ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE AUDITORS OF THE

TOWN OF WATERTOWN,

FOR THE

Year ending February 10, 1872,

COMPRISING

REPORTS OF THE TREASURER, SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, APPRAISERS, COL-
LECTORS OF TAXES, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR AND HIGHWAYS, TOWN
CLERK AND REGISTRAR, ENGINEERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT,
SCHOOL COMMITTEE, TRUSTEES OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY,
COMMISSIONERS OF CEMETERY, ETC., ETC.

BOSTON:
PRESS OF ROCKWELL & CHURCHILL,
122 Washington Street.
1872.
TOWN OFFICERS, 1871.

Selectmen.
JOHN K. STICKNEY,
OLIVER SHAW,
LYMAN P. GERould.

Town Clerk.
JOSEPH CRAFTS.

Town Treasurer.
JOHN K. STICKNEY.

Assessors.
JOHN K. STICKNEY,
JOSEPH CRAFTS.
ISAAC ROBBINS,

School Committee.
HENDERSON J. EDWARDS, Chairman. Term expires March, 1873.
CHARLES BRIGHAM,
GEORGE K. SNOW,
ABRAHAM L. RICHARDS,
JOHN COOLIDGE, Jn.,
CHARLES W. STONE, Secretary,

Surveyor of Highways.
GEORGE H. SLEEPER.

Overseers of the Poor.
JOHN K. STICKNEY,
OLIVER SHAW,
LYMAN P. GERould.

Constables and Truant Officers.
GEORGE PARKER,
HENRY F. BRIGHT.
EZRUM V. HOWARD,
TOWN OFFICERS.

Auditors and Appraisers.
GEORGE N. MARCH, HENDERSON J. EDWARDS, WILLIAM H. CLARK.

Board of Health.
DELANO MARCH, HARRISON P. PAGE, LUTHER B. MORSE.

Fence Viewers.
JOHN COOLIDGE, JR., GEORGE K. SNOW, WM. C. S. HARRINGTON.

Surveyors of Lumber.
WM. H. DADMAN, GEORGE C. SANGER.

Field Drivers.
CHARLES E. SANGER, GEORGE PARKER,
WENDELL P. COOLIDGE, EZRUM V. HOWARD,
ZACHARIAH BOODY, HENRY F. BRIGHT.

Trustees of Free Public Library.
JOHN WEISS ......................... Term expires March, 1872.
JOSHUA COOLIDGE ................. " " " 1874.
GEORGE N. MARCH .................. " " " 1874.
JOSIAH STICKNEY ................... " " " 1872.
JESSE A. LOCKE ..................... " " " 1873.
ALFRED HOSMER ..................... " " " 1873.

Commissioners of Weetomaq Vale Cemetery.
GEORGE N. MARCH, GEORGE K. SNOW.
HENDERSON J. EDWARDS.

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Policemen.
GEORGE PARKER, EZRUM V. HOWARD.

Sexton and Undertaker.
ALEXANDER GREGG.

Pound Keeper.
ZACHARIAH BOODY, who is also Keeper of Almshouse.
TOWN OFFICERS.

Sca
er of Weights and Measures.

WM. L. STILES. Appointed in March; subsequently declined; and, June 26th, Joseph Crafts was appointed.

Surveyors and Measurers of Wood and Bark.

SAMUEL S. GLEASON, ARTEMAS B. ROGERS,
A. McMasters, ROBERT B. SAFFORD.

Clerks of the Market.

SAMUEL S. GLEASON, J. ALBERT SULLIVAN.

Janitor of Town Hall.

LUCIUS T. BROWN.

Measurers of Grain.

CHESTER LYMAN, ALBERT C. LYMAN,
SAMUEL S. GLEASON, WILLIAM PERKINS.

Public Weigher and Superintendent of Hay-Scales.

THOMAS PATTEN.

Private Weighers of Hay, Coal, etc.

JOSEPH H. GRANT, ROBERT B. SAFFORD,
WILLIAM H. PERVEAR, L. B. HAMMOND.

Engineers of Fire Department.

ATWOOD D. DREW, GEORGE PARKER,
CHARLES W. BERRY, REUBEN PUFFER,
WILLIAM H. PARK, JR.
TOWN GRANTS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Grants of money made by the Town of Watertown, for the year 1871, and ordered to be assessed upon the Polls and estates of the Town, according to Law, the said grants being appropriated as follows, namely:

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<td>For the support of schools</td>
<td>$16,000 00</td>
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<td>&quot; the poor</td>
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<td>&quot; bridges and culverts</td>
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<td>Contingent expenses</td>
<td>1,700 00</td>
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<td>Enlarging culverts on Spring street, Church streets, etc.</td>
<td>700 00</td>
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<td>Building culvert at Cuba street</td>
<td>600 00</td>
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<td>Continuation of culvert from corner of Main and Galen streets, westward, to point opposite Methodist church</td>
<td>700 00</td>
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<td>Building culvert on Galen street</td>
<td>1,200 00</td>
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<td>Laying concrete sidewalks</td>
<td>3,000 00</td>
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<td>Salaries of town officers</td>
<td>2,975 00</td>
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Paying George F. Meacham et al., for expense incurred on account of Soldiers' Monument, 1,044.00
Purchasing steam fire engine hose carriage, etc., 5,000.00
Expense of Evening School, 117.00
Culvert from a point on Galen street, near house of George Tainter, to River, 200.00

$61,586.00

Grants of money to be paid from the Contingent Fund, and appropriated as follows, viz.:—

For watering Main street, 200.00
Estimates on new engine house, etc., 100.00
Paying Joseph Bird, temporary building for fire experiment, 30.00
Paying for concrete sidewalks, 200.00

$530.00

Grants of money, for which the Town Treasurer was authorized to borrow on the credit of the town, the same being appropriated as follows, viz.:—

For new Engine House, 10,000.00
Enlarging Town Hall and improvements, 5,000.00
New reservoir on Galen street, 1,300.00
Purchase of hose, furniture, ropes, gas fixtures, etc., for Fire Department, 3,000.00

$19,300.00
Grants of money made and ordered to be paid from the Treasury, out of any money not appropriated for other purposes, viz.:—

Appropriation —

For new Engine House and improvements in Town House, $2,000 00
Steam-heating apparatus for new Engine House and Town House, 4,000 00
Widening Cross street, to following parties, viz.:—
Samuel Richardson, 438 80
Gardner Aldrich, 773 50
Mrs. Anna Wollitzer, 258 00

$6,470 30
ASSESSORS' REPORT.

VALUATION AND TAXES OF THE TOWN OF WATERTOWN, FOR THE YEAR 1871.

The valuation of Real Estate is

" " Personal "

$3,456,300 00

$2,141,840 00

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Total valuation of estates,

$5,598,140 00

The whole number of polls is 1,150.

AMOUNTS ASSESSED.

State Tax, $6,975 00
County Tax, 2,839 51
Town Grants, 61,586 00
Overlayings, 876 24

$72,276 75

Tax on 1,150 polls at $2 00 each, $2,300 00
" estate valuation 1.25 per ct.
on $5,598,140 00, $69,976 75

$72,276 75

The sum of $56 00 has also been assessed as additional taxes.

$56 00

Number of dwelling-houses, 630
" horses, 367
" cows, 272
" oxen, etc., 12
" sheep, 1
" acres of land taxed, 2,058 \( \frac{3}{8} \)

Rate of taxation 1.25 per cent.

JOHN R. STICKNEY, ISAAC ROBBINS,
JOSEPH CRAFTS, Assessors of Watertown.
COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1870-71.

To the Auditors of the Town of Watertown: —

Gentlemen, — I herewith submit my report of the collections of taxes for the years 1870-71.

Dr.
To balance of taxes unpaid, as per acc’t 1870-71, $6,790 20
" interest collected on taxes of 1870, 430 61

$7,220 81

Cr.
By cash paid Town Treasurer, as per receipts, $5,779 97
" abatements, as per Assessors’ certificates, 232 48
" balance taxes uncollected, 1,208 36

$7,220 81

Dr.
To whole amount taxes committed for the year 1871, $72,276 75
" additional taxes, 56 00
" interest collected, 29 46

$72,362 21

Cr.
By cash paid County Treasurer, county tax for 1871, $2,839 51
" cash paid Town Treasurer, as per receipts, 59,245 08
" discounts allowed, 2,276 42
" abatements as per Assessors’ certificates, 474 88
" balance taxes uncollected, 7,526 32

$72,362 21

Respectfully yours,

JOEL BARNARD.

Watertown, Feb. 1st, 1872.

Note. — The Auditors are unable to vouch for the correctness of the foregoing accounts, the details of the items of interest and discounts not being furnished as requested.
TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury Feb. 22, 1871, $3,665 27
Rec'd of Joel Barnard, Jr., taxes and interest, 1870, 5,779 97
  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  1871, 59,245 08

ON ACCOUNT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Rec'd of town of Belmont, support of paupers, $260 87
  " of keeper of house, from sale of produce, 247 49
  " of surveyors of highways, for hay for horses, and board for men employed on highways, 1,131 03
  
  $1,639 39

ON ACCOUNT OF HIGHWAYS.

Labor on drains and sewers, $672 75
  " around engine-house, 128 50
  " on wall on Church street, 74 00
  " digging cellar to engine-house, 252 00
  " enlarging culverts under streets, 489 25
  " reservoir on Galen street, 446 75

Rec'd of Geo. H. Sleeper, labor, 318 42
  " exchange of horse, 75 00
  " of sale of old iron, 14 66
Rec'd from sale of Weetomac Vale Cemetery, $15,640 00
  " from State Treasurer, viz.: —
  " " balance Corporation Tax, 1870, $951 99
  " " reimbursement of State Aid, 1870, 888 00
  " " Corporation Tax, 1871, 6,031 61
  " " National Bank Tax, 1,925 35
  " " Fitchburg R. R. Corp., ½ expense of fence and wall on Church street, 80 82
  " of County Treas, 91 per ct. of dog licenses, 285 56
Income of Massachusetts School Fund, 275 26
Rec'd of Thomas Patten, hay scales, 113 76
  " of F. J. Berry, for lot 134 cemetery, $25 00
  " of Wm. Burnham, " 132 " 5 00
  " of E. F. Perkins, " 127 " 25 00
  " of L. T. Brown, janitor town hall, 281 68
  " of M. T. Rogers, rent of town hall, 22 00
  " of H. J. Edwards, for gas at office, 1870, 43 20
  " of Fitchburg R. R. Corp., account of sidewalks, 13 87
  " of E. G. Tarbell, old hearse harness, 10 00
  " of sundry persons, for account of concrete sidewalks, 274 38
  " borrowed of Watertown Savings Bank, to pay town note due at Waltham Savings Bank, 900 00
  " borrowed of Watertown Savings Bank, for building new engine-house and improvements on town hall, as per vote of town, April 1, 1871, 3,000 00

$103,594 52
EXPENDITURES.

SCHOOLS.

Appropriation, $16,000 00
Town's share of State School Fund, 275 26
Appropriation, including dog tax for 1870, 354 89
Transferred from Contingent Fund, 3,816 60

$20,446 21

SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

S. F. Whitney, $1,216 67
Geo. R. Dwelley, 1,000 00
George W. Andrews, 1,649 99
W. T. Copeland, 1,649 99
George S. Turner, 1,649 99
Ellen Crafts, 666 66
C. E. Wheeler, 783 31
Fanny Robbins, 525 99
L. A. Otis, 554 16
Harriet Robbins, 514 99
Ellen M. Souther, 533 32
Annie M. Mason, 483 32
Mary D. Patten, 481 66
Annie E. Coolidge, 566 66
Addie Horne, 458 16
A. W. Carey, 606 66
Lyda Wicks, 554 16
Clara A. Bailey, 366 66
Ellen Bradley, 333 33
Lottie P. Kent, 304 16
Hattie B. Crafts, 200 00
C. S. Cushing, 280 00
Elizabeth Jennison, 100 00
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Bertha Whitney, 47 50
S. B. Porter, 100 00
E. A. Crane, 100 00
Annie M. Gregory (drawing), 135 00

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Geo. S. Turner, $200 00
Annie W. Carey, 90 00
Annie M. Mason, 50 00
Carrie B. Frazer, examination for H. S., 4 00

Paid janitors as follows:

E. G. Bunker, $807 11
Jas. Dowde, 12 75
Christopher Brearton, 22 50
Warren T. Copeland, 120 00
David Knight, 20 00
Willie F. Pierce, 20 00
Waldo Learned, 20 00
L. T. Brown, 38 17
L. T. Brown (evening school), 16 00

Total: $1,076 53

FUEL FOR SCHOOL-HOUSES.

To Royal Gilkey, coal, $851 00
" Aiken & Woodward, charcoal, 65 76
" J. McCarty, charcoal, 4 00

Total: $920 76

BOOKS, STATIONERY, ETC.

To C. C. McLauthlin, $92 72
" W. T. Copeland, books, 8 96
" Noyes, Holmes & Co., 12 06
" Nichols & Co., 6 00

Total: $119 74
INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

S. S. Gleason, brooms, mats, etc., $107 71
Norcross & Blaisdell, repairs, 257 93
Henry Russell, painting and glazing, 146 74
Parker & Howard, truant officers, 60 00
Wm. Rogers, care of clock, 11 75
Pathfinder printing office, 42 00
Rockwell & Churchill, printing, 16 00
American Tablet Co., blackboards, 231 90
Tingley, automatic heat governor, (8) 480 00
Wm. L. Stiles, stoves and repairing, 80 23
Thos. L. French, labor and materials, 82 35
L. T. Townsend, stove for evening school, 17 00
" " stationery and postage, 5 00
Gilbert Cutting, tuning piano, 4 75
M. K. Comer, diplomas, 4 00
J. L. Ross, teacher's desk, 20 00
L. Bent & Co., repairing settees, 12 25
Henry Chase, removing H. S. apparatus, 7 00
Otis Brothers, cloth, 1 53
Geo. Phinney, advertising, 1 00
J. Albert Sullivan, chemicals, 2 98
J. S. Sumner, furnace pipe, etc., 458 47
John Coolidge, repairs on sidewalk, 5 00
Chas. Moore & Co., " pumps, 2 42
Alfred Howes, tools and hardware, 23 38
Luther Bent & Co., brushes and cushions, 18 12
T. P. Emerson, express, 10 45
Nourse & Barnard, ribbon, 88
D. T. Huckins, vaccination, 12 00

$3,163 34
$20,446 21
TREASURER'S REPORT.

SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation. $3,000 00
To Tainter & Tripp, concrete, $2,507 78
" Samuel Noyes, brick, 18 85
Transferred to Contingent Fund, 473 47 $3,000 00

Sidewalks constructed prior to 1871.

Drawn from contingent fund, as per. appropriation, $200 00

Paid Alfred Howes, $28 12
" A. McMaster, 18 40
" S. L. Batchelder, 21 75
" Joel Barnard, Jr., 17 63
" Otis Wheeler, 60 36
" George N. March, 47 75
Transferred to Contingent Fund, 5 99 $200 00

ALMSHOUSE.

Dr.

To appropriation, $2,500 00
" transfers from receipts, viz., —

From town of Belmont, 260 87
Sale of wood and live stock, 126 00
Coffin & Magee, rye, 14 70
Board of men and horses employed on highways, 997 03
Board of Thomas Emmons, 75 00 $3,973 60
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By cash paid for sundry purposes, viz., —

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<td>Mrs. E. A. Emmons</td>
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<td>Hay, grain, and meal</td>
<td>503 33</td>
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<td>Z. Boody, for sundry cash purchases</td>
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Total: $1,252 46

PROVISIONS, MEAT, ETC.

Paid C. Whittemore, & Son, $112 12
E. S. Plaisted, 73 06
Wm. H. Lyman, 4 32
H. P. Mason, 128 52

Total: $318 02

FISH.

Paid M. Rogers, $42 34

GROCERIES, ETC.

Paid S. S. Gleason & Co., $483 82
Noyes & Ross, potatoes, 3 50
S. E. Sparrow, 12 77
P. B. Pendergast & Co., 43 71
A. D. Cheney & Co., soap and resin, 9 04

Total: $552 84

DRY GOODS.

Paid Otis Brothers, $63 60
Nourse & Barnard, Dry Goods and crockery, 50 18

Total: $113 78
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CLOTHING.
Paid A. B. Rogers, $57.32

BOOTS AND SHOES AND REPAIRING.
Paid S. H. Coombs, $36.47
A. D. Drew, 7.25
$43.72

FURNITURE, REPAIRS, ETC.
Paid Luther Bent & Co., $14.93
W. L. Stiles, 29.83
Miles, Pratt & Co., repairs on stove, 1.25
$46.01

FUEL.
Paid R. Gilkey, coal and wood, $67.22
Henry O. Mitchell, 7.22
$74.44

HARDWARE.
Paid Alfred Howes, $13.04

MEDICINES.
Paid J. Albert Sullivan, $34.43

REPAIRS ON BUILDINGS.
Paid Thos. L. French, $130.97
George Pierce, 52.15
$183.12
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SUNDRIES.

Paid Thos. Patten, rep'g harness, $2 62
Henry Bright, killing pigs, 4 00
T. P. Emerson, express, 85
Highways account, use of horse, 39 00
A. Gregg, burial of G. A. Swan, 7 50
Jas. Hall, blacksmithing, 23 23
John Ross, repairing, 3 50
John Barnard, painting, 6 00

ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS OUTSIDE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid John Welch and daughter, $147 25
Mrs. Ryan, 19 55
T. P. Robinson, 6 00
Travellers, S. S. Gleason & Co., refreshments, 20 40
Mrs. M. Farnum, 2 51
Mrs. Mills, 95 93
Mrs. Mary Burns, 44 85
Mrs. M. Finn, 27 48
Mrs. F. Dolan, 14 00
Mrs. T. Austin, 14 50
William Mills, burial and medical expenses, 32 89
Mrs. Cavanagh, 15 25
Timothy Jones, 4 76
Mrs. E. Smith, 23 13
George Robbins, 26 50
Daniel Sullivan, undertaker's bill, Sudbury, 23 00
Maggie Hartnett, 13 00
Paid Wm. Rooney, (Worcester Lunatic Asylum), 106 80
  John Rooney, Nautical School, 8 14
  Mary Carey, 11 00
  Chas. McLellan (burial), 21 00
  Wilson, 2 00
  Nancy Stone, City of Boston, 81 00
  Mary Skinner, City of Boston, 78 25
  E. M. Walker, City of Boston, 33 00
  Mrs. John Daley, City of Cambridge, 57 00
  M. Ward, City of Cambridge, 3 00
  Mary A. Chant, City of Charlestown, 18 00

  $950 19

  $3,768 41

  $3,973 60

Transferred to Contingent Fund,

**HIGHWAYS.**

Appropriation, $10,650 00

Transfered from receipts, viz. —.

  Exchange of horse, $75 00
  Sale of horse, 95 00
  Use of horse, 39 00
  Sale of old iron, 14 66
  Labor, 2,381 67

  2,605 33

  $13,255 33
Paid Surveyor of Highways, payroll for Feb., '71, 56 25

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Dennis McCarthy, 58 tons' stone, 34 80

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E. Cate, for gravel, 10 00

Wm. C. S. Harrington, 20 tons' stone, 12 00

George H. Sleeper, 638 loads' gravel, 127 60

John Dickinson, gravel, 59 40

Joshua C. Stone, 41 60

Jeremiah Regan, 343 loads' gravel, 68 60

Coffin & Magee, grain, April, 73 50

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Paid Coffin & Magee, grain, January, 33 00

Wm. C. S. Harrington, for horses, 41 00
Samuel L. Batchelder, board of horse, 535 00
N. L. Sibley, pasturage of horse, 12 57
Royal Gilkey, coal for crusher, 11 40
Parker & Gannett, tools, 43 07
Rawson & Hittinger, machine labor, 39 01
Parker & Gannett, tools, 47 56
Rawson & Hittinger, machine labor, 57 48
Miles, Pratt & Co., castings for crusher, 8 25
A. J. Jones, one cart, 22 80
S. S. Gleason, oil for machinery, 79 87
S. S. Gleason, oil for machinery, 22 58
H. A. Winship, collar and harness, 30 95
Davis & Farnum, castings, 85 00
Philip Nugent, on sidewalks, 3 50
George Peirce, labor and materials, 7 00
John Madden, wheelwright work, 17 00
Fuller & Son, spruce plank, 12 38
John Madden, repairing wagons, etc., 8 25
John Ross, blacksmith work, 3 50
Wm. H. Jackson, street levels, 6 00

H. A. Winship, collar and harness, 3 40
Philip Nugent, on sidewalks, 3 00
George Peirce, labor and materials, 49 00
John Madden, wheelwright work, 24 00
John Ross, blacksmith work, 37 75
Wm. H. Jackson, street levels, ---
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Paid Philip Nugent, laying curb-stone, 16 00
F. M. Hawkins, expressage, 2 00
Patrick McDonnell, repairing tools, 91 87
James Hall, horse-shoeing, etc., 53 47
Owen McGrath, sand for paving, etc., 21 25
John Cullen, labor, edge stone, 11 38
Royal Gilkey & Co., lumber, 1 89
H. F. Winship, repairing wagons, 4 40
John Tucker, stone drag, 3 75
Gore & Swithin, paving, etc., 233 37
Alexander McDonald, stone, 38 56
H. A. Winship & Co., bonnets and nets for
horses, 24 65
James Tannay, for labor, 12 25
John Ross, blacksmith work, 5 25
D. & H. Gore, for edge stone, 147 00
Antipas Jackson, blacksmith work, 97 59
Davis & Farnhum, pipe, 38 40
James Hall, horse-shoeing, 17 47
Wm. C. S. Harrington, collar and pad, 6 50
P. McDonnell, sharpening tools, 4 46
Wm. L. Stiles, lanterns, etc., 4 00
John Tucker, plank, skids, etc., 2 55
Overseers of Poor, board of men and hay
for horses, 997 03
Thomas Patten, harnesses and repairing, 63 55
George H. Brooks, 184 loads of sand, 27 60
Alfred Howes, hardware, 17 40
E. G. Tarbell, horse collars, 8 25
Thomas P. Emerson, expressage, 5 50
John Ross, blacksmith work, 5 25
John Madden, wheelwright work, 4 75
Paid George E. Teele, painting wagon, 1 00
A. J. Jones, repairing wagons, 149 30
Patrick Grace, covering stone, 5 00
Boyd & Cate, stone, 12 00

$13,249 95

Transferred to Contingent account, 5 38

$13,255 33

NEW ENGINE HOUSE AND IMPROVEMENTS IN TOWN HALL, ETC.

Appropriations, $17,100 00
Transferred from Contingent Fund, 2,014 06

$19,114 06

Paid Henry Russell, on account Town Hall, $143 36
Henry Russell, on account Public Library, 32 90
H. W. Macurdy, on account Public Library, 215 35
H. W. Macurdy, on account Engine-house, 7,573 74
H. W. Macurdy, on account Town Hall, 343 47
H. W. Macurdy, on account Police Office, 246 80
H. W. Macurdy, on account Town Hall, 1,738 16
Highways, digging cellar Engine-house), 252 00
TREASURER'S REPORT.

Paid Miles, Pratt & Co., stable fixtures, 24 00
Thomas L. French, on account
Engine-house, 6,672 29
Thomas L. French, on account
Town Hall, 1,062 63
Brigham & Sturgis, Architects, 555 00
Clark & Fox, gas fixtures, 145 51
W. L. Stiles, 8 85
Joseph Sanger, plan and estimates, 50 00
Norcross & Blaisdell, 50 00

$19,114 06

BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

Appropriation, ordinary, $1,000 00
   " special, 3,400 00
   __________ $4,400 00

Paid Thos. L. French, labor masonry, $29 74
George Peirce, carpentry labor, bridges, 9 77
Geo. Peirce, carpentry labor, culverts, 7 77
James Tunnay, stone work, 42 70
Day & Collins, drain pipe, 954 30
Boyd & Cate, stone, 85 40
George Peirce, labor and materials, 328 51
John Tucker, grate frames - sewers, 3 00
Highways, labor on culverts under streets, 489 25
Thomas L. French, masonry, 232 12
Day & Collins, drain pipe, 90 00
Paid James Tunway, stone work, 79 03
John Cullen, " 78 75
R. Gilkey & Co., cement, 44 00
Alexander McDonald & Co., stone, 425 00
Day & Collins, drain pipe, 90 00
Davis & Farnham, iron pipe and grates, 41 30
James Tunmay, stone work, 31 50
John Tucker, covers for cesspools, 11 50
John Cullen, stone work, 3 50
George Peirce, stock and labor, 63 92
Antipas Jackson, iron work, 68 61
Thomas L. French, labor and materials, 672 75
Miles Pratt & Co., castings, 25 30
Thomas L. French, labor and materials, 43 96

$3,951 68

$4,400 00

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Appropriation, $3,800 00
Paid E. J. Norcross, 6 months' interest on $200, 6 00
Boston five cent savings, 6 months' interest on $10,000, 300 00
Thomas Peirce, 6 months' interest on $1,000, 30 00
Waltham Savings Bank, 6 months' interest on $900, 31 50
Lowell Institution for savings, 6 months' interest on Town Notes, 491 43
Lowell Institution for savings, 6 months' interest on $5,500, 165 00
Mrs. Faxon, 6 months' interest on $300, 9 00
Mrs. L. Forbes, 6 months' interest on $2,000, 60 00
State Treasurer, 6 months' interest on $9,268, 278 04
Mrs. L. Forbes, 6 months' interest on $1,000, 35 00
State Treasurer, 6 months' interest on $4,500, 146 25
Mrs. E. Glines, 6 months' interest on $1,000, 35 00
Miss E. J. Norcross, 6 months' interest on $200, 6 00
Boston five cent savings, 6 months' interest on $10,000, 300 00
Thomas Peirce, 6 months' interest on $1,000, 30 00
Ann I. Norcross, 1 year's interest on $700, 42 00
Lowell Institution for savings, 6 months' interest on Town Notes, 449 94
Watertown Savings Bank, 6 months' interest on Town Note, 31 50
Mrs. Faxon, 6 months' interest on $300, 9 00
Lowell Institution for savings 6 months' interest on Town Note, 165 00
TREASURER’S REPORT.

Paid State Treasurer, 6 months’ interest on $9,268,
Mrs. L. Forbes, 6 months’ interest on $2,000,
Mrs. L. Forbes, 6 months’ interest on $1,000,
State Treasurer, 6 months’ interest on $4,500,
Mrs. E. Glines, 6 months’ interest on $1,000,
Hamilton National Bank, discount on $7,000; money borrowed in anticipation of taxes,

Total Interest Payments: $3,346 61

Transferred to Contingent Fund: 453 39

Total Transferred: $3,800 00

INSURANCE.

Appropriation, $1,150 00
August. Paid Extra Insurance on Town House, during repairs, $51 40
October. Paid renewal of, and new policies on School-houses, Town Hall and new Engine-house, 511 88
November. Paid renewal of, and new policies on School-houses, Town Hall and new Engine-house, 371 25
1872. February. Paid additional policies and permits, 165 74

Total Insurance Payments: $1,100 27

Transferred to Contingent Fund: 49 73

Total Transferred: $1,150 00
### FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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Paid Newton & Watertown Gas-Light Co., 6 30
" " " 4 50
Pay-roll, Engine Co. No. 1 (Nov.), 165 00
" Hook and Ladder Co. " 75 00
George W. Bright, steward, 25 00
Engineer's salary, 6 months, 87 50
S. S. Gleason, oil, charcoal, sponge, etc., 13 40
Newton & Watertown Gas-Light Co., 12 00
Wm. L. Stiles, funnel, lantern, and labor, 4 15
Royal Gilkey, coal, 2 50
Hiram McLaughlin, 1 month's salary, engineer, 80 00
Royal Gilkey, coal and wood for steamer, 50 75
S. S. Gleason, sundries per bill, 42 46
T. P. Emerson, expressage, 40 08
Wm. L. Stiles, kitchen furniture, 36 97
Snow & Bradlee, printing regulations, etc., 27 50
Henry G. Peirce, 1 month's salary driver, 25 00
John Ross, iron-work, 11 50
Coffin & Magee, grain for horses, 9 20

$1,335 68

Transferred to Contingent Fund,

$1,400 00
New appropriation which the Treasurer was authorized to borrow, but did not, for hose, furniture, etc., $3,000 00

Drawn from Contingent Fund, 1,175 33
Paid James Boyd & Sons, new hose, 480 00
A. D. Drew, 50 patent sheaves, etc., 55 00
Sewall, Day & Co., cordage, 187 57
Luther Bent & Co., settees, chairs and bedding, 130 20
Clark & Fox, gas-fixtures, 95 00
Rogers & Allen, 18 army O. sacks, 81 00
French & Coffin, snaps, rings, and blankets, 45 50
Goldthwait, Snow & Knights, carpeting, 25 31
William Rogers, clock, 20 00
Henry A. Hall, mats, spittoons, etc., 19 75
Geo. E. Teele, painting signs, 19 00
A. D. Drew, leather, and covering bucket, 13 00
John Madden, rest for hose and axe-handle, 4 00  $1,175 33

Appropriation for steamer, etc., 5,000 00
Paid A. D. Drew, new harnesses, 200 00
Transferred to Contingent Account, 4,800 00  $5,000 00
POLICE.

Appropriation, $2,000 00
Transferred from Contingent Fund, 23 40
Received of H. J. Edwards, for gas, 43 20

$2,066 60

Paid Geo. Parker, 1 year's service, $912 50
Ezrum V. Howard, " 912 50
Henry F. Bright, occasional service, 37 50
Michael Guildea, " 7 50
A. J. Mills, " 7 50
James R. Harrison, " 7 50
H. B. Cheney, " 2 50
Joseph Crafts, rent of police office one year, 75 00
Newton & Watertown Gas-Light Co., 77 90
Royal Gilkey, coal, 7 95
J. W. McCarthy, charcoal, 2 00
S. S. Cutter, opening lock-up, 10 00
Luther Bent & Co., curtains for new office, 6 00
Thomas P. Emerson, expressage, 25

$2,066 60

SALARIES.

Appropriation, $2,975 00
Paid School Committee salary, 1870–71, $250 00
Auditors' salary, 1871, 75 00
Jos Crafts, Town Clerk, salary, 1871, 250 00
Assessors' salary, 1871, 450 00
Selectmen and Overseers' salary, 1871, 300 00
Paid Town Treasurer, salary, 1871, 200 00
" " services on State aid, 30 00
J. Crafts, sealer of weights, etc., 10 00
Geo. H. Sleeper, Surveyor of Highways, 1,350 00
Transferred to Contingent Account, 60 00
$2,975 00

NEW RESERVOIR ON GALEN STREET.
(Treasurer authorized to borrow, but did not.)

Appropriation, drawn from Contingent Fund, $1,300 00

Paid Geo. H. Wentworth, pumping water, 42 00
Jesse Fewkes, pumping water, 27 20
J. J. Walworth, steam-pump hire, 16 91
T. P. Emerson, expressage of steam-pumps, 2 15
Newton & Watertown Gas-Light Co., coke and coal, 13 50
Royal Gilkey & Co., lumber, 16 06
" " cement, 8 25
Alfred Howes, tubing, 10 70
Highways, labor, excavating, etc., 446 75
George Peirce, labor and stock, 23 25
Thomas L. French, " 542 51
$1,149 28

Transferred to Contingent Fund, 150 72
$1,300 00
STEAM-HEATING APPARATUS FOR ENGINE-HOUSE, AND ALL THE ROOMS IN THE TOWN HOUSE.

Appropriation, $4,000 00
Paid George W. Walker & Co., for steam apparatus, and setting up, 3,397 81
Transferred to Contingent Fund, 602 19

$4,000 00

STATE TAX.

Whole amount assessed, as required by warrant, $6,975 00
Paid State Treasurer (amount being transferred from receipts), $6,975 00

WATERING MAIN STREET.

Appropriation to be paid from Contingent fund, $200 00
Transferred from Contingent Fund and paid to Samuel Batchelder, $200 00

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

Dr.
To appropriation, $1,700 00
" transfers from unexpended appropriations, 7,318 70
" transfers from receipts, 17,429 44

$26,448 14
Paid Joseph Crafts, extra services, 1870, $46 00
" " " survey and plan of
R. R. crossings, 25 00
Joseph Crafts, transcript of records, 16 00
Lucius T. Brown, service Town Hall, 27 50
Pathfinder printing office, Town Reports, 537 25
N. & W. Gas-Light Co., street lights, 142 93
N. & W. Gas-Light Co., Lower Hall, 64 80
N. & W. Gas-Light Co., upper hall, 19 80
L. T. Brown, janitor, town hall, 56 00
Charles Brigham, town seal, 50 00
Lyman P. Gerould, expense committee, Northampton, 40 65
C. C. McLauthlin, stationery and printing, 19 56
Wm. T. Rogers, care of town hall, 18 50
James R. Harrison, expressage, 1 15
" " " ringing bell, town meetings, 12 00
Royal Gilkey, coal and wood, town hall, 12 50
S. S. Gleason, sundries, 91
Joseph Crafts, postage stamps, 63
Joseph Bird, for experimental house (fire), 30 00
Lucius T. Brown, janitor town hall, 20 50
Paid Wm. Rogers, care of town clock, 12 50
George F. Meacham, soldiers’ monument, 1,018 75
Clark & Fox, gas fixtures, 3 00
Charles Brigham, designs soldiers’ monument, 25 00
Goodrich & Edwards, legal advice, 190 62
Lucius T. Brown, janitor town hall, 12 00
Thos. L. French, labor, 11 53
S. S. Gleason, matches, 60
N. & W. Gas-Light Co., street lights, 107 59
Joseph Crafts, surveys, etc., 46 45
“ “ copying tax books, 1868-70, 40 00
N. & W. Gas-Light Co., repairing street lights, 38 05
C. C. McLauthlin, stationery, etc., 29 66
Lucius T. Brown, janitor town hall, 21 87
N. & W. Gas-Light Co., gas, lower hall, 18 45
Patrick J. Flannery, Myrtle street light, 12 00
Wm. L. Stiles, sealing weights, etc., 1870, 10 00
S. S. Gleason, feather duster, 3 25
Wm. L. Stiles, rep’g street lanterns, 2 50
N. & W. Gas-Light Co., gas, upper hall, 1 35
Alexander Gregg, mowing cemetery, 9 00
Assessors, extra service on taxes, 150 00
TREASURER’S REPORT.

Paid George F. Morgan, list of conveyances, 30 84
William Rogers, care of town clock, 12 50
Stephen Holmes, raising flag-staff, 10 00
Lucius T. Brown, janitor town hall, 6 00
Samuel L. Batchelder, refreshments town offices, 4 00
N. & W. Gas-Light Co., street lights, 183 56
N. & W. Gas-Light Co., lower hall, 7 65
" " " " " " selectmen's room, 3 15
George N. March, abatement of taxes, 71 25
Leonard Whitney, Jr., abatement of taxes, 62 50
Mrs. Otis Jenison, abatement of taxes, 18 75
Est. of William Horn, abatement of taxes, 3 75
Joseph Crafts, surveys, etc., 57 01
C. C. McLauthlin, stationery, etc., 17 02
George Phinney, advertising, 7 50
Aiken & Woodward, charcoal, 5 50
Henry F. Bright, killing 41 dogs, 41 00
Lucius T. Brown, janitor of town hall, 12 67
Wm. Rogers, care of town clock, 12 50
Stephen Holmes, lowering flag-staff, 10 00
Samuel Noyes, rent of room, 46 30
Lucius T. Brown, janitor town hall, 33 00
Royal Gilkey, coal, town hall, 20 80
Paid George Peirce, labor on fences, town land, 20 13
John H. Conant, ½ expense sidewalk, 12 50
Waltham and Watertown Directory, 1 50
George W. Bright, repairing town pump, 3 50
Samuel Richardson, land damages, Cross street, 438 80
Gardner Aldrich, land damages, Cross street, 773 80
Bliss & Perkins, chandelier and fixtures, 366 50
N. & W. Gas-Light Co., street lights, 244 84
Thos. L. French, labor on town house, 76 17
N. & W. Gas-Light Co., labor on pipe and meters, 50 95
N. & W. Gas-Light Co., gas lower hall, 37 60
N. & W. Gas-Light Co., selectmen's Room, 8 80
N. & W. Gas-Light Co., upper hall, 2 40
N. & W. Gas-Light Co., room, Noyes' Block, 1 20
N. & W. Gas-Light Co., new lantern, 13 35
George B. Stockwell, carriage hire, 50 00
Royal Gilkey, coal, town house, 31 80
Lucius T. Brown, janitor town hall, 21 25
John Barnard, rep’g street lights, 16 50
Paid H. F. Merrifield, hoisting draws, 16 50
C. C. McLauthlin, printing, etc., 12 10
Patrick J. Flannery, Myrtle street light, 12 00
Berry & Moody, labor, 10 52
B. S. Wetherbee, curtains and fixtures, 10 50
Moses S. French, moving fence, etc., 7 00
S. S. Gleason, sundries, 3 44
F. M. Hawkins, expressage, 3 00
Wm. L. Stiles, watering-pot, etc., 1 15
E. H. Brabrook, furniture and carpets, 544 34
Luther Bent & Co., settees, 475 78
Joel Barnard, collecting taxes, 1871, 361 54
Highways, labor around engine-house, 128 50
Highways, laying wall on Church street, 74 00
Royal Gilkey, coal, town house, 105 81
Lucius T. Brown, janitor, town hall, " " " ringing bell 28 times, 14 00
Alexander Gregg, returns of deaths, 6 90
Sam'l C. Howe's abatement of taxes, 72 00
Joseph Crafts, record'g births, etc., 60 95
Thomas Patten, \( \frac{1}{2} \) proceeds hay-scales, 56 88
John R. Stickney, stamps, stationery and expenses, 45 00
TREASURER'S REPORT.

Paid Wm. Rogers, care of town clock, 12 50
Thos. P. Emerson, expressage, 8 15
Samuel L. Batchelder, refreshments for county commissioners, 8 00
Royal Gilkey & Co., posts, Cross street, 6 75
James Sharp, varnishing, etc., 5 50
Geo. B. Stockwell, carriage hire, 5 00
Joseph Crafts, survey and stamps, 4 96
George E. Teele, sign and painting, 3 25
Elijah Pratt, ringing bell, 3 00
Carter & Pettee, stationery, 2 60
Alfred Howes, hardware, 2 50
Thomas Patten, weigher's book, 2 15
E. G. Tarbell, rep'g town pump, 1 00
William L. Stiles, rep'g tub, 50
Expense of committee on steam fire engine, 59 00

$7,925 66
By transfer to pay State Tax, $6,975 00
" " watering Main St. 200 00
" acc't of new appropriation for hose, etc., Fire Department, 1,175 53
transfer to exceeded appropriations to meet deficiencies, 7,002 52
Cash balance in treasury, 3,169 43

$26,448 14
CASH ASSETS, Feb. 22d, 1872.

Cash in treasury, $3,169 43
Outstanding taxes in hands of Joel Barnard, Collector, 8,734 68
Due from State on account of State aid, paid in 1871, 1,137 00

$13,041 11

SUMMARY.

TOWN OF WATERTOWN IN ACCOUNT WITH JOHN K. STICKNEY, TREASURER.

Dr.

To cash paid Almshouse account, $3,768 41
" bridges and culverts, 1,950 44
" new culverts, drains and cess-pools, 2,001 24
" contingent including State Tax and for watering sts., 15,100 66
" Fire Department, old and new apparatus, 2,711 01
" highways account, 13,249 95
" interest " 3,174 95
" discount at Hamilton National Bank, 171 66
" insurance prem. paid, 1,100 27
" Treasurer of trustees of F. Pub. Library, 1,350 00
" Police account, 2,066 60
" school teachers' salaries, 16,206 34
TREASURER'S REPORT.

To cash paid janitors' salaries, 1,076 53
" incidental expenses, 3,163 34
" concrete sidewalks, 2,526 53
" and brick constructed prior to 1871, 194 01
" State aid, 1,137 00
" portion of town debt, 2,900 00
" town officers' salaries, 2,915 00
" new engine house and repairing town house, 19,114 06
" new reservoir on Galen st., 1,149 28
" steam-heating apparatus, 3,397 81
Balance in treasury, 3,169 43

——— $103,594 52

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By cash receipts as per account, $103,594 52
E. & O. E.

JOHN K. STICKNEY, Treasurer.

WATERTOWN, Feb. 17, 1872.

WATERTOWN, February 22, 1872.

The foregoing account of John K. Stickney, Treasurer of the Town of Watertown, has been examined by us the subscribers, and we find them correctly cast and vouched.

GEO. N. MARCH, H. J. EDWARDS, WM. H. CLARK,

{Auditors.
## Statement of Town Debt

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### ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 1872.

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### AUDITORS' REPORT

#### SCHEDULE AND VALUATION OF TOWN PROPERTY

**Town Farm, —**
- 31½ acres of land, $800, $25,200 00
- Buildings on the same, 3,500 00
- Personal property, as per appraisement, 2,931 67
- Used on roads, 4,876 00

**Town House and Land, —**
- 12,920 feet of land, $12,920 00
- Town house, 18,000 00
- Furniture in town house, including the steam heating apparatus, $5,000 00

**High School-house, —**
- 23,264 feet of land, $2,300 00
- High School-house and furniture, 13,000 00
- Philosophical Apparatus, 1,775 00
- Library and piano, 975 00

**Centre School-house, —**
- 15,318 feet of land, $2,500 00
- School-house and furniture, 12,000 90
- Piano, 400 00

**East School-house, —**
- 27,378 feet of land, $1,000 00
- School-house and furniture, 12,000 00

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AUDITORS' REPORT.

**WEST SCHOOL-HOUSE,**

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**SOUTH SCHOOL-HOUSE,**

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- Two fire-engines and apparatus, 5 extinguishers: $600 00
- Hook and ladder carriage: 125 00
- Gravel bank on Beacon Hill, 1 2-5 acres of land: $1,300 00
- Hay-scales: 300 00
- Free Public Library and furniture: 8,000 00
- Iron safe at town treasurer's: 65 00
- New engine-house: 14,500 00
- Hose, harnesses and furniture: 1,000 00

**Total:** $169,142 67
Synopsis of Valuation and Taxation on Watertown from 1820 (5 years' interval) to 1870, and also including 1871.

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INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT

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

**Live Stock,**

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**Hay, etc.,**

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**Grain and Produce,**

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<td>5 bushel pop-corn</td>
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<td>8 bushel beans</td>
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<td>20 bushels Early Rose potatoes</td>
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<td>10 bushels carrots</td>
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<td>Lot cabbages</td>
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INVENTORY AND APPRAISAL.

WAGONS, FARMING-TOOLS, etc., —

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<td>1 feed box and shovel</td>
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<td>1 water pail</td>
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<td>1 cart-harness and extra pieces</td>
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<td>2 scalding tubs</td>
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INVENTORY AND APPRAISAL.

| Item                                                                 | Value  
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------
| 1 grind stone,                                                       | $1.00  
| 3 axes and saw horse,                                                | 3.50   
| 2 wood saws,                                                         | 1.50   
| 1 oil can,                                                           | 0.50   
| 1 vise and tools in shop,                                            | 5.00   
| 1 stove,                                                             | 5.50   
| Bench and old furniture in shed chamber                              | 13.50  
| 1 ice chest,                                                         | 1.50   
| 25 flour barrels,                                                    | 4.25   
| 1 horse rake, and 2 loafer rakes,                                    | 7.00   
| 1 hot-bed sash,                                                      | 1.00   
| 1 pair steps,                                                        | 1.50   
| 1 lot of old iron,                                                   | 2.00   
| 1 lot of manure,                                                     | 16.50  
| 2 ox yokes,                                                          | 2.00   
| 1 cooking stove,                                                     | 10.00  
| 1 set stove linings,                                                 | 0.88   
| 1 horse blanket,                                                     | 4.00   
| 1-2 cord wood,                                                       | 6.00   
| coal,                                                                | 4.50   
| 1 lot locust posts,                                                  | 10.00  
| 1 lot wooden horses,                                                 | 6.00   
| 1 clothes dryer,                                                     | 5.00   
| 1 lot shingles,                                                      | 2.50   
| **Total**                                                           | **$569.25**

FURNITURE, ETC.

| Item                                                                 | Value  
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------
| 1 fire extinguisher,                                                | $30.00 
| 1 set measures,                                                     | 0.50   
| 1 meal chest,                                                        | 2.00   
| 1 wringer and 4 washboards,                                          | 10.50  
| Tin ware,                                                            | 25.00  


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<td>10 pails</td>
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<td>Baking pans</td>
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<td>9 flat irons</td>
<td>$6.50</td>
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<td>1 brass kettle, 1 enamel kettle</td>
<td>$4.00</td>
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<td>1 lot of pots, jars and jugs</td>
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<td>Steelyards, hammer and auger</td>
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<td>Chopping knife and trays</td>
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<td>1 lantern</td>
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<td>5 oil-cans and oil</td>
<td>$6.50</td>
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<td>1 dinner bell</td>
<td>$1.50</td>
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<td>1 table and wash bench</td>
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<td>1 table in cellar</td>
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<tr>
<td>27 pair pillow-cases</td>
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<td>6 pair socks</td>
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<td>4 brooms</td>
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<td>7 wash tubs</td>
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<td>1 churn</td>
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<td>1 cook stove and furniture</td>
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<td>1 extension table</td>
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<td>1 secretary and bookcase</td>
<td>$7.00</td>
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<td>1 old style eight-day clock</td>
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<tr>
<td>25 chairs</td>
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<td>8 tablecloths</td>
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<td>26 crash towels</td>
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<td>Knives, forks, spoons, etc.</td>
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<td>7 lamps</td>
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<td>10 yards calico</td>
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<td>4 bedsteads</td>
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<td>13 bunks</td>
<td>$19.50</td>
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<td>1 washing machine</td>
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<td>16 feather beds, 28 pillows, 4 bolsters</td>
<td>$100.00</td>
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<td>19 chambers</td>
<td>$10.00</td>
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INVENTORY AND APPRAISAL.

18 straw beds, $16 00
29 pairs of sheets, 15 00
35 comforters and quilts, 45 00
Underclothing, 6 00
2 clothes-horses, 4 00
2 clothes-baskets, 1 00
1 lot medicines, 4 00
Table condiments, 2 50
Meat block in cellar, 3 00
1 portable closet, 2 00
1 bit-stock and bits, 2 00
4 chests 2 00
Crockery in keeper’s room, 3 50
1 portable closet in kitchen, 2 00
1 bureau, 3 00

IN PAUPERS’ HALL.

1 long table, 3 00
Oil covering for same, 3 00
Small table and clock, 1 50
1 stove, 5 00
Crockery, 3 00
2 lamps, 50

$16 00

IN SOUTH-WEST CHAMBER.

1 bedstead, $2 00
1 feather bed, 1 straw bed, 2 pillows,

1 bed spread, 2 comforters, 10 00
1 table, 75
1 chair, 25

$13 00
INVENTORY AND APPRAISALMENT.

IN NORTH-EAST ROOM, OR PARLOR.

1 portable grate, $7 00
1 card table, 3 00
1 carpet, 15 00
3 curtains and fixtures, 3 00
1 looking glass, 3 00
1 sofa, 10 00
6 cane seat chairs, 1 rocker, 7 50
Law book and testament, 2 00

$50 50

IN SOUTH-END ROOM.

3 curtains, fixtures and maps, $1 50
1 carpet, 20 00
1 chest, 50
1 bedstead, 3 50
1 feather bed, 1 mattress, 1 spread, 2
  comforters, 2 sheets, 2 pillow cases, 20 00
1 washstand, 1 table, 4 50

$50 00

IN SOUTH-EAST CHAMBER.

1 washstand and looking-glass, $2 00
1 bureau, 4 00
1 stove, 1 25
3 curtains and fixtures, 1 25
1 bedstead, 3 00
3 comforters, 2 sheets, 2 pillow cases,
  1 bed spread, 1 straw bed, 1 feather
  bed, 19 50

$31 00

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INVENTORY AND APPRAISAL.

IN NORTH-EAST CHAMBER.

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<td>1 bedstead,</td>
<td>2.50</td>
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<td>1 mattress,</td>
<td>3.00</td>
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<td>2 comforters,</td>
<td>4.00</td>
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<td>1 white spread,</td>
<td>1.25</td>
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<td>1 pair sheets and pillow cases,</td>
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<td>Curtains and fixtures,</td>
<td>75</td>
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<td>1 table-cover and chairs,</td>
<td>1.00</td>
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<td><strong>$16.15</strong></td>
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NORTH-WEST CHAMBER.

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<td>Table and chairs,</td>
<td>1.50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Clock,</td>
<td>5.00</td>
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<td>Bedstead, bed, and bedding,</td>
<td>20.00</td>
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<td>Table cover,</td>
<td>75</td>
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<td>Stove,</td>
<td>50</td>
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GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

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<td>Meal in barrel,</td>
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<td>110 lbs. sugar,</td>
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<td>180 lbs. lard,</td>
<td>36.00</td>
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<td>1/4 bbl. crackers,</td>
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<td>21/4 bbls. flour,</td>
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<td>Molasses and cask,</td>
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<td>1 1/4 bbls. pickles,</td>
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<td>30 lbs. tea,</td>
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<td>1500 lbs. pork,</td>
<td>250.00</td>
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INVENTORY AND APPRAISALENT.

7 hams, $35 00
10 lbs. butter, 3 50
20 lbs. tobacco, 10 00
4 bbls. soap, 20 00
hops, 2 00
50 lbs. soap, 4 00
beef and pork, 25 00
vinegar, 3 00

$476 87

ANIMALS, IMPLEMENTS, AND MATERIAL USED ON ROADS.

6 horses, $1,400 00
4 sets lead harnesses, with extra pieces, 95 00
1 cart harness, 28 00
2 " 25 00
6 halters, 6 00
3 whiffletrees and spreaders, 3 00
Extra pieces harness, 5 00
1 new cart harness, 35 00
3 heavy chains, 8 00
4 carts, 175 00
2 wagons, 250 00
2 large sleds, 50 00
1 roller, 75 00
2 large ploughs, 20 00
4 snow ploughs for foot-paths, 15 00
1 lot tackle and fall, 10 00
2 gravel scrapers, 15 00
2 drags, 10 00
1 tool box, 5 00
2 gravel screens, 12 00
1 hogshead, $1 00
1 chest and grain, 12 00
1 lot drain pipe, 100 00
1 jack, 2 00
5 wheelbarrows, 10 00
4 wrenches, 4 00
2 forks, and 6 iron rakes, 8 00
5 iron bars, 10 00
15 shovels, 15 00
15 " (old) 5 00
16 picks, 20 00
4 stone hammers, 7 50
1 spirit level, 2 00
Lacing leather, 2 50
fuse, 50
2 drills, 6 00
1 pump, 10 00
1 cart axle, 7 00
1 axe and 2 hoes, 1 50
6 wagon tires, 10 00

$1,076 00

STONE BREAKER AND MACHINERY.

1 stone crusher and elevator, $750 00
1 engine and belting, 800 00
Covering over crusher, 100 00

$1,650 00

MATERIAL FOR ROADS.

1,100 tons stone, 700 00
Covering stone, 50 00

750 00
INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT.

RECAPITULATION.

ROADS.

- Horses, $1,400 00
- Harnesses, etc., carts, wagons, etc., 1,076 00
- Stone crusher, engine and crusher, 1,650 00
- Material for roads, 750 00

$4,876 00

FARM.

- Live stock on farm, $525 00
- Hay and straw, 132 50
- Grain and produce, 549 75
- Farming utensils, etc., 569 25
- Furniture in house, 678 30
- Groceries and provisions, 476 87

$2,981 67—$7,807 67

GEO. N. MARSH, H. J. EDWARDS, WM. H. CLARK

{Appraisers.}
SELECTMEN’S REPORT.

The Selectmen, in presenting their Annual Report, would congratulate their fellow-citizens on the increasing growth and prosperity of the town. This is due to various circumstances; the unparalleled increase in population of the metropolis, and consequent expensive living and high rents there, have driven people to seek cheaper abodes in other places, and the inducements offered by our town are unsurpassed in any suburban village; real estate is exceedingly low (compared with other towns), our roads and sidewalks are in excellent condition, the moral tone of our community is improving, and with superior schools, churches of every denomination, and easy access to the city for business men, our prospect in the future for still larger increase in wealth and prosperity is auspicious. In our annual town grants a true public spirit, should be manifested, and, without being extravagant, due provision should be made to supply the increasing demands of the public, for their comfort and welfare. In a growing community like ours, expenses necessarily increase, but it should also be borne in mind, that the property valuation increases in the same if not a larger ratio, so that the tax-payer is not a sufferer, but rather benefited thereby. It is essential our town should keep pace with our neighbors, otherwise our best interests would be prejudiced.

STREETS.

The Board would recommend the widening of Arsenal and Market streets. Both of these avenues have been en-
croached upon by buildings; they were accepted by the town at their original width of sixty-six feet. As thoroughfares, they are annually increasing in importance, and it is generally conceded by all who travel over them, that the time has arrived when the town should take peremptory action in the matter, compelling, if necessary, the abutters to remove all obstructions immediately, and, if damages can be legally assessed, the cost of adjusting the same will be less now than in the future.

Pleasant street has been laid out the entire length by the "County Commissioners," a report of which, and plan of survey, is on file in the town clerk's office the whole responsibility, however, for damages (if any can be claimed); devolves upon the town.

The abutters were duly notified to remove fences, and all other obstructions, and the "Surveyor of Highways" was instructed to see the same carried out, and in event of non-compliance by the parties interested, at the expiration of the time of notice, he was to proceed with his force, and remove them; but unavoidable delay prevented his accomplishing this purpose, until the sudden inclement weather set in, freezing up the ground, and staying any further proceedings, although when the ground opens in the spring, work can be resumed.

BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

This department involves a large expenditure of money annually, and as the heavy travel increases it cannot be otherwise. Below is annexed a summary detail of expenses of maintaining the several bridges for the four previous years, viz.:

For 1868, $243.21,
" 1869, 2,580.40,
" 1870, 126.80,
" 1871, 9.77,
and the estimated expenses for 1872, about $700.00. The bridge crossing the creek on Galen street is doubtless comparatively, the most expensive to maintain in town. Practical men have examined this structure, and think it would be economy to build a stone or an iron bridge there; at all events, the "Board" have deemed it expedient to lay this whole matter of bridges and culverts before the town for mature consideration, and would suggest the propriety of appointing a committee, familiar with such business, to examine into, and ascertain, what is really necessary to be done, and report the result at the adjourned meeting in April, when the town can act understandingly. Villages are springing up in all quarters of the town, and an urgent demand is made to devise some means of systematizing our street drainage. This perhaps is one of the most important matters (if not paramount to any other) for the town to act upon at the approaching meeting.

SOUTH DISTRICT.

On the south side of the river, quite a number of fine buildings have been erected on the "Morse Land," largely increasing the taxable value of property in that section; considerable money has been expended in improvements there, in drainage, and grading, and building a reservoir, or an immense well, which furnishes a larger supply of water than any other in town. From this source, water might be led in pipes to the square (if it were deemed advisable); this would do away with the necessity of a town pump (which is constantly getting out of order), and furnish a better supply, and at less expense, than the present mode.

The school accommodations are not what should be desired; but there is no reason that can be assigned for this, other than that the parents refuse to place their children at school there, preferring rather to send them out of town and pay their tuition. As soon as it shall be made apparent that a
higher grade of school, with a male teacher, is required in that district, no doubt the School Committee will establish one, and the Board would recommend that that section should have a liberal share of the town benefits.

STREET LIGHTS.

The expense of lighting the streets the past year has been somewhat in excess of other years, owing to an increase in the number of lights, and on account of the care of the lights being taken from the police, and given to the Gas Company. The Board were induced to make this change, as they found that the police could not properly attend to their regular duties, and light the lamps to the satisfaction of the public.

Lighting streets has ceased to be a question of expediency, and the Board would recommend that an appropriation be made for the erection of more posts; they do this for the reason, that under the present system, of individuals erecting posts at their own expense, there is no uniformity in their erection, as only such persons as feel able do it, and these for their own convenience, rather than the public, and in many cases they are of very little use to the public; thus there are long distances on the main streets which are not lighted; also many narrow, dark streets which should be lighted by gas, where there are gas mains, and by oil outside of the mains, and furthermore would recommend, that Mount Auburn and Main streets should be lighted the entire length, posts being placed at convenient distances.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

The improvements in the Town House have added to the comforts and conveniences of the public, and that the money has been usefully and profitably expended must be apparent. The new heating apparatus, ante-rooms and closets, town officers' rooms, chandelier in the hall, and a rear entrance to
the building, have long been demanded, and doubtless will be duly appreciated, and last of all among our public improvements (but by no means the least) is the commodious and splendid edifice erected for the Fire Department. Truly, we are not now behind any of our neighbors, in public buildings, or in fact anything desirable to promote the comfort and welfare of an enlightened community, or to invite strangers to settle in our midst. Heretofore, whenever the town has been called upon to make appropriations to carry out any plan, or project, where changes have been deemed expedient, or for any other purpose, a generous response has been the universal result. This is encouraging, but nevertheless due guard should be had against any lavish expenditure of the "Public Funds." The order of the day throughout the our country is (apparently) reckless extravagance. As a town may we endeavor to avoid drifting into any such whirlpool of destruction.

SAVINGS BANK.

The Watertown Savings Bank has now become a well established institution in our midst, and second to no other in the good it has done. It has been the means of inciting many a poor, and heretofore improvident person, to invest a portion of their earnings, and has, by loans, aided others to secure a comfortable homestead for their families; thus a two-fold benefit is the result, — rendering a service to the poor, and increasing the taxable property of the town. In view of this, it is to be hoped that our wealthy and influential citizens will encourage their employees, more generally, to patronize this flourishing home institution.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN K. STICKNEY, OLIVER SHAW, LYMAN P. GERould, Selectmen of Watertown.
REPORT
OF THE
OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Almshouse during the past year has been under the charge of Mr. and Mrs. Zachariah Boody, who have received (as they merited) the confidence of the Board.

The farm has been well cultivated, the crops being quite up to the average of former years, the labor having been mostly performed by the superintendent and paupers.

The Board think it would be economy to cement the cellar under the barn; this, together with some needed repairs on the outbuildings, would cost about $250, and they recommend that sum should be appropriated.

Two deaths have occurred at the Almshouse during the year, viz., Charles Swan and Charles McClellan.

Paupers at the Almshouse Feb. 10, 1872:—

Joseph Mackin,  
Lucretia Norcross,  
John R. Tufts,  
Eliza D. Tufts,  
Antonio Borneau,  
Elijah Hagar,  
Lizzie Swan,  
Abigail Gardner,  
A. L. Derby,  
Gerry Hager.

Travellers lodged during the year ending Oct. 1, 1871, at the Almshouse,
Station House,

Total,  
Respectfully submitted,

JOHN K. STICKNEY,  
OLIVER SHAW,  
LYMAN P. GERould,  
Overseers of the Poor.
Inasmuch as the receipts and expenditures of money in this department, during the past year, will be found under their appropriate head in the Auditor's Report, it is deemed unnecessary to repeat them here.

The money received has been expended mainly upon the roads.

Main street has been graded and paved on the north side from Howe's corner on Spring street, to the store of Otis Brothers, and from Sullivan's corner on Galen street, on the south side, to the grist mill. The street has also been graded, and made wider for vehicular travel, from Sullivan's corner, westwardly, to the horse railroad depot. The street has also been rubbled from Cuba street to the house of Daniel Bond.

Mount Auburn street has been graded and relaid with rubble from the Centre Grammar School-house to the burial-ground; from thence to Learned's Hill it has been filled up, and brought to a better grade; also rubbled from the top of said hill to and beyond the house of Delano March, and gravelled and repaired at various places eastwardly, beyond.

Arsenal street, has been rubbled from Brighton bridge, over the causeway to Arlington street, also from Elm
street to land of estate of Tyler Bigelow, and from the premises occupied by John W. Hartford, to the brow of Clay Hill, and gravelled between the places where rubble has been put.

Coolidge Avenue. The hill on the easterly side of the culvert has been cut down, and the material therefrom put in the valley, making a much easier grade, and from the westerly side of the culvert to Arsenal street the avenue has been gravelled.

Pleasant street, from the Etna Mills to a point near the Railroad bridge, has been gravelled, and also considerable filling and grading done at the bend of the river near Howard street.

The old road to Waltham, from the railroad bridge to the farm-house of T. Walker, Esq., and the cross street, from said old road to Pleasant street, at Etna Mills, have been gravelled.

Howard street, from Main to Pleasant street, has been gravelled.

Cross street, from Main to Pleasant street, has been gravelled.

Spring street has been raised, from Main street to the railroad crossing.

South and South River streets, from their junction by the river have been gravelled, to the residence of Henry Derby. Fayette, Palfrey, and other streets, north of the village, have been considerably repaired.

Morse street, from Galen street westwardly, has been filled and brought nearly to required grade, but will need more filling when the drainage is properly attended to.

The amount of crushed stone or rubble put upon the roads the past year is about 3,700 tons.

In addition to the roads, the sidewalks, wherever brick or concrete has been laid, have been filled and graded for that
purpose; and wherever edgestones have been required, they have been set, at the expense of this department. The length of edgestone set during the past year is about 800 feet.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. SLEEPER,
Surveyor of Highways.
REPORT

OF THE

CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Organization. Chief Engineer, Atwood D. Drew. Business place, Barnard Block, on Main street.

First Assistant Engineer, Charles W. Berry. Business place, Barnard Block on Main street.

Second Assistant Engineer, George Parker. Residence, Green street.

Third Assistant Engineer, Reuben Puffer. Residence, Arlington street.

Fourth Assistant Engineer, William H. Park, Jr. Residence, Boyd street.

The organization of Fire and Hook and Ladder Companies continued as reported last year, until May 1st, 1872, at which time, in view of steam power soon to be adopted in the department, a company of 35 men was made up and attached to Torrent Engine No. 1, with Mr. William Rogers as foreman.

Also a company of fifteen men was formed and attached to Hook and Ladder Carriage, with Mr. George B. Moore as foreman. This organization continued for six months, since which time a radical change has been made in the department.

A new and commodious brick engine-house has been built, provided with all the modern improvements pertaining to such buildings, including stable for horses, and sleeping accommodations for engineer and driver.
A new Steam Fire Engine, Hose Carriage and 1,500 feet new hose, with three horses and harnesses, have been placed in the engine-house, and a company of eighteen men, including engineer and driver, has been organized, and placed in charge of the same. It is composed of men experienced in and competent to perform all firemen's duties. With sleeping accommodations for the engineer and driver, and with horses constantly on hand, we are prepared to start at a moment's notice, either night or day, and we believe that we are prepared to prevent any serious destruction of property by fire, if water is within the range of our appliances. The department is well equipped, excepting an alarm bell, which is much needed on the hose-tower. Every fireman knows that five minutes' time at the commencement of a fire is worth more than hours after it is well under way. It is for this reason that an alarm bell should be placed in the tower, for with present arrangements it can be sounded at a moment's notice, and valuable service can be consequently rendered.

The hand engines are the same as last year and are in good order. Although the department rely mainly upon the steamer for extinguishing fires, yet the hand engines may be of great service as auxiliaries, and therefore should be kept in the department; especially, as the department may be extended east or west of the village, in which event the engines could be located accordingly.

The town has made liberal appropriations during the past year for the good of the Fire Department, yet there are some things yet needed. There should be two thousand feet of hose suitable for use, in connection with the steamer. There is on hand 1,200 feet of new leather hose and 300 feet of new rubber hose. Also, there is 800 feet of leather hose, not suitable for the steamer, and also 300 feet of linen hose which is in poor condition. We recommend the purchase of 509 feet more of leather hose.
RESERVOIRS.

Although much has been done in this respect, yet there are places not sufficiently protected. At the east part of the town, and in other localities, there is much valuable property which would be beyond the control of the department in case of fire. We recommend that reservoirs be built at the east part, and also one on Palfrey street, at the head of Church street.

FIRES, ETC.

For the past year the department has been called out but once to a fire in this town. This was the burning of Mr. Sawyer's slaughter-house, on Arsenal street, Sept. 13th. Loss estimated at $8,500. Insured for $4,000. Various alarms have called the department out; but the fires were beyond the limits of the town, or else speedily subdued without the use of the engines.

FINANCE.

The appropriations for the Fire Department for the past year, were as follows:—

For support of department, $1400 00
Out of this was expended, 1335 68
Balance, $74 32

For the purchase of hose, furniture, ropes, etc., $3,000; out of this has been already paid, $1,175 53; and there is new hose to be paid for in March, which will consume the balance.
APPRIORATIONS FOR ENSUING YEAR.

There will be required for the support of the department as follows, viz.:

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<td>Repairing apparatus</td>
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Total: $2,800

My thanks are due to the town for the liberal means placed at the disposal of the department during the past year. Also to the Assistant Engineers and the firemen, for the prompt and faithful discharge of all the duties assigned them. A large amount of money has been expended during the past year to put the department in condition for effective service, which I trust the citizens will never have cause to regret, nor will they be unmindful of the importance of keeping the department well supplied with all necessary means, so that at all times it may be ready for any emergency, and be able to prevent any serious destruction of property by fire.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. DREW,
Chief Engineer Fire Department.
REPORT
OF THE
BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The Building Committee, in presenting their report, would call attention to the fact that the duties placed upon them in carrying out the plans accepted and adopted by the town at the meeting held in May last, necessitated other labor, and changes in the Town Hall building, not at that time contemplated or provided for, but yet quite necessary for the use of the various officers of the town; for the change required in the removal of the Reading Room connected with the Library; for the Police accommodation; and also the repairs on the outside of the building, like slating, etc.; all of which have been attended to by this Committee, upon consultation and advice with the Selectmen. The cost of this extra work was $1,412.24, and paid for from the Contingent Fund. The appropriations made for the new Engine House, and for the Town Hall enlargement, were $17,000; and for the steam heating apparatus, $4,000; making a total of $21,000. The amounts paid out strictly on account of the contracts, and extra labor on the same, are as follows:—

H. W. Macurdy, on account of Engine House, $7,573 74
“ “ “ Town Hall, 1,738 16
Thos. L. French, “ Engine House, 6,672 29
Thos. L. French, on account of Town Hall,
($1,062.63) 1,062.63
Brigham & Sturgis, architects, 555.00
Geo. W. Walker & Co., steam heating, 3,397.81
Leaving an unexpended balance of 37
$21,000.00

The Committee have held frequent meetings, and some
of the members have devoted a great deal of time in care-
fully looking after this work, and believe it to be faithfully
and honestly executed. The Town Hall will now comfort-
ably seat six hundred people. The large platform, 15 by
22 feet, as also the retiring or ante-rooms at the end of the
hall, with their convenient closets, are among the added
conveniences, which will no doubt be fully appreciated.

THOS. L. FRENCH, Chairman,
GEO. N. MARCH, Secretary,
SAML. L. BATCHELDER,
A. D. DREW,
JOHN COOLIDGE, Jr.,
Building Committee.

WATERTOWN, Feb. 22, 1872.
REPORT OF
TOWN CLERK AND REGISTRAR.

BIRTHS.
The whole number of births registered during the year 1871 was one hundred and nineteen (119), thirteen (13) more than in 1870.

The number of births is in the ratio of one (1) to 36.44+ of the population.*

Of the whole number born, fifty-six (56) were males, and sixty-three (63) females.
One hundred and fifteen (115) were born in Watertown, one (1) in Belmont, one (1) in Cambridge, and two (2) in Boston.

There were born of American parents, 38
" " foreign parents, 54
" " American and foreign parents, 26
Foundling, there was born of unknown parents, 1

MARRIAGES.
The whole number of marriages recorded for 1871 was seventy-three (73), seven (7) less than in 1870.
First marriage of both parties, 60
" " one and second of the other, 12
Second of one and third of the other, 1

73

* The population of Watertown, according to the census of 1870, is 4,337.
Number of marriages, both parties native born, 28
" " " foreign born, 32
" " " one native, the other foreign, 13

Ages of some of the parties married.

Oldest couple, Groom, 45, Bride, 47
Youngest couples, " 20, " 18
" " 21, " 21
" " 22, " 20
" " 22, " 21
" " 22, " 21
" " 23, " 20
" " 20, " 22
" " 22, " 21
" " 23, " 20
" " 21, " 20
" " 24, " 19
" " 25, " 18
" " 24, " 19

The number of intentions of marriage recorded is fifty-six (56).
The ratio of intentions of marriage is as (1) to 77.45 of the population.

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.

**DEATHS.**

The whole number of deaths registered for 1871 is ninety-six (96), twenty-three (23) more than in 1870.
The ratio of deaths to the population is as one (1) to 47.17 of the population.

Of the whole number of deaths, forty-seven (47) were males, and forty-nine (49) were females.
The condition of persons deceased, as per record, was,—

Single persons, 41
Married, 22
Widowed, 13

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*Age and Condition of some of the older persons deceased.*

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The number of persons deceased under 5 years of age, was 36
between 5 and 10 years of age, was 5
10 and 20 “ “ “ “ 12
20 and 30 “ “ “ “ 5
30 and 40 “ “ “ “ 5
40 and 50 “ “ “ “ 8
50 and 60 “ “ “ “ 6
60 and 70 “ “ “ “ 10
The number of persons deceased between 70 and 80 years of age was 80 and 90 " " 3
" 90 and 100 " " 1

The number of deaths of persons native born, was
" foreign " 75
" native and foreign " 21

The number of deaths of native born parentage, was
" foreign " 41
" native and foreign " 48
" native and foreign " 4
" nativity unknown " 3

CAUSES OF MORTALITY.

Apoplexy, 3 Heart disease, 2
Brain disease, 2 Hemiplegia, 1
Bright’s disease of kidney, 1 Infantile, 7
Bronchitis, 1 Inflammation of bowels, 1
Cancer, 1 " lungs, 1
" in breast, 1 Intemperance and diarrhoea, 1
" stomach, 1 Kidney disease, 1
Cerebritis and convulsions, 1 Liver " 1
Cholera infantum, 5 Membranous croup, 1
" morbus, 1 Old age, 4
Congestion of brain, 1 Paralysis, 2
" lungs, 1 Parturition, 1
Consumption, 9 Peritonitis, 1
Convulsions, 3 Phthisis, 7
Delirium tremens, 1 Pleurisy, 1
Diphtheria, 2 Pneumonia, 2
Dropsy, 1 " and bronchitis, 1
" on the brain, 1 Premature birth, 2
Enteritis chronic, 1 Scarletina, 2
Erysipelas, 1 Scarlet rash, 1
" and convulsions, 1 Sclerofulæ, 1
Scrofula and malignant sore, 1
Typhoid fever, 3
Spine complaint, 1
" and pneumonia, 1
Still-born, 7
Unknown, 1
Strangulated hernia, 1
Suffocation, 1
Total, 96

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 birth, the name of the 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."

DOGS.

The whole number of dogs licensed the past year is 161. males, 153; females, 8,

Amount received for licenses, viz.: —
153 male dogs, at $2 each, $306.00
8 female dogs, at $5 each, 40.00

$346.00

From which deduct clerk's fees: —
161 licenses, at 20 cents each, $32.20

Bald County Treasurer per receipt, $313.80

The whole number of dogs killed during the past year as per return of Henry F. Bright, Constable, is forty one (41.)
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Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH CRAFTS,
Town Clerk.
BY-LAWS

OF THE

TOWN OF WATERTOWN,

CONCERNING

TRUANT AND OTHER CHILDREN.
W. H. Ingraham, Town Clerk of the Town of Watertown, presents to this Court the following code of By-Laws for approval, to wit:—

"By-Laws of the town of Watertown concerning truant and other children, and police, and police regulations, adopted by the town, Nov. 3d, 1863.

"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:—

"Sect. 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.

"2d. The Almshouse of the town is hereby assigned as the suitable situation named in said act.

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

"4th. 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 be determined; 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 fourth conviction, by a fine not less than twenty dollars, or imprisonment aforesaid.

"5th. 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 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.

"6th. Before making 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 of and condition of the person or persons to be complained of, with their names, and the names, residence, 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 said persons as the School Committee may see fit to give; but if, within ten days after making such report, the said School Committee shall not give any such directions, the said commissioners shall forthwith enter their complaint before the proper magistrate or court.

"7th. 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 term of office. In case of resignation, the commissioners so resigning shall be entitled to a proportional amount of said compensation.

"8th. The Selectmen, at their first regular meeting after these By-Laws shall be approved, and thereafterwards 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 within his own or any other district.

"9th. 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.

"10th. The said commissioners shall be organized as a board, in the month of March annually, excepting in the
year 1863, when they shall be so organized as soon as may be after the approval of these By-Laws by the court, by the choice of a chairman, who shall also be the secretary of the board.

"11th. The said commissioners shall keep a fair record of their proceedings, and of the offences complained of, with the acquittals or convictions, and the punishments 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 on the fifteenth day of every January, and shall be open to the examination of the School Committee, or any of them, at all times.

"12th. The School Committee, in their annual report to the town, are requested to present an abstract of the commissioners' 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.

POLICE, AND POLICE REGULATIONS.

"13th. The Selectmen shall appoint annually two or more police officers, whose special 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.

"14th. The police officers shall receive from the town such compensations as the Selectmen may deem reasonable.

"15th. They shall disperse all gatherings in the street and 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 sus-
picious places, and hold them in custody until they can be brought before a magistrate for examination.

"16th. 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 bell, 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 his 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 or people 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 his person, by bathing or in any other way, in sight of the public road or of any private dwelling; or who shall ride or drive any animal or vehicle with dangerous speed along any public highway; or shall permit any dangerous animals to go at large; or shall discharge firearms in or near the street; or make any needless or 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 bridge over Charles river; or move any building, without permission in writing from one of the Selectmen, along or across any street, — shall for each and every one of such offences be severally liable to a fine not exceeding twenty dollars.

"17th. The code of By-Laws approved by the Court of Common Pleas of' the County of Middlesex on the 2d Monday of December, A.D. 1856, is, on the approval of these By-Laws, as hereinafter provided, hereby repealed."
"These By-Laws shall take effect from and after their approval by the Superior Court of the county of Middlesex."
And on this thirteenth day of February, A.D. 1864, the foregoing By-Laws, being seen and understood by the Court, are approved.

A true copy of the code of By-Laws adopted by the town, as approved by the Superior Court.

Attest:

JOSEPH CRAFTS, Town Clerk.
The following vote was passed at Town Meeting, held July 7, 1871.

"Voted, That the Cemetery Commissioners are authorized and instructed to spend the balance of money in their hands, in improving and beautifying the two old cemeteries in this town."

In accordance with the above, measures were taken to carry out the vote of the town, and Mr. A. Gregg was employed to complete the improvements, which he has done in a most satisfactory manner.

In the Village Cemetery, corner Mt. Auburn and Common streets, we have removed all the old rubbish, brush, and unsightly trees, also righted up and plumbed all the gravestones, and placed them in line so far as possible without interfering with the graves, and made paths as far as practicable in front and rear. In doing the same, it became evident that there was considerable unoccupied ground, suitable for new (family) lots, and we have succeeded in laying out about thirty (30) new lots, varying in size from one hundred to two hundred square feet each (which will more than pay for all that has been expended on both grounds to this time), and have made considerable improvement by removing the soil from the main avenues, and covering them with gravel, besides removing most of the soil from the paths preparatory to graveling or concreting them.

In the old Arlington-street Cemetery we have righted up
and plumbed upwards of four hundred old gravestones, besides what has been done by Mr. Coolidge in removing all the old brush and trees which so much encumbered the ground, making a great improvement in the looks of the place.

To perfect and carry out what has already been so well begun, we would suggest the following:

1. There are in the Village Cemetery four paths, which need to be gravelled or concreted. The probable cost of each would be, for concrete, $100; for gravel, $30.

The boundary wall between Mr. Russell’s and the cemetery will have to be repaired or relaid. The front walls on Mt. Auburn and Common streets are very much out of repair, and should be attended to soon.

A much-needed improvement is a good concrete sidewalk, on Mt. Auburn street, in front of the cemetery, which cannot be done without removing the wall in on to the cemetery ground, or removing those old elms, as there is not sufficient width for a walk without doing one or the other.

In Arlington-street Cemetery the old line wall between Mr. Coolidge’s and the cemetery should be relaid, and some evergreen trees set out on a line with the wall; likewise repairs as far as needed on the front wall on Mt. Auburn and Arlington streets.

There are some five or six old table monuments that should be repaired by laying new foundations in brick and cement, probably costing about one hundred and fifty or two hundred dollars.

Total amount needed for paths and repairs in both cemeteries, $600 00
Amount in hands of Treasurer, 253 14
Appropriation needed, $346 86

H. J. EDWARDS, Geo. N. MARCH, Geo. K. SNOW, Commissioners.
TREASURER'S REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1872.

Balance on hand March 1st, 1871, $605 14
Received for myrtle, 5 00
Aug. 7, received from Union R. Way Co., for gravel, 133 00

$743 14

Paid Geo. Z. Adams, for services, $55 00
for revenue stamps for deed, 16 00
A. Gregg, for work, Aug. 14, 153 00
" " Nov. 4, 212 67
" " Nov. 25, 53 37

$490 04

Balance on hand, 253 10

$743 14

GEORGE K. SNOW,
Treasurer Cemetery Commissioners.
THE

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF

WATERTOWN.

FOR 1871-72.

BOSTON:

ROCKWELL & CHURCHILL, CITY PRINTERS,

122 WASHINGTON STREET.

1872.
Watertown, Feb. 21, 1872.

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

Attest: CHARLES W. STONE,

Secretary.
REPORT.

The Committee, in presenting their annual report, desire to call the especial attention of their fellow-citizens not only to the report so far as it deals with the matters of the year now closing, but also to that portion which has reference to the future, believing, as we do, that your Common Schools constitute one of the greatest, and perhaps the greatest, element in the future prosperity of the town; believing that we realize its influence upon the industry, happiness and wealth of the people; that it is the potent instrument for the intellectual and social elevation of the community, and the great safeguard of all that has made New England grand in her past, in all that makes her sons proud of the present, and hopeful for the future. We feel that we are not asking too much, or placing too high an estimation upon the subject, when we ask of you in this department your most kind and considerate attention, and your most liberal and hearty support.

Believing, as we do, that the school system should be such as to secure the greatest good to the greatest number; that the results sought should not be sectarian, but of the broadest liberality; that the tender minds submitted to our charge should be carefully guided and directed, not forced or strained; that we have to deal with the capabilities of the human mind in all its different varieties, and with the destiny of immortal natures, and that, too, at an age when all the faculties are particularly alive and sensitive,—when the impressions received and the habits acquired are retained while life itself shall last; that we should be as careful and guarded in applying the
appropriations of the town in such a manner as to secure in the highest degree all the results sought; that we should, in the selection of teachers, carefully, conscientiously, and yet rigidly, demand and select such as are really qualified for their calling,—whose capabilities, both of head and of heart, render them worthy of the high position to which they are called, and of the great trust which we may place in their keeping; we think that we fully realize the importance of the great work which the town has seen fit to impose upon us; and we feel conscious of the great necessity of your support and aid, not only as parents, teachers and citizens, but as friends, co-workers and advisers.

ORGANIZATION OF THE PRESENT SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee holding over from 1870–71 were: Luther T. Townsend, George N. Snow, Henderson J. Edwards, and Abram L. Richards. There were chosen at the March meeting, 1871:

For three years, {John Coolidge, Jr.,
Charles Brigham.

Luther T. Townsend resigned March 12, 1871, to take effect at the organization of the new Board.

At a joint meeting of the School Committee and Board of Selectmen, May 17, 1871, Mr. Charles W. Stone was elected to fill the existing vacancy.

The School Committee, as at present organized, consists of

Chairman. — Henderson J. Edwards, . . . 1873.
Secretary. — Charles W. Stone, . . . . 1872.
George K. Snow, . . . . 1872.
Abram L. Richards, . . . . 1873.
John Coolidge, Jr., . . . . 1874.
Charles Brigham, . . . . 1874.
SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

SUB-COMMITTEES.

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

West District.
G. K. Snow, Chairman.
Charles Brigham,
A. L. Richards.

South District.
CHARLES BRIGHAM, Chairman.
H. J. Edwards,
JOHN COOLIDGE, Jr.

East District.
JOHN COOLIDGE, Jr., Chairman.
GEO. K. SNOW,
CHARLES W. STONE.

Centre Grammar and Primary, No. 1.
A. L. Richards, Chairman.
Charles Brigham,
Charles W. Stone.

Centre Intermediate and Primary, No. 2.
Charles W. Stone, Chairman.
H. J. Edwards,
A. L. Richards.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

It has become quite common in some of our neighboring towns to insert in the report, wood-cuts representing the various school-houses. We cannot believe that in our case such a course would at all enhance the value or the interest of the school-report. Our school buildings are those of the past generation, generally roomy, comfortable, and unsightly. In the East District the school-house is in good repair, and amply sufficient to accommodate the pupils of that section of the town
for some years to come, and meet the wants of a much-increased population which seems to be approaching.

There should be some slight repairs, with a new fence. The Centre Grammar School building, which is used for the Centre Grammar School and for the Centre Primary schools Nos. 1 and 2, is also in good condition, and will require only the ordinary expenditures for transient repairs.

The hall used for the Grammar School amply accommodates the large number of pupils. The Primary Schools, which have been gradually increasing in numbers, now find themselves cramped, and more room is absolutely necessary.

The High School building used for the High School and the Centre Intermediate School is entirely inadequate to the wants of the town. Your committee were obliged at the commencement of the school year to incur some expense, in order to meet the necessary and immediate demands of the High School; but the relief was only temporal. The number of scholars attending the High School has rapidly outgrown its capacity, and we cannot see that any alteration or enlargement of the present building is advisable. At present the school-room accommodates but about two-thirds of the pupils, and the other third are obliged to be seated in the recitation room, an arrangement which greatly interferes with the harmonious working of the school, and at the same time largely increases the work of the teachers.

The Intermediate School has so increased that the whole of the first floor is required for its accommodations, and the increase still continues; this fact renders it absolutely necessary that the town should take immediate action to meet the increasing demands of the Centre Schools, Primary, Intermediate and High.

It has been patent to those of our fellow-citizens who have for the last few years been at all interested in the schools, that there was need for a new High School building; we are now at that point when the need is absolutely pressing.
Your Committee would recommend that at the March meeting measures be taken to at once supply the town with an edifice for the separate use of the High School.

The rooms now occupied by the High School would, for some years to come, answer the increasing demands of the Primary and Intermediate Schools.

We ask the town to consider this matter carefully and yet liberally; we ask for such a building as would be at once a credit and an ornament to the town. We ask for as good a building as the neighboring towns have built within the last few years. We ask this for many and various reasons; first, the needs of the school imperatively demand it; second, if we would take advantage of the increasing prosperity which has for the last few years been sweeping over the suburbs of the metropolis, and if we would secure our share of the affluent tide of people who are seeking new homes away from the crowded places of the city, we must offer equal inducements with our neighbors; and thirdly, we believe that the cause of education can be better and more effectually subserved in an elegant, commodious structure than in a cramped cheap building. In all circumstances people and pupils are to a great degree dependent on themselves, but the influence of congenial scenes and companions, the effect of architectural beauty and grandeur, of surroundings pleasing to the eye and sense, are as favoring as the sun and rain to the grass and flowers, "Scholars do not chose their haunts by the Cam and Isis without thinking of retirement, of stately halls, vast libraries and the chapels and cloisters and paintings, and all the treasures that enrich the two great Universities of England." Artists flock to Rome, that they may find a school where art and its influence and surroundings is most varied and perfect. Scholars need the stimulus of all that is grand and ennobling, not only to the eye but to the mind, and especially should the course at the High School be one of thorough preparation for life, and a means of higher culture in all that ennobles the
individual and in all that purifies and elevates society. The associa-
tions which cluster around the school-house and the universi-
ties, where we may have spent the happiest moments of our lives, ought to and do have great and marked influence. The history of an old university is seldom written and more seldom read; it goes forth to the world in fragments, with classes and individuals and they are never gathered together. "A frieze from Athens calls for eloquent discourse, but the stone threshold of a College Hall, worn by a thousand feet is a theme for more eloquent meditation." Thus the treasures of ancient learning are unfolded, and sincere eloquence and poetry associate the great names of antiquity with those of later times. Truly amid such scenes and surroundings a lofty mind will gain high inspiration, the rarest enthusiasm and the richest knowledge.

In the South District the accommodations are amply sufficient for the school as it is now arranged; but your Committee deem it worthy of consideration to see whether the local interest of that section of the town might not be greatly enhanced by a change in the internal arrangements of the school under the present arrangement. It is used for for the South Primary and Intermediate Schools; neither of these schools is large in number; but the fact that many of the residents of this section of the town prefer to send their children to other schools would indicate that a change, if a change could be reasonably made, is desirable. What seems to be most needed is a male teacher. Let it not be under-
derstood that the Committee have any lack of confidence in the teachers in this section; but the character of a large portion fo the pupils is such that a male teacher is needed in the building. We see no way of affecting this, unless we shall make a change of the boundary lines of this district, and in that way secure pupils enough to warrant us in establishing a full Grammar School in this department. We might in this way reduce the large numbers of pupils in the Centre Gram-
mar Schools. Should this be done it would become necessary to finish off the unused portion of the building, and of putting in a furnace with heating capacity for the whole building.

In the West District the rooms used for the Grammar and Intermediate Schools are amply sufficient; but by the constant and continuous increase the numbers of the Primary School have far outgrown its capacity. We have in this department one hundred and eight pupils, and we have accommodations for about sixty. The small room used by and for the assistant teacher is at once a disgrace to the town, and a fit matter of investigation by the society for the prevention of cruelty to children. We must either have an addition to this building, or, as has been for some time the expressed wish of the inhabitants of this section, we must build a new Primary Schoolhouse in the vicinity of Etna Mills.

We earnestly request our fellow-citizens to take prompt and energetic action in this regard at the March meeting. Something must be done, and at once.

**HIGH SCHOOL REGISTER.**

George R. Dwelley, Principal, Miss Caroline S. Cushing, First Assistant, Miss Ellen M. Crafts, Second Assistant.
### Number of Scholars, Attendance, etc.

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The graduates for 1871 were, in the four years' course, Miss Fanny R. Gregg, Miss Mary A. Gribble, Miss Bertha M. Whitney, Master Frederic G. Nigers; † in the three years' course, Miss Marion J. Huckins, Miss Emily A. Ladd, Miss Carrie B. Russell, and Master Albert Q. Coolidge.

Seven scholars of the second class have taken Latin as an extra study. There will be seven candidates for graduation at the close of the present year, and one pupil is pursuing the classical course.

* Four were subsequently admitted on probation.
† The name of Frederic G. Nigers appears among the names of the graduates. Master Nigers had pursued the classical course, and, until within one or two days of the exhibition, had expected to graduate with his class, and deliver the valedictory address; but the day of graduation found him upon a bed of sickness which shortly after terminated fatally. Master Nigers was a lad of more than ordinary promise, and, by his upright character and his faithful and constant attention to his duties, he had won not only the love of his classmates and teachers, but the respect of all who knew him.
## HIGH-SCHOOL STUDY PLAN.

### THE COMPLETE COURSE OF ENGLISH STUDY.

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The figures show the number of Recitations per week.

Exercises in Reading, Composition, and Declamation throughout the course. Latin may be continued through the third and fourth years, as an extra study. Greek taught whenever desired.

Text-books in study of English Literature: Cleveland's Compendium, Scott, Shakespeare.
The shorter course of English study is practically the same as the first three years of the complete course.

**THE CLASSICAL COURSE.**

**FIRST YEAR.**

The studies are the same as in the first year of the complete English course, with Arithmetic.

**SECOND YEAR.**

Latin, Greek, Geometry, Latin Composition, Natural Philosophy, and Rhetoric and Composition.

**THIRD YEAR.**

Latin, Greek, Latin and Greek Composition, Logarithms, Trigonometry, and Ancient Geography and History.

**FOURTH YEAR.**

Latin, Greek, Latin and Greek Composition, Ancient Geography and History, with a review of Algebra, Geometry, and Arithmetic.

A class will be formed for the Classical Course every second year.

**Qualifications for Admission to the High School.**

1. Arithmetic, mental and written, as far as through Cube Root.

2. Grammar, as far as to be able to parse and analyze readily any simple English sentence, giving the definitions of terms used, and rules both for the changes of form of words in inflection, and for their construction in the sentence.

3. Geography, mathematical and political, including map-drawing.

4. Reading, Spelling and Defining.

5. Penmanship.
SALARIES.

In the matter of salaries your Committee most heartily endorse all that has been said or written upon the subject by previous committees. The one cause above all others which has hitherto shut out leading minds from the profession of teaching has been the inadequacy of the compensation. "That the cheapest was the best," which seems to have been at one time the rule, has lost much of its power, and towns and communities are fast awakening to the fact, that if they would have good teachers they must pay good salaries, and that parsimony in the matter of salaries, buildings, apparatus, books, or any of the varied appliances of education, is but suicidal economy. "The laborer is worthy of his hire," and if you would command first-class brains you must pay first-class prices. Consider for a moment the vast difference in the income of other professional men, — the minister, the lawyer or the doctor, — not one of whom but is more generously paid. The salary of a teacher, who by years of sterling industry may have won for himself one of the first positions in the schools of the large cities, bears no comparison with that of men in either of the other professions, who have striven equally long and faithfully; even salesmen, book-keepers, and confidential clerks are better paid.

When communities awake fully to the fact that they must pay for what they receive in the department of education as in other professions, we shall see teachers fully and fairly compensated, and not till then. The community must be brought to see that the education of their children is the most important object of their lives. And when they shall be brought to this, we have no doubt that they will at the same time be willing to pay a fair renumeration for the services received. And when we shall have done this, when we shall have made the profession of teaching equally honorable and equally renumerative with other professions and pursuits,
we shall be able to command equally with other professions and pursuits, the attention and services of first-class abilities.

The most costly instruction paid for is that given by inexperienced and incompetent teachers; the scholar suffers all his life from errors contracted in his youth, and often two years' attendance at school is of less advantage than one would have been under a faithful and competent teacher.

In the matter of salaries, we have gone to the utmost limit allowed us by the appropriation of the town. Our teachers are as well paid in most departments as those of neighboring towns; but, in some cases the salaries are too small, and should be increased.

**TOWN EVENING SCHOOL.**

Owing to the repairs which were being made upon the Town Hall, the Evening School, which the Committee had proposed to establish, had to be given up; subsequently, however, through the kindness and assistance of Mr. A. O. Davidson, we were enabled to start an Evening School at the Etna Mills, under the direction of Mr. George S. Turner, with four assistants. The school has been held three evenings in the week, and with the most gratifying results. There has been an average attendance of sixty pupils, of an average age of twenty years. We have endeavored to furnish instruction in all branches which might be desired, including all of the branches taught in the Grammar Schools, with Natural Philosophy, Geometry, Book-keeping, and a class in Industrial Drawing.

Mr. Dwelley, principal of the High School, has been delivering a course of lectures, one in each fortnight, on the subject of Physics.

Our large and efficient corps of teachers has enabled us to have the school so conducted that each pupil, as it were, has had during the school hours the constant attention and assistance of some one of the teachers. The order and discipline
has been in the highest degree praiseworthy, and the progress made by the whole school meets the highest expectation of the Committee, and is deserving of the most cordial praise. The pupilage of the school has been made up entirely of those whose time was employed during the day, and to whom this is the only opportunity open for study and improvement.

The teachers, as a body, are deserving of the highest consideration, and especially to Mr. A. O. Davidson are the thanks of the Committee and of the town due for his unwearied efforts on behalf of this school, and his generous donations in its support.

TEACHERS.

Probably no one of the varied duties which your Committee has been called upon to perform has been a source of more serious consideration and investigation than that of the selection of teachers. Of those who profess to be teachers, or who may think themselves teachers, there are many; of these who are teachers — teachers we mean in the perfect meaning of the word — the number is infinitely small; for the perfect teacher must be endowed with many and rare qualities; not only educated, but with a faculty of imparting that education to others; imbued with patience, forbearance, and withal a thorough love for the profession of teaching; with an innate appreciation of the many wants, predilections, and desires of the young; a disposition to lead by gentle means and yet a power to command; the subtle power of inspiring and awakening a true love for the school-room and its duties, and of making the studies a pastime rather than a labor.

What the town, the State, and the whole country need in education, as in all reforms, is teachers who go far beyond the present idea, leaving a mark towards which the nation slowly toils; teachers who will open new paths for the
nation's advancement; teachers who having seen with the clearness of a demonstration the possibility and necessity of their plans will, in spite of every opposition, persist until they triumph; teachers who act as well as think; teachers who can put on the mantle of Horace Mann and not lose themselves in the mighty folds of its greatness. What we need is a truer education and a purer manhood, and, as the standard changes with the advance of civilization, we need those endowed with an ability and a power to grasp new ideas and turn them to the common benefit, — those who will work with heart, mind and hand for the one great object, unwarped either by sectarianism or sectionalism. The present condition of society is to a large extent the result of the education of the past, and just so truly must the education which we confer upon our children to-day, determine the condition of society for the future.

The school system and the education of the past, has given to Massachusetts and New England the control and the lead in all that has been for the glory and the honor of the nation; to us it belongs to see to it not only that we sustain whatever of past glory may have been acquired, but to maintain the same proud position for the future. We cannot rest upon the laurels of our fathers; "we ourselves must pilgrims be, launch our Mayflower and steer boldly o'er the desperate winter sea, nor attempt the future portals with the past's blood-rusted key."

That the necessity for such teachers exists few we think will deny; many of these requisites are necessary to enable one to teach at all; most of them to enable one to teach successfully. Consider for a moment how much the child learns from imitation, from association; how much the character of the teacher becomes impressed upon the scholar; true it is, that the school, even as a mirror, reflects the character of the teacher, even to his or her peculiarities.

That teacher who does not thoroughly love the profession
is no teacher at all, and commits incalculable wrong, not only to himself, but is guilty of an absolute crime towards those whose time is thus lost beyond redemption. Influenced by such motives, your Committee have given to this branch of their duty their earnest attention, and we confidently submit to your consideration the board of teachers of your schools; we admit that they are not perfection, but "such as they are we offer them to you;" taken as a whole we believe that our board of teachers will compare favorably with that of any of our neighboring towns. Your Committee have at all times found them courteous, industrious and earnest, with a willingness to listen to any suggestion of improvement and to try any new method which might promise any advantage over old set forms, and seemingly imbued with a consciousness of the great importance and responsibility of their position.

**SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.**

On the subject of a School Superintendent, your Committee are of one mind—that a Superintendent is needed, and would be of great benefit to the schools. The members of the present Committee (and the same will probably hold true with regard to any Committee which you may elect in the future) are gentlemen whose time is, for the most part, occupied with their individual pursuits, and the time which they may be able to devote to the interests of the schools must necessarily be limited. If the town should decide to take any action in this regard, we desire it to be understood that we recommend such an appropriation as would enable us to secure the services of such a person as would be of real value to the town. The position can only be filled by a person of unquestioned ability, and corresponding compensation will be necessary.
We desire in our report to call attention to the subjects of Music and Drawing, long neglected in our schools. In the schools of Boston, and of the neighboring towns, we find that Music has long been one of the standard studies. Drawing has more recently been introduced. The utility of either, whether as a necessity or as an accomplishment, we do not propose to discuss, for we consider that point of the question already settled; and we believe that their neglect in the past has been one of the great defects in our system of education. In those countries of Europe whose systems of education are most distinguished for completeness and thoroughness, and in this respect are far in advance of our own, careful instruction in Drawing is given in every grade of their schools, from the Primary Village School to the University. Anything that brings manual skill into repute, and counteracts the growing disposition to discredit every means of livelihood that does not consist in "brain work" merely, is a positive gain to our civilization.

What words are to language, lines are to form, and drawing is the music of the eye. No one, probably, will deny that the study of the aesthetic branches tends peculiarly to the development of much that is noble, and of all that is sublime, in the nature of man. Their influence is upon the heart itself; upon that portion of our natures which makes us feel so truly that we are men — children of a Godlike father, and worthy of Godlike inspirations and attainments. Your Committee have already introduced Drawing into the Grammar Schools of the town. We believe that we were particularly fortunate in obtaining the services of Miss Anna Gregory in this department. The results obtained in the short period since its introduction warrant us in recommending Drawing as one of the regular studies of the High School.

In the matter of Music, your Committee have received
petitions favoring its introduction from each of the different religious societies in the town. It is a matter of surprise that it has been so long neglected. To carry out this branch successfully, we shall be obliged to employ a teacher especially for the purpose.

Although we believe each teacher should be competent to carry out this branch of instruction equally with the others, we believe that the time is fast approaching when a thorough education in Music and Drawing should be considered as necessary to a complete education as reading or spelling. The steps which your Committee have taken in these departments may in part explain the increase in the appropriations asked for the schools.

**CONDITION OF THE DIFFERENT SCHOOLS.**

Of the condition of the different schools, your Committee are only able to speak from the information they have obtained through their visitations, which have been as frequent and numerous as the nature of the case would allow. We have tried to perform our duty in this respect, but we wish our fellow-citizens to understand that we believe that more frequent visitations than we have been able to make would conduce greatly to the general improvement. The schools should be visited not only by the Committee, but by the parents and friends. The teachers would thereby receive the encouragement and assurance that their labors are appreciated. The pupils would feel an increased zeal, and the parents, from the information thereby obtained, would, we feel confident, more readily and cheerfully lend their aid to so train and instruct their children at home that the hours spent in the school-room would be productive of the most satisfactory results.

Your Committee, as a body, endeavored to be present at all of the annual examinations (with one exception, caused
by sickness), and at that time gave a whole week in attendance upon the different schools.

Our visits since that time have been quite frequent, but in speaking of the condition of the different schools we shall refer more particularly to their appearance at that time, with the exception of the High School.

In the West District we found the Grammar and Intermediate Schools fully up to, and perhaps in advance of, their previous high standard.

Miss Anna M. Mason, who has so acceptably filled the position of teacher in the Intermediate School, sent her resignation to the Committee at the close of the fall term, and adduced such reasons* for this course that your Committee felt compelled to accept the same; the vacancy thus arising was filled by the election of Miss Elizabeth Jennison, a graduate of our High School, who gives promises of good success in the profession which she has chosen.

In the Primary Department there seemed to be a lack of enthusiasm, and a loose discipline, partly to be attributed to the overcrowded condition of the school, and the lack of decent accommodations. The appearance of the Primary and Intermediate Schools, at the South, betokened the earnest labors of the teachers, and the schools were in a commendable condition.

Miss Adelaide Horn, teacher in this school, was obliged, through feeble health, to resign the position which she had so long and creditably filled, at the close of the last term, and the vacancy thus arising was filled by the election of Miss Bertha M. Whitney, a graduate of our High School, and the valedictorian of her class.

At the Centre Grammar School the scholars seemed well disciplined, enthusiastic, and interested in their studies; the result of this and the subsequent examination told plainer than all else that the work of the teachers had been systematic, thorough and painstaking.

* Marriage.
Centre Primaries, Nos. 1 and 2, we found in excellent condition in all respects. In the Centre Intermediate the discipline seemed to be hardly up to the standard, which in a measure, is the result of the very large number of pupils. The addition of an assistant, long needed, in this school, and the earnest efforts of the teachers have, we think, remedied this, and the school is now fully up to the position which it formerly occupied. The vacancy in this school, caused by the promotion of Miss Lottie Kent, assistant, was filled by the election of Miss Hattie Crafts, a graduate of our High School, who passed a very commendable examination.

The schools in the East District presented no marked change, the Primary and Intermediate being the best in the town. Miss Clara A. Bailey, who had charge of this school up to July 1st, felt constrained to give up her school and enter upon other duties, much to the regret of the Committee, and the people particularly interested in this school, who felt that they were losing a really excellent teacher. The vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Miss Bailey was filled by the promotion of Miss Anna E. Coolidge, from the East Primary, who, by past service, had already established her reputation as a thorough and efficient teacher. The vacancy occasioned by the promotion of Miss Coolidge was filled by the promotion of Miss Lottie Kent, who had already served an apprenticeship as assistant in the Centre Intermediate.

In the Grammar School the Committee found the scholars well drilled in their studies, orderly and attentive, but with a lack of enthusiasm, and a certain hesitancy. The small number of pupils may in part excuse this; at present we consider the school in a more commendable condition than at the time of the annual visitation.

At the High School your Committee found much to commend. The school gave evidence of laborious and earnest endeavors, and yet a certain deadness seem to clog the wheels and render these endeavors void. With the highest personal
respect for the Principal, and an appreciation of the high integrity with which he had essayed to fulfil his trust, your Committee felt that some change was necessary, and accordingly Mr. George R. Dwelley, a former Principal, was elected to take charge of the school. The qualifications of Mr. Dwelley are too well known to the citizens of the town to require any comment from your Committee. He returned to the school with an experience of four years of practical business life, with improved physical health, with his old love for the profession of teaching unimpaired, and with a determination to make the Watertown High School a standard school. During the fall term, Miss Charlotte E. Wheeler, our first assistant, received an appointment in the Girls' High and Normal School of Boston. Your Committee felt that they were unable to compete with the City of Boston in the matter of salaries, and with extreme regret were obliged to accept her resignation.

The vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Wheeler was filled by the election of Miss Caroline S. Cushing, a lady who had already had a large experience as a teacher, leaving for our school a position in the Charlestown High School. Although she has been in the school but a short time, your Committee feel that they have been fortunate in her selection, and that her capabilities are fully equal to the position in which we have seen fit to place her, the second place of the High School. The vacancy caused by the resignation, on account of sickness (which shortly thereafter terminated fatally) of Miss Susan B. Porter, was filled by the promotion from the Centre Grammar School of Miss Ellen M. Crafts, whose thorough scholarship and amiable disposition have made her a deserved favorite both with teachers and pupils.

The three days' examination of the school at the close of the last term, which might more properly be called a resumé of the work of the term,—a new feature instituted
by Mr. Dwelley, shows the school to be in a highly satisfactory condition, and that good results had been obtained, notwithstanding the drawback always consequent upon a change of teachers; a lack of order on the part of some of the older boys being the only incident which marred the otherwise praiseworthy appearance of the school.

In speaking of the conditions of the schools we have made particular mention only of those teachers who have been elected or promoted during the school year. In filling vacancies in the Primary and Intermediate Schools and of assistants, we have sought to encourage our teachers by the system of promotion from a lower to a higher grade of position, thus making the position to be filled by the new and inexperienced teacher, that of assistant in the Primary Schools, where, under the direction and control of an older and more experienced teacher, they may gain that experience so essentially necessary.
SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

TEACHERS, AND THEIR SALARIES.

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VISITS.

Number of visits made by individual members of the Committee, 216
Number of visits made by other persons . . . . . . . . 190
## STATISTICS.

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NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN TOWN.
The assessors for 1871 return eight hundred and eighty (880) children in town between five and fifteen years of age.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN SCHOOL.
Number of children between five and fifteen, 685
" " over fifteen, 67
" " under five, 7

Total, 759

Difference between number of children in town and number between five and fifteen years of age in schools, 195

The large discrepancy between the number of children in town, and the number in schools between the age of five and fifteen years, is worthy of comment, and should be attended to both by parents and teachers. The laws of the Commonwealth contemplate and provide for a certain amount of education for every child, and it is the bounden duty of every man who claims the intelligence or the right to use a vote to see to it that the rights and privileges of those who are either too young or too ignorant to assert them for themselves, be secured to them in the fullest manner. The right of every child to an education, and the necessity for it, must be apparent to all; and that child who does not obtain it, from whatever cause, is defrauded of the most valuable privilege which the law seeks to confer, and suffers a wrong and an injury from the effects which they can never after be relieved.

SCHOLARS NEITHER ABSENT OR TARDY DURING THE YEAR.
HIGH SCHOOL.
FIRST CLASS.
Alma F. Barker, Frederick T. Russell.
SECOND CLASS.

Sarah F. Coolidge, Mannie B. Patten, M. Thacher Rogers, Hiram Kendall.

THIRD CLASS.

Mary E. McLouthlin, Ellen F. Boynton, Cora A. Barker, Emma H. McLouthlin, Josephine A. Priest, Emily A. Blaisdell, Catherine A. Barrows, John D. Dickinson, John S. Blodgett.

FOURTH CLASS.


EAST GRAMMAR.

Mary A. Nolan.

CENTRE GRAMMAR.

None.

WEST GRAMMAR.

Patrick Gorman, Eva Howard, Lucy Pierce, Hattie McKenzie, Chas. Atherton, Christopher Donavan, William Peckham, John Bell, Fred Babb, and Walter McLouthlin.

EAST INTERMEDIATE.

Mary McDonough, Mary Stanley, Ruth W. Howard, Peter McDonough, Patrick Mochlar, Wm. Carrol, John Mee, Frank Turk.

CENTRE INTERMEDIATE.

Harry White Priest.

WEST INTERMEDIATE.

None.
**SOUTH INTERMEDIATE.**
George J. Ward.

**EAST PRIMARY.**
Matilda Wilson.

**CENTRE PRIMARY No 1.**
None.

**CENTRE PRIMARY No. 2.**
Wade Wheeler, John Monahan, John Hughes, Fred Noyes.

**WEST PRIMARY.**
Cornie Regan, Patrick Noonan, John Keefe, George Parker.

**SOUTH PRIMARY.**
None.

**EXPENSES FOR 1871-2.**

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<td>Town's share of school fund</td>
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<td>Town dog tax and additional appropriation</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$16,629 84</strong></td>
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**ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 1872-3.**

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

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Evening school, $500 00
Incidental expenses, 3,000 00
Books and stationery, 100 00

$23,000 00

The above report is respectfully submitted for the action of the Board and the 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, etc., 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 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, etc., without express orders.

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 out-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.
FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
OF THE
TOWN OF WATERTOWN.
1872.

BOSTON:
ROCKWELL & CHURCHILL, CITY PRINTERS,
122 WASHINGTON STREET.
1872.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR 1871-72.

JOHN WEISS, Term expires 1872.
JOSIAH STICKNEY,
ALFRED HOSMER,
JESSE A. LOCKE,
GEORGE N. MARCH,
JOSHUA COOLIDGE,

ALFRED HOSMER, Chairman.
GEORGE N. MARCH, Secretary.
JOSHUA COOLIDGE, Treasurer.

Committee on Library.
ALFRED HOSMER, JOSIAH COOLIDGE,
JOHN WEISS.

Committee on Accounts.
JOSIAH COOLIDGE, GEORGE N. MARCH,
JOSIAH STICKNEY.

Librarian.
SOLON F. WHITNEY.
TRUSTEES' REPORT.

In the discharge of one of the duties prescribed to them, the trustees of the Public Library now present their Fourth Annual Report. Although there are many questions, both interesting and important, connected with the administration of such institutions as this, no attempt will be made to discuss them here; but leaving them to be considered and settled by more competent authority, the trustees will ask the careful perusal of a brief statement, which shall set forth the condition of the Library, give such information as will enable the town to make suitable provision for its annual necessities, and offer a suggestion or two as to the manner in which individuals can aid and strengthen it.

The success which marked its early history, and exceeded the expectations of its most sanguine friends, has been somewhat interrupted during the past year. The alterations which have been going on in the Town Hall building seriously disturbed the convenient arrangement of the space formerly allotted to the Library, requiring that it should be closed for thirteen weeks, from July 22 to October 21, and are not yet so far completed that we have at our command what last winter proved attractive to so many, that is, a comfortable, habitable reading-room; yet before these pages reach those for whom they are intended, it is hoped that the perfect order and admirable system which originally belonged to the Library will have fully superseded the late confusion; that takers of books will find a larger and richer choice than ever, and that all, especially those who, for want of a home in the
full sense of the term, seek the hospitalities of our Library, will find a reading-room which, by its comfort and quiet, shall encourage habits of profitable study.

The exclusion of the public from the use of the Library, for so long a period, has acted in two ways to damage and diminish the figures by which, to a large extent, we measure our success. It not only suspended all circulation for the time being, but went very far towards breaking up the habit of reading, or at least taking, our books, as shown in the marked reduction in the number issued during the first month after the Library was opened. Hence arises the question whether it will not be better hereafter to leave the Library at the service of its patrons during the whole year, excepting the brief time which may be required for the necessary annual examination.

The annexed report of the Librarian gives our statistics in full, and a study of its details will suffice to show the exact condition of the Library, and indicate some of the changes which it has undergone during the last twelve months.

We desire in this, as in former reports, to express our sense of the eminent fitness of the present incumbent of that office. We remember with gratitude the active interest taken by him in the cause of the Library, from the moment it was projected. We acknowledge our great obligations to him for the order and life which he infused into its organization, and the efficient system which he has adopted in its management. We regret to think of the possibility of losing, at no distant day, services of such incalculable value.

From the report of the treasurer it will appear that while we shall expend all that was placed at our disposal, we shall bring forward no unpaid bills to be provided for.

The trustees recommend the appropriation of the sums named below, not doubting that they will be granted without hesitation; for the town has always been ready to pursue a policy generous towards the Library, and to furnish ample means,
not only for sustaining it, but for keeping it, to a creditable degree, abreast of the times by the purchase of new publications.

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The Library, apart from donations of money which may now be made by any individual, resident or non-resident, must depend chiefly for its maintenance and growth upon what it derives from the Treasury of the Town. Yet individuals, without sensible expense, and often with great advantage to themselves, can do very much to increase its resources, establish its wealth, and improve its position. Harvard College would be glad to place in its Library a copy of everything reputable that was ever printed. With such an example, we need not despise or refuse anything not positively objectionable in itself. There is many a house in Watertown whose attic or closets contain, possibly, some curious old manuscripts, certainly, in the form of books and pamphlets, an amount of printed matter in the aggregate large, which has been discarded and thrown aside as worthless and insignificant. Let all such material be sent to the Library forthwith. Let there be no hesitation, growing out of the idea that this is only making a donation of trash. No one can know in full the wants and tastes of his neighbor; and what encumbers the one may enrich the other, if put within his reach. And if such things can be used for nothing else, they may have a decided value for purposes of exchange with other Libraries. Furthermore, there is an urgent reason why we should place the largest possible number of books
upon our shelves, in that the rights and privileges of each public Library in the division and distribution of certain publications, those of the Smithsonian Institute, for instance, depend upon the number of volumes which the Library contains.

In connection with this request, intended to be urgent, for material contributions,* let it be remembered that the Library ought at once to be put in possession of a copy of every printed report that has ever been issued or circulated in Watertown, whether coming from the ordinary town officers, or from committees appointed for special purposes. It is desirable, also, to have whatever contains anything relating to the history of any one of our religious societies. Such documents, though often deemed unworthy of careful preservation, soon acquire a historical character, and a cumulative value which attains its maximum only in years to come.

The Catalogue of the Holton Library at Brighton, just coming from the press, shows a long list of Town and School Committee Reports, in series more or less perfect. The indefatigable chairman, in making this rich collection, has shown his appreciation of a very important subject, and has performed a service the full value of which it will be left for another generation to acknowledge. Let not the lesson of our neighbors' zeal be lost upon us.

Signed in behalf and by authority of the Board,

A. HOSMER,
Chairman.

February 12, 1872.

* By an unfortunate mistake, no copies of the Second Annual Report of the Trustees were printed separately, consequently the report was not distributed according to the requirements of common courtesy. To correct this omission, a few copies of the "Town Book" for 1870 could be used with great advantage.
REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Trustees of the Watertown Free Public Library: —

GENTLEMEN: The number of books belonging to the Library, February 8th, 1871, was 5,401
The number at present, Feb. 17th, 1872, is 5,902
Showing an increase of 501
Of these there were presented,* 84
" " purchased, 351
" " added by binding papers and pamphlets, 69
The number of pamphlets and papers, Feb. 8, 1871, was 1,956
The number of pamphlets and papers, Feb. 17, 1872, is 2,193
While the number of pamphlets and papers bound during the year is 879
Of this increase there were presented,* 514
Purchased by fund contributed for reading room, 602
The number of books covered during the year, 1,202
Number of persons who had subscribed to the obligations and received cards to Feb. 8, 1871, was 1,071
Number of persons who have subscribed during the year, 179
Whole number of persons who have subscribed to date, Feb. 17, 1872, 1,250
The number of volumes issued during the year is 13,563

*For an alphabetical list of donors, see the end of report.
Amount of money received for fines, $33 14
" " " " catalogues, 12 95

The condition of the books is constantly watched, and when necessary they are rebound or repaired. Quite a large number in the Library have received slight repairs. The money appropriated for binding last year will probably be absorbed by books now in the hands of the binders. The numbers of the Cyclopaedia and of the Scientific American, for the binding of which an appropriation was asked last year, have received proper bindings.

The total number of volumes issued for the entire year is less than last year, yet the number issued for the last two months, even while the reading-room is closed, is fully equal to the average of last year, and seems to be increasing. With the reading-room and conveniences for consulting the large number of valuable reference books now in the Library, you may confidently expect a considerable increase in this number.

Appended to this report will be found a list of books added to the Library during the past year. Many of these scholars will delight to see, and those less acquainted with books will find sources of enjoyment as well as store-houses of useful information. Many of this list have necessarily a star prefixed to the number to indicate that from the value or character of the books they should not go into general circulation. How much these might be consulted, and how useful to the young and those seeking particular information to aid them in the practical work of life!

Appended to this report is also a list of the periodicals taken for the reading-room. While this room has been closed these have accumulated on our shelves, and can be seen by any one who will call for them.

But few books have been lost during the year,—three not found at the annual examination in July, and one more not
found in October when the Library was reopened,—while one reported last year as missing has been returned. A few books, magazines, and papers have disappeared in the confusion incident to so great changes in our rooms, the loss of which is felt chiefly when we wish to complete our files for binding. The reading-room, closed since last July, is frequently and urgently called for by many readers. No friend of the Library can but regret the necessity which has taken away so pleasant and useful a part of our Library, as it has had a tendency to reduce the circulation even of volumes for home use.

In closing this my fourth and probably my last report, allow me, gentlemen, to thank you personally for the courtesy I have uniformly received at your hands. Conscious of being engaged in a good and noble work whose influence will be felt for good in constantly widening circles, I have also been equally conscious of a want of ability to perform all the duties of so important a trust. The librarian needs to know all books, their uses, and the needs of men, to be equal to every occasion of doing good in a library.

Libraries are not valued yet as they will be. The time will come when the people in such a community as this will as willingly tax themselves for a proper building and furnishing, for books and other reading matter, as they do now for school-houses and churches.

The system of cataloguing and arrangement of books which has been adopted will allow, with but little change, of almost unlimited expansion. The work so far done will therefore be of future value. If some wealthy and benevolent resident of this town should wish to embalm his memory in the hearts of the thousands yet to use this Library by erecting for it a commodious structure, the same arrangement might be preserved, the only difference being an increase in the length of the shelves and consequently in the number of books on a shelf. The different alcoves would represent different classes
of subjects as now, and the shelf numbers the relative place on the different shelves. The card catalogue now commenced on a plan which is doubtless one of the best ever devised,—that in the use of Harvard College Library,—can be improved,—by cross references to every valuable paper contained in volumes of a miscellaneous character or volumes treating of different subjects. I hope you will be fortunate in finding some one not afraid of work who has an interest in the highest interests of the Library who will improve and continue the work already begun; and may those who so generously showed their interest at the outset continue to show their interest by practical work for the Library. Valuable books or valuable works of art deposited where the public may use and enjoy them are not lost to the former owner. He too may use and enjoy them while he is enriched by "the luxury of doing good." The opportunity is open to all, according to their means, to confer a lasting blessing upon the town.

But though no magnificent benefactions are to be expected, the prospects of the Library are full of encouragement. With 2,250 volumes in 1869, 4,683 volumes in 1870, 5,401, in 1871, and 5,902 at present,—a growth highly honorable to this community,—a steady growth that will no doubt be maintained, as it has arisen from no strained or spasmodic action, but by the generous union of all parties and sects in a common cause, you may look forward to a not very distant day when the possession of the desired 10,000 volumes will bring you the privileges of other first-class libraries. It might be an inducement to tax-payers, already feeling the burden of heavy necessary expenses, to make an extra effort, if they might be assured that, as no additional expense need be incurred for the storing, care, and delivery of a much larger number of books, a far larger proportion of the money granted this year, and for a few coming years, will be put into the pur-
chase of books, thus really increasing the value and advantages of the Library in a more rapid ratio than the increase of the sums voted. The value to the young, and so to all, of these advantages can hardly be estimated by those not accustomed in a generous spirit to lay the foundation of solid structures.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

SOLON F. WHITNEY,

Librarian.
### List of Donations of Books and Pamphlets

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