number of Street Lights in the town is one hundred and twenty two (122). Of these seventy-six are lighted with gas, twenty-nine (29) with gasoline, and seventeen (17) with oil. The first cost of each post and lamp is at present contract price $26.

The cost per year of each lamp burning gas is $29; of each lamp burning gasoline, $18; of each lamp burning oil, $12. The gasoline gives a strong light, equal, during most of the winter weather, to gas; and the cost is eleven dollars ($11) per lamp less. Providing gasoline was used to the exclusion of gas, the saving per year, on the present number of lamps, would be $836. Here seems to be an opening, which, in point of economy, is worthy of consideration.
ADDITION TO ENGINE-HOUSE.

This matter was referred to us at the last annual meeting, with instructions to report thereon at a future town meeting. Plans and estimates for an addition have been procured, which will be submitted at the March meeting.

REMOVAL OF HORSE-RAILROAD TRACK.

The action of the selectmen upon this subject was reported to the town at a town meeting held Dec. 22, 1874 whereon the town "voted and instructed the selectmen to order the Union Railway Company to remove their track from its present location to the centre of Mount Auburn Street, from Main Street to Walnut Street; and likewise to order said company to restore the track of said road, so far as the same has been raised or lowered, between Walnut Street and Cambridge line, to its original grade."

A copy of the vote has been sent to the President and Directors of the Union Railway Company as a preliminary document, but it has elicited no reply.

SALE OF TOWN FARM.

The subject of selling the Town Farm was referred to us at the last annual meeting, with instructions to report at a future meeting.

In our judgment, this matter is almost entirely one of financial consideration. The value of the Town-Farm land, as per appraiser's estimate for the year 1873-4, was $31,500, or $1,000 per acre. Ten years ago, the valuation of land adjoining the Town Farm, for the purposes of taxation, was $225 per acre. The same land is now valued, for the same purpose, at $1,000 per acre, the same value as that fixed by the appraisers. Casting aside the value of the products of the farm, as in comparison herewith of small account, we have to consider simply whether the money which could be secured by sale of the land would accumulate faster than the value of the land advances. From the statement already
made, covering the past ten years, it is plain that the value of the land has increased doubly faster than an amount of money of equal value would have accumulated.

We are aware that, during the past two years, there has been an inflation in the price of land; but, judging from present developments, and making all proper allowance for inflation, we are of the opinion that it is the part of wisdom and prudence to retain the land.

**CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.**

The appropriation for concrete sidewalks has not been wholly used. Such walks have been laid in nearly every instance asked for; and we believe that the outlay of money for such sidewalks is money well and satisfactorily expended. A new principle, however, has been inaugurated with reference to the amount to be assessed upon the abutters.

At the last session of the General Court, the following law concerning sidewalks was passed:

[**Chap. 107.**]

**An Act concerning Sidewalks.**

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:—

**Sect. 1.** Chapter three hundred and three of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-two is amended so as to provide that no abutter shall be assessed for the expense of any sidewalk a sum exceeding one per cent of the valuation of his estate abutting on such sidewalk as fixed by the annual assessment last preceding the construction of such sidewalk.

**Sect. 2.** The provisions of chapter three hundred and three of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-two, as amended by the first section of this act, are extended to any town accepting the same at an annual meeting; and the authority conferred by said act upon the mayor and aldermen of cities is conferred upon the selectmen of such town.

**Sect. 3.** The provisions of this act shall not apply to any
sidewalk now constructed according to the provisions of chapter three hundred and three of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-two, nor to any city unless accepted by the city council thereof. Approved March 28, 1874.

We respectfully ask of the town the acceptance of the provisions of chapter three hundred and three of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-two, as amended by the first section of the act of eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

SIDEWALK OVER CHARLES RIVER.

At the last annual meeting, this subject was referred to the selectmen, with instructions to obtain estimates of the cost of a suitable sidewalk, and to report to the town at a future meeting. We have obtained such estimates, which are in readiness to be submitted at the annual March meeting.

The cost of building a sidewalk similar to that now on the east side, over the river, cannot be less than $1,000. We are of opinion that a sidewalk is much needed; but we are in doubt whether a structure of wood, like that on the east side, would be of sufficient strength to withstand the pressure of ice which comes down the river during the Spring freshets.

It is now twenty years since the bridge over Charles River was new covered, and it seems reasonable to suppose that the time is not far distant when it will have to be re-covered. When it becomes necessary to do that work, the stone retaining-walls on each side should be moved out to the lines of the street, and filled in solid. When this is done, it will be an easy matter to construct a good and substantial walk over the water-flow, and thus secure a permanent structure. It is therefore a question of economy, whether to build a structure of wood for present purposes, or to wait a few years and secure one of a permanent nature.
LAYING OUT AND WIDENING OF STREETS.

Considerable time has been spent on these subjects, which, of course, could not be embraced in our regular meetings. The number of new streets laid out and accepted, is greater than in any previous year; and while they form new links in the chain of increasing expense, yet at the same time they indicate growth, in wealth and population.

The necessity for widening and straightening old streets, becomes more and more apparent, and the pressure for such widenings, &c., will continue, until all the narrow and crooked avenues for public travel are put in proper shape and condition. The demand for new streets will inevitably be commensurate with the increase of population, and in many instances may be both reasonable and entirely independent of such cause, while speculative investments in land are sure to add their claims.

The laying out of new streets should be done in such a manner as to secure, eventually, at least, both grade and surface drainage; which subjects are very likely to be overlooked by persons who may lay out their land as best suits their convenience. In connection with this view of the matter, we respectfully suggest the passage of a by-law by the town, which shall require the consent of the Selectmen in writing, in all cases in the future, touching the laying out and location of new streets.

The streets laid out and accepted during the past year, are Centre, Marshall, Parker, Garnet, White, Whitney, Hovey, and Carroll Streets, and Harnden and Lowell Avenues.

Market Street has been newly laid out from the lower square to the United States Arsenal Grounds.

The following streets have been widened and straightened: —
Main Street for a short distance in front of Otis Bros. store, Walnut Street from Mount Auburn Street to the land of the Fitchburg Railroad Company, Arlington Street from Mount Auburn Street to Arsenal Street, Coolidge Avenue from Arsenal Street to the easterly entrance to land of Albert Brown, formerly the Winchester estate.
NEW STREET FROM MOUNT AUBURN STREET TO SPRING STREET.

On this subject a partial report was submitted to the town at the meeting held Dec. 22, 1874, which was recommitted to us with the request that we should consider the utility, satisfaction, and comparative expense of a passway, for pedestrians only, and to report at the next town meeting. We have so far considered this matter as to report that a passway for foot-passengers of not less than twelve feet in width would give general satisfaction. In view of the fact that an application for such a walk will soon be made in due form, we are not at present prepared to submit an estimate of the expense.

BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

The bridge over the Mill Creek has been for a long time a source of anxiety and annoyance, on account of the rapidity of the wear and decay of the planking. A bad break occurred in the bridge last spring; and we have endeavored to avoid further breaks for a considerable length of time, by rebuilding the upper portion in as substantial a manner as possible. It is now constructed of timber fourteen inches deep over the whole surface; on the top of the timbers is a thick coat of cement, then eight inches of crushed stone, and the top coating is of gravel. The excess in this department is due to the rebuilding of this bridge. The bridge at the Etna Mills will require new planking the coming year. The bridge on Arsenal Street has been new planked during the past year, and is in good order.

CULVERTS.

The culvert over Treadway Brook, on Summer Street, will have to be taken up and thoroughly rebuilt during the ensuing year. The expense is covered in the estimates.

Under the head of culverts there has been a mingling of surface-drainage expense with that pertaining to culverts. As the surface-drainage is likely to become more of an item of expense than culverts, we have, in our estimate of expenses, made a separate item for that purpose.
RESERVOIRS.

The appropriation for reservoirs has not been fully expended for that purpose. We do not wish to abandon the system of reservoirs, but we think that the addition of one reservoir per year will soon supply the real wants in that respect. The engineers of the Fire Department will undoubtedly submit their views on this subject.

JOHN TEMPLETON BENEFICENT FUND.

In Town Meeting, Dec. 22, 1874, under Article 7th in the warrant for said meeting. To wit: —

Art. 7. To take such action as shall seem suitable and proper, with reference to the generous gift for the benefit of the poor of the town, of its late and honored citizen, John Templeton.

The letter from the executors of the will of the late John Templeton was read, which is as follows: —

"Twelfth. To the town of Watertown I give and bequeath the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the benefit of the poor of the said town. And I direct that the said sum shall be safely invested, and the income thereof only be distributed at Christmas in each year, among the deserving poor, under the direction of the Overseers of the Poor, or other proper authorities of the said town. By the poor of the said town I mean needy and deserving residents in the said town, and not paupers supported at the public expense."

To the Selectmen of Watertown.

Gents, — Above, I send you an extract from the will of the late John Templeton, by which a bequest for the purposes therein named is made to the town of Watertown. The amount of this legacy the executors are ready to pay, upon evidence of its acceptance by the town, and proper receipts.

Your obedient servant,

Edward S. Rand.

Boston, Aug. 5, 1874.
And thereon voted and adopted the following resolutions; to wit:—

Resolved, That the town of Watertown accepts with gratitude of the bequest of its late and highly-esteemed citizen, John Templeton, as expressed in his last will and testament; and will guard with judicious care the investment of said bequest, and the distribution of the income thereof, according to the requirements of said will.

Resolved, That it is with the liveliest appreciation of the generous character of the donor, not only in this instance expressed, but as manifested throughout our whole intercourse and acquaintance with him as a citizen, that we shall revere and cherish his memory.

Resolved, That the aforesaid bequest, being in the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars, shall be put in charge of the selectmen of the town, by them to be safely invested, and they or their successors in office shall receive and pay out the income thereof in accordance with the terms of the bequest.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the executors of the will of the donor by the town clerk, and that the letter from the executors covering an extract from the will, together with the resolutions, be printed in the next Town Report.

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the record and files of the town, and that a copy of the resolutions has been forwarded as directed.

Attest: JOSEPH CRAFTS, Town Clerk.

It will be noticed that the letter from the executors bears date Aug. 5, 1874, whereas the action of the town bears date of Dec. 22, 1874. It is proper, therefore, to state that the selectmen, on the 17th of August, acknowledged the receipt of the executor’s letter, and, in behalf of the town, accepted of the bequest; whereupon the money was paid to the selectmen: and the income which accrued up to Christmas was distributed to such persons as we thought deserving. But we deemed that the corporate action of the town would place the matter in a more satisfactory form; and it was therefore submitted for that purpose. The money is now drawing seven per cent interest, for the security of which we at present hold the note of the town of Watertown.
Having passed in review the principal matters which have called for our attention, we desire to add a few suggestions bearing upon the expenses of the past, and looking towards economy for the coming fiscal year.

In the Report of Feb. 2, 1874, strong ground was taken for limiting the town-grants to a per centage of the valuation. We believe in that doctrine. We believe also in making liberal appropriations for the necessary uses and expenses of the town; and that this can be done within the limits of the present rate of taxation. Our predecessors thought 1.20 per centum of the valuation of the town sufficient; and we say Amen to that judgment. For the past year, 1.35 was required; but many of the items, which swelled the expenses of the past year, were forced upon the town by casualties, while others were of such a nature as may be conveniently and without injury, dropped from the list of estimated expenses. We think that if the grants and appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year do not exceed the amount embraced in the schedule of estimated expenses, that the taxes will be somewhat diminished. And why should the estimated expenses be exceeded? They are made up after a careful examination of what has been required, and what are the prospective wants or needs of the various departments. We think some check should be applied to prevent overriding, by hurried or excited measures, such estimates. And to this end we suggest the passage of a vote, or the enactment of a by-law, which shall require of any department, asking for a larger grant than that recommended by the selectmen in their estimate, to get the approval of a committee, to be chosen or appointed by the town for that purpose. If this is done, and if the estimates, as made up by the selectmen, or by a committee chosen for that purpose, are adhered to, the limit of per centage, hereinbefore alluded to, can be easily adjusted.

Watertown occupies an enviable position among her three hundred and forty sister-towns and cities in the State, as regards area, population, and wealth combined. In taxable area there are but eight towns and cities in the State smaller than
Watertown. They are Provincetown, Gay Head, Nahant, Swampscott, Everett, Hull, Chelsea, and Winthrop. She stands, therefore, in this respect, at the low rank of number 331; but she rises in importance when considered integrally. According to the census of 1870, she stands number 59 in point of population, while there are but twelve (12) towns and cities more densely populated,—the ratio of her population per acre being as 1 to 0.412+. There are but twenty-six (26) towns and cities in the State that have a valuation larger than Watertown, and of that number seventeen (17) are cities. She therefore stands number 27 in point of wealth; and if only towns are considered in the comparison, she stands number 10. In point of wealth, by counties, Middlesex County stands number 2; and Watertown stands number 9 as against the fifty-four towns and cities in the county. And counting out the four cities, she stands number 5. If the valuation of the towns and cities of the State were distributed per capita according to the census of 1870, Watertown would stand number 6. If the valuation were distributed per acre, she would stand number 10. We append to this report a statistical table in proof of the above statements. By her liberal appropriations for schools, she ranks number 5 in the State in the apportionment of the appropriations to each child between the ages of five and fifteen years of age. On the same basis, she stands number 2 in the county of Middlesex. In the percentage of her taxable property, as applied to the support of schools, she stands number 53 in the State, and number 7 in the county of Middlesex.

The average rate of taxation in the State for 1874, was $15.04—on $1,000. The average rate in the county of Middlesex for the same year was $14.13+ on $1,000. The rate for Watertown was $13.50 on $1,000, or $1.54 per $1,000 less than the average for the State, and $0.63+ on $1,000 less than the average for Middlesex County. In addition to the foregoing facts, we might call attention to the natural attractions of Watertown; but they are visible, and will of their own merits command attention.
We have thus shown that Watertown not only has within herself the essential elements of growth and prosperity, but offers, through them, unusual inducements to enterprising people beyond her borders. Let us by unity of effort preserve and increase her relative position. With a careful eye to the grants and appropriations, paying as we grant, and with judicious management on the part of our officials, we shall be sure to accomplish that result.
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Respectfully submitted,

GEO. N. MARCH, OLIVER SHAW, H. W. MACURDY, N. C. SANGER,

Selectmen of Watertown,

[Signature]
SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

We have been in receipt of the following circulars or invitations, for some time, and in considering what would be the best method of bringing the subjects to the notice of the citizens, we concluded to adopt the method of printing them in the Town Report. It only remains for the citizens to take such action in the matter as shall do honor to the occasion.

1775.

APRIL 19.

LEXINGTON, Dec. 21, 1874.

GENTLEMEN,—The citizens of this town have resolved to celebrate the Hundredth Anniversary of the "Battle of Lexington" on the 19th of April next.

The Revolution which made us an independent nation is worthy of the highest consideration, and no locality can be more appropriate for commemorating its opening scenes than the very spot where the first blood was shed, the first martyrs fell, and the first resistance in arms was offered to British aggression.

It is proposed to arrange for the celebration of the day regardful of the broad historic interest which pertains to the event. The citizens of the country generally are invited to join in the observances.

The prominent features of the day will consist of an oration, the unveiling of the Statues of John Hancock and Samuel Adams,—who had sought refuge from British proscription in Lexington, and were under its protection on that day,—and a public dinner.

It is expected that the occasion will be honored by the
presence of the Executive of the United States, the State of Massachusetts, representatives of the different departments of the National and State governments, literary, and other organizations, and distinguished individuals of the Republic, whose words of eloquence and wisdom will add interest to the occasion.

Though the subject of our rejoicing is truly national, the cities and towns which participated in the events of that day are regarded with peculiar interest. Your citizens therefore are invited to join in the commemoration of this event, which is our common inheritance.

Your town is especially invited to be represented by a delegation of three from its citizens as guests of the town of Lexington.

CHARLES HUDSON, M. H. MERRIAM, W. H. MUNROE, Committee on Invitations.

Selectmen of Watertown.

Please inform us as early as March 20, 1875, of the number and names of your delegates, that we may send them tickets for the procession and table.

LEXINGTON, February, 1875.

To the Municipal Authorities of Watertown.

GENTLEMEN,—Since addressing you a circular some weeks ago, inviting your citizens, generally, to unite with us in commemorating the opening scene of the American Revolution, and asking you to select a delegation of three to visit us as guests of the town, on the 19th of April next; we have had intimations from several towns, that their citizens would like to come to Lexington in an organized form, if that would be agreeable to us.

We are free to say that nothing would please us better than such an arrangement. If your citizens should come organized, as we hope they may, it would not only add to the interest of the occasion, but it would ensure them a better
place in the procession and tent, and at the same time facilitate the services of the day. They could adopt such an organization as they pleased, with or without banners or insignia; but we would respectfully suggest that a Marshal of your own be appointed, who, knowing your own people, could readily form them, and so greatly aid in bringing them into line.

As we anticipate a large collection on that day, it cannot be expected that we should receive the whole community as guests; but at the same time, if your citizens come thus organized, we should welcome your Marshal as a fellow laborer with us to our hospitality. We sincerely hope we may have the pleasure of seeing a large number of your people on that occasion, who, in fact, are equally interested with ourselves in the events we commemorate.

CHARLES HUDSON,  
M. H. MERRIAM, } Committee on  
W. H. MUNROE, } Invitations.

Please report on your arrival to our marshal.

To the Selectmen, Clerk, and Treasurer of the Town of Watertown, Massachusetts, for the official year 1875–76.

Sirs,—The Inhabitants of the town of Concord, Massachusetts, cordially invite you with the clergymen of your town, to be present, as their guests at Concord, on the 19th of April, 1875, and to join with them in celebrating the centennial anniversary of the opening of the Revolutionary War.

E. R. HOAR,  
R. W. EMERSON, } Committee of  
GEORGE HEYWOOD, } Invitation.

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Committee of Invitation.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Selectmen of Watertown.
### STATISTICAL TABLE

**SHOWING THE TOWNS AND CITIES IN THE STATE HAVING A RATIO OF MORE THAN ONE PERSON PER ACRE.**

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REPORT OF THE ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

In compliance with the requirements, the board of engineers do submit herewith their annual report of the condition of the department for the year ending Feb. 1, 1875.

Annexed, is a statement of its organization, cost of maintaining the same, and such other information as will enable the town to understand the wants and necessities of the department the coming year. The department has continued the past year to maintain its previous high reputation, promptly answering all calls of duty with alacrity and readiness to face danger; but few persons, aside from the members of the department, do realize the hardships and danger they in many instances have in battling the fire element.

The department as now organized is as follows: a board of three engineers, of which one is chosen chief, as required by the law of the State, and acts as chairman of the board, and is invested with such authority over the whole of the department, as the board by their by-laws see fit to adopt for their government, and is titled Chief Engineer.

The department consists of thirty-six members inclusive; and is composed of a carefully selected and experienced body of firemen: has again its usual fortunate record, and is in good condition. A hose company of fifteen men, with J. G. Holbrook foreman, is attached to the steam engine with engineman, assistant engineman, and driver; the engineman and driver is constantly employed, and at the engine house day and night. Also a company of fifteen men, with W. J. Mills foreman, attached to the hook and ladder truck.

A part of the task imposed upon the board of engineers, is to so organize the department and establish a system, which, with
due regard to expenditure, would secure the greatest efficiency attainable with the force authorized: in order to do this, the board need rules and regulations adopted by the town to govern the department, defining the duties to be performed by them; then, we will have a system and government that will regulate all, and the rules to be of such that will hold the officers to a strict responsibility for the companies or men placed under their immediate command: the men to be disciplined and drilled in such a way as to secure the greatest efficiency practicable. These are the simple principles which experience has shown must govern all organizations of men whose operations are to be directed effectively for a definite purpose; responsibility on the part of the officers, and obedience on the part of the men are essential. These qualities are just as important in operations at fires as at military affairs; and the habit of prompt obedience is essential to concert of action, and must be formed by discipline and drill; and all who have public property in charge, should be held to a personal accountability for its proper care and preservation. The board feels that every thing to make the fire department the sure reliance should be done; which we believe it should be within its proper sphere, and should be maintained in a condition of thorough efficiency. We are frequently reminded, by the experience of other towns, of the diasters to which we may be subjected by fire which cannot be controlled. Our principal security against such a calumny rests in the training and discipline of our firemen, the completeness of the machinery at their disposal, with an abundant supply of water, and proper facilities for applying it when required. Too much care cannot be devoted to perfecting these various details; their importance demands unceasing watchfulness, that we may be found prepared for any emergency which may arise. The board feel that the co-operation of the, town authorities at all times, with this branch of the town government, would assist very much in perfecting its efficiency, and lighten the burdens of the department in all improvements for its welfare; and, at the same time, we feel that it is the duty incumbent upon all citizens to protect themselves so far as is practicable.
APPARATUS.

The apparatus is in good condition, and consists of one steam engine and equipments, one four-wheel hose-carriage and appliances, one hook and ladder truck fully equipped, one fuel wagon in good order, and four two-wheel hose-carts. These are located at the following points, for the more immediate protection of the neighborhood, to be used in case of fire only. One at Aetna Mills, with 400 feet of hose, one at Hollinsworth and Whitney's paper-mills, with 400 feet of hose, one at N. C. Sanger & Son's planing-mills, with 500 feet of hose, and one at Walker, Pratt & Co.'s foundry, with 250 feet of hose.

HOSE.

There is in the engine-house, and other locations, 3,500 feet of hose; of this, 1,550 feet is located with the two-wheel carts, which leaves a balance in the engine-house of 1,950 feet, of this, 500 feet has had severe service and is not reliable; and as nothing is more essential for the effective working of the department in time of danger, than the hose through which water it conducted to the fire, we therefore recommend the purchase of 500 feet of hose, so as to keep a compliment of a reliable quality on hand equal to the test, as we feel that the bursting of a section of hose at the burning of the Metallic Art Works just at the time when a stream of water was most needed, was a very great disadvantage to the working of the department, had not that accident occurred, the result might have been some different. Promptness in getting to the fire, with apparatus in the best condition, may be rendered of no avail at the important moments by the bursting of hose.

WATER FOR FIRE PURPOSES.

The increase of our town in population, and in the magnitude of its public buildings and private residences has correspondingly increased our liability to conflagrations. As water is the only element used at present for the extinguishment of fire, it is wise and prudent to provide an abundant supply for this purpose;
there are eight reservoirs from which to obtain a supply of water for fire purposes, yet there are places that are not protected with the above element where there is much valuable property; the buildings are of wood and closely located, and in the event of a fire under any adversity would prove very disastrous, and the department would be obliged to work under very great disadvantages, and in some places the apparatus would be of little use. We therefore recommend for the present, and as we have already started on a system of reservoirs, that one or two be constructed annually, where, in the judgment of the constituted authorities, they are most needed, until all of the wants are supplied for this purpose.

HORSES.

The horses now in the service of this department number four, and are, with one exception, in good condition, and well-adapted to the service. Last summer one of them met with an accident while standing in the yard at the engine-house. The injuries received by the accident unfit the horse for fire-department use. We therefore recommend that he be exchanged or sold, and a suitable one for the use of the department put in his place. We are cramped for want of room in the stable, and we reiterate recommendation of last year's report — the enlargement of the stable.

FIRE ALARMS.

The department has been called out thirteen times during the past year; of this number five were fires out of town. The whole amount of property destroyed, as near as can be ascertained, was . . . . . . . . . $71,500.10
Insurance on same . . . . . . . . . 33,543.00
Total loss . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $87,957.00

EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS.

The expenses of the past year have been as follows:
For salaries of the members as per vote of the town, $5,240.-25; for horses and harnesses, $759.50; for furnishing of supplies,
such as fuel, hay, grain, gas, oils, &c., and extraordinary repairs on engine and hose-carriage, $2,179.98. Total, $8,773.77.

The receipts of the department the past year for the sale of a horse and manure, for filling cisterns, tanks, &c., amount to $478.25, which has been paid into the town treasury.

The increased expenses of the department over former years is attributable to the increase of salaries and the paying of liabilities incurred in 1873. The gross expenditures for the past financial year amounts to $8,773.77, an increase of $895.52 over the appropriation, and the above receipts amounting to $7,878.25, which has been transferred from the unexpended balances of other appropriations. Deduct from the gross account the bills left over from, and the liabilities incurred in, the year 1873, such as one quarter's salary due the fireman Feb. 1, 1874, &c., paid in 1874, amounting, as estimated in 1873, and since ascertained to be $806.75, with the extraordinary repairs in 1874, of $604.04, will put the financial exhibit of net expenditures for 1874, $7,362.98, which has been paid, freeing the department from all liabilities to Feb. 1, 1875, while the burden of 1874 has been largely increased by inheritance from 1873, yet all the ordinary and extraordinary expenses of the year 1874 have exceeded those of the year preceding, as will be seen by a comparison of reports of the department: and, whilst the expenses of every department must necessarily increase year by year with the growth of the town, the actual wants of the fire department become more numerous, yet it is our duty to check and limit in the future all that is possible for us to do; at the same time, we believe it to be impossible to reduce materially the ordinary expenses of this department, by reducing the appropriation, without actual detriment to the department and the interest of the town; and, as the heads of all departments should be held rigidly within the appropriation, compelling them, if more money is needed, to make out a good case to the town, before they are allowed to go on and incur liabilities, we believe for this reason that an appropriation should be made that will pay all the estimated expenses that are liable to arise. We
therefore do respectfully recommend an appropriation of $7,000, to defray the expenses of the department the coming year. The items of expenses estimated are as follows, —

Salaries  . . . . . . . $4,980.00
Hay, grain and straw . . . . . . . . 700.00
Fuel and light . . . . . . . . . . . . 200.00
Shoeing horses . . . . . . . . . . . . 100.00
Incidentals . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 520.00
Repairs . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 500.00

———$7,000.00

By vote of the town the engineers were authorized to purchase a hose carriage with five hundred feet of hose, and locate the same at N. C. Sanger & Son’s Planing Mill, and the sum of $1,000 was appropriated for this purpose, and of this amount we have expended $897.55, leaving a balance of $102.45.

In closing this report, the board of engineers return their sincere thanks to the department generally for their prompt and cheerful co-operation at all times, and hope that nothing may occur in the future to prevent that unanimity of action and good behavior at all times becoming a fireman, with a proper respect for their superior officers, by obedience of orders and compliance with the rules and regulations, which are the vital principles in a fire department.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. D. DREW, Board
G. B. MOORE, of Engineers
C. W. BERRY,
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

At the Superior Court, begun and holden at Cambridge, within and for the County of Middlesex, on the fourth Monday of June, being the twenty-fourth day of said month, Anno Domini, 1872.

The following By-Laws of the town of Watertown in said County, are presented to this Court for approval, to wit:—

"1st. There shall be annually elected by the inhabitants of the town, at their annual meeting in March, at least three suitable persons, to be called Commissioners for Truant Children, who shall hold their offices for one year, whose duty it shall be to make and enter complaints against all such persons as are named or described in the first section of the two hundred and seventh chapter of the Laws of the Commonwealth for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two, entitled, 'An Act concerning Truant Children and Absentees from School.'

"Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

"SECTION 1. Each city and town shall make all needful provisions and arrangements concerning habitual truants, and also concerning children wandering about in the streets or public places of any city or town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school and growing up in ignorance, between the ages of seven and sixteen years; and shall also make all such By-Laws respecting such children as shall be deemed most conducive to their welfare and the good order of such city or town; and there shall be annexed to such By-Laws suitable penalties, not exceeding twenty dollars for any one breach; provided, that said By-Laws shall be approved by the Superior Court sitting in any county in the Commonwealth."
SECTION 2. The almshouse of the town is hereby assigned as the suitable situation named in said act.

SECTION 3. Complaints under these By-Laws, shall, whenever practicable, be entered by said commissioners before any magistrate having jurisdiction of the offence in Watertown, Cambridge, or Waltham.

SECTION 4. Habitual truants shall, upon a first conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars, or by imprisonment in the almshouse, as the court or magistrate may determine; upon a second conviction they shall be punished by a fine not exceeding ten dollars, or by imprisonment, as aforesaid; upon a third conviction, they shall be punished by a fine not exceeding fifteen dollars, or by imprisonment as aforesaid; upon a third conviction, they shall be punished by a fine not exceeding fifteen dollars, or by imprisonment as aforesaid; upon a fourth conviction, by a fine of not less than twenty dollars, or by imprisonment as aforesaid.

SECTION 5. Children wandering about in the streets or public places of the town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance, between the ages of seven and sixteen years, shall, upon a first conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars, or by imprisonment in said almshouse for such time as the magistrate or court may determine. Upon a second conviction they shall be punished by a fine not exceeding fifteen dollars, or by imprisonment as aforesaid; upon a third conviction they shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars, or by imprisonment as aforesaid.

SECTION 6. Before making any complaint as aforesaid, the said commissioners, or either of them, shall report to the school committee of the town for the time being, the residence and condition of the person or persons to be complained of, with their names, and the names, residence, and occupation and condition of their parents or guardians, and such other material facts concerning such persons as may come to their knowledge; and the said commissioners shall receive and follow such directions concerning such persons as the school committee
may see fit to give; but if within ten days after making such reports the said school committee shall not give any such directions, the said commissioners shall forthwith enter their complaint before the proper magistrate or court.

Sect. 7. The said commissioners shall each receive such annual compensation for their services as the selectmen for the time being shall determine; such compensation shall continue until the expiration of their time of office. In case of resignation, the commissioners so resigning shall be entitled to a proportional amount of said compensation.

Sect. 8. The selectmen at their first regular meeting, after these By-Laws shall be approved, and hereafterwards at their first regular meeting, after the annual meeting of said inhabitants, shall divide the town into three suitable districts, and shall assign one of said commissioners to each district, who shall have the special charge and superintendence of the same, and of all the aforesaid persons residing or found or being therein: but it shall be the duty of each commissioner to report to the school committee any offence within his knowledge, whether committed in his own or any other district.

Sect. 9. The school committee of the town for the time being may exercise, if they choose so to do, the general charge and superintendence of the doings of said commissioners, who shall in such case be subject to the orders of said committee.

Sect. 10. The said commissioners shall be organized as a Board in the month of March, annually, by the choice of a chairman, who shall also be the secretary of the Board.

Sect. 11. The said commissioners shall keep a fair record of their proceedings, and of the offences complained of, with the acquittals or convictions, and the punishment awarded therefor, and the names and residences of the persons complained of, and the names and residences and occupations of their parents, or guardians, which, or a copy of which, shall be delivered to the chairman of the school committee, or any one of them at all times.

Sect. 12. The school committee, in their annual report to the town, are requested to present an abstract of the commis-
sioners’ report, with a particular statement of their action, if any, upon the matters embraced therein, accompanied by such observations in relation thereto as may be required for a full understanding of the operations of the Board.

HIGHWAYS.

Sect. 13. Whoever shall throw stones, sticks, or other missiles, or shoot with or use a bow and arrow, in any of the streets, or upon any of the sidewalks in this town, shall forfeit and pay into the town treasury, for each offence, a sum not less than one dollar, to be paid by each offender, or his or her parents or guardians respectively.

Sect. 14. No person having charge of any beast with intent to drive the same, shall suffer or permit any such beast to run, gallop, trot, pace, or go at any rate exceeding ten miles to the hour, through any way or street in this town on the Lord’s day; and any person who shall violate the provisions of this by-law shall be liable to a penalty of five dollars for each offence.

Sect. 15. No horse, or other grazing cattle, goats, sheep, or swine, shall be suffered to run at large, or to remain, or to loiter by the roadside, or by the roadside of any railroad corporation, or to feed upon or root up the herbage therein, either with or without a keeper; and no person shall voluntarily permit the same to go upon any sidewalk, harnessed or unharnessed; and for every offence against this by-law the owner shall forfeit and pay five dollars.

Sect. 16. No person shall tie or fasten any horse to, or have the same standing by, any ornamental or shade tree in or near the streets, lanes, or places of this town, so near as to injure any unprotected tree, or wrongfully injure or abuse such tree in any other manner, under a penalty of one dollar for each offence.

Sect. 17. No person shall place or cause to be placed upon any footpath or sidewalk, any wood, lumber, iron, coal, trunks, bales, boxes, crates, casks, barrels, stone, packages, or other things, or allow any door or gate to swing outward over any street or highway, for more than one hour after
being notified by a constable, police officer, or other person, to remove the same, under a penalty of one dollar for each offence.

**Sect. 18.** No person shall behave himself or herself in a rude or disorderly or boisterous manner, sing any song or songs or refrains, or use any indecent or profane or insulting language, in any street or other public place in the town, or near any dwelling-house or other building therein; or be, or remain, upon any sidewalk, public passage-way, or way or ways to any public hall or church, court, or public office, or upon any doorstep, portico, or other projection from any such house or other building, or upon any bridge, to the disturbance or obstruction of any person lawfully entitled to pass or inhabit or resort thereto; and no person shall sit upon any bridge, wall, fence, bank, or doorstep facing upon any public place, not being the occupant or owner thereof, without the express consent of the owner or occupant of the premises as his companion or guest, or at his invitation or request; nor shall any person, by any noise, gestures, or other means, wantonly and designedly frighten or drive any horse in charge of another in any street or other public place in the town; and, for any offence against this by-law, each offender shall forfeit a penalty of five dollars.

**Sect. 19.** No person shall fire or discharge any gun, fowling-piece, pistol, or other fire-arm, or any fire-crackers or torpedoes, or make any bonfire or other fire, in any street or public place of the town, or within ten rods of any dwelling-house, excepting in the performance of some duty, under a penalty of five dollars for each offence.

**Sect. 20.** No person shall make any indecent figure, or write any words, or make any marks upon, or cut, whittle, or deface in any manner, any wall, post, fence, or building, or in any public place whatever, in this town, nor post nor paint any advertisement of any nature upon any rail, rock, bridge, wall, fence or building, without the express consent of the owner or occupant thereof, and of the selectmen of the town, in case the property or structure is the property of the town; and any person, by himself or his agent, offending any provision
of this by-law, shall forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars for each offence.

Sect. 21. All persons intending to erect, repair, or take down any building on land abutting on any way which this town is obliged to keep in repair, and who desire to make use of any portion of said way for the purpose of placing thereon building-materials or rubbish, shall, before so placing any building-materials or rubbish, give notice in writing to the selectmen of such wish. And, thereupon, the selectmen are to cause to be allotted such portion of said way to be used for such purpose, as in their judgment the necessity of the case demands, and the security of the public allows, and to grant a permit accordingly.

Sect. 22. It shall be the duty of every person to whom any such permit may be granted, to place all his building-materials and rubbish on the place designated by the selectmen; and during the whole of every night, from twilight in the evening until the next morning, unless the same is enclosed, keep lighted lanterns so placed as effectually to secure all travellers from liability to come in contact with such materials or rubbish.

Sect. 23. In case any person shall use any portion of such way for the purposes mentioned in the twenty-first section, without the permit in writing of the selectmen as therein provided, or for a longer time than so permitted, or shall fail to comply with the requisitions of the twenty-second section, the party so in default shall forfeit and pay into the town treasury ten dollars for each day that such offence shall continue, and shall also reimburse the town for all expenses, by way of damage or otherwise, which the town may be compelled to pay by reason of the way being so encumbered.

Sect. 24. No building shall be moved over any way in this town, which this town is obliged to keep in repair, without the written permit of the selectmen being first obtained; and any person so moving or assisting in moving any such building without such permit being first obtained, or any such person who shall not comply with the restrictions and provisions which the selectmen may think the public security demands shall forfeit and pay into the town treasury, for every such offence,
fifty dollars; provided such restrictions and provisions are set forth in the permit; provided also, that the selectmen shall in no case grant a permit for the removal of any building whatsoever, which in the course of its removal will be likely to damage any trees, the property of individuals, whether standing in the road or in the field, unless the consent of such individual is first obtained.

Sect. 25. In case any building shall be moved contrary to the provisions of the twenty-fourth section, the owner of the building shall reimburse the town all expenses, by way of damages or otherwise, which the town may be compelled to pay by reason of the way being so encumbered.

HEALTH AND COMFORT.

Sect. 26. No person who shall remove or drive, or cause to be driven, any cart or wagon containing night-soil, slaughter-house offal, or blood, between April 1 and Dec. 1, between the hours of five A.M., and ten P.M., shall permit any such wagon to stand between said hours in any street or square. Any person offending against this section shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars for each and every offence.

Sect. 27. No person shall put or leave any dead animal or dead animal substance, fish-offal, or other animal matter, refuse vegetables, or the husks or pods thereof, or other vegetable matter, or deposit any coal ashes, or store or house sweepings, in any street, except with the written permission of a surveyor of highways; nor throw, conduct, or permit soapsuds, sink or waste water to flow into any street. And any person offending any provision of this section, or permitting the same from premises in his occupancy or control, shall forfeit and pay the sum of one dollar for each offence.

Sect. 28. No person shall be allowed to collect swill or house offal in any of the streets of the town, without having first obtained a written license from the selectmen, which said license shall designate the locality in which said person may collect such swill or house offal; and no person acting under such license shall allow any cart, wagon, or truck used in collect-
ing or conveying such swill or house-offal to be drawn over or stand upon any sidewalk. And any person offending against this section shall forfeit and pay the sum of two dollars for each and every offence, and be thereafter disqualified from obtaining such license.

POLICE AND POLICE REGULATIONS.

Sect. 29. The selectmen shall appoint annually two or more police officers, whose especial duty it shall be to see that these police regulations are duly enforced, and who shall remain in office until others are appointed in their stead, subject to removal by the selectmen.

Sect. 30. The police officers shall receive from the town such compensation as the selectmen may deem reasonable.

Sect. 31. They shall disperse all gatherings in the streets or elsewhere, by day or night, of noisy men or boys; and may and shall take into custody all disorderly persons, and persons found wandering at unreasonable hours and in suspicious places, and hold them in custody until they can be brought before a magistrate for examination.

Sect. 32. All idle or disorderly children who shall misspend their time in the streets or fields during school-hours; all persons who shall by day or night congregate noisily in or about the streets, or disturb the public quiet by unauthorized ringing of the church or other bells, or in any other improper manner, or who shall engage on Sunday in idle sport or needless labor, or fishing, or hunting, or who shall at any time deface, pull down, or injure any building, fence or sign, or other structure in this town not under their own rightful control, or shall trespass on any property, real or personal, or wrongfully remove therefrom or injure thereon any tree, plant, shrub, fruit, or vegetable, or who shall create any disturbance of or in any lawful meeting of the citizens of this town, or be guilty of using profane or obscene language in public, or in the hearing of others, or who shall indecently expose their person by bathing or in any other way, in sight of the public road or of any private dwelling, or shall permit any dangerous animals to go at large, or make any needless and
alarming noise or tumult, or leave or occasion any needless obstruction, or make any nuisance in the highway or on the sidewalks, or on the bridges over Charles River, shall for each and every one of such offences be severally liable to a fine not exceeding twenty dollars.

Sect. 33. Wherever the word "street" or "streets" is mentioned in these by-laws, it should be understood as meaning all alleys, lanes, courts, public squares, and public places, including sidewalks and gutters, unless the contrary is expressed, or the construction would be inconsistent with the manifest intent; and all fines shall be for the use of the treasury of the town of Watertown.

Which said By-Laws, being seen and understood by the Court, are on this eighteenth day of July instant approved.

In testimony that the foregoing is a true copy of record, I hereto set my hand and affix the seal of said Superior Court, this thirty-first day of July, A. D., 1872.

JOHN J. SAWYER, Asst. Clerk.
To George Parker, a Constable of the Town of Watertown, greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Watertown, to meet in the Town Hall, on Monday, the eighth day of March next ensuing, at nine o'clock, A.M., to act upon the following articles; viz.:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator for said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To hear the reports of town officers, and of committees heretofore appointed, and act thereon.

ART. 4. To grant such sums of money as may be thought necessary for the uses and expenses of the town for the ensuing year, and for paying a portion of the town debt, direct how the money so granted shall be raised, or act thereon.

ART. 5. To direct how the money granted, at a town meeting, held Dec. 22, A.D., 1874, for the purpose of widening, straightening and grading Coolidge Avenue, shall be raised.

ART. 6. To see what method the town will take for the collection of taxes for the ensuing year; choose a collector of taxes, or act thereon.

ART. 7. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow, on the credit and behalf of the town, such sums of money as may be necessary for the uses of the town in anticipation of the taxes, or act thereon.

ART. 8. To see if the town will adopt the Jury List as prepared by the Selectmen, or act thereon.
Art. 9. To see if the town will grant the sum of two hundred dollars to Isaac B. Patten Post 81, G. A. R., for the purpose of assisting said Post in defraying the expenses of decorating the graves of deceased soldiers, on the next Decoration Day, direct how the same shall be raised, or act thereon.

Art. 10. To see if the town will grant the free use of the Town Hall to the Young People's Literary Society, to the Literary Institute, Isaac B. Patten Post 81, G. A. R., and St. Patrick's Total Abstinence Society, a certain number of evenings during the year, for lectures and entertainments of a moral character.

Art. 11. To see what action the town will take with reference to watering the streets of the town; grant money for that purpose, direct how the same shall be raised, or act thereon.

Art. 12. To see if the town will construct and establish additional reservoirs for furnishing water in case of fires; direct how the cost of the same shall be raised, or act thereon.

Art. 13. To see if the town will continue the construction of concrete sidewalks under the operation of the law relating to sidewalks, passed at the last session of the General Court; grant money for said construction, direct how the same shall be raised, or act thereon.

Art. 14. To see if the town will grant money for the purpose of purchasing five hundred feet of new hose for the use of the Fire Department; grant money for that purpose, direct how the same shall be raised, or act thereon.

Art. 15. To see if the town will grant money for the purchase of a horse for the use of the Fire Department, direct how the same shall be raised, or act thereon.

Art. 16. To see if the town will accept and assume the perpetual care of a granite monument when completed, to the memory of Joseph Coolidge, the only citizen of this town who fell in the Battle of Lexington, April 19, 1775, which his descendants propose to erect, at or near his grave, in the
burial ground, in East Watertown, in season for the Centennial Celebration; and to refer to a committee any exercises which may be deemed suitable to the occasion.

Art. 17. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter three hundred and three of the Acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-two, as amended by the first section of Chapter one hundred and seven of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

And you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters aforesaid, by leaving at every inhabited house in the town, a printed notice containing all the articles to be acted upon, and also by posting up, in conspicuous public places in the town, two or more of such printed notices, seven days at least previous to the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to us the subscribers, on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Watertown, this twenty-third day of February, A.D., 1875.

GEO. N. MARCH, OLIVER SHAW, H. W. MACURDY, N. C. SANGER, } Selectmen of Watertown.
REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

To the Surveyors of Highways:

Gentlemen,—In submitting my report of the labor performed on the streets of the town, I respectfully call your attention to the fact, that the widening of old streets has consumed a considerable portion of the time and expense. Besides it should be borne in mind that items of expense, such as street signs and fencing, which heretofore have been paid out of the Contingent Fund, have, during the past year, been paid out of the appropriation for Highways. This process, although correct in principle, has very much curtailed the amount available for ordinary street repairs.

A large amount of labor has been performed on Walnut Street and Arlington Street, both of which have been, in part, widened and straightened. Both streets have been cut down to a considerable extent on the grade, and a large amount of earth cut off from the sides; and that part of Arlington Street, between the new depot and the culvert, has been covered with crushed stone. Some of the material taken from these streets has been used, as far as it was serviceable, on portions of other streets; and the balance has helped to fill up and make a sidewalk on the northerly side of Mount Auburn Street, from the land of George A. Stearns, to that of Delano March.

Orchard, Belmont, Lexington, and Pearl Streets have been filled on the sides, and gravelled in some places.

Spring Street has been filled and graded from the railroad crossing to Summer Street.

Arsenal Street has been widened to sixty-six feet against the land of Josiah Stickney, opposite the arsenal, and a new fence built on the whole line of said land, towards which the town contributed the posts.
A new fence or railing has been built on Market Street, on the river side, extending nearly the whole length of the marsh land. Water Street (formerly called "Starch Factory Lane") has been gravelled in part.

About twelve hundred and fifty tons of crushed stone has been put on to Mount Auburn, Galen, and Main Streets.

Portions of Main and Mount Auburn Streets, which had previously been covered with rubble, but which had become rutty, have been picked over, as an experiment, and I think have stood the wear well. That kind of work, however, in my judgment, should be done in the spring of the year, before the streets get dry and hard.

An amount of rubble much larger than that used last year will be required the coming year, and stone is being gathered for that purpose.

The engine and boiler used in running the crusher is completely worn out and useless. A new engine and boiler will have to be purchased. The crusher is in good condition.

The horses, four in number, are as good as can be found for the purpose for which they are required. The carts are poor, and a new one will be needed as soon as work can be commenced upon the roads.

For the expense of the highways, I respectfully refer you to the account of the Auditor.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM PERKINS, Supt. of Highways.
MR. WILLIAM PERKINS has been continued in office as Superintendent of Streets, and we refer the citizens to his Report, for information as to the nature of the work performed. We believe he has done his work faithfully, and has given good satisfaction.

We shall require a new engine and boiler, to run the crusher, which will cost in round numbers twelve hundred and fifty dollars ($1,250) for which we ask a special appropriation.

For the purpose of showing the actual area of road surface which the town is obliged to keep in repair, as well as for the benefit of persons who may desire to know the location and direction of the streets, we have caused to be prepared a statement of all the accepted streets in town, which we make a part of this Report.

As the streets become extended, and the number of dwellings increase, there comes a commensurate demand for sidewalks. Up to this time the expense of gravel sidewalks, street signs, and fencing has been paid out of the Appropriation for Highways. We allude to this matter, as showing, that, by small items, the Highway appropriation is constantly trenched upon, and diverted from care of the road bed.

By an old and standing vote of the town, it is understood that the town is to pay one-half of the expense of gravel walks. And on the strength of that vote persons often go on and make their sidewalks, and then demand of the town one-half of their expense. In most of these cases the town could have done the work at less expense. We therefore ask for the passage of a vote or a by-law by the town, which shall require that persons desiring a sidewalk shall notify the Overseers of Highways of the fact before proceeding to incur expense.
STREETS OF WATERTOWN. (Accepted.)

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<td>5,400</td>
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<td>Leads from the bridge over the F. R. R. near Mount Auburn: crossing Lexington Street to Waltham line,—only so much as lies between Lexington Street and Waltham line is in Watertown. The south-side, remainder, forms the boundary line between Watertown and Belmont. Its course is north-westerly. Length and width estimated.</td>
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<td>Leads from California Street southerly to Watertown Street</td>
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<td><strong>Green Street</strong></td>
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<td>Leads from Main Street south-westerly to Pleasant Street</td>
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<td>1,883 40</td>
<td>75,320</td>
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<td><strong>Howard Street</strong></td>
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<td>Leads from Main Street, near the West School-house, south-westerly, crossing the Watertown Branch of the F. R.R. at grade, to Pleasant Street.</td>
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<td>Leads from Pleasant Street, crossing the Mill Creek and Paper Mill Raceway by bridges to and on to the island so called</td>
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<td>Leads from Orchard Street south-easterly over land formerly of &quot;White &amp; Wright&quot; to Poor Farm land</td>
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<td>Leads from the junction with Mount Auburn Street and the termini of Arsenal and Market Streets north-westerly to Waltham line. Originally laid out four rods wide; it now varies in width from 41 to 44, 57.30 and 103.9 feet</td>
<td>7,576</td>
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<td><strong>Market Street</strong></td>
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<td>4,372</td>
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<td>2,207</td>
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<td>4,400 av. 35</td>
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<td>Leads from Summer Street north-easterly, crossing Fayette and Palfrey Streets to land of Nathaniel Whiting's estate.</td>
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<td><strong>PHILLIPS STREET</strong></td>
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<td>Leads from Mount Auburn Street by the Phillips Church to Garnet Street.</td>
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<td><strong>PLEASANT STREET</strong></td>
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<td>Leads from Galen Street, at the “Square” so called, by the Mill Creek and so along and near to Charles River westerly to Waltham line, crossing Bemis or Bridge Street and Howard Street.</td>
<td>2,640½</td>
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<td><strong>PROSPECT STREET</strong></td>
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<td><strong>RIVERSIDE PLACE</strong></td>
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<td>Leads from Main Street, by the Mill Raceway and Charles River, southerly and south-easterly to land of Richard Sanger estate, formerly known as Public or Town Landing. Length and width estimated.</td>
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<td>Leads from Mount Auburn Street, north-westerly, crossing Spring and Church Streets, to White’s Avenue.</td>
<td>394</td>
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<td>19,700</td>
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<td>778</td>
<td>av. 45</td>
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<td>791</td>
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<td>31,640</td>
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<td>Leads from Arsenal Street, northerly to Mount Auburn Street, crossing the Watertown Branch of the F. R.R. at grade.</td>
<td>Length and width estimated. Laid out 25 feet wide 820</td>
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<td><strong>WALNUT STREET</strong></td>
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<td>Leads from Mount Auburn Street, south-easterly, crossing the Watertown Branch of the F. R.R. at grade, to Arsenal Street. Originally called Crooked Lane, or the Road to ye Flatts.</td>
<td>666½</td>
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<td>32,825</td>
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<td>2,470</td>
<td>av. 30</td>
<td>74,100</td>
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<td><strong>WARREN STREET</strong></td>
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<td>Leads from Lexington Street north-westerly to Waltham line Formerly Hager Lane.</td>
<td>Length and width estimated. 2,800</td>
<td>av. 30</td>
<td>84,000</td>
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<td><strong>WATER STREET</strong></td>
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<td>Formerly “Starch Factory Lane,” leads from Galen Street, south-easterly and westerly to Galen Street again, by the South School-house.</td>
<td>1,032</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>30,960</td>
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<td>450</td>
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<td>11,250</td>
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<td><strong>WATERTOWN STREET</strong></td>
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<td>Leads from Galen Street at the South end of the Bridge over Charles River, south-westerly to Newton line.</td>
<td>Length estimated 2,925</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>146,250</td>
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<td><strong>WHITE STREET</strong></td>
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<td>Leads from Orchard Street, north-easterly, over lands formerly of “White &amp; Wright,” to Belmont Street</td>
<td>1,105</td>
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<td>55,250</td>
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<td><strong>WHITE’S AVENUE</strong></td>
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<td>Leads from Main Street, north-easterly, crossing the Watertown Branch of the F. R.R. at grade (legality of crossing in doubt), to Fayette Street</td>
<td>956</td>
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<td>38,240</td>
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**STREETS.**

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<td><strong>WHITNEY STREET</strong></td>
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<td>Leads from Orchard Street, north-easterly, over land formerly of &quot;White &amp; Wright,&quot; to Belmont Street</td>
<td>696</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>27,540</td>
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<td><strong>WINTER STREET</strong></td>
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<td>Leads from Main Street, opposite Cross Street, north-easterly and south-easterly, crossing the Watertown Branch of the F. R.R. at grade, to Church Street. Length estimated. Width from 23 to 31 feet</td>
<td>638</td>
<td>av. 27</td>
<td>17,226</td>
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<td>6,422,996</td>
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The Length of streets in miles is 24.85. The Area of streets in acres is 134.20.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. N. MARCH, OLIVER SHAW, H. W. MACURDY, N. C. SANGER,

Surveyors of Highways.
REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

By reference to the auditor's account, it will be seen that the expenses of this Department have exceeded, by a small amount, the appropriation and receipts. The cause of the excess is to be found in the increased amount expended for outside aid, which is $282.10 greater than last year. The principal item causing the excess is the expense attending the sickness and funeral expenses of Jane Whitney, at Medway, in the sum of $193.43. Our most careful attention has been given to the nature of the applications for outside aid, and we believe it has not, in any case, been granted where we could, in the exercise of common feelings of humanity, refuse. The number of single persons and heads of families aided is thirty-nine.

INMATES OF THE ALMSHOUSE FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR.

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<th>NAME</th>
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<tr>
<td>*Joseph Mackin,</td>
<td>78 years</td>
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<td>*Lucretia Norcross,</td>
<td>63 &quot;</td>
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<td>John R. Tufts,</td>
<td>64 &quot;</td>
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<td>*Eliza D. Tufts,</td>
<td>63 &quot;</td>
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<td>Antonio Bomene,</td>
<td>50 &quot;</td>
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<td>Elijah Hager,</td>
<td>83 &quot;</td>
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<td>Gerry Hager,</td>
<td>45 &quot;</td>
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<td>Abigail Gardner,</td>
<td>56 &quot;</td>
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<td>Amos L. Derby,</td>
<td>56 &quot;</td>
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<td>*Mary McCabe,</td>
<td>55 &quot;</td>
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<td>*Mary Woods,</td>
<td>77 &quot;</td>
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FOR A PORTION OF THE YEAR.

CAME. LEFT.

*Charles McCabe, 20 years, Nov. 20, 1873, May 25, 1874.
*Philip Mackin, 23 " April 7, 1874, June 10, 1874.
Patrick Hughes, 68 " Nov. 17, 1874, there now.
James Smith, from Belmont, Nov. 20, 1874, Nov. 27, 1874.
Hannah Conners, Dec. 20, 1874, s’t to Tewksb’y.
Fred. D. Robbins, 17, is at State Reform Sch’l, Westb.

For those marked thus * this town is entitled to $1.10 per week for each one, from the town of Belmont; also to 32.59 per cent of whatever sum is paid for outside aid to Nancy W. Stone, now living in the city of Boston.

The number of travellers lodged during the past year is,

- at the Almshouse 34
- " Station House 559
- Total 593.

The whole number of persons supported at the almshouse, according to statement rendered to the Board of State Charities Oct. 1, 1874, for one year previous is 15.

The average number is 12.97.

The cost per week, exclusive of interest on the value of the farm, buildings, &c., is, for each pauper, $3.95.

The paupers at the almshouse are well cared for. Most of them being above the average age of human life and of impaired constitution, can entertain no hope of a better situation. But, were it otherwise, they would have no cause of complaint as to the provision made for them by the town.

A new barn has been built during the past year at an expense within the appropriation made therefor.

There has been no occasion for using the building erected as a Hospital, for treatment of Zymotic disease, and it has been leased at moderate rental, for housekeeping.

Some repairs will be necessary the ensuing year, such as shingling the house in part, repairs of outhouse; and a shed is very much needed for housing the wagons, carts, &c. We estimate the
amount required at $600, which sum we recommend shall be granted and appropriated for those purposes.

Zachariah Boody and wife have had the charge of the almshouse for six years, and have uniformly given good satisfaction.

The law concerning settlement of paupers has been so changed, that towns and cities may reasonably calculate upon increased expense for the support of the poor. We submit the new law.

[Chap. 274.]

An Act for the more efficient Relief of the Poor.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

Sect. 1. Any person of the age of twenty-one years who resides in any place within this State for five years together and pays all state, county, city or town taxes duly assessed on his poll or estate for any three years within that time shall thereby gain a settlement in such place.

Sect. 2. Any woman of the age of twenty-one years who resides in any place within this State for five years together without receiving relief as a pauper shall thereby gain a settlement in such place. The first section of the three hundred and ninety-second chapter of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy is hereby repealed.

Sect. 3. No existing settlement shall be changed by any provision of this act unless the entire residence and taxation herein required accrues after its passage; but any unsettled person shall be deemed to have gained a settlement upon the completion of the residence and taxation herein required, though the whole or a part of the same accrues before the passage of this act.

Sect. 4. The provisions of this act shall not apply to any person who at the date of its passage is an inmate of either of the state lunatic hospitals, the asylum for the insane, or the state almshouse at Tewksbury, the state workhouse, or the state primary school, until such person has been duly discharged from said institution. Approved May 28, 1874.

It will be seen that the tendency of this law is to fix the settlement of poor persons eventually on the towns and cities of the
State, and thereby to relieve the State from the support of such persons.

Respectfully Submitted,

GEO. N. MARCH,  
OLIVER SHAW,  
H. W. MACURDY,  
N. C. SANGER,

{Overseers  
of the  
Poor.}
REPORT OF COMMITTEE

ON

WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE

FOR THE

TOWN OF WATERTOWN,

March 1, 1875.
COMMITTEE.

GEORGE K. SNOW, THOS. P. WEST,
ROYAL GILKEY, WM. A. BLODGETT,
EDWARD FITZWILLIAMS.

GEO. N. MARCH, OLIVER SHAW, H. W. MACURDY, N. C. SANGER,

JOSEPH CRAFTS, Town Clerk.
REPORT.

Your committee have to report that, since the last town meeting in December, 1874, they have instructed their engineer, N. Henry Crafts, Esq., to proceed with the surveys as directed by that meeting, for a complete system of sewerage, and that he has proceeded as fast as was practicable during the extreme cold weather of the past two months, most of his work being done upon the district upon the south side of Charles River, that being needed first, on account of the application of some parties there residing for a division of the town. These surveys have been of great utility before the committee at the State House.

At the present time field-work on the surveys is being pushed forward through the main part of the town, upon the north side of Charles River, and your committee expect that the work will be so far completed as to enable them to submit a report with plans for sewerage at an early date this spring.

The extreme drought of this winter has caused many to wish earnestly for an early introduction of water throughout the town, very many of our inhabitants being obliged to have water hauled to their premises from the river.

In accordance with the directions given us by the town at the December, 1874, meeting, we have made application to the Legislature for an Act to allow us to take water from Kendall’s Pond or Charles River. We have had two hearings before the Committee on Water Supply and Drainage, and we have good reason to expect that the bill substantially as,
printed herewith, will be reported and passed at an early day; and whenever it becomes a law, a town meeting should be, and undoubtedly will be, called to act upon its acceptance.

The approaching season will, without doubt, be one very favorable for the construction of water-works, on account of the low price of all kinds of material.

The lesson taught by the extreme cold weather of this winter should be heeded whenever pipes are laid in our town, so that the depth of the trenches may be great enough to insure freedom from freezing.

GEO. K. SNOW, Chairman.
AN ACT

TO SUPPLY THE TOWN OF WATERTOWN WITH WATER.
AN ACT

TO SUPPLY THE TOWN OF WATERTOWN WITH WATER.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

SECT. 1. The town of Watertown is hereby authorized to take, hold, and convey into and through said town the waters of Kendall's Pond, so called, in the towns of Belmont and Waltham, together with the tributary waters which flow into said pond, for the extinguishment of fires, domestic, and other purposes; or at its election, for the purposes aforesaid, to take, hold, and convey into and through said town from Charles River, at any convenient point upon the same, within said town, sufficient water for the use of said town and its inhabitants, not exceeding one million and a half gallons daily; and may also take and hold by purchase, or otherwise, any lands or real estate necessary for laying and maintaining aqueducts or pipes, constructing or maintaining reservoirs, and such other works as may be deemed necessary or convenient for raising, retaining, distributing, or disposing of said water.

SECT. 2. The town of Watertown shall, within sixty days from the time it shall take any lands for the purposes of this act, file in the registry of deeds of the county and district in which said lands lie, a description of the lands so taken as certain as is required in a common conveyance of lands, and a statement of the purposes for which they were taken, which description and statement shall be signed by a majority of the selectmen of said town.
Sect. 3. Said town of Watertown may make, build, and lay down aqueducts and pipes, from said sources, to, into, through, and about said town of Watertown, and secure and maintain the same by any works suitable therefor; may erect and maintain dams to raise and retain the water taken; may construct and maintain reservoirs to secure the water taken; and may make, erect, and maintain, and carry on such other works as may be necessary or proper for raising the water into the same, and forcing and distributing the water through and about said town of Watertown; may make and establish such public hydrants and fountains in such places in said town of Watertown as may, from time to time, be deemed proper, and prescribe the purposes for which the same may be used, and may change or discontinue the same; may distribute the water throughout said town of Watertown, and for this purpose may lay down pipes to any house or building therein, the owner or owners thereof having notice and not objecting thereto; may regulate the use of said water, and establish, receive, and collect the prices or rents to be paid therefor; and may, for the purposes aforesaid, carry and conduct and maintain any aqueducts, pipes, or other works, under, through, or across any watercourse, canal, street, bridge, railroad, highway, or other way, in such a manner as not to obstruct the travel or free use thereof; may enter upon and dig up any such road, street, or way, for the purpose of laying down pipes beneath the surface thereof, and for maintaining and repairing the same; and, in general, may do any other acts and things necessary or convenient and proper for carrying out the purposes of this act.

Sect. 4. Three persons, to be elected by ballot by the said inhabitants, as hereinafter provided, shall form a board of water commissioners, who shall execute, superintend and direct the performance of all the works, matters and things mentioned in this act, and exercise all the rights,
powers and privileges hereby granted, and not otherwise specifically provided for herein, subject to the vote of said town. At any special or annual meeting of the inhabitants of said town, called for the purpose, one of the said board of water commissioners shall be elected for a term ending one year, one for a term ending two years, and one for a term ending three years from the next succeeding annual town meeting; after which first election one third of said board, as the term expires, shall be elected at the annual town meeting for the term of three years. The said commissioners shall receive such salaries or compensation as the said town by vote may prescribe, and a majority of said commissioners shall be a quorum for the exercise of the powers and duties prescribed by this act. Such commissioners shall be subject to such ordinances, rules and regulations in the execution of their trust as the town may from time to time ordain and establish, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, and the laws of the Commonwealth.

Sect. 5. For the purpose of defraying the cost and expenses which may be incurred under the provisions of this act, the town of Watertown, through its treasurer, shall have authority to issue from time to time, notes, scrip, or certificates of debt, to be denominated on the face thereof, "Watertown Water Scrip," to an amount not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, bearing interest not exceeding seven per centum per annum, payable semi-annually; the principal shall be payable at periods not more than thirty years from the issuing of said notes, scrip, or certificates, respectively. Said town of Watertown may sell the same, or any part thereof, from time to time, or pledge the same for money borrowed for the purposes aforesaid, on such terms and conditions as it may deem proper, and may make appropriations, and assess from time to time such amounts, not exceeding in one year the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars towards pay.
ment of the principal of the money so borrowed, and also a sum sufficient to pay the interest thereof, in the same manner as money is assessed and appropriated for other town purposes.

Sect. 6. Said town of Watertown shall be liable to pay all damages that shall be sustained by any person or persons in their property, by the taking of the waters of Charles River, or any other source of supply, or any part thereof, as authorized by this act, or by the taking of any land, rights of way, water rights, or easements, or by the erection of any dams, or the construction of any aqueducts, reservoirs, water-ways, or other works for the purposes of this act; and if the owner or owners of any property which shall be taken as aforesaid, or other person or persons sustaining damages as aforesaid, shall not agree on the damages to be paid therefore, he or they may apply by petition for an assessment of the damages at any time within three years from the taking of the said property, or the construction of dams or other works occasioning damages as aforesaid, and not afterwards, to the Superior Court in the County of Middlesex. Such petition may be filed in the Clerk’s Office of said court, in vacation, or in term time, and the clerk shall thereupon issue a summons to the said town of Watertown, returnable, if issued in vacation, at the next term of the said court, to be held after the expiration of fourteen days from the filing of said petition; and, if in term time, returnable on such day as said court shall order, to appear and answer to the said petition; the said summons shall be served fourteen days at least before the term or day at which it is returnable, by leaving a copy thereof, and of the said petition, certified by the officer who shall serve the same, with the clerk of said town of Watertown, appoint three disinterested persons, who shall, after reasonable notice to the parties, assess the damages, if any, which such petitioner may have sustained, as aforesaid, and the award of the said persons so appointed, or a major part of them, being returned into, and accepted by
the said court, shall be final, and judgment shall be rendered, and execution issued thereon for the prevailing party, with costs, unless one of said parties shall claim a trial by jury, as hereinafter provided.

Sect. 7. If either of the parties mentioned in the sixth section shall be dissatisfied with the amount of damage awarded, as therein expressed, such party may, at the term at which such award was accepted, or the next term thereafter, claim, in writing, a trial in said court, and have a jury to hear and determine, at the bar of said court, all questions of fact relating to such damages, and to assess the amount thereof; and the verdict of said jury being accepted and recorded by the said court, shall be final and conclusive; and judgment shall be rendered and execution issued thereon; and costs shall be recovered by the said parties respectively, in the same manner as is provided by law in regard to proceedings relating to the laying out of highways.

Sect. 8. In every case of a petition to the Superior Court for the assessment of damages, as provided in this act, the town of Watertown may tender to the complainant, or his attorney, any sum that it shall think proper, or may bring the same into court, to be paid to the complainant for damages by him sustained or claimed in his petition; and if the complainant shall not accept the sum with his costs up to that time, but shall proceed in his suit, he shall be entitled to his costs up to the time of the tender of such payment into court, and not afterwards, unless the complainant shall recover greater damages than were so offered.

Sect. 9. The town of Watertown may also, for the purpose of collecting water and supplying the same to said Kendall's Pond, make and maintain upon or near said pond, or the streams flowing into the same, or at, upon, or
near the source of said pond or streams, any reservoirs, dams, or other suitable structures, and may take and hold, by purchase or otherwise, such real estate, water, water rights, or easements, as may be necessary or convenient for that purpose; and may also take and hold, in like manner, such land, not exceeding five rods in width, on and around the margin of said Kendall's Pond and its tributaries, as may be necessary for the preservation of the purity of the waters thereof.

Sect. 10. The town of Watertown may, by a vote of said town, declare the quantity of water proposed to be taken from Charles River, not exceeding one million five hundred thousand gallons daily; such vote to be passed not less than three months before the waters shall be withdrawn from said river; and a copy of such vote shall be filed in the Registry of Deeds for the Southern District of the County of Middlesex within sixty days thereafter; and the terms thereof shall be held to be the measure and limit of the right of said town of Watertown to take or divert the waters of said river under this act.

Sect. 11. It shall be the duty of said town of Watertown to provide some reliable means or method of measuring and registering the amount of water taken from Charles River, as soon as they commence taking the same, such register or record to be accessible at all times to any interested parties; and if the owners of any water rights in the waters of said river and said town shall fail to agree upon the mode of measurement, the method shall be fixed by one or more engineers, to be appointed upon the application of either party, by any justice of the Supreme Judicial Court. And if at any time said town of Watertown shall take a larger quantity of water from Charles River than it shall have determined to take by said vote under the tenth section of this act, it shall be liable in an action of tort to any mill owner for any additional damage he may have suffered,
and may be restrained by injunction from taking such larger quantity of water in a suit in equity brought by any such mill owner.

Sect. 12. No application shall be made to the court for the assessment of damages for the taking of any water rights, or for any injury thereto until the water is actually withdrawn or diverted by said town of Watertown under the authority of this act.

Sect. 13. If any person shall use any water taken under this act without the consent of said town of Watertown, or shall wantonly or maliciously divert the water or any part thereof, taken or held by said town of Watertown, pursuant to the provisions of this act, or corrupt the same, or render it impure, or destroy or injure any dam, aqueduct, pipe, conduit, hydrant, machinery, or other works or property held, owned or used by said town of Watertown under the authority of, and for the purposes of, this act, he shall forfeit and pay to said town of Watertown three times the amount of damage assessed therefor, to be recovered in an action of tort, and on conviction of either of the wanton or malicious acts aforesaid, may be also punished by fine not exceeding three hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in jail not exceeding one year.

Sect. 14. The occupant of any tenement shall be liable for the payment of the rent for the use of the water in such tenement, and the owner shall also be liable, if, on being notified of such use, he does not object thereto.

Sect. 15. Nothing in this act shall be construed to affect any existing right of the town of Watertown, to draw water from said river, or to authorize said town to prevent a flow of less than two hundred thousand gallons of water daily from Kendall's Pond into Beaver Brook, the outlet of said pond.
Sect. 16. The town of Watertown is hereby authorized to contract with the town of Belmont, to furnish and provide said town of Belmont, from its aqueducts, conduits, pipes, or other works to be laid or constructed under the provisions of this act, sufficient water for the use of said town of Belmont and its inhabitants, for the purposes mentioned in section one, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon; or may furnish water for the purposes aforesaid to any inhabitants of Belmont, with the consent of the Selectmen thereof; and said town of Belmont is hereby authorized, for the purposes aforesaid, to make, build, and lay down aqueducts, reservoirs, conduits, and pipes within its limits, and to connect the same with any aqueducts, conduits, or pipes laid down or constructed within its limits, by the town of Watertown, under the provisions of this act; and to take and divert therefrom a sufficient supply of water for the uses and purposes aforesaid, subject, nevertheless, to the payment of an equitable and reasonable price and compensation for the same; and in case the said towns shall not agree upon the place, mode, or extent of such connection or diversion, or upon the sum to be paid by said town of Belmont to the town of Watertown, for the water so to be taken and diverted, or upon any other terms or conditions of such taking and diversion, the same shall be determined by three commissioners to be appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court, upon application of either party, and after notice to the other party, whose award and determination in the premises, being returned into the clerk's office of said court, for the county of Middlesex, shall be final and binding upon the parties.

Sect. 17. The said town of Belmont, in the event that it shall take water under any provisions of the preceding section, is hereby authorized to take and hold, by purchase or otherwise, any lands or real estate necessary for laying and maintaining aqueducts, reservoirs, or pipes, or such other works as may be deemed necessary or proper for
receiving, retaining, distributing, or disposing of said water, and for the same purposes in such event, the said town of Belmont shall, within its own limits in respect to such taking, have all the powers, rights, and authorities given to the town of Watertown by this act, and all the provisions of this act shall extend and apply thereto, so far as the same shall be applicable.

Sect. 18. This act shall take effect upon its passage, and shall become void unless accepted and an election made as provided in Section 1, by a majority of the legal voters of the town of Watertown present and voting thereon, at a legal meeting held within two years from the time of the passage of this act.
THE

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF

WATERTOWN,

For 1874-75.

Watertown, Feb. 18, 1875.

In School Committee, Voted, That the Annual Report of the School Committee, as presented by the chairman, be adopted.

Attest: CHAS. W. STONE,

Secretary.
REPORT.

In presenting to the town the Annual Report, we do not deem it necessary to enter into any lengthy discussion in regard to the present school system. Indeed, any discussion would be but a reiteration of the opinions which have been expressed in previous reports.

We may, however, venture the assertion, notwithstanding it may clash with the popular idea of to-day, "that very little real advancement has been made in education in the twenty-five years past, so far as the male sex is concerned. It is indeed customary for school conventions, boards, and committees to look back upon that period as a sort of "Dark Age" in comparison with to-day. They will talk of the old school-houses, which were little, if any, better than barns; where, in the winter, half of the time was spent in keeping from freezing. They will tell us that we have more schooling; that we have more studies; and of the new branches which have been introduced into the popular course; and that we have better text-books. In each of these assertions there is some truth; but it is questionable whether we produce proportionately better results. We admit children at least two years before they should see the inside of a school-house, and we keep them in months each year more than they should be confined. The stuffing process is not the best process; it operates mentally as over-eating does physically; it nauseates, blunts, and deadens. Childhood wants something beside the school; it needs fresh air, sunlight, exercise, sports, and, at a proper age, useful and productive labor.

The studies have been increased in number, until the children are confused. Were the minds of the scholars like bottles, simply to be filled, and the sooner the better, this
would be well; but it is no such thing. We should seek to
develop the powers, and make a basis for accumulation in
after life. It is not to grapple with the ideas of philosophers
that the pupils are in our common schools, but to grapple
with themselves, reduce their own powers to order, and be
able to command them when required. All that the majority
of scholars learn before they are fourteen could be mastered
in a single year when the mind has become matured. It is
not the amount, we repeat, that the child learns, about which
we should trouble ourselves, but that the instruction which he
receives should make him better, stronger, more self-reliant,
and more capable of learning hereafter. It better answers
the end in view, if the studies are few, and these thoroughly
acquired. Whatever is learned should be learned well, so
that it may never be lost; and when a scholar leaves school
all that he has gone over should be at his command, and ready
at his call.

"Some eulogize our present system of popular education as
though worthy to be universally admired and imitated; others
pronounce it circumscribed in its action, and feeble even
where it acts. Let us waste no time in composing this strife
If good, let us improve it; if bad, let us reform it. It is of
human institutions as of men. Not any one is so good that it
cannot be made better; nor so bad that it cannot become
worse. Our system of education is not to be compared with
those of other States or countries, merely to determine whether
it may be a little more or a little less perfect than they; but
it is to be contrasted with our highest ideas of perfection
itself, and then the pain of the contrast to be assuaged by
improving it forthwith and continually. The love of excellence
looks ever upward towards a higher standard; it is unim-
proving pride and arrogance only that are satisfied with being
superior to a lower. No community should rest contented
with being superior to other communities, while it is inferior
to its own capabilities. And such are the beneficent ordina-
tions of Providence, that the very thought of improving is the
germination of improvement."
The School Committee, as at present organized, consists of

Chairman.— H. J. Edwards . . . . . . 1876.
Secretary.— Charles W. Stone . . . . . . 1875.
John Coolidge, jun. . . . . . . 1877.
M. M. Green . . . . . . 1876.
Cornelius Walker . . . . . . 1877.
T. G. Abbott . . . . . . 1875.

SUB-COMMITTEES.

High School.
H. J. Edwards, Chairman, and the entire Board.

West District.
M. M. Green, Chairman,
John Coolidge, jun.,
Cornelius Walker.

South District.
Cornelius Walker, Chairman,
C. W. Stone,
H. J. Edwards.

East District.
John Coolidge, jun., Chairman,
M. M. Green,
T. G. Abbott.

Centre Grammar and Intermediate, 1 and 2.
Charles W. Stone, Chairman,
Cornelius Walker,
H. J. Edwards.

Centre Primary, 1, 2, 3.
T. G. Abbott, Chairman,
John Coolidge, jun.,
C. W. Stone.
HIGH SCHOOL REGISTER.


Whole number of Pupils registered ........................................ 93
“ “ “ Girls .............................................................................. 53
“ “ “ Boys .............................................................................. 40

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The graduates during 1874, were, in the four years' course, Miss Emma McLanthlin, Miss Hattie E. Mason, Miss Cora P. Barker, Miss Sarah H. Peckham, Miss Josephine A. Priest.

The graduates in the three years' course were, Miss Ada Drew, Miss Delia Godding, Geo. H. Wiswell, Frank Cobb, Edward Morse, Herbert Sawyer, Fredrick Critchett, Walter Priest.

There will be sixteen candidates for diplomas at the end of the present year.
### HIGH-SCHOOL STUDY PLAN.

**THE COMPLETE COURSE OF ENGLISH STUDY.**

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The figures show the number of Recitations per week. Candidates for graduation in the three years' course substitute any study of the fourth year in place of a study of the prescribed course. Pupils not designing to pursue the whole, even of the shorter course, select, subject to approval of teachers and parents, such of the studies of the whole course of four years as seem best for them. Weekly exercises in Declamation and Composition throughout the course, and in Reading as well after the first year. Music taught once a week; Drawing, nine hours per week. Four pupils are pursuing Greek and the other studies of the college course.
# SCHOOL REPORT.

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## SCHOOL REPORT.

### Studies of Fourth Year.

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EXAMINATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE WATERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL, JUNE, 1874.

ARITHMETIC.

1. Out of a piece of land, whose length is twice its breadth, and whose area is 4 A., 2 R., 14 rds., 168½ ft., how many house-lots may be formed, each of which is 50 ft. in breadth and 100 ft. in length?

2. If a load of wood be 12 ft. in length, and 3 ft. 8 in. in breadth, what must be its height to contain a cord and a half?

3. Add together \( \frac{3}{4} \) and \( \frac{1}{4} \), subtract from their sum \( \frac{1}{2} \) of \( \frac{5}{6} \), and multiply the remainder by the quotient of \( \frac{1}{5} \) divided by \( \frac{3}{4} \). What is the product?

4. A milligramme is what decimal part of a kilogramme?

5. If interest in England is 5 per cent, and in Illinois 10 per cent per annum, how much more will an Illinois investment of $700 produce in 2 years, 6 months, and 24 days, at simple interest, than one in England of the same amount and for the same time?

6. If a depositor in the Watertown Savings Bank deposits $375 July 1, 1874, what sum would be due him from the bank Jan. 1, 1879, if the bank pay 6 per cent compound interest on the deposit?

7. A borrower wishes to obtain $1,960 from the Union Market National Bank on a note payable in 90 days, without grace, at 8 per cent annual interest. For what sum must the note be written?

8. What per cent of 60 per cent is 30 per cent?

9. If 6 men in 16 days, of 9 hours each, build a wall 20 ft. in length, in how many days of 12 hours each, would 24 men build a wall of 200 ft. in length?

10. What is the difference between the square root of \( 42\frac{1}{2} \) and the square root of \( 0.000729 \)?

GRAMMAR.

1. Define an abstract noun, and a collective noun, and write one sentence containing an abstract noun, and a second containing a collective noun.
2. Write the law respecting the use of *s* and *es* in the formation of the plural.

3. Compare the adjectives, happy, noble, good, beautiful, fine, little, magnificent; state which are regularly and which are irregularly compared, and the rule for the comparison of happy, and the rule for the comparison of magnificent.

4. Name the different classes of pronouns, the list of personal pronouns, and decline *I*.

5. Name the four moods of the verb, write four sentences illustrating the use of the different moods, and state the mood intended to be employed in each.

6. Write a synopsis of the verb "go" in the indicative mood, third person, singular number.

7. In the phrase a "red and a white flag," is the reference to one flag or to two flags?

8. In the sentence "I have *but one* book, *but no one* but myself knows it," state the part of speech of *one* and *but* in each instance of their use.

9. Parse the following sentence in full, and then analyze it: "If death were a release from every thing, it would be a piece of good luck to the wicked."

10. Write a composition of ten lines on "What Constitutes Good Reading," illustrating in it your knowledge of punctuation, use of capitals, and grammar.

**GEOGRAPHY.**

1. Name the State of the Union which produces the most cotton.

2. Name the principal minerals found in Great Britain.

3. Name the Territories of the United States, and their capitals.

4. Name the five largest cities of Russia, and state the position of each.

5. Name the twelve rivers which have their sources in the Alps, the directions in which they respectively flow, and the body of water into which each empties.

6. Name the twelve seas that border upon, or are in Asia.
7. Name the four great islands between Asia and Australia.
8. Which is the farther north, Chicago or Venice? Washington or Paris?
9. State the meaning of the word "Tropic"; why the northern tropic is called the Tropic of Cancer; what reason there is for placing it where it is found, and the number of degrees it is from the North Pole.
10. Draw an outline map of North America, and put into it its different countries, the Mississipi and its tributaries, the river St. Lawrence, and the chain of the Great Lakes, writing in their places the names of any river or strait connecting these lakes, and the cities Montreal, Toronto, and Quebec.

SPELLING.
Fifty words selected by the examining committee.

READING.
Selections in prose and poetry.

CONDITION OF SCHOOLS, AND CHANGES OF TEACHERS.
In regard to the amount of work performed, and results accomplished, we believe that the year will compare favorably with former years. In July last, Mr. George R. Dwelley, who for the previous three years had labored most earnestly and successfully in the High School, resigned his position to enter upon other duties. During the period of his connection with the school, Mr. Dwelley accomplished a large amount of work, and left the school in a highly satisfactory and flourishing condition, creditable alike to himself and to the town.

The vacancy thus occurring was filled by the election of Mr. Byron Groce of Peabody, who took charge of the school on the 1st of September last. Mr. Groce came to the school with the most flattering testimonials as to character, ability, and qualifications, and we trust will succeed in keeping the school fully up to its previous standard.

At the Centre Grammar School, also, we were called upon
to accept the resignation of Mr. George W. Andrew, and it is but justice to say that this school, the largest and most unwieldy of the grammar schools, had, under his charge, reached a high state of perfection, reflecting great credit upon himself and his assistants, and had come to be deservedly considered a model. This vacancy was filled by the choice of Mr. John W. Ballantine, a graduate of Amherst, who, although having had no previous experience as a teacher, has entered upon his duties with a determination to succeed. In this district it was thought best to divide the intermediate school into two separate schools, one being placed under the charge of Miss Crafts, and the other being placed under the charge of Miss Coolidge, who had previously served as an assistant in the same school; the schools have been designated as Centre, Intermediate, Nos. 1 and 2. Subsequently, for the convenience of the teachers, Miss Coolidge was transferred from the Centre to the East District, and Miss Dadmun from the East District to the Centre. Miss Tingley had already been transferred from the Centre to the South District, and Miss Crafts from the South to the Centre. Miss Williams having been promoted from the Aetna Mills Primary School, where she had acquitted herself most faithfully, to the charge of the West Intermediate, Miss Bessie M. Rogers was chosen to fill the position thus becoming vacant. Miss Rogers is a graduate of the Watertown High School, has had some experience in teaching, and is doing a faithful work in her new position. Miss Emma McLaughlin, also a graduate of the High School, was in September elected as an assistant to Miss Gregory in the department of Drawing, for which, even before her graduation, she had exhibited marked abilities. Our teachers, generally, have worked zealously and faithfully, and by their efforts have merited and should receive the consideration and support of all.

There has been no material change in, or expense incurred upon, the School buildings during the past year, with the exception of the work done at the High School, necessary to complete fully the plans of the building committee. The
school buildings furniture, and heating apparatus are all in good repair and condition, and amply sufficient for the present necessities of the Town; and we are of the opinion that there need be no expense in either of these departments during the coming year.

There have been employed to take care of the school buildings three janitors.

**WEST DISTRICT, INCLUDING ETNA MILLS.**

Clement L. Howe, salary, $360 00

**EAST DISTRICT.**

Wm. H. Crocker, salary, $120 00

**SOUTH AND CENTRE DISTRICT, INCLUDING HIGH SCHOOL.**

Nathaniel Gee, salary, $1200 00

**NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN TOWN.**

The assessors for 1874 return eight hundred and forty-five children in Town between five and fifteen years of age.

**VISITS.**

Number of visits by individual members of the Committee, 194

Number of visits made by other persons, 374
### Teachers and their Salaries.

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SCHOLARS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY DURING THE YEAR.

HIGH SCHOOL.
Alice G. Patten, Frank M. Cheney, Fred G. Barker, Frank Burke, James McDonough, William Patten, Alfred Turner, Richard James, George J. Ward. Master Ward has not been absent nor tardy for five years.

CENTRE GRAMMAR.

WEST GRAMMAR.
Lizzie Kinsman, Jennie Kinsman, Adaline Hill, Maggie O'Brien, Ruth W. Howard.
Miss Howard has been neither absent nor tardy for the last five years.

SOUTH GRAMMAR.
George J. Ward, Richard James.

EAST GRAMMAR.
Mary Stanley, Mary McDonough.

CENTRE INTERMEDIATE, NO. 1.
Eugene Proctor.

SOUTH INTERMEDIATE.
Maggie Fowler, Owen Keefe.

SOUTH PRIMARY.
Connie Keefe, Frank Burns, Maggie Lary, Mary Rooney, Richard James.

WEST PRIMARY, NO. 2.
Henry W. Howard.
George R. Howard, since entering the school.
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EAST PRIMARY.

Annie McDonough, Nellie McDonough.

Whole number of scholars who have not been tardy during the year, 161.

EXPENSES FOR 1874-75.

Sum total of expenses, $32,409 40
Appropriation, $32,300 00
Town share of School Fund, 198 85
Balance unexpended, $32,498 85
$89 45

The excess of the expenses for the past year is accounted for by the work done in laying concrete walks, and fencing the grounds of the High School, the cost of the steam-heating apparatus at the Centre School-house, and the purchase of school-books, as authorized at the adjourned March meeting. These items belong more properly to the contingent account, but as the money was disbursed by the School Committee, it seemed proper to include them in the list of school expenses.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 1875-76.

The following sums will be necessary to meet the expenses of our schools for the coming year:

Salaries of teachers, $20,000 00
Care of school-houses, heating, &c., 1,680 00
Fuel, 1,800 00
Apparatus and library, 200 00
Books, &c., 600 00
Incidentals, repairs, &c., 720 00
---$25,000 00

The above report is respectfully submitted for the action of the Board and Town.

H. J. EDWARDS,
Chairman School Committee.
REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE
TEACHERS, PUPILS, AND JANITORS,
OF THE
PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF WATERTOWN.

FOR THE TEACHERS.

Teachers will be at their respective school-rooms fifteen minutes before the opening of the session.

The school will be opened with reading the Scriptures, "without written note or oral comment." Amend Rev. Stat. Chap. 57, 1862.

There shall be a recess of fifteen minutes in the middle of each half day.

The hour for recess, as well as for opening and closing of the schools, is to be closely observed.

Care must be taken that a free and healthful circulation of air is preserved in the school-rooms, by opening doors and windows, before and after school, and during recess, and by regulating ventilators and registers to secure as nearly as possible a mean temperature of 68 degrees Fahrenheit.

A due regard to neatness and order must be observed and maintained in and around the school-houses.

The windows, ventilators, and doors are to be shut and fastened in each school-room, before leaving them at the close of each session.

Prompt notice is to be given to the Committee of any injury done to any article or portion of school property, and of any repairs that are needed; and the teachers are to use all possible
care that no article or portion of school property in their respective rooms be in any manner marked or injured.

When there are several schools in one building, it shall be the duty of the male teacher (if there shall be one employed in the building) to look after the general good order of the house, entries, cellars, outbuildings, fences, &c., to prescribe such rules as shall secure the good order of the same, and to see that all school furniture is duly and properly cared for.

No scholar, being a member of any school above the grade of Primary Schools, who has been absent for five consecutive school-days in a term, except by reason of sickness certified to the teacher by the parent, guardian, or attendant physician, shall be admitted to his or her seat, or restored to previous position in the class, unless by direct permission of the Committee.

All teachers are expected and required to report to the Committee all cases of irregular attendance and tardiness which are not satisfactorily covered by the written excuses, or the personal statements made by the parents or guardians of the offending children.

FOR THE PUPILS.

The school-house will be opened by the teacher at least ten minutes before the commencement of the school session, and it is expected that no scholar will be about the school-house before that time.

No scholar will be allowed to take from its place any article of school furniture without the teacher’s permission, or to interfere in the least with the furnaces, stoves, registers, &c., without express order.

Every pupil who shall accidentally or otherwise injure any part of the buildings, or any school property, shall be liable to pay all damages.

Every pupil who shall, in or around the school premises, use or write any profane or unchaste language, or shall cut or draw any vulgar pictures, or in any way intentionally deface any property, whatever, belonging to the school estate, shall be punished in proportion to the offence, and shall be liable to action at law.
The scholars shall pass through the streets, on their way to and from school, in an orderly and becoming manner, and so enter the school-room, and take their seats in a quiet and respectful manner. They will not be allowed to make use of the school-room, entry, or stairways at any time for play. They shall take care that their books, desks, and the floor around them, are kept neat and in good order.

All scholars are expected to pay due attention to the cleanliness of their persons, and the neatness and decency of their clothes, not only for the purpose of forming good habits of order, but also that the school may be at all times prepared to receive friends and visitors in a respectable manner.

FOR THE JANITORS.

They shall see that the school-rooms are thoroughly swept at least twice each week, and oftener if necessity requires, and that the entries and stairways are swept every day after the close of the school; also to see that the desks, settees, chairs, and all the articles of school furniture, are kept properly dusted and clean.

They shall make the fires in the stoves and furnaces in their respective school-houses, and see that the school-rooms during the season of making fires are at a temperature of 68 degrees Fahrenheit, at the opening of the schools.

The ashes from the fires must be carefully sifted, and kept in such locality as not to engender fire; and all due economy must be used in the consumption of fuel.

The outer doors of the school-houses must be carefully locked by the janitors when they leave the premises.

The outer-houses are to be kept in as neat condition as possible, and no rubbish or objectionable matter shall be allowed to accumulate on the premises.

In the winter season, in case of snow, suitable paths must be made from the sidewalks to the doors of the school-houses.
But in cases of extraordinary storms, additional compensation for making paths may be granted by the Committee.

The foregoing regulations were passed in School Committee, April 12, 1869.

Attest: JOSEPH CRAFTS, Secretary.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR 1874-75.

GEORGE K. SNOW . . . . Term Expires, 1875.
A. C. STOCKIN . . . . " 1875.
CHAS. J. BARRY . . . . " 1876.
ALFRED HOSMER . . . . " 1876.
GEORGE N. MARCH . . . . " 1877.
JOSHUA COOLIDGE . . . . " 1877.

ALFRED HOSMER, Chairman.
A. C. STOCKIN, Secretary.
GEORGE N. MARCH, Treasurer.

Executive Committee.
ALFRED HOSMER, A. C. STOCKIN,
GEORGE N. MARCH.

Committee on Books.
ALFRED HOSMER, JOSHUA COOLIDGE,
A. C. STOCKIN.

Committee on Finance.
GEORGE N. MARCH, GEORGE K. SNOW,
CHAS. J. BARRY.

Librarian.
SOLON F. WHITNEY.

Assistant Librarian.
MISS NELLY BRADFORD.
The close of another year calls upon the Trustees to add another chapter to the biography of the library, and they herewith present their seventh annual report.

The life of the library during the past year contains nothing which can mark an era in its history. Its work has gone on quietly and uninterruptedly, with the same rate of healthy, genuine growth, with the same satisfactory results in all that exhibits the utility and the power of the Public Library, and obtains for it the regard, the confidence, and the support of the community. But in this there is nothing exceptional or surprising. With a single word can be written the history of every Public Library that has been established in Massachusetts within the last twenty-five years, and that word is success. Failure can hardly be possible. The Public Library, existing by legislative permission, and not like the common school, by statute requirement, is the mature and legitimate offspring of a public sentiment that recognizes and thus provides for certain needs which are as important to the human mind in its attempts at progress, as are the highways to a traveller. Its security and strength grow directly out of the interest which all classes have in it. It is useful to the unlettered and ignorant who dream of knowledge; to the informed, who seek further information; to those who cannot purchase books; to others who not care to have property in, or to be charged with, the custody of them. It signifies some degree of wealth, public spirit, generosity, and, in a double sense, education and culture. It is one of the ornaments of civilization, and, with proper management, can never cease to be an instrument of good even to multitudes who may not realize the source of the benefits they derive from it.

Our library is in intimate relations with a large number of the households in town; it is constantly open to the inspection of all who feel and express any interest in it; its contents have been well displayed in the original catalogue, and in the successive supplements which have been
issued annually as a part of the librarian’s report; and that officer has carefully sought, both verbally, and in official documents, to give to our readers the full benefit of his thorough knowledge of all that he here holds in custody. The trustees, therefore, finding no occasion for any extended report, will content themselves with alluding again to two or three old topics.

In accordance with the intimation given a year ago, we have reached a point in the number of our volumes at which an increase of shelf-room is an immediate necessity. To meet this want, a small appropriation of money will be asked. Although far from being satisfied with the amount and arrangement of the room allotted to the library, the trustees will advise no radical or expensive change. They still indulge the pleasant hope that the expiration of another two or three years will find the library permanently established in a comely and commodious building, which shall be conveniently and conspicuously located, and shall afford against destruction or damage by fire, that security which is assuredly due to a property so valuable. Respectfully insisting upon the rare opportunity which here offers itself to any friend of Watertown, to initiate a movement which shall make him a long-remembered benefactor, shall guarantee the perpetuity of our library, and render it fairly the equal of its neighbors, the trustees will restrict themselves, in a most economical manner, to such extensions of shelf-room, as shall be required, from time to time, either for the increasing number of volumes, or for the preservation of the present classification of our books.

After a thorough trial, it was found that the absolute freedom of the reading room could not be allowed without totally defeating the objects for which it was organized. A qualification of age has been made a condition of admission; and now minors under sixteen are excluded. The last report assigned some of the reasons for this change, which was made with a very decided gain to the library. As the existence of this department involves the sacrifice and partial waste of so much space, that is really needed for other purposes, and as its maintenance implies a considerable expenditure, nothing should be permitted to impair its usefulness for those who seek and can appreciate the full benefit of it.

As heretofore, the Library is receiving constant accessions. Books have been selected upon the same principles, and by the same rules that have governed the choice in previous years; and it is hoped that the intrinsic value of the purchases made will not be found inferior to the high standard of excellence adopted by former Boards. During the year, much has been done, and in some instances with no little difficulty, towards
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completing the series of each of the valuable periodicals which the Library contains. This puts in our possession many early numbers, already very scarce in the market, and gives to the later ones a more becoming position upon our shelves. In this connection allusion may properly be made to a most acceptable contribution which ought not to escape notice by reason of the modesty of the donor, the Librarian, who has given us fifteen consecutive Reports of the School Committee of Boston, from 1857 to 1871.

We are sorry to say that no donation of money has been made to the Library during the year. Each of the last two Reports recorded a gift of one hundred dollars.

In their visions of a new building, the trustees include the presence of some specimens of the fine arts, the productions of both the pencil and the chisel, that shall assist and re-enforce the chastening and refining influences which inevitably emanate from a Library well-organized and liberally endowed. And although as yet unable to increase the attractions of the Library by means of such accessories, they have evinced a disposition to do so by purchasing a crayon finished photograph of the late Prof. Agassiz, whose living words quickened the cause of education no less than they told the progress of science, and whose name must ever be an inspiration to all who hear and know it.

We ask a careful perusal for the annexed Report of the Librarian, whose busy hands never tire of work done in aid of the Library, and who, during the year, has made a large addition to our already great indebtedness to him.

To the Assistants the Trustees desire to acknowledge their obligations, and return their thanks for the cheerful and faithful manner in which they have discharged their respective duties.

The treasury is utterly but honorably empty; an annual occurrence. But it will soon be replenished, for our endowment is the best one possible,—the deliberate and solemn promise of the town to make suitable provision for our wants each year. For the ensuing twelve months, the items of expenditure will be the Librarian’s salary and assistance, binding books, new books and periodicals, gas; and lastly, as an extra, some additional shelving. For these purposes the trustees ask an appropriation of the sum of twenty-two hundred dollars. They also ask that the dog tax be assigned to the Library, as heretofore.

Satisfied that the Library has accomplished all that was expected of it; that it was never so full of promise for future usefulness as now; con-
TRUSTEES' REPORT.

Vinced that the money expended upon it is more remunerative than the same amount in any other department of our municipal appropriations, the trustees have no fear that it will ever know the need of devoted friends.

Signed in behalf and by authority of the Board.

ALFRED HOSMER, Chairman.

Feb. 2, 1875.
George N. March, Treasurer, in Account with the Trustees of the Free Public Library.

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REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Trustees:

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with the requirement of article ninth of the regulations of the library, I submit this, my seventh annual report.

The library is growing in means and opportunities for usefulness. By Appendix I., you will be able to see at a glance how this year's growth compares with the progress of each of the preceding six years. You will see that the numbers show that steady increase, that promises some good fruit in the future. Let us hope that when this institution, the spontaneous outgrowth of the most enlightened sentiment for the public good, has been able to show a corresponding increase in positive benefit, its valuable collections will be more suitably housed in something like a fire-proof structure, whose ampler shelves shall invite new gifts, and whose greater security shall prompt many to make this the common treasury of works of art and literature, that may stimulate the best thoughts and life. The time must soon come to think of a separate suitable building. One, in watching the growth of the library thus far, may be led to compare it to the growth of a sturdy young tree. How important it is for the future of the tree that it should early be properly set where its friendly shade may be enjoyed by the young of a future generation, none know better than the nursery-man who has dug about it and watched its vigorous beginnings. The present quarters can be made to hold the natural increase of the library for several years longer by raising the shelves and putting steps or ladders in each alcove, or by appropriating a part of the reading room to shelving. Thus far, however, the classification of books in the different alcoves that would be desired in a larger building, has been adhered to so that re-numbering and re-cataloguing would not be necessary if the books were to be moved into larger quarters. For, as each alcove would be larger and not smaller, each shelf being longer, would accommodate all now numbered, with many more, making it possible to carry out our decimal system of numbering as far as would be required by the growth of this town for many scores of years to come; but with the present shelving, some alcoves are more than full. Books must be temporarily located according to the space we have left rather than accord-
ing to their character, and this will involve in future either confusion in arrangement or re-location, which also means, as you know, re-numbering, and re-cataloguing, with the expense of printing and all the additional labor. And yet while I feel that no school in town has more needed a new building than this library now does, and few schools are of more use to the town, I would not advise crowding the expense of a new building as an additional burden upon the labor and the capital of the town. Rather should I hope that you, in your wisdom, would find the way to set our needs before the minds of some of our benevolent citizens, who might be glad to be of so great use to the town, and thus hand down their names to the grateful memories of all future times. I know there are people of means who have the good of their fellows very much at heart, and who perhaps are even now casting about for a proper channel for their charities, who, if they could be placed in our position to see the opportunities for good which we here see, would not hesitate to make ample provisions for a solid and lasting structure, which, when filled and properly conducted, would become a temple of learning more enduring, more useful, and more honored, than those that crowned the lovely hills of classic Greece.

Many have longed to erect some memorial of our gratitude for the valor and blood that preserved our nation during the last civil war. What more fitting form than a memorial hall, that shall rouse and nurture all the best and noblest sentiments of the living; a hall filled with the best books to lead and instruct, and perchance containing works of art to refine and inspire.

Even if all such appeals as you might make should not prompt the hearts of those able to thus honor themselves and benefit others, I am not certain that the enterprise and thrift of this community would find it a great burden to make the necessary sacrifice to erect soon a suitable building. It would be an expression of the character of the town, which would bring its reward. A new firm erects a new building and fits it up with the best means of carrying on its business. It may run some risk in trusting its capital in a new direction. But this is the price of future success. "Nothing venture, nothing have." A town could run no risk in setting apart a portion of its capital to an institution that promises so much in helping to build up all its best interests, draw to its borders cultivated and wealthy people, increasing the value of its property, and thus even, in this financial way, proving a profitable investment.

If, however, the wise and prudent are not yet ready, the time will certainly come when the way will seem clear and the means not wanting.
Of the ways and means at present available for carrying out the purposes of this institution, you are the best judges. While a suitable building would be a great advantage, and in a short time will prove a necessity, we know that there is something of more pressing value than buildings, and that is the faith and hearty co-operation of all, in increasing the effectiveness of the present means of usefulness.

Appendix II. will give you a list of the periodicals upon our reading-room tables. A part of these have been put in neat and durable covers. I would suggest that covers be provided for the rest also. The numbers are preserved in better condition for binding. I would also advise the binding of the remainder of our best periodicals, as those recently bound are much sought for, and they certainly contain some of the freshest if not best contributions to our literature.

Appendix III. gives a list of the donors, and the number of volumes, pamphlets, and papers contributed by them. These mere numbers are not always significant. Shall I remind you, for instance, that the contributions from the Smithsonian Institution, obtained through the kind offices of Hon. John M. S. Williams, member of Congress from this district, are, from their mere money value, no inconsiderable donation,—the price of which is nearly two hundred dollars; but from the addition which they make to the stock of human knowledge are destined to be of incalculable value to any of our students in special departments of nature, or those engaged upon the more difficult problems of human thought or human life. Hon. J. M. S. Williams has, besides these, secured for us valuable public documents, the number of which you will see by this appendix is not small. Valuable public documents, published by our own State Legislature, have been secured for the library by the interest and kind offices of our past representative, Mr. S. S. Gleason.

Partly in this way, and partly by exchanges, and constantly watching for opportunities to make purchases, our sets of agricultural and educational reports, patent-office reports, and government reports have been made much more nearly complete during the past year. Complete sets of some periodicals have been obtained and bound, other sets begun,* which will be found noted in the supplementary catalogue of books added the past year which follows. This catalogue has, been made somewhat fuller than previously by cross references, hoping to make it more useful to the increasing number of those who are trying to use the library as a

* If any one has the January, February, or April numbers of "The Galaxy" for 1868, they would confer a favor by helping the library to complete its set. A good price will be willingly paid for them.
working library, as a means of culture, or a source of needed information. This increase in the fulness of the supplement will explain the omission here of fuller comments on special works.

All the books, which, at the annual examination made last September, were not found on the shelves, excepting those before reported, have been returned to the library, except three books not found charged, and nine charged, but not yet obtained.

Of those reported missing a year ago all have been found except one which must be in the hands of some one who has overlooked it. I might ask you to mention it (Vol. I. of Bryant’s “Translation of the Iliad”), as it might lead to its return to the library.

The giving out, charging and return of so many books without loss, involves a large amount of patient and careful labor on the part of the assistants. Seldom does any one object to the necessary forms, or lose patience from the few mistakes incident to our system of charging. Most pay the fines or penalties incurred with the best of humor, as a contribution to the good of the library. The books have been kept neatly covered by the constant labor of our faithful assistants. The numbers show a large amount of work done. Greater care on the part of readers who handle these books would, in some cases, promote general cleanliness and good order. But who would deny a good book to one because he has not yet risen to the moral stature of clean hands and clean habitations. The clean covers may do something to hasten his exaltation.

The library is indebted to Messrs. Hollingsworth and Whitney for the strong, fine Manila paper with which our books are covered.

The reading room has gained in order and usefulness; and, judging from the books called for, the character of reading improves; an elevation of taste is noticed which shows a healthy use of the library.

The library must furnish the means of entertainment to those who must be pleased before they can be benefited. I do not underrate the use of the fine novel or poem that draws one on whether he will or no to read when he might be seeking lower means of enjoyment. Many may be lifted on to higher planes of feeling, on which higher forms of thought and action are possible.

The great work of the library, besides affording practical aid in one’s chosen profession or business, is of course to afford the means of self-culture. Can you not find some way to advise and instruct the many who have not yet learned the value of the best books. Would not your body be the proper one to conduct a course of public lectures which would be
for the instruction and entertainment of the people,—a course which would bring together those who are not accustomed to act together? Could not such a course of lectures be made to interest, and at the same time to help many to know more about books.

You, in this way, might raise the tone of thought and life, by creating a demand for the best reading which you provide. All do not yet see and feel with Channing that "It is chiefly through books that all may enjoy intercourse with superior minds," and that "these invaluable means of communication are in the reach of all." He testifies that "In the best books, great men talk to us, give us their most precious thoughts, and pour their souls into ours." He exclaims, "God be thanked for books. They are the voices of the distant and the dead, and make us heirs of the best life of past ages. Books are the true levellers. They give to all who will faithfully use them the society, the spiritual presence, of the best and greatest of our race. No matter how poor I am; no matter though the prosperous of my own time will not enter my obscure dwelling; if the Sacred Writers will enter and take up their abode under my roof, if Milton will cross my threshold to sing to me of Paradise, and Shakspere to open to me the worlds of imagination and the workings of the human heart, and Franklin to enrich me with practical wisdom, I shall not pine for want of intellectual companionship, and I may become a cultivated man though excluded from what is called the best society in the place where I live."

Many admit the value of good books but hesitate to throw open to all a miscellaneous collection of books. Some say "If I could say what books you are to give another, I should have more faith in your work." The one who wrote "A man to make this means of culture effectual, must select good books, such as have been written by right-minded and strong-minded men, real thinkers, who instead of diluting what others say, have something to say themselves, and write to give relief to earnest souls," also said "the best books for a man are not always those which the wise recommend, but oftener those that meet the peculiar wants, the natural thirst of the mind, and therefore awaken and rivet thought."

Gentlemen, the work in which you are engaged, in seeking, by the means of this library, to advance the general good, requires no narrow scrutiny into apparent failures to benefit in individual cases. Ignorance, and a want of culture, may abuse for a time the treasures you intrust to their hands; books may be worn out before men are made, but knowledge
is power, and truth is mighty; and, like the rain which falls on the dusty streets, as well as on the fruitful field, you must with large hearted and generous zeal encourage others to help carry on the work intrusted to your hands.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Solon F. Whitney, Librarian.
APPENDIX I.

Use and Growth of the Library from the Beginning.

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The library was open three days each week, at first; now it is open every day (except Sundays and legal holidays) from 3 o'clock till 6, and from 7 till 9.

* The library was closed for three months, and the reading-room for a much longer period.
† The numbers reported for 1873-74 were for a period of only about ten and a half months, ending with Jan. 1, 1874.
APPENDIX II.

LIST OF DONATIONS OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

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APPENDIX III.

LIST OF PERIODICALS ON THE TABLES OF THE READING ROOM.

Agriculturist, The.
American journal of science and arts.
American naturalist.
Appleton's journal.
Arcadian.
Atlantic, The.
Bibliotheca sacra.
British quarterly.
Chambers' journal.
Christian register.
Contemporary review.
Dwight's journal of music.
Eclectic magazine.
Edinburgh review.
Educational monthly.
Folio, The.
Galaxy, The.
Good words.
Half hour recreations in natural history.
Half hour recreations in popular science.
Harper's magazine.
Horticulturist, The.
International review.
Journal of chemistry.
Littell's living age.
London quarterly.
Nation, The.
Nature.
N. E. journal of education.
North American review.
Official gazette of the U. S. patent office.
Old and new.
Our dumb animals.
Overland monthly.
Pequosette.
Popular science monthly.
Punch.
Sanitarian, The.
St. Nicholas.
Scientific American.
Scribner's monthly.
Technologist, The.
Unitarian review, and religious magazine.
U. S. official postal guide.
Watchman and reflector.
Westminster review.
WATERTOWN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

FOURTH SUPPLEMENT.

1874.
List of books added between March 16, 1874, and Jan. 1, 1875.

THE FIFTH SUPPLEMENT.

Books with no location number must be called for by title.


Abott, Jacob. Science for the young. Force. N.Y., 1873. 12°.... 321.5

Abbott, J. S. C. Christopher Carson. N.Y., 1874. 12°. ........ 1052.27

David Crockett: his life and adventures. N.Y., 1874. 12°. .... 1052.19

--- The French revolution of 1789. N.Y., 1859. 8°. ........... 835.10

Life and adventures of Rear-admiral John Paul Jones. N.Y., 1874. 12°. .... 1053.25

Napoleon at St. Helena. N.Y., 1871. 8°. ................ 737.6

Abour, Edmond. The notary’s nose. N.Y., 1874. 16°. .......... 281.44

Across America. Rusling, J. F............................ 332.15


Adams, Charles Kendall. Democracy and monarchy. N.Y., 1874. 12°. ... 833.6

Adams, John Quincy, Memoirs of. 4 vols. .................. 776.1-4

Adams, Nehemiah. Under the mizzen-mast. B., 1873. 16°. .... 311.21

Adams, William T. (*Oliver Optic.*) The coming wave. B., 1875. 16°. . 954.25

--- Cross and crescent. B., 1874. 16°. .................... 954.27

--- Little Bobtail. B., 1875. 16°. ....................... 954.26

--- Money-maker. B., 1874. 16°. ......................... 954.24

Addison, Joseph. Westminster Abbey. In Little classics, vol. 4. 281.53

Aeronautics. *See Pettigrew, J. B.* Animal locomotion .... 323.11

Adventures in the land of the behemoth. Jules Verne. .... 353.24


--- Du Chaillu, Paul. The country of the dwarfs. .... 352.17

--- Livingstone, David. The last journals of, in central Africa. ... 325.17

--- Schweinfurth, G. The heart of Africa. 2 vols. .... 316.16.17

African Crusoes, The. Lee, Mrs. K. ......................... 282.42

Agriculture. Beecher, Henry Ward. Pleasant talk about fruit, flowers, and farming ........ 341.4
Agriculture. Colman, Henry. European agriculture, and rural economy. 325.12,13
—— First four reports on the agriculture of Massachusetts... 334.1
—— Greeley, Horace. What I know of farming 338.12
—— Mass. agricultural college. Tenth and eleventh reports 346.
—— Agricultural society, Transactions of, from 1842... 334.—

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—— Middlesex Agricultural Society. 1866-1871, and 1874 346.
—— U. S. Report of commissioner of agriculture for 1873... 346.
—— Akin, Lucy. Correspondence of, and William Ellery Channing... 772.18
—— Ainslie, Herbert. The pilgrim and the shrine. L. and N.Y., 1874. 12°... 283.19
—— Alaska and her resources. Dall, Wm. H. 325.16
—— Alcestis. (Leisure hour series). N.Y., 1874. 16°... 281.39
—— Alcott, Louisa M. Aunt Jo's scrap-bag. Cupid and Chow-chow. B., 1874. 16°... 966.38
—— Aldrich, Thomas Bailey. Cloth of gold, and other poems. B., 1874. 16°... 744.23
—— Prudence Palfrey. B., 1874. 16°... 281.21
—— Alexander, Mrs. Which shall it be? N.Y., 1874. 16°... 281.41
—— The wailing o't. N.Y., 1873. 16°... 281.35
—— Alger, Horatio, jun. Julius, or, the street boy out west. B., 1864. 16°... 945.17
—— Almanacs. The national almanac and annual record for 1863 and 1864... 171.
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—— Amazons. The naturalist on the river Amazons. Bates, H. W. 322.3
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—— Parkman, Francis. Pioneers of France in the new world... 864.17
—— Sumner, Charles. Prophetic voices concerning America... 832.2
—— Wilson, Henry. History of the rise and fall of the slave power in America. 2 vols... 835.5,6
—— American annual cyclopaedia. Vols. 1-13. N.Y., 1861-1874... 164.8-15
—— American beauty personified as the nine muses. M. 1, 7
—— Ames, Mary Clemmer. Ten years in Washington. Hart., 1874. 8°... 315.19
—— Ammidown, Holmes. Historical collections. N.Y., 1874. 2 vols. 8°. 1065,20,21


—— Amos, Sheldon. The science of law. N.Y., 1874. 12°... 1053.16
—— Anatomy of the invertebrata. Siebold, C. Th. E. von... 136.12
—— Ancient city, The. A study on the religion, laws, and institutions of Greece and Rome. Coulanges, Fustel de... 1054.14
—— Andover. Memorial Hall library catalogue.
—— Andrew, John A. Argument on the errors of prohibition. B., 1874. 8°, pamph... M. 8.20
—— Ceremonials at the unveiling of the statue of... M. 1.14
—— Anecdotes of the habits and instinct of animals. Lee, Mrs. R. 282.41
—— Anecdotes of the habits and instincts of birds, reptiles, and fishes. Lee, Mrs. R... 282.40
Angell, John. Elements of animal physiology. N.Y., 1873. 16°........ 331.8
Animal mechanism. Marcy, E. J.......................... 1053.23
Animals, Chapters on. Hamerton, P. G. ............. 332.15
Animals, The mission for. Secretary's report......... N. 1.29
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Architecture. Fergusson, James. History of the modern styles of architecture.................................................. 133.9
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