

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF CHELMSFORD

TOGETHER WITH THE

SCHOOL REPORT

AND

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1896.

LOWELL, MASS
COURIER-CITIZEN COMPANY, PRINTERS.
1896.

Officers of the Town of Chelmsford for 1895.

[An asterisk against a name indicates that the person did not qualify.]

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor — Joseph E. Warren, Arthur H. Sheldon, Newell E. Parker, Joseph A. Parkhurst, William H. Shedd. 109

Town Clerk — George A. Parkhurst.

Town Treasurer — Ervin W. Sweetser.

Auditors — George F. Snow, Martin Robbins, Elisha H. Shaw.

School Committee — Three years: George A. Byam, Joseph A. Parkhurst, Stewart Mackay; two years: Samuel Hagerman, Orrin Pierce, Charles A. Randlett; one year: Daniel P. Byam, John H. Redman, Charles H. Andrews.

Trustees of Public Library — Three years: J. Adams Bartlett, S. Ingersoll Briant; two years: Mrs. Georgiana H. Pierce, A. Heady Park; one year: Mrs. Harriet M. Bartlett, Luther H. Sargent.

Collector of Taxes — William L. Gordon.

Constables — James P. Emerson, Fred E. Nason, Samuel J. Garland, David A. Polley, William J. Quigley, Charles S. Carter, James H. McFarlin, E. Lincoln Russell.

Fence Viewers — James P. Emerson*, Daniel P. Byam*, Albion J. Lamphere*.

Appraisers of Personal Property at the Town Farm — James P. Emerson, Daniel P. Byam, James S. Wotton.

Weighers of Hay — Marcus H. Winship, Elisha H. Shaw, James P. Emerson, Daniel W. Bickford, Henry H. Emerson, S. Waldo Parkhurst, George W. Proctor*.

Mesurers of Wood — Newell E. Parker, Elisha H. Shaw, James P. Emerson, S. Waldo Parkhurst, Marcus H. Winship, Daniel A. Reardon, George W. Proctor*.

Surveyors of Lumber — R. Wilson Dix*, Edwin K. Parkhurst*, George E. Spaulding*, E. Lincoln Russell, Myron A. Queen*.

Field Drivers — Elijah D. Bearce*, Thomas C. Mooney, Wilber E. Lapham*.

APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN.

- Superintendent of Streets* — Francis A. Marshall.
- Weighers of Coal* — S. W. Parkhurst, Geo. W. Proctor*, D. W. Bickford, E. H. Shaw*, M. H. Winship, Myron A. Queen*.
- Superintendents of Burials* — Alfred G. Parkhurst, L. K. Howard, Daniel P. Byam, Arthur H. Sheldon.
- Superintendent of Burials of Indigent Soldiers* — L. K. Howard.
- Inspector of Animals and Provisions, and Agent of the Board of Health* — Edwin C. Perham.
- Fire Wards* — Daniel P. Byam, C. F. Scribner, Myron A. Queen, John O'Connor, George W. Chamberlain, Almon W. Holt, Frank C. Byam, Thomas Smith, Marcus H. Winship, Warren Berry.
- Forest Fire Wards* — Amos B. Adams, Warren Berry, George F. Snow, Wm. H. Shedd, James S. Wotton.
- Sealer of Weights and Measures* — True Morton.
- Fish Warden* — Everett F. Small.
- Superintendent of Town Farm* — Eben T. Adams.
- Special Police Officers* — George C. Moore, John H. Nichols, Charles Andrews, Thomas Brown, James J. Hackett, Albert W. Ober, John T. Howard, William M. Lee.
- Janitors of Public Buildings* — John H. Nichols, Centre Town Hall ; William J. Quigley, North Village.
- Librarian* — Rev. H. A. Cornell.
- Registrars of Voters* — Eben T. Adams, Chairman ; John F. McManomin, William H. Hall, George A. Parkhurst, Clerk, *ex-officio*.
- Precinct Wardens* — (1) Walter Perham, (2) Charles H. Dutton, (3) John J. Quessy (deceased).
- Deputy Wardens* — (1) John P. Scoboria, (2) William J. Quigley, (3) Edwin F. Coburn.
- Precinct Clerks* — (1) John H. Redman, (2) Frederick K. Ripley, (3) Marcus H. Winship.
- Deputy Clerks* — (1) Howard S. Adams, (2) Charles H. Holt, (3) Samuel Naylor.
- Inspectors* — (1) Arthur E. Reed, Arthur M. Warren ; (2) George Hyde, Hubert Bearce ; (3) Alfred G. Parkhurst, Joseph G. Quessy.
- Deputy Inspectors* — (1) Daniel P. Byam, Robert S. Ross ; (2) John C. Hobbs, James B. Quaid ; (3) Fred L. Fletcher, John J. Dunn.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

For the Year Ending February 29, 1896.

BIRTHS.

Males	34
Females	37
Total	71
Births of native parentage.....	22
Births of foreign parentage.....	34
Births of native and foreign parentage.....	5
Increase over 1894.....	3

NOTE. — Births occurring late in the year are sometimes returned without the Christian name. In all such cases parents should return the name to the Town Clerk as soon as selected, *as an incompleteness of the record may involve much trouble in the future.*

MARRIAGES.

Whole number.....	35
Between natives.....	21
Between foreigners.....	2
Between natives and foreigners.....	12
Chelmsford grooms.....	24
Chelmsford brides.....	22
Solemnized in Chelmsford.....	22
Solemnized in Lowell.....	9
One each in Graniteville, Fairhaven, Southboro and Groton, Vt.	
Increase of marriages over 1894.....	10

DEATHS.

<i>Date.</i>	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Yrs.</i>	<i>Mos.</i>	<i>Days.</i>
Jan. 6.	Statira Russell.....	71	11	..
9.	Richard Finnick	32	..	..
25.	Margaret L. Tully.....	..	..	7
27.	Sarah P. Cook.....	72	8	9
28.	Nancy McCabe.....	52	..	..
31.	Joseph H. Trombley.....	..	10	..
31.	Bernice Davis.....	..	8	12
Feb. 5.	Grace A. Polley.....	28	8	16

Feb.	9.	Mary D. Lane.....	75	3	26
	11.	Adeline Taylor Gay.....	72	4	9
	17.	Maud E. Wright.....	13	..	9
	20.	Frederick W. Robinson.....	85	5	11
	21.	David Perham.....	81	2	5
Mar.	5.	Dawson Pollard.....	85	1	25
	9.	Abigail Perry.....	86	..	..
	13.	Robert Leahy.....	37	..	..
	15.	William D. Battles.....	70	11	..
	31.	William Quigley.....	69	..	..
April	1.	Charles Henry Bray.....	..	..	1
	7.	Robert Gunston.....	52	..	20
	25.	Thomas M. Adams.....	84	7	13
	25.	Maria Atwood.....	66	3	2
May	6.	Emma F. Burns.....	25	9	18
	12.	Lewis M. Dutton.....	46	3	25
	13.	Ernest Roberge.....	..	9	13
June	16.	Benjamin F. Hodges.....	82	9	21
	22.	Nyrrhe Josselyn.....	79	9	22
July	4.	Christina Jacobson.....	34	2	19
	21.	—— Frankins.....	25	..	..
	21.	Nathan C. Bean.....	76	8	3
	28.	Rachel E. Dyar.....	..	2	..
	29.	John Gallagher.....	60	..	..
	31.	Alfred E. Miller.....	2	6	18
Aug.	9.	Eva Mennier.....	..	..	18
	17.	Catherine McMahan.....	53	..	..
	22.	Frank Ready.....	10	7	..
	23.	Alice E. Spaulding.....	29	10	27
	30.	Elbridge G. Nickles.....	63	3	11
Sept.	4.	—— Vasselin.....	..	..	..
	8.	Agnette Olsen.....	27	..	..
	11.	Betsey B. Blodgett.....	78	4	19
	14.	Samuel D. Whittier.....	40	..	..
Oct.	16.	Bridget McNally.....	28	..	..
	22.	—— Higgins.....	..	..	..
	24.	Jonathan Larcom.....	77	2	21
	24.	Willie E. Boughton.....	12	10	20
	30.	Joseph G. Quessy.....	57	..	22
Nov.	3.	Sven Ohlsen.....	70	..	30
	7.	Ida Anderson Isaacson.....	32	..	10
	13.	Myra Marshall.....	81	4	6
	23.	Mary E. Butters.....	63	2	..
Dec.	21.	Don Alonzo Grow.....	73	8	11
	25.	Nathaniel Roberts.....	67	3	10

Males, 28; females, 25; total, 53.

Increase over 1894, 12.

DOG LICENSES.

EAST CAMBRIDGE, MASS., June 2, 1895.

Received of George A. Parkhurst, Town Clerk of Chelmsford, one hundred and forty-six dollars and forty cents on account of dog licenses, as per his return of June 1, 1895, \$146.40.

J. O. HAYDEN, *County Treasurer.*

EAST CAMBRIDGE, MASS., Dec. 3, 1895.

Received of George A. Parkhurst, Town Clerk of Chelmsford, three hundred and fifty-eight dollars and twenty cents on account of dog licenses, as per his return of December 2, 1895, \$358.20.

J. O. HAYDEN, *County Treasurer.*

Number of dogs licensed.....	252
Males.....	235
Females.....	17
Amount received for licenses.....	\$555 00
Amount of fees (20 cents per license).....	50 40
Paid to the County Treasurer.....	504 60
Amount refunded, 95 per cent.....	479 37

GEORGE A. PARKHURST, *Town Clerk.*

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

For the Year Ending February 29, 1896.

Your Treasurer charges himself with cash received as follows: Of

Balance in treasury at last annual settlement.....	\$ 110 60
State Treasurer, on account of Corporation tax for 1894.....	306 36
on account of Corporation tax for 1895.....	1,325 75
on account of National Bank tax for 1895.....	946 82
on account of temporary support of State paupers.....	36 36
on account of State aid.....	997 50
on account of Armory rent.....	300 00
income of Massachusetts School Fund.....	325 60
County Treasurer, on account of dog licenses for 1895,	479 37
Matthias Hutchins, on account of Hospital bills.....	169 58
City Institution for Savings, interest on Edwards Fund for one year.....	8 00
Lowell and Suburban Street R. R. Co., on account of change in grade of road at North Chelmsford...	146 50
D. C. Heath & Co., discount on bill.....	2 00
Francis Day, executor of the will of Alfred Day, as a fund, the income to be used for the perpetual care of the Alfred Day lot in cemetery at Chelmsford Centre.....	100 00
J. E. Warren, on account of slaughter house licenses for 1895.....	5 00
City of Lawrence, on account of aid to paupers.....	25 70
City of Somerville, on account of aid to paupers.....	25 71
City of Lowell, on account of aid to paupers.....	40 50
H. G. Cushing, on account of fines collected.....	20 00
J. A. Parkhurst, on account of sale of lamp posts...	1 70
Boston and Maine R. R. Co., on account of change in bridge at West Chelmsford.....	700 00
Arthur H. Sheldon, on account of sale of lots in cemetery at North Chelmsford,	23 00
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	\$6,096 05

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$6,096 05
Arthur H. Sheldon, on account of sale of stoves, lathes, etc., from school at North Chelmsford.....	9 25
on account of sale of grass in cemetery at North Chelms- ford	3 00
H. A. Cornell, librarian, on account of fines collected for keeping books overtime.....	10 58
Howard S. Adams, for manure from Town Hall stable, Ginn & Co., on account of old books received from schools	2 00
Charles Andrews, on account of sale of school sup- plies.....	15 20
on account of tuition of non-resident pupil at West Chelmsford....	109 84
D. P. Byam, on account of tuition of non-resident pupil at South Chelmsford	8 00
John H. Nichols, janitor, on account of rent of Town Hall at Centre.....	8 00
Wm. J. Quigley, janitor, on account of rent of Town Hall at North Chelmsford.....	306 50
Overseers of Poor, as proceeds of Town Farm.....	9 00
Cash received on account of taxes as follows: of	1,627 54
Wm. L. Gordon, collector, tax of 1893 in full.....	947 14
as interest on same.....	128 02
on account of tax of 1894,	2,714 74
as interest on same.....	150 91
on account of tax of 1895,	17,131 85
as interest on same.....	97 57
Cash hired for use of Town as temporary loan.....	11,500 00
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Making a total of.....	\$40,875 19
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And is credited as follows:

By cash paid State tax for 1895.....	\$1,245 00
County tax for 1895.....	1,965 60
for care of Emerson lot in cemetery at Centre.....	5 00
for care of Marshall lot in cemetery at Centre.....	5 00
for care of Day lot in cemetery at Centre,	5 00
for care of Parkhurst lot in cemetery at Centre.....	5 00
for care of Edwards and Howard lots in cemetery at North Chelmsford....	6 00
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Amount carried forward..... \$3,236 60

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$3,236 60
By cash paid for Silver lot in cemetery at North Chelmsford	3 00
outstanding order.....	134 00
orders drawn for the municipal year of 1895	30,179 58
temporary loan in part.....	7,000 00
as interest on same.....	115 62
Balance in treasury as found on settlement.....	206 39
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Total	\$40,875 19
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E. W. SWEETSER, Treasurer.

Chelmsford, 1896.

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS

For the Year Ending February 29, 1896.

VALUATION MAY 1, 1895.

Real estate (resident).....	\$1,564,990 00	
Real estate (non-resident).....	248,540 00	
		\$1,813,530 00
Personal estate (resident).....	\$271,955 00	
Personal estate (non-resident).....	7,645 00	
		\$279,600 00
Total valuation of assessed estate,		\$2,093,130 00

Rate of taxation, \$9.50 per \$1,000.00
Polls, \$2.00.

Number of polls.....	950
Assessed on polls only.....	410
Assessed on property (residents)	778
Assessed on property (non-residents).....	262
Total number assessed.....	1,450
Number of horses assessed...	601
cows assessed....	1,007
neat cattle other than cows.....	24
sheep assessed....	1
swine assessed....	209
fowl assessed.....	10,230
dwellings assessed,	754
acres of land ass'd,	14 214
Valuation of buildings, \$1,005,630 00	
land	807,900 00

TAXES.

State tax.....	\$1,245 00
County tax.....	1,965 60
Appropriation for public schools....	6,000 00
school incidentals,	350 00
school apparatus..	100 00
support of poor..	2,600 00
highways.....	5,000 00
repairs of public buildings.....	800 00

Amount carried forward.....

\$18,060 60

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$18,060 60
Appropriation for relief of indigent soldiers and sail- ors	200 00	
Town officers and committees	1,500 00	
collection and abatement of taxes	600 00	
enforcement of liq- uor law.....	160 00	
care of cemeteries,	200 00	
village clock.....	30 00	
public library....	800 00	
t r a n s c r i b i n g ancient records,	50 00	
completing soldiers records	25 00	
miscellaneous ex- penses	300 00	
extending water pipe N. Village,	500 00	
library dedication,	300 00	
Memorial day....	50 00	
well at So. Village,	150 00	
school house No. Village.....	1,200 00	
street and bridge West Village...	1,000 00	
North Chelmsford Library Ass'n..	200 00	
lighting streets...	800 00	
repairing damage to E. Shaw & Son's premises on acc't change grade	250 00	
amount due public library	35 08	
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Overlayings		19 13
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		\$26,369 81
Less estimated receipts		2,800 00
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		\$23,569 81
Less appropriation from treasury....		1,785 08
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Total tax committed.....		\$21,784 73
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Tax on 950 polls.....	\$ 1,900 00	
Tax on property.....	19,884 73	
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MISCELLANEOUS. — CHANGES IN THE STATE THE PAST YEAR.

The valuation of buildings has increased.....	\$33,892,597 00
The valuation of land has increased.....	32,086,509 00

Total real estate increase.....	\$65,979,106 00
The valuation of personal estate has increased	4,848,382 00

Total increase of assessed estate	\$70,827,488 00
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Number of horses assessed	195,483
Number of cows assessed.....	175,016
Number of neat cattle other than cows..	36,817
Number of sheep assessed.....	39,843
Number of swine assessed.....	37,994
Number of fowl assessed.....	536,244
Number of dwelling houses assessed	404,388
Number of acres of land assessed.....	4,491,622
Increase in number of horses	2,050
Decrease in number of cows.....	7,461
Decrease in number of sheep.....	4,765
Increase in number of swine	2,391
*Decrease in number of fowl.....	243,694
Increase in number of dwelling houses ..	10,201

Average rate of tax, \$14.42 on \$1,000.

Highest rate, \$24.50 on \$1,000 in town of Holbrook.

Lowest rate, \$4.62 on \$1,000 in town of Gosnold.

Of the 31 cities and 322 towns in the Commonwealth there are but 19 towns that have a less tax rate than Chelmsford.

*Fowls to the amount of \$15 in value exempt from taxation in 1895.

ARTHUR H. SHELDON,
NEWELL E. PARKER,
JOSEPH E. WARREN,
WILLIAM H. SHEDD,
JOSEPH A. PARKHURST.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1893.

Taxes on list of 1893 uncollected Feb. 28, 1895.....	\$947 14	
Uncollected interest on same Feb. 28, 1895	93 91	
Interest accrued since Feb. 28, 1895.....	34 11	
	\$1,075 16	
Cash paid town treasurer as tax.....		
	\$947 14	
Cash paid town treasurer as interest.....	128 02	
	\$1,075 16	

WILLIAM L. GORDON, *Collector.*

COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1894.

Taxes on list of 1894 uncollected Feb. 28, 1895.....	\$4,112 77	
Uncollected interest Feb. 28, 1895.....	119 98	
Accrued interest since Feb. 28, 1895.....	128 79	
	\$4,361 54	
Cash paid town treasurer as tax.....		
	\$2,714 74	
Cash paid town treasurer as interest.....	150 91	
Uncollected taxes to new account.....	1,398 03	
Uncollected interest to new account.....	97 86	
	\$4,361 54	

WILLIAM L. GORDON, *Collector.*

COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1895.

Tax on list of 1895.....	\$21,784 73	
Additional taxes.....	31 33	
Interest collected since Oct. 1, 1895.....	97 57	
Accrued interest on uncollected taxes	136 61	
	\$22,050 24	
Cash paid town treasurer as tax.....		
	\$17,131 85	
Cash paid town treasurer as interest.....	97 57	
Uncollected taxes to new account.....	4,684 21	
Accrued interest to new account.....	136 61	
	\$22,050 24	

WILLIAM L. GORDON, *Collector.*

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

For the Year Ending Feb. 29, 1896.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

PAID FOR TEACHING.

No. 1, Susie M. Emerson, 12 weeks.....	\$228 00	
1, Wilson R. Failing, 24 weeks.....	456 00	
1, Susie S. McFarlin, 36 weeks.....	378 00	
1, Alice G. Wheeler, 36 weeks.....	324 00	
1, Frances Clark, 36 weeks.....	324 00	
1, Jessie M. Holt, 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ weeks (half time)	67 80	\$1,777 80
2, Daisy Hadley, 36 weeks.....	288 00	288 00
3, Carrie L. Adams, 6 weeks.....	51 00	
3, Athel M. Charlton, 6 weeks.....	51 00	
3, E. Hope Rice, 24 weeks.....	216 00	318 00
4, Grace I. Washburn, 16 weeks.....	136 00	
4, R. W. E. Milliken, 20 weeks.....	180 00	316 00
5, Grace E. Mansfield, 8 weeks.....	64 00	
5, Jessie M. Holt, 4 weeks.....	32 00	
5, Edith W. Emerson, 24 weeks.....	192 00	288 00
6, Nellie M. Foley, 36 weeks.....	360 00	360 00
8, Arthur W. Trubey, 36 weeks.....	756 00	
8, Laura G. Hoyt, 36 weeks.....	348 00	
8, Susan F. Burbank, 12 weeks.....	108 60	
8, Ethel L. Byfield, 24 weeks.....	216 00	
8, Ethel M. Bates, 36 weeks.....	330 50	1,758 50
9, Agnes Naylor, 36 weeks.....	360 00	
9, Nellie F. Covell, 9 weeks.....	81 00	
9, Sadie E. Huntoon, 3 weeks.....	27 00	
9, Clara M. Everett, 12 weeks.....	108 00	
Jeannette P. Thompson, 11 2-5 weeks	102 60	678 60
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		\$5,784 90

CARE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Dist.		
No. 1, Jasper Elliott, care.....	\$90 00	
1, Jasper Elliott, labor and supplies ...	4 50	\$ 94 50
2, Walter Smith, care.....	11 00	
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Amount carried forward.....		\$ 94 50

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$94 50
2, Mrs. Smith, cleaning.....	3 00	14 00
3, Arthur Hunt, care.....	18 75	
3, D. P. Byam, cleaning.....	4 00	22 75
4, Walter H. Redman, care.....	18 65	
4, Mrs. M. A. Hatch, cleaning.....	4 00	22 65
5, Geo. A. Byam, Jr., care.....	14 00	
5, Geo. A. Byam, cleaning and repairs	4 50	18 50
6, Gertrude Barris, care.....	4 00	
6, Arthur Devine, labor and care.....	10 00	
6, Orrin Pierce, care.....	9 00	23 00
8, G. K. Ripley, care.....	36 00	
8, Christopher Clausen, care.....	2 75	
8, Peter Lambert, care.....	72 00	
8, Stewart Mackay, cleaning.....	18 40	
8, M. Harrington, cleaning vaults.....	2 00	131 15
9, John Knowles, care.....	10 35	10 35
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		\$ 336 90

SCHOOL FUEL.

Dist.

No. 1. Harry L. Parkhurst, 49,330 lbs. coal..		\$154 66
2, L. J. Spaulding, 5 cords prepared wood.....		37 00
3, Daniel P. Byam, 49 $\frac{3}{4}$ feet prepared wood	\$ 35 19	
3, Nathan B. Lapham, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord pine wood	1 75	36 94
4, E. L. Russell, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ cords slab wood...	10 50	
4, Walter H. Redman, housing 6 cords wood.....	1 00	
4, John H. Brock, preparing wood....	1 25	12 75
5, George A. Byam, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ cords prepared wood		29 00
6, C. R. Judge, 2 cords oak wood.....	10 00	
6, James Kennedy, 1 cord oak wood...	5 00	
6, Orrin Pierce, preparing wood, &c....	4 00	19 00
8, P. T. McMahon, 51,400 lbs. coal....	134 93	
8, Geo. C. Moore, 4350 lbs. coal.....	12 18	
8, E. H. Keyes, 2 cords pine wood....	6 00	
8, Geo. H. Keith, preparing 2 cords wood	1 00	
8, Stewart Mackay, preparing wood...	6 00	160 11
9, W. W. Johnson, 5 cords oak wood..	23 75	
9, Wm. Deatur, 2 cords oak wood....	9 60	
9, Charles H. Sweetser, preparing and		
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		<hr/>
		\$449 46

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$449 46
housing wood.....	3 75	
9, John Barlow, preparing and housing wood	1 50	38 60
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		\$488 06

SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

J. L. Hammett, books and supplies.....	\$240 87	
Ginn & Co., books and supplies.....	191 38	
Boston School Furniture Co., supplies.....	19 25	
J. Merrill & Son, books and supplies.....	2 00	
G. A. Byam, one clock.....	1 00	
William M. Sargent, books and supplies....	81 15	
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, supplies....	4 50	
American Book Co., books and supplies ...	11 51	
Boston School Supply Co., supplies.....	8 60	
Thompson Brown Co	6 70	
Lee & Shepard, books and supplies.....	8 98	
Silver, Burdett & Co., books and supplies...	1 44	
Werner Co., books and supplies.....	28 00	
Franklin Ed. Co., books and supplies.....	13 33	
D. C. Heath & Co., books and supplies....	31 39	
Educational Pub. Co., books and supplies..	4 67	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books and supplies	24 48	
G. C. Prince & Son, supplies	1 33	
Talbot Dyewood & Chemical Co., supplies	15	
Williams & Rogers, books and supplies....	20 79	
George S. Perry, supplies	5 24	
Derby & Morse, supplies.....	81	
Tilden & Co., blocks....	2 40	
S. M. Barker, binders.....	30	\$710 27
American Express Company.....	8 95	
Boston & Maine R. R., Express.....	2 49	11 44
Charles Andrews, services and expenses in buying and delivering books and supplies		105 00
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		\$826 71

SCHOOL APPARATUS.

One Solar Camera No. 8.....	\$ 25 00
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SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Susan M. Barker, superintendent.....	\$299 97
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$299 97

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$299 97
J. H. Redman, secretary of school board...	\$10 00	
J. H. Redman, expenses and supplies.....	4 90	
George A. Byam, blackboards and supplies.	20 00	
E. Shaw & Son, supplies.....	12 28	
Bartlett & Dow, supplies.....	75	
M. H. Winship, supplies.....	35	
J. A. Parkhurst, expenses.....	2 90	
S. Hagerman, supplies and repairs.....	34 02	
W. S. Parker, teaming stoves.....	1 75	
F. S. Pratt, painting blackboard.....	26 45	113 40
Courier-Citizen Co., notices and pamphlets..	10 50	
H. H. Wilder & Co., supplies.....	15 15	
E. R. Marshall, supplies.....	1 00	
Stewart Mackay, labor and supplies.....	11 05	
U. S. School Furniture Co., blackboards and desks.....	35 58	
Babrick School Furniture Co., desks.....	33 00	106 28
Campbell & Hanscom, printing.....	7 00	
Charles E. Adams, glass.....	1 75	
Perry, Mason & Co., flags.....	27 45	
American Express Co., express.....	40	
Adams & Co., supplies.....	8 50	
E. P. Barclay, flag-pole and fixtures, No. 2..	12 40	
S. W. Parkhurst, supplies.....	2 70	
George H. Wood, clocks, No. 4.....	6 00	66 20
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		\$585 85

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Boston Book Co., books, etc.....	\$ 5 65	
Library Bureau, sundries.....	68 70	
H. L. Parkhurst, coal.....	91 00	
Express on supplies.....	7 60	
J. A. Bartlett, magazines.....	57 35	\$230 30
H. A. Cornell, services as librarian.....		299 73
A. H. Richardson, care of library.....		18 80
Tilton & Co., envelopes.....	50	
Bartlett & Dow, supplies for library.....	14 35	
H. Richardson, library furniture.....	30 50	
George T. Parkhurst, printing.....	6 85	
Courier-Citizen Co., library cards.....	1 25	
C. E. Parkhurst, table for library cards....	4 00	57 45
Dumas & Co., tickets.....	35 25	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$606 28

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$606 28
C. B. Coburn & Co., gasoline.....	33 20	
F. J. Barnard & Co, binding books.....	59 32	
E. L. Parkhurst, work on library	2 10	129 87
Adams & Co., furniture for library.....	4 00	
L. H. Sargent, purchasing agent for books, ex.....	8 76	
Dennison Manufacturing Co., gum labels....	1 88	
Mrs. H. M. Bartlett, library stamps, etc....	85	15 49
S. Ingersoll Briant, work on catalogues		10 50
A. Heady Park, transporting books to and from South Chelmsford.....		13 00
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		\$775 14

SUPPORT OF OUTSIDE POOR.

Dr. F. E. Varney, attendance upon Michael Lynch	\$12 20	
Olof Olson, care of Michael Lynch.....	13 50	\$ 25 70
Mary C. Worden, care of B. F. Worden....	14 00	
Westborough Insane Hospital, aid to Benj. F. Worden.	550 64	
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, aid to Benj. F. Worden.....	119 78	684 42
St. John's Hospital, aid to F. Lawler		78 99
Westborough Insane Hospital, aid of Laura E. Bailey		169 48
Westborough Insane Hospital, aid of James W. Dunn		169 45
Danvers Lunatic Hospital, aid to Catherine McMahon		107 25
Worcester Insane Asylum, aid of Daniel Gilligan.....		169 45
Worcester Insane Asylum, aid to Ella Hutchins		169 48
City of Lowell, aid to Mary Smith.....		3 00
M. H. Winship, aid to James W. Boynton..		44 00
City of Salem, aid to Fred E. Ward.....		35 25
City of Boston, aid to Frank A. Farwell....		32 00
Dr. E. H. Chamberlain, professional services		15 25
James F. O'Donnell, burial of James Ready		20 00
Dr. Amasa Howard, services.....		41 25
Town of Winchendon, aid to Mrs. McEnaney and family.....		79 53
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$1,844 50

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,844 50
Town of Billerica, aid to Elia B. Kittredge..	33 00
City of Lowell, aid to Patrick Ward.....	2 50
J. S. Wotton, boarding and lodging tramps..	5 00
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	\$1,885 00

EXPENSES AT ALMHOUSE.

Consumers' Brewing Co., grain.....	\$ 60 90	
Charles E. Adams, poultry wire.....	2 25	
Bartlett & Dow, hardware.....	13 77	
Wm. S. Pierce, filing saws.....	1 15	
Nichols & Co., tea and coffee.....	20 29	
U. S. Tea Co, tea.....	3 75	
Worthen Lovering, cotton waste.....	6 75	
W. S. Parker, cotton waste.....	1 60	
Vina M. Nason, labor, Dec. 28 to March 31	39 00	
Vina M. Nason, labor.....	6 00	
Mrs. S. O. Sanderson, labor.....	75	
Mary J. Payton, labor.....	138 00	
E. E. Hildreth, labor, plowing.....	16 20	
Joseph O'Day, labor.....	7 80	
Wm. H. Clogston, labor.....	13 50	
J. Sandean, labor.....	2 50	
G. W. White, labor, whitewashing.....	1 80	
Sumner Crosby, labor.....	68 65	\$ 404 66
W. H. Ingham & Co., provisions.....	41 04	
E. S. Saunders, bread.....	32	
D. W. Bickford, grain.....	295 44	
Dutton Bros., grain.....	143 17	
Dutton Bros., grass seed.....	14 04	
E. W. Sweetser, meat and provisions.....	279 87	
F. S. Brown, meat and provisions.....	25 52	
S. W. Parkhurst, groceries.....	209 67	
T. H. Knight, repairing.....	11 35	
C. B. Coburn, paint.....	13 38	
Talbot & Co., clothing.....	2 94	
H. H. Wilder, tin ware.....	4 25	
S. A. Byam, boots and shoes.....	9 20	
S. M. Choan, repairing tubs, etc.....	1 05	
C. W. Livingston, soap.....	16 80	
Mrs. Edwards, employment bureau.....	1 00	
Staple Bros., pipe and cement.....	1 03	
C. H. Wing, groceries.....	59 91	1,129 98
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$1,534 64

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$1534 64
Geo. B. Wright, raspberry and blackberry bush.....	3 75	
Wilson White, painting wagons.....	8 75	
J. H. Breed, cutting hair.....	85	
Thompson Hardware Co., hardware.....	3 53	
W. H. Spaulding & Co., one shade.....	25	
Armour & Co., lard.....	4 50	
A. H. Stackpole, repairing harness.....	50	
G. F. Wright, standing grass.....	12 50	
W. S. Parker, standing grass.....	4 00	
H. L. Knowlton, standing grass.....	5 00	
Emerson Bros., berries and fruit.....	4 93	
L. G. Moss, crackers and bread.....	3 12	
T. F. Severance, crackers.....	21 40	
F. G. Fletcher, fish.....	7 02	
Mary A. Hildreth, pasturing cow.....	1 50	
A. W. Ober, raspberries.....	1 50	83 10
Adams & Co., oil cloth.....	3 65	
H. S. Perham, vinegar.....	3 70	
W. A. Mack, supplies.....	10 67	
E. Z. Russell, ice.....	39 00	
“ “ kindling and sawdust	4 44	
Mrs. A. M. Blaisdell, peaches.....	1 00	
S. O. Sanderson, filing saws.....	1 00	
Cook, Taylor & Co., dry goods.....	28 08	
G. H. Hammond, butter.....	12 60	
J. P. Emerson, use of tedder.....	1 50	
A. M. Warren, pasturing cow.....	3 00	
Mrs. Ordway, silver cleaning.....	50	
D. C. Perlham, 7 barrels apples.....	7 00	
“ “ 2 cows.....	112 00	
“ “ 1 bull.....	25 00	
John Keats, killing hogs.....	2 00	
“ “ smoking hams.....	50	255 64
Ellingwood & Co., 1 syringe.....	1 25	
Wm. Clinton, fish	15 05	
E. H. Chamberlain, M. D.....	5 00	
Amasa Howard, M. D.....	29 00	
H. B. Shattuck, 1 sink.....	3 50	
Hjalmar Karlson, repairs.....	50	
Geo. M. Wright, blacksmithing.....	40 09	
A. G. Adams, killing hog.....	1 00	
Wm. H. Shedd, squash.....	2 00	
French & Puffer, ½ dozen brooms.....	1 50	
J. M. Wilson, beef.....	8 68	
American Express Co.....	15	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$1,873 38

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$1,873 28
Wm. H. Hills, medicine.....	7 10	
Wm. M. Parlee, attending sick cow.....	1 00	
Putnam & Son, clothing.....	2 55	
Merton W. Cummings, cutting wood.....	10 10	128 47
Wm. Bremner, cutting wood.....	19 00	
R. W. E. Milliken, stove.....	5 20	
Caleb L. Smith, groceries.....	40 42	
W. A. Lane, tea.....	50	
Antonio P. Mills, barbering.....	1 50	
D. W. Hall, turkey.....	2 50	
Hazen Bros., hay.....	25 74	
E. T. Adams, superintendent.....	400 00	
Wm. H. Shedd, services and expenses as overseer.....	16 00	
Joseph E. Warren, services and expenses as overseer.....	19 75	
Newell E. Parker, services and expenses as overseer.....	7 50	
Arthur H. Sheldon, services and expenses as overseer.....	24 50	
Joseph A. Parkhurst, services and expense as overseer.....	4 00	566 61
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		\$2,568 46
Proceeds of Town Farm.....	\$1,627 54	
Board of Martha Hall from City of Lowell..	40 50	1,668 04
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Total expense at Almshouse.....		\$ 900 42
Paid for outside poor.....		\$1,885 00
Received for outside poor:		
Matthias Hutchins.....	\$169 58	
City of Lawrence.....	25 70	
City of Somerville.....	25 71	
Aid to State paupers.....	36 36	257 35
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		\$1,627 65
Expenses of poor at Almshouse.....		900 42
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Total expense of poor.....		\$2,528 07
Inmates, 11 ; males, 5 ; females 6 ; tramps 471.		

WM. H. SHEDD,
ARTHUR H. SHELDON,
JOSEPH E. WARREN,
NEWELL E. PARKER,
JOSEPH A. PARKHURST,

Overseers.

APPRAISAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM
MARCH 2, 1896.

1 farm horse.....	\$ 50 00
6 cows.....	300 00
2 yearlings.....	22 00
2 hogs.....	30 00
78 fowls.....	39 00
1 Democrat wagon, \$35; 1 pung, \$35.....	70 00
1 one-horse cart, \$25; 13 cords manure, \$65.....	90 00
1 horse rake, \$10; 1 farm harness, \$12.....	22 00
1 one-horse sled, \$25; 1 mowing machine, \$25.....	50 00
1 farm wagon, \$48; 1 light harness, \$10.....	58 00
1 pair harnesses, \$20; 1 cart harness, \$4.....	24 00
1 square wagon, \$30; 1 grindstone, \$3.....	33 00
10 cords wood, \$40; 6 bushels beans, \$8.40.....	48 40
35 cords cordwood, \$87.50; 7 brooms, \$1.50.....	89 00
3 axes, \$2; 5 saws, \$2; soap, \$2.....	6 00
2 sprinklers, \$1.25; K. oil, \$4.80.....	6 05
Oil barrel, \$1; measures, .75; ice tongs, .50.....	2 25
Stove, \$3; tubs, boxes and steam cooker, \$2.....	5 00
2 halters, .75; 3 plows, \$18; horse hoe, \$5.....	23 75
2 harrows, \$8; 3 whiffletrees, \$1.....	9 00
1 wheelbarrow, \$2; pine lumber, \$8.....	10 00
Bean poles, feed trough and bush head.....	2 00
Soft soap, \$2.25; vinegar and barrels, \$1.50.....	3 75
1,200 pounds rowen, \$9; feed boxes, \$1.50.....	10 50
11 tons E. hay, \$220; salt, .40.....	220 40
8 chains, \$2; 1 pair draw chains, .65.....	2 65
1 buffalo robe, 3 blankets, 1 lap robe.....	25 00
2 calves, \$8; 3 ladders, \$6.....	14 00
2 forks, .50; small tools, \$1.50; 2 whips, \$1.50.....	3 50
Rope, jack, reins, etc.....	2 00
Stable tools, \$5; 60 barrels, \$9.....	14 00
5 scythe snaths, \$1.50; 5 potato diggers, \$1.50.....	3 00
1 iron rake, .35; 10 shovels, \$5; hinges, \$2.....	7 35
5 manure forks, \$2; 1 cranberry rake, .60.....	2 60
2 drag rakes, \$1; grain cradle, \$1.....	2 00
Hay cutter, \$5; fence wire, \$2.....	7 00
Fetters and muzzles, \$1; steelyards, \$2.20.....	3 20
Hay knife and scythe, \$1.50; grain, \$4.....	5 50
3 rakes, 2 iron bars, steel trap.....	1 50
Grain chest.....	6 00
Provisions and supplies.....	135 85
Household furniture and bedding.....	338 25

\$1,797 50

J. P. EMERSON,
D. P. BYAM,
J. S. WOTTON,

Appraisers.

HIGHWAYS.

R. Wilson Dix, labor.....	\$225 00	
H. E. Fletcher, labor on wall West V.....	70 00	
“ “ stone.....	4 10	
Chas. Shinkwin, labor.....	1 05	
J. Thomas Bridgeford, labor.....	2 00	
A. G. Parkhurst, labor.....	4 00	
A. H. Sheldon, labor.....	2 25	
Peter J. Brennan, labor on bridge No.	2 50	
Geo. C. Moore, plank and labor on bridge No.	14 50	\$325 40
Walter Winning, breaking roads.....	3 60	
A. M. Warren, breaking roads.....	14 38	
Thos. Sheehan, breaking roads.....	3 75	
S. J. Garland, breaking roads.....	6 90	
D. A. Reardon, breaking roads.....	7 00	
John Sullivan, breaking roads.....	12 75	
Elmer Ohlson, breaking roads.....	75	
Michael McKennedy, breaking roads.....	6 75	
James Bowden, breaking roads.....	5 55	
Mathew Hayes, breaking roads.....	6 00	
C. Finnick, breaking roads.....	6 45	73 88
J. P. Emerson, clearing sidewalks.....	17 50	
Wm. H. Shedd, labor with team.....	2 00	
James Gordon, shoveling snow.....	4 95	
B. O. Robbins, shoveling snow.....	8 10	
J. S. Wotton, breaking roads.....	23 45	
C. W. Field, breaking roads.....	3 15	
Geo. O. Spaulding, breaking roads.....	8 10	
G. H. Mason, clearing sidewalks.....	4 20	71 45
J. P. Emerson, gravel.....	35 00	
J. H. Butterfield, gravel.....	61 10	
Ella Jarvis, gravel.....	5 00	
E. F. Richardson, gravel.....	18 63	
Geo. Suttle, gravel.....	4 96	
Solomon Spaulding, gravel.....	36 10	
Neils Knutson, gravel.....	4 20	
J. P. Eaton, gravel.....	12 70	
Frank Dunnigan, gravel.....	8 50	
E. K. Parkhurst, gravel.....	2 20	
B. J. Spaulding, gravel.....	12 40	
Howard Park, gravel.....	1 65	
A. B. Paascha, gravel.....	5 70	
F. Bickford, gravel.....	20	
D. M. George, gravel.....	8 10	
F. W. Blodgett, gravel.....	1 60	218 04
Chelmsford Foundry Co., cinders.....		8 30
John Marinel, 12 loads stone, etc.....		15 50
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>		<u>\$712 57</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$712 57
George M. Wright, blacksmithing.....	189 23	
F. J. Whittemore, blacksmithing.....	87 49	
C. Fish, blacksmithing.....	29 10	
T. Durant & Son, blacksmithing.....	7 85	
J. Quirk & Son, blacksmithing.....	7 90	
Chas. Kappler, blacksmithing.....	4 62	326 19
Geo. A. Coburn, straw.....	27 32	
L. Spaulding, 5,310 lbs. hay.....	50 51	
E. T. Adams, 6,000 lbs. hay.....	58 00	
Jacob Spaulding, 4,870 lbs. hay.....	48 92	
H. P. Davis, 1,930 lbs. hay.....	17 37	
Horace Holt, 3,015 lbs. hay.....	29 14	
W. S. Parker, hay.....	42 74	
Josiah Fletcher, measuring hay.....	50	
Dutton Bros., grain.....	187 77	
E. Shaw & Son, hay and grain.....	45 05	
D. W. Bickford, grain.....	81 93	
W. E. Livingston, grain.....	138 80	453 55
Howe Lumber Co, lumber No. V.....	37 36	
Davis & Sargent, lumber.....	70 09	107 45
S. L. Putnam, posts.....	19 05	
A. B. Adams, posts.....	13 30	
Robert Fletcher, posts.....	3 75	36 10
Patrick Savage, covering stone.....	15 00	
H. P. Davis, covering stone.....	1 00	16 00
S. W. Parkhurst, supplies.....	48 88	
Bartlett & Dow, supplies.....	14 73	63 61
George E. Allen, 1 edge.....	8 00	
J. Breck & Son, 1 plow.....	22 50	
American Express Co., express.....	40	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., express.....	25	31 15
C. B. Coburn, supplies.....	2 87	
Boutwell Bros., supplies.....	2 87	
Thompson Hardware Co., shovels, etc.....	9 28	
Wm. Nichols & Co., powder, etc.....	10 00	
Martin & Langley, 1 can.....	75	
J. C. Donovan, supplies.....	27 10	
A. H. Stackpole, supplies.....	4 75	57 62
I. H. Knight, wheelwright.....	35 20	35 20
Mr. Magookin, repairing harnesses.....	2 50	
S. N. Stevens, repairing harnesses.....	5 50	8 00
Marcus Winship, nails.....	20	20
Staples Bros., drain pipe.....	63 65	
Chelmsford Foundry Co., pipes.....	80 93	
Harry L. Parkhurst, cement.....	2 60	147 18
Chas. R. Wood, veterinary.....		3 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$2,272 32

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25375
27454995

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$2,272 32
———Josselyn, change of grade.....		50 00
W. C. Robbins, horse.....		160 00
Wm. S. Pierce, filing saws.....	25	
E. R. Marshall, filing saws.....	1 85	2 10
Geo. F. Dyer, removing rock.....		20 00
J. S. Shedd.....		2 25
F. G. Pratt, lettering guide boards.....		1 68
H. H. Wilder, 1 jet.....		1 25
J. S. Wotton, board of men and teams.....	84 35	84 35
E. T. Adams, board of men.....	516 00	516 00
Highway pay roll for March.....	144 71	
April.....	263 18	
May.....	338 35	
June.....	302 67	
July.....	353 46	
August.....	374 44	
September.....	239 50	
October.....	217 30	
November.....	285 63	
December.....	256 00	
January.....	216 50	
February.....	182 50	3,174 24
Total.....		\$6,284 19

APPRAISAL OF HIGHWAY TEAMS AND TOOLS AT
TOWN FARM, MARCH 2, 1896.

4 horses.....	\$600 00
2 pair harnesses.....	70 00
2 two-horse carts.....	220 00
2 two-horse sleds.....	75 00
1 jack.....	1 50
6 stone hammers, \$7.00; 7 picks, \$7.00....	14 00
25 lbs. powder, \$5.00; 3 chains, \$6.00....	11 00
4 iron rakes, \$1.00; 2 forks, \$1.50; 10 shovels, \$5.00.....	7 50
3 axes, \$2.00; 3 saws, \$3 00; 15 drills, \$12.00	17 00
Plug drills and wedges, \$2.50; 8½ lbs. dynamite, \$4.25.....	6 75
Scythes and snaths, \$3.00; scoop and dipper, \$2.00.....	5 00
100 lbs. spikes, \$3.00; 2 stone picks, .50	3 50
2 eveners, \$3.50; 3 cans, .75; 3 wrenches,	

Amount carried forward..... \$1,031 25

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$1,031 25
\$2.25.....	6 50	
2 neck yokes, \$4.00; 4 iron bars, \$4.00....	8 00	
Old yokes and tools, \$1.50; 4 blankets, \$8.00	9 50	
Scoop scraper, \$3.75; 1 new plow, \$22.00	25 75	
3 iron wedges, \$1.50; 1 Chicago scraper \$12.00.....	13 50	
Drain pipe, \$25.60; cart body, \$3.00.....	28 60	
2 catch basin covers, \$8 00; 700 brick, \$4.90	12 90	
2 casks cement, \$4.50; 2 plows \$12.00.....	16 50	
Old iron, \$2.50; Champion scraper, \$100.00	102 50	
1 jigger, \$30 00; 1 two-horse wagon, \$35.00	65 00	
Posts and bridge plank, \$10.00; 8 bags of grain \$7.00.....	17 00	
4 feed bags, \$2.00; 2 tons E. hay, \$42.00..	44 00	
1000 lbs. straw, \$7.50; 1 rope, .50.....	8 00	
4 lanterns, \$1.50; parts of harness, \$6.00...	7 50	
Tool chest, \$5 00; grain chest, \$5.00.....	10 00	
Stable tools, \$5.00; 2 horse collars, \$5.00..	10 00	
4 halters, \$1.25; tape measure, \$1.25.....	2 50	
3 locks, \$1.50; 1 bush hook .75.....	2 25	
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J. P. EMERSON,

D. P. BYAM,

J. S. WOTTON,

Appraisers.

STREET LIGHTING.

C. B. Coburn & Co., 33 globe street lamps..	\$ 82 50	
C. B. Coburn & Co., oil.....	25 95	
C. B. Coburn & Co., 1 globe.....	40	
F. J. McManomin, oil.....	11 82	
S. W. Parkhurst, oil.....	55 02	
M. H. Winship, oil.....	9 46	
E. Shaw & Son, oil.....	15 17	
D. W. Bickford, oil.....	8 79	
Standard Oil Co., oil.....	10 25	\$219 36
Martin & Langley, 24 lamps and shades....	5 87	
A. B. Adams, 50 lamp posts.....	42 50	
French & Puffer, chimneys, wicks, etc.....	13 20	
V. I. A. Treasurer, supplies.....	9 25	
Emerson & Co., paint.....	70	
A. G. Parkhurst, painting posts, etc.....	5 10	

Amount carried forward,.....

\$219 36

<i>Amount brought forward</i> ,.....		\$219 36
N. E. Parker, setting and painting posts . . .	4 18	
George M. Wright, 1 frame.....	1 75	
N. E. Parker, lamp wicks	63	
J. A. Parkhurst, sundries	11 00	
Orrin Pierce, labor on lamp posts.....	1 75	
Wm. H. Shedd, teaming and setting posts..	4 50	100 43
Peter J. Brennan, ladders	1 25	
A. H. Sheldon, labor repairing lamps, etc ..	14 42	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., express.....	30	
Charles Hyde, repairing lamps.....	10 25	
E. A. Stevens, repairing lamps.....	14 25	
E. A. Stevens, lighting	210 71	
G F Keith, lighting	65 50	
Charles Jordan, lighting.....	39 47	
John H. Cooper, lighting	38 20	
Alfred Reno, lighting.....	17 50	
Peter J. Brennan, lightng.....	53 75	465 60
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		\$785 39

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

A. M. Warren, wood.....	\$ 21 00
John Nichols, janitor Town Hall	134 43
H. Richardson, damage at Mill bridge.....	25 00
S. W. Parkhurst, sundries.....	25 18
G. W. Pearson, stamped envelopes.....	4 36
G. T. Parkhurst, printing.....	1 35
Bartlett & Dow, supplies	4 68
Heirindas Chalifoux, road damage.....	125 00
G. A. Parkhurst, framing resolutions.....	18 00
J. F. Puffer & Sons, chairs.....	22 50
Vox Populi Co., order book.....	5 75
American Express Co.....	25
H. C. Demond & Co, seals and wires.....	18 83
E. Shaw & Son, pencils and nails.....	1 45
John Blaisdell. teaming chairs.....	2 00
Edward J. Noyes, service.....	1 40
Postoffice, Chelmsford.....	2 50
Thompson Hardware Co., caps for posts.....	3 00
Registry deeds.....	1 30
Williston Carl, labor on target.....	12 00
Special county commission on bridge, W. Chelmsford..	30 86
Fred Laughton, W. Chelmsford bridge.....	15 00
E. R. Marshall, caps, etc.....	4 65
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$480 49

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$480 49
A. P. Perham, labor and expense on stage	1 63
Courier-Citizen Co., printing and bill heads	76 13
J. C. Collins, time on Chalifoux case.....	7 00
G. M. Wright, jobbing.....	12 87
Arthur H. Sheldon, burial of tramp, reporting deaths ..	10 50
Farm tax.....	65 55
F. J. Whittemore, painting hearse.....	19 00
City of Lowell, police service	8 25
T. G. Waller, birth certificates.....	50
Smith & Brooks, surveyors.....	15 00
John Leighton, services as officer.....	2 00
Geo. F. Snow, book assessors' tables.....	2 00
Frederic A. Fisher, lawyer's bill, from August 25, 1893, to May 31, 1895.....	229 41
Horace B. Shattuck & Son, sundries.....	12 04
Solomon Spaulding, rent of rifle range.....	20 00
H. L. Parkhurst.....	30 95
Peter Lumbert, grading.....	3 75
T. Adams, dinners for police officers.....	3 00
Dumas & Co., tax book and printing.....	8 75
J. H. Knight, repairing	2 05
Dr. F. E. Varney, reporting births.....	5 50
Martin & Langley, lining boxes.....	12 55
Woodbridge W. Tuttle, Constable	5 04
M. R. Warren, tags.....	28
French & Puffer, lamps and reflectors.....	16 00
Geo. H. Holt, pumps, and repairs on pumps.....	34 50
L. K. Howard, reporting deaths.....	3 25
E. C. Perham, tags, etc.....	1 35
J. P. Emerson, use of teams.....	3 50
M. Egan, damage to team.....	16 50
Wm. Quigley, heating and lighting hall.....	73 50
“ 1½ cords of wood.....	13 22
G. C. Prince & Son, paper.....	2 00
J. E. Warren, sundries.....	8 39
Percy Parker, special commission, W. Chelmsford bridge	10 00
E. Shaw & Son, rifle range.....	7 25
Total	\$1,223 70

REPAIRS OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

C. E. Parkhurst, shingling part of Centre Hall	\$119 00	
C. E. Parkhurst, changing room for school books.....	12 66	
A. W. Holt, repairing horse sheds.....	8 50	
Dutton Bros., lumber.....	3 44	\$143 60
Geo. M. Wright, pump work at Centre Hall	8 45	
W. A. Mack & Co., cleaning hall furnace...	2 50	
C. B. Coburn & Co., paint.....	23	
A. W. Holt, labor on farm buildings.....	16 30	
Wilson White, painting.....	1 75	
A. L. Brooks & Co., lumber, farm buildings	10 80	
Bartlett & Dow, supplies.....	1 50	41 53
Farrell & Conaton, 8 lbs. lead pipe.....	48	
W. H. S. Clogston, labor.....	25	
W. E. Hatch, one sash.....	60	
J. B. Goodwin, screens for library.....	29 75	
J. W. Robinson, concrete school No. 8....	23 87	
Geo. H. Smith, whitewashing and painting No. 8.....	45 30	100 25
A. L. Kittredge & Co., painting, etc., Town Hall, No. Chelmsford.....	285 11	
A. L. Kittredge & Co., painting, etc., Armory, No. Chelmsford.....	10 00	
P. T. McMahon, use of lumber and labor for staging.....	33 95	
American Express Co., express on castings school No. 1.....	35	
Lyman Dodge, repairing slated roofs, North Chelmsford.....	15 00	344 41
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		\$629 79

CARE AND IMPROVEMENT OF CEMETERIES.

L. K. Howard, labor, Centre.....	\$16 50	
F. A. Lane, labor, Centre.....	1 60	
Lyman Lane, labor, Centre.....	1 70	
E. A. Stevens, labor, Centre.....	3 20	\$23 00
Arthur H. Sheldon, labor, North Chelmsford	17 20	17 20
Daniel P. Byam, labor, South Chelmsford..	8 00	8 00
A. G. Parkhurst, labor, West Chelmsford..	9 00	9 00
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		\$57 20

VILLAGE CLOCK.

C.E.A. Bartlett, Treasurer, Clock Association	\$30 00
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RAISING E. SHAW & SON'S STORE.

James Hickey, raising building.....		\$237 50
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NORTH CHELMSFORD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Clara A. H. Adams, Treasurer.....		\$200 00
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MEMORIAL DAY.

R. S. Ripley, expenses No. Chelmsford.....	\$23 60	
S. J. Garland, expenses So. Chelmsford....	7 08	
A. G. Parkhurst, expenses West Chelmsford	6 35	
J. P. Emerson, expenses Centre Chelmsford	6 25	
		<hr/> \$43 28

TRANSCRIBING ANCIENT RECORDS.

Henry S. Perham.....	\$28 20	\$28 20
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DEDICATION PUBLIC LIBRARY.

J. A. Bartlett, dedication.....	\$300 00	\$300 00
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HEATING AND VENTILATING SCHOOL HOUSE AT
NORTH CHELMSFORD.

J. S. Wotton, contract for building cellar....	\$250 00	
Additional length of cellar.....	25 00	
H. H. Wilder & Co., heating and ventilating	769 07	
P. J. McMahon, labor and material.....	94 76	
Arthur H. Sheldon, time and expenses.....	14 75	
		<hr/> \$1,153 58

WELL AT SOUTH CHELMSFORD.

Warren Berry, digging well.....	\$143 60	
H. L. Parkhurst, brick and cement.....	16 58	
G. H. Holt, pump, etc.....	17 00	
		<hr/> \$177 18

EXTENDING WATER PIPE AT NORTH CHELMSFORD.

George C. Moore, 2 hydrants and 75 6-inch pipe		\$338 40
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COLLECTION AND ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

William L. Gordon, abatement for 1893.....	\$ 16 78	
William L. Gordon, abatement for 1894.....	105 37	
William L. Gordon, abatement for 1895.....	46 28	\$168 43
William L. Gordon, collecting taxes for years 1893, 1894, 1895.....		423 40
		<hr/> \$591 83

BRIDGE AT WEST CHELMSFORD.

Paid H. E. Fletcher & Co.....	\$1,700 00
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STATE AID.

Paid under Chapter 301, Statutes 1894.....	\$881 50
Paid under Chapter 279, Statutes 1894.....	150 63

TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

E. W. Sweetser, services and expenses as Treasurer.....	\$150 00
Geo. A. Parkhurst, services and expenses as Town Clerk.....	71 50
E. T. Adams, services as Registrar.....	12 50
Geo. A. Parkhurst, services as Registrar....	13 50
Stewart Mackay, services as Registrar.....	9 38
John J. McManomin, services as Registrar..	20 85
Wm. H. Hall, services as Registrar.....	11 50
Walter Perham, services as Warden, Pre- cinct No. 1.....	\$ 3 00
Arthur E. Reed, services as Inspector, Pre- cinct No. 1.....	3 00
Arthur M. Warren, services as Inspector, Precinct No. 1.....	3 00
D. P. Byam, services as Deputy Inspector, Precinct No. 1.....	3 00
John P. Scaboria, services as Inspector for 1894, Precinct No. 1.....	3 00
John H. Redman, services as Clerk, Pre- cinct No. 1.....	7 00
Howard S. Adams, services as Deputy Clerk, Precinct No. 1.....	3 00
A. P. Perham, services as Teller, Precinct No. 1.....	3 00
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<hr/> \$289 23

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$289 23
John H. Nichols, services as Teller, Precinct No. 1.....	3 00	
John P. Scaboria, services as Teller, Precinct No. 1.....	1 50	32 50
C. H. Dutton, services as Warden, Precinct No. 2.....	3 00	
George Hyde, services as Inspector, Precinct No. 2.....	3 00	
Hubert Bearce, services as Inspector, Precinct No. 2.....	3 00	
Fred K. Ripley, services as Clerk, Precinct No. 2.....	7 00	
Charles H. Holt, services as Deputy Clerk, Precinct No. 2.....	3 00	
James E. McCabe, services as Teller, Precinct No. 2.....	1 50	
George H. Ripley, services as Teller, Precinct No. 2.....	1 50	
J. P. McQuaid, services as Teller, Precinct No. 2.....	1 50	
J. C. Hobbs, services as Teller, Precinct No. 2.....	1 50	25 00
John J. Quessy, services as Warden, Precinct No. 3.....	3 00	
A. G. Parkhurst, services as Inspector, Precinct No. 3.....	3 00	
John J. Dunn, services as Inspector, Precinct No. 3.....	3 00	
M. H. Winship, services as Clerk, Precinct No. 3.....	6 00	
Samuel Naylor, services as Deputy Clerk, Precinct No. 3.....	3 00	
Edwin F. Coburn, services as Teller, Precinct No. 3.....	3 00	21 00
A. B. Adams, services as Forest Fire Ward	24 00	
E. C. Perham, services as Forest Fire Ward	1 50	
Warren Berry, services as Forest Fire Ward	2 00	
A. W. Holt, services as Forest Fire Ward..	1 00	
J. S. Wotton, services as Forest Fire Ward.	2 50	31 00
J. P. Emerson, services as Constable.....		85 65
D. A. Polley, services as Constable.....		36 00
J. H. McFarlin, services as Constable.....		18 30
C. S. Carter, services as Constable.....		13 25
William J. Quigley, services as Constable...		5 00
F. E. Nason, services as Constable.....		7 50
S. J. Garland, services as Constable.....		8 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i> ,.....		\$572 43

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$572 43
J. P. Emerson, services as Appraiser	3 00	
D. P. Byam, services as Appraiser	3 00	
J. S. Wotton, services as Appraiser.....	3 00	9 00
E. C. Perham, services and expenses as Cattle Inspector.....		627 66
E. C. Perham, quarantine of cattle.....		30 86
H. S. Perham, services at bridge hearing ...		10 63
Arthur H. Sheldon, services and expenses as Assessor.....	113 05	
Arthur H. Sheldon, copying Tax Collector's book.....	15 00	
Arthur H. Sheldon, copying valuation book	25 00	153 05
 Newell E. Parker, services and expenses as Assessor.....		65 25
Joseph E. Warren, services and expenses as Assessor.....		75 00
Joseph A. Parkhurst, services and expenses as Assessor.....		8 00
Wm. H. Shedd, services and expenses as Assessor.....		52 00
Joseph E. Warren, services and expenses as Selectman.....		146 75
Arthur H. Sheldon, services and expenses as Selectman.....		85 20
Newell C. Parker, services and expenses as Selectman.....		65 00
Wm. H. Shedd, services and expenses as Selectman.....		81 00
Joseph A. Parkhurst, services and expenses as Selectman		99 61
Newell E. Parker, services as Board of Health Officer.....		9 75
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		\$2,091 19

AGGREGATE OF APPROPRIATIONS, RECEIPTS AND
EXPENDITURES.

ACCOUNTS.	Appropriations.	Expenditures.	Surplus.	Deficit.
Schools, Appropriations.....	\$6,000 00			
Fund	325 60			
Dog tax.....	479 37			
Tuition, non-resident pupils ..	16 00			
Teaching		\$5,784 90		
Care of houses		336 90		
Fuel		488 06	\$211 11	
Apparatus	100 00	25 00	75 00	
Incidentals	350 00	585 85		\$235 85
Free text books, receipts.....	127 04	826 71		699 67
Support of poor	2,600 00			
Receipts	1,925 39	4,453 46	71 93	
Highway	5,000 00			
Receipts	146 50	6,284 19		1,137 69
State aid receipts.....	997 50	881 50	116 00	
Repairs of public buildings.....	800 00	629 79	170 21	
Relief of indigent soldiers and sailors..	200 00	150 63	49 37	
Town officers and committees.....	1,500 00	2,091 19		591 19
Collection and abatement of taxes.....	600 00	591 83	8 17	
Miscellaneous expenses	300 00			
Receipts	678 20	1,223 70		245 50
Enforcement of liquor law	100 00		100 00	
Care and improvement of cemeteries..	200 00	57 20	142 80	
Memorial day	50 00	43 28	6 72	
Village Clock.....	30 00	30 00		
Public Library	835 08			
Receipts	10 58	775 14	70 52	
North Chelmsford Library Association	200 00	200 00		
Transcribing ancient records.....	50 00	28 20	21 80	
Completing soldiers' records	25 00		25 00	
Bridge at West Chelmsford	1,000 00			
From B. & M. R. R. Co., receipts.....	700 00	1,700 00		
Extending water pipes, North Village..	500 00	338 40	161 60	
Library dedication	300 00	300 00		
Well at South Village	150 00	177 18		27 18
School house, North Village	1,200 00			
Receipts ..	9 25	1,153 58	55 67	
Lighting streets	800 00	785 39	14 61	
Repairing damage to E. Shaw & Son's	250 00	237 50	12 50	
	\$28,555 51	\$30,179 58	\$1,313 01	\$2,937 08
	1,624 07		1,624 07	
	\$30,179 58	\$30,179 58	\$2,937 08	\$2,937 08

Appropriations

\$23,140 08

Receipts

5,415 43

\$28,555 51

Deficit

1,624 07

Amount of orders.....

\$30,179 58

JOSEPH E. WARREN,
JOSEPH A. PARKHURST.
NEWELL E. PARKER,
WILLIAM H. SHEDD,
ARTHUR H. SHELDON,

Selectmen.

REPORT OF CATTLE INSPECTOR

Of the Town of Chelmsford for the year ending Feb. 29, 1896.

Live cattle examined physically	891
Placed in quarantine and tested with tuberculin	76
Condemned	65
Released	11
Cattle slaughtered by licensed butchers	748
Condemned as tuberculous	22

One glandered horse killed.

The foregoing does not include the examination during the year of herds or individual cattle by request of owners.

EDWIN C. PERHAM,

Inspector.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the accounts of the Treasurer for the year ending February 29, 1896, and find his receipts and payments properly entered and vouched for, and a balance of two hundred six and thirty-nine one-hundredths dollars (\$206.39) in his hands. We have, also, examined the vouchers in the hands of the Selectmen, and find in their hands receipts amounting to thirty thousand one hundred seventy-nine and fifty-eight one-hundredths dollars (\$30,179.58), vouching for orders for the same amount drawn by them on the Treasurer and paid by him.

We find assets :

Cash in Treasury.....		\$ 206 39
Tax of 1894 uncollected.....	\$1,398 03	
Interest accrued on same.....	97 86	
Tax of 1895 uncollected.....	4,684 21	
Interest accrued on same.....	136 61	6,316 71
School books and supplies on hand.....		171 99

Due from State :

State aid to January, 1896.....	740 50	
State aid for January and February, 1896...	141 00	
Balance of corporation tax.....	349 96	1,231 46

\$7,926 55

Liabilities :

Notes (temporary loan).....		\$4,500 00
Kimball fund and interest.....	\$130 74	
Silver fund and interest.....	156 96	
Emerson fund and interest	225 44	
Emerson Cemetery improvement fund.....	144 00	
Marshall fund	100 00	
Shed fund and interest.....	104 81	
Day fund	100 00	
Interest on Edward's fund.....	3 77	
Unpaid bills (estimated).....	100 00	
Tax abatements (estimated).....	150 00	1,215 72

\$5,715 72

Balance assets..... 2,210 83

GEORGE F. SNOW,
MARTIN ROBBINS,

Auditors.

Chelmsford, March 3, 1896.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford, in
said County,* *GREETING:*

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify the legal voters of said Chelmsford to meet at the Town Hall at Chelmsford Centre, on Monday, the sixteenth day of March current, being the third Monday in said month, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

- ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator.
- ARTICLE 2. To hear reports of Town Officers and Committees, and act thereon.
- ARTICLE 3. To determine the manner of collecting taxes.
- ARTICLE 4. To determine the manner of repairing the highways, townways and bridges.
- ARTICLE 5. To choose all necessary Town Officers.
- ARTICLE 6. To act in relation to the list of jurors prepared by the Selectmen.
- ARTICLE 7. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required to defray Town charges for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as may be required for the demands upon him, in anticipation of the taxes of the ensuing year, and payable therefrom.
- ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors for the current year.
- ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to act as its agent in any suit or suits which may arise during the ensuing year, and also in such other matters which may arise, requiring, in their judgment, the action of such agent.
- ARTICLE 11. At the request of the School Committee, to see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter

431 of the Acts of 1888, and subsequent amendments, relating to the employment of a Superintendent of Schools, and appropriate money therefor, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept the widening of the townway known as Bridge Street, as laid out by the Selectmen, beginning at the junction of said townway with Westford Street, and running westerly about two hundred and thirty-eight feet to land of Charles E. Parkhurst, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept a townway as laid out by the Selectmen, beginning at the intersection of Wright Street and Canal Street in North Chelmsford, thence running north-westerly about twelve hundred one and one-half feet to a stone bound on the Groton Road, land being given and partially graded, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift of three hundred dollars, in trust, from Charles H. Greenleaf, administrator of the estate of Sarah H. W. Parker, the income of the same to be expended in forever keeping in repair and order the tomb and burial lot of Samuel Fox Wood and family in North Chelmsford Cemetery, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift of one hundred and fifty dollars, in trust, from Charles H. Greenleaf of Boston, the income of the same to be expended in forever keeping in repair the burial lot in North Chelmsford Cemetery in which Phineas Carleton is buried, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 16. At the request of Perley P. Perham and others, to see if the Town will vote to dig a well and put a pump in the same at the school-house in District No. 2, and raise and appropriate money therefor, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of decorating the graves of our soldiers in the several cemeteries, on the 30th day of May next, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the unexpended balance of the appropriation made

at the last Town meeting, for the purpose of laying the water pipe in North Chelmsford, as voted at said meeting, or act in relation thereto.

- ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars for the purpose of lighting the streets in the several villages of the Town, or act in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 20. At the request of Stewart Mackay and others, to see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for a new floor, and such additions or repairs of furniture as may be required, for the Primary department of school-house No. 8, situated in North Chelmsford, or act in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept a townway as laid out by the Selectmen, beginning at the north-west corner of Washington Street and Canal Street, in North Chelmsford, at a stone bound, thence south-westerly two hundred ninety-seven and one-tenth feet to a stone bound, land being given and partially graded, or act in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept the widening and straightening of a townway leading from Chelmsford Street southwesterly to the old Middlesex Road at the house of one Stearns, as laid out by the Selectmen, beginning at a stone bound on Chelmsford Street, thence south-westerly about two thousand seven hundred nine feet to stone bound at Middlesex Road, at land of said Stearns, or act in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 23. At the request of J. Adams Bartlett and others, to see if the Town will vote to change the name of the "Free Public Library of Chelmsford," so that it may be hereafter known as the "Adams Library," or act in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 24. At the request of George A. Parkhurst and others, to see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to have the building and contents of the Public Library insured, or act in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 25. At the request of J. Adams Bartlett and others, to see if the Town will direct the Trustees of the Public Library to elect from among their own number a Treasurer, as set forth in the Public Statutes, Chapter 304, Section 5, Acts of 1888, or act in relation thereto.

- ARTICLE 26. At the request of Wilbur A. Cheney and others, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three hundred dollars, to purchase land known as the J. M. Fletcher lot, also to appropriate a sum of money not to exceed two thousand dollars to erect a schoolhouse thereon, in that part of Chelmsford known as "Golden Cove," or act in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 27. At the request of Harry B. Richardson and others, to see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for conveying to and from school, the children who live near the Lowell line in North Chelmsford, or act in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will make an appropriation to the North Chelmsford Library Association, on condition that the books of said library shall be free to all inhabitants of the Town, or act in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of digging a well, and to prepare it for a public watering place, at North Chelmsford, upon the ground as located by the Selectmen, or act in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred and twenty-five dollars for the purpose of depositing, and also authorize the Treasurer to deposit, the trust funds with accumulated interest (given the Town in trust, the income to be used for the care of lots in the several cemeteries in town) in some savings bank, the interest to be drawn for the care of said lots, or act in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the post-offices in the Centre of the Town, South Chelmsford, North Chelmsford, West Chelmsford, and at the school-house at East Chelmsford, ten days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this sixth day of March in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

JOSEPH E. WARREN,
ARTHUR H. SHELDON,
NEWELL E PARKER,
JOSEPH A. PARKHURST,
WILLIAM H. SHEDD,

Selectmen of Chelmsford.

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting up true and attested copies of the same at the places above mentioned, more than ten days before the day of holding said meeting.

J. P. EMERSON,

Constable of Chelmsford.

Chelmsford, March 6, 1896.

LIST OF JURORS

As prepared by the Selectmen March 6, 1896

Andrews, Charles	Merrill, Frank G
Adams, Timothy	Nichols, John H
Butters, George E	Perham, Albert P
Brown, I. Woodward	Parkhurst, Alfred G
Durant, George E	Parker, Newell E
Draper, William L	Parkhurst, Edwin K
Dunn, John J	Pickard, Daniel J
Dyar, George F	Reed, Albert S
Elliott, Jasper	Robbins, Martin
Emerson, Harry B	Stetson, George G
Fowle, William R	Stevens, Ephraim A
Fletcher, Fred L	Snow, George F
Green, Oliver M	Scoboria, John P
Howard, Lewis K	Sampson, James A
Hodson, Henry R	Smith, Thomas
Hall, John S	Vinal, Charles A

JOSEPH E. WARREN,

Chairman of Selectmen.

ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

— AND —

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

— OF THE —

TOWN OF CHELMSFORD

— FOR THE —

YEAR 1895-6.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Term expires in 1896.

CHARLES ANDREWS,
DANIEL P. BYAM,
JOHN H. REDMAN.

Term expires in 1897.

SAMUEL HAGERMAN,
ORRIN PIERCE,
CHARLES F. RANDLETT.

Term expires in 1898.

GEORGE A. BYAM,
STEWART MACKAY,
JOSEPH A. PARKHURST.

ORGANIZATION.

SAMUEL HAGERMAN,
Chairman.

JOHN H. REDMAN,
Secretary.

CHARLES ANDREWS,
Supply Agent.

STEWART MACKAY,
Authorized to Sign Age and Schooling Certificates.

MRS. SUSAN M. BARKER, Residence, Ayer,
Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The first meeting of the School Committee was held March 20th, 1895. The Committee organized with Samuel C. Hagerman as Chairman, and John H. Redman as Secretary. Mrs. Susan M. Barker of Ayer, Mass., was elected Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Charles Andrews was chosen Book Agent.

Your Committee have had fifteen meetings during the year, and S. C. Hagerman has attended eleven, Charles Randlett none, D. P. Byam nine, J. H. Redman fifteen, George A. Byam eleven, Orrin Pierce eight, Charles Andrews fourteen, Stewart Mackay twelve, J. A. Parkhurst nine.

In submitting the present report, your Committee feel that it is unnecessary to call the attention of the citizens of Chelmsford to their loss suffered in the resignation of Mr. George F. Snow, who, for several years past, has so acceptably filled the office of Superintendent of Schools, and under whose persistent efforts our schools have made a steady and marked improvement. No one more than your Committee regrets that Mr. Snow's increasing duties have made it impossible for him to serve longer as Superintendent, and no one realized more fully than we the difficulty before us in replacing so able and experienced an officer. We have, however, we believe, been more for-

tunate in his successor than we even hoped. Mrs. Barker, our present Superintendent, is a lady of wide experience and careful training in school work, and under her systematic arrangement the schools have made marked progress during the past year. For the detailed result of her work we refer those interested to her Report; in fact, it is the Superintendent's Report which is of primary importance in determining the real progress made in our schools. Your Committee have become convinced that they are not in a position to judge with accuracy the difficulties with which teachers contend. An occasional glance into the school-room is not sufficient, and we regret that a School Committee can do but little more than judge and report from outward appearances. We would, therefore, urge upon our townspeople a careful examination of our Superintendent's Report; and further we would cordially invite friends and parents as visitors to verify her Report.

There have been some changes in the corps of teachers during the past year. The resignation of Miss Susan B. Emerson has deprived the town of an able and faithful teacher, and your Committee would take the liberty, in view of Miss Emerson's faithful and efficient labors as Principal of the Centre High School, to express our deep appreciation of her efforts and extend to her, on behalf of the town, its hearty thanks for her long services. Since September last the principalship left vacant by Miss Emerson's resignation has been acceptably filled by Mr. Wilson R. Failing. Our

teachers during the past year have been in earnest. Teachers' meetings have been held once a month, and new lines and methods of school work have been thoroughly discussed. The outcome of these discussions has been of practical value in keeping up to the times in school work.

Our Report now leads us to a consideration of that subject around which centers all school work—the pupil. New methods, trained teachers and capable superintendency are not sufficient to establish a high grade of schools; we must have interested pupils—a condition which, we believe, can only be realized by a reciprocal interest on the part of the friends and parents of the pupil. Such an interest must be of a two-fold nature:

- (1) An interest in the pupil himself.
- (2) An interest in his surroundings.

(1) By an interest in the pupil himself it means a personal interest in the work which he is doing. Watch your five-year-old's deportment card; be pleased when he gets an "Ein number work" and don't be afraid to tell him so. "Go into school" when he is going to "speak his piece." Such an evident interest on the part of the parent cannot fail to arouse a responsive interest in its object.

(2) A second factor in successful school making is an interest in the surroundings in which the pupil works. Spacious school buildings, comfortable seating, good ventilation and sanitary conditions are absolute necessities, while the secondary needs, i. e. pleasant

and attractive school-rooms, modern text-books and suitable school apparatus, are rapidly becoming hardly less pressing than the former. That the practical expression of such an interest in the surroundings of the pupil requires money, your Committee sincerely regrets; nevertheless the fact remains and demands a careful consideration from the voters of Chelmsford.

The question then, as it presents itself to your Committee, is not, how much shall we appropriate for "enlarging our cemeteries, fencing, grading, etc., and how little of the remainder for school improvements," but rather, "considering the importance of good schools," what is the largest appropriation we can possibly make. Parsimony in school matters is, in the long run, no economy. Your Committee would not, however, be understood as finding fault with past appropriations. We would simply remind the citizens of Chelmsford that their schools are constantly increasing in numbers, and that such an increase demands a corresponding increase in school appropriations. This increase in numbers is especially noticeable in the Centre schools, where over two hundred pupils are crowded into four rooms, the total seating capacity of which, when filled, is not over one hundred and fifty. It is useless to speak of the ventilation of these rooms; for there is practically no such thing as ventilation. It is needless, we believe, to point out the results of such a condition of things, and yet, owing to the impending change of the present more spacious apartments, your Committee has hesitated to urge the extensive changes

which at most would result only in a fair ventilation and would leave still unsolved the problem of more room. Something, however, must be done in this matter of accommodations and ventilation, and we earnestly urge upon the citizens of Chelmsford the need of immediate and decisive action. Not only are our teachers and scholars cramped and hindered in their work, but we have recently been informed that the ventilation and general sanitary conditions of the school buildings are such that much of the sickness among the pupils may be readily traced to these sources.

And we would call your attention to the following schedule of the cost of each school and the average cost per scholar for the year:

SCHOOLS.	Teachers' Pay.	Fuel.	Superintendent's Wages.	Sundries and Cleaning.	Care of School Houses.	Text Books.	Total Cost of Schools.	Average Number of Scholars.	Average Cost per Scholar.
High. Centre.....	\$706 00	\$38 75	\$20 00	\$30 32	\$22 50	\$88 34	\$905 91	46	\$19 69
Grammar, Centre.....	378 00	38 75	20 00	30 32	22 50	8 00	497 57	47	10 59
Intermediate, Centre.....	344 00	38 75	20 00	30 32	22 50	57 50	513 07	44	11 66
Primary, Centre.....	344 00	38 75	20 00	30 32	22 50	40 72	496 29	57	8 71
Mixed, No. 2.....	288 00	37 00	20 00	10 62	18 00	13 71	387 33	13	29 82
Mixed, No. 3.....	318 00	26 50	20 00	8 50	18 00	38 91	429 91	27	15 92
Mixed, No. 4.....	316 00	25 19	20 00	16 50	18 00	21 06	416 75	18	23 15
Mixed, No. 5.....	288 00	29 00	20 00	29 50	14 00	22 55	403 05	16	25 19
Mixed, No. 6.....	360 00	22 00	20 00	19 00	18 00	27 62	466 62	37	12 61
High, North.....	756 00	43 34	20 00	16 87	27 00	85 22	948 43	26	36 48
Grammar, North.....	324 00	43 34	20 00	16 87	27 00	120 72	551 93	34	16 23
Intermediate, North.....	330 00	43 34	20 00	16 87	27 00	33 56	470 77	37	12 72
Primary, North.....	348 00	43 34	20 00	16 87	27 00	39 18	494 39	54	9 16
Grammar, West.....	324 00	12 50	20 00	37 96	15 00	25 83	435 29	24	18 14
Primary, West.....	360 00	12 50	20 00	7 65	15 00	28 36	443 51	31	14 31

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Chelmsford:

My report as Superintendent of Schools is herewith respectfully submitted. It treats upon the following topics: attendance, schools, teachers, teachers' meetings, course of study, pupils' report cards, and needs of the schools.

Following these will be found truant officers' reports, graduation programme of Centre High School, roll of honor, list of teachers, and table of school statistics.

ATTENDANCE.

Punctuality and regularity of attendance are among the first requisites of a good school. Accordingly immediate attention was directed thereto. Teachers were furnished with printed cards for reporting membership, attendance, absences, tardinesses, dismissals, and other items, which they have filled out each month and sent to the Superintendent. These have been arranged according to rank, and papers stating number of pupils, tardinesses, dismissals and per cents of all the schools have been sent to each school to be displayed in the school room for the inspection of the pupils and all interested. This is intended to be a help to the teachers and an incentive to the pupils to work toward perfect attendance. In almost every school this object has been well understood, cordially received, and the good results have been marked. A banner for best attendance has been awarded each month to the school that has ranked highest. This has been won four times by the West Primary, three times by the North Row, and once each by Centre Intermediate and South Row.

Parents can help in this matter; in fact little can be done without their co-operation. It often happens that children lose some school time simply from negligence of their parents, and it is the

“sin of the parent that is visited upon the child,” but we cannot help it. The report states facts.

The late registers call for a record of time lost by reason of tardinesses and dismissals, and a pupil is given credit for just the time he is in school. So a pupil who is dismissed immediately after the opening of a session cannot be credited with full attendance. When the time lost amounts to one hundred and eighty minutes it is reckoned a half-day's absence. Since September this amount has been reported by the teachers, and is for tardinesses 6,698 minutes, or 37 half-days, or 18 whole days, and for dismissals 29,463 minutes, or 163 half days, or 81 whole days. From this it will be seen that dismissals interfere with the work of the school more than tardinesses. And parents are urged to keep their children in school the whole session when possible. In the table of statistics pupils who have attended two schools are enrolled in the last one, which, in most cases, they have attended two-thirds of the year. Per cent. of tardiness is based on average attendance.

SCHOOLS.

There have been fifteen schools in session during the year. These with their total enrolment since September are : Centre, 205 pupils ; North, 153 ; West, 55 ; East, 36 ; South, 28 ; South Row, 20 ; Byam's, 17 ; North Row, 11. Or, in the total enrolment in the town, they stand about as follows : Centre, 40% ; North, 30% ; West, 10% ; East and South together, 12% ; while the remaining 8% is distributed among the three smallest schools.

From the beginning of the work in April persistent effort has been directed to grading the schools, and so guiding the work of the pupils as to bring them up to grade on the course of study. Much has been accomplished, but it goes without saying that in the limited time, with the crowded condition of the schools and the over-worked teachers, the ideal has not been attained.

At the Centre the usual promotions were made in June. In September there were four grades or divisions in the primary room, and three in each of the other three rooms. Some relief was abso-

lutely needed. A little was secured by placing a half-time assistant in the primary room, who took the charge of the youngest grade. This enabled the regular teacher to take two recitations from the intermediate room, and the teacher of the intermediate room had one recitation with the 8th grade from the high school room. In the grammar school the relative attainments of the pupils were such that it was found possible and desirable to have the school work in two grades instead of three, and this has been done.

Six pupils were graduated in June from the high school, which since September has had three grades, 8th, 9th and 10th. The 8th grade numbers twenty-five, and is doing grammar school work. A part of the work of the other grades is elective, and the result has been that the teacher has had ten daily recitations, while in no subject have there been more than four recitations a week, and in some only two. The work of the two upper grades has been on a high school course of study, which has been followed since September, and which, it is expected, will enable the pupils who faithfully complete it to rank with those in good high schools in the state who have finished two years of high school work. Splendid work has been done in this building, but it is a pity to expect teachers to do one and one-half or two times the work that any teacher can do well and retain health.

At the North promotions were made in April into all the rooms except the high, which received four pupils from the West in September. These joined already existing classes. Two pupils were graduated in June without public exercises. There are twenty-four pupils in three grades here, 8th, 9th and 10th; twelve pupils in the 8th grade. This school received the same course of study in September as the Centre. The classes are smaller, but if the work is well done it will keep one teacher busy. The grammar and intermediate schools have each two grades, and as regards number of pupils and number of grades are model schools.

The primary school is large, and has three grades in four divisions. At the West there are two schools, a primary with three grades and a grammar with three. The primary school here has

about one year more work than the other primaries, but the children have been brought up to grade, and every new line well mastered.

In the five mixed schools there are four well marked grades, with perhaps a fifth at the East and South Row.

TEACHERS.

Twenty-five different teachers have been employed. Nine of these have been in charge of the same school throughout the year: three at the Centre and North, and those at the East, West Primary and North Row.

Most of these teachers put themselves at once in line with the plans made and the work laid out, and have worked loyally, and with continually increasing zeal. Growth and progress have characterized the work of these faithful teachers, and their efforts have been crowned with success, which in some cases has been very marked. Of the changes in the six remaining schools, four, Centre High, North Grammar, South and Byam's, were made in the summer, when changes interrupt the school work least. These schools were fortunate in the new teachers secured. The confusion in the North Grammar has been overcome; the school is now in good condition, doing good work. Byam's was very fortunate in the occasion that gave it a teacher of successful experience. The South seems to be all right.

It is a pleasure to pay a deserved tribute to Miss Susie W. Emerson, the pioneer in high school work at the Centre. Her room as I saw it through the spring term was a model school. The thoughtful young people there showed in their work their excellent training. The appearance that they made at the graduation told the same story. Holding, as Miss Emerson did, the responsible position of head teacher in the building where nearly half the children of the town were studying, her cordiality and assistance were very welcome and quite invaluable to me. It was with something of dread for the future of the school that I learned of her resignation. Mr. Wilson R. Failing of New York, a teacher of experience, was

appointed to the vacancy. His unflinching courtesy, constant and hearty co-operation with my work have been greatly appreciated. He has been very zealous and painstaking in his work. The school, fifty-two in number of pupils, larger by one-half than in the spring, has abundant work for two busy teachers, but every department has received attention, and all has been done that the time would permit. Regular, busy school work has characterized every hour of the day.

The vacancy at South Row which occurred in September has been acceptably filled. Four different teachers have been in charge of the West Grammar, and of course the school has suffered. It is hoped that that school may be more fortunate another year.

Frequent changes of teachers are to be deprecated, but a greater evil is the continuance in a position of an inefficient, unsuccessful teacher. Such a one is dear at any price. Eight of the teachers have attended Normal Schools and six are Normal graduates.

The character of the teacher makes or unmakes the school. No matter how capable the school officers, how excellent the course of study, or how varied the school supplies, if the teacher has not the ability or the willingness to use them correctly they avail but little. Again, the character of the teacher has a great influence upon that of the child. Associated as they are five hours of the day, five days of the week, the children come unconsciously to reflect the teacher. Ought we not to demand that the teachers be such as we wish the children to become? Most of our teachers, I am glad to say, are growing teachers, studious, eager for every good thing, prompt, ready to undertake any proposed improvement, very helpful, a very satisfactory company to be associated with in work.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

With the consent of the Committee, arrangements were made for nine teachers' meetings, two-thirds to be held at the Centre, one-third at the North. Eight of these have been held, the ninth having

been replaced by the N. W. Middlesex Co. Teachers' Convention at Ayer, which all of the teachers but one attended, nine remaining during the whole day. The attendance at these meetings has been excellent. Among the regular teachers, with the exception of one teacher, there has been but one instance of absence. The work at the meetings has been largely explanation of the course of study, instruction in the special new lines of work to be done, discussion of the best methods to be employed, a regular exercise in gymnastics and penmanship, and discussion of notes made from observation of the work in the schools. In the buildings where the meetings have been held the four schools have been in session until two o'clock, the time of the beginning of the meeting, and the other teachers have had a chance to visit these schools, an opportunity which many of the teachers have improved. Special exercises with some classes have been given by the teachers with the view of showing some excellent points in the teaching of a subject, that, so far as possible, the good points might be made of service to all. The short time given to such an exercise at the opening of the meeting has proved of much interest and profit.

COURSE OF STUDY.

One of the first things needed was to put the schools at work upon a modern course of study. With the consent of the Committee the teachers were furnished with copies of a hektographed course embodying much of the latest thought of progressive schoolmen, adapted in a measure to the needs of the schools. This course contains many references to the State Course of Studies for Elementary Schools, copies of which were placed on the desk of each teacher. The Secretary has placed a copy of each of these in the Centre library, where they may be consulted. The hektographed course is the result of several years of work in schools like ours, and during the past year has undergone a revision made necessary by a fuller acquaintance with the needs of the schools, the desire to incorporate in it the recent demands made upon them, and to make it more serviceable to the teachers by outlining very fully the work in the

various departments. Much might be written in explanation of it. It furnishes the topics for much of the work of our teachers' meetings. An attempt will be made here to explain briefly some of the lines we have worked upon, and in which some success has been reached.

Reading.—At the opening of the work in April the attention of teachers, especially those having primary grades, was directed to the subject of reading. The sentence and word method has been used. The child is taught the sentence first, then the words that make it. In his reading from the board he first gets the thought, then gives the whole sentence at once in an easy, natural manner. After learning from one hundred to two hundred words from the board, which the child of average ability accomplishes by the middle of the year, a book is put into his hands. Now the eager children, with the help of rapid questioning from the skilful teacher, gain "story" after "story" from the printed page, and vie with each other in the excited raising of the hand to show that they are ready to read the sentence. The teachers, almost without exception, have worked with this method successfully, and a marked advance in reading has characterized the year's work. One result of this work has been a demand for more reading matter. Where one first reader used to be sufficient, now most of the children have read three or more, and double this material could be profitably used, and would have been asked for, had the condition of the finances allowed. In all the grades attention has been given to furnishing as large an amount of easy reading as our material allowed. Several sets of readers have done duty in four or more schools by being transferred from one school to another. No subject is so important as reading. It must be learned as a means of acquiring other branches. Col. Parker, one of the best modern school-men, says reading should be acquired by the fourth year, so that as a study it need not be pursued thereafter, but only used as a means of acquiring other branches. And every thoughtful person will agree with me that the reading matter for the upper grades should be history, geography, science, mythology, literature, instead of the scrap books which many school readers

are. There is an abundance of such material, edited by experienced teachers fully alive to the needs of the children. President Eliot says one of the most important acquisitions of the child is a taste for good reading. Is it not so? Shall we not aid the good work? The improved library accommodations help greatly in this line.

Arithmetic.—As arithmetic is taught now a pupil does not finish one subject before beginning another, but he is instructed by simple and easy work in many of the rules during the first years of his school life. To illustrate: a pupil who has finished the work of the fourth year, for instance, is not only skilful in the fundamental work required by the older fashion, a knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, but has a considerable knowledge of fractions; of decimals to hundredths; of compound numbers in liquid, dry, long, time, square, cubic and avoirdupois measures; of rates 50, 25, 75, 33 $\frac{1}{3}$, 100, 200, 10, 20, 40, 60, 80, and 120 per cent., in percentage, with ability to work quickly problems in the first case; and of U. S. money. This is not mere figure work, a sort of mental gymnastics with hieroglyphics, as is apt to be the case in some methods of teaching this subject, but it is done with concrete illustrations till the child knows it as a reality, and then abundant oral drill clinches the nail. This work has been done so successfully by most of our fourth grade pupils this year that eighth year pupils might listen to them with wonder and envy. Objective work has been made the distinguishing feature of arithmetic work in all grades. It is found particularly adapted to dull children, to whom figure work is wholly devoid of meaning, but who are very happy in being put upon a road where they can walk with confidence. The greatest progress has been made in this subject by the younger classes, because they could be put right at once, while the older classes have labored under the disadvantage of having to make up work that might have been done in earlier years. Some distinctly book-keeping work, bills and simple cash accounts, was assigned to the fifth grades and above for the first part of the winter term as the arithmetic work. The course of study calls for some work in geometry

in grades fifth and above. Teachers in the buildings having graded schools were furnished with Hill's Lessons, — the pupils have had no books — and asked to give one exercise a week in this subject. At the Centre satisfactory work has been done.

Language and Literature.— Considerable prominence has been given to written work by the pupils. Every study, arithmetic, history, geography, reading, has been made to contribute material for this. In the work from the text-book the best in the lower grades has been done by the classes who have used Hyde's First Book. The teachers are unanimous in its praise. The book used by the older classes does not enable the teacher to do satisfactory work. This want has necessitated a deal of board work to accomplish desired results. A change in this text-book would be a help, provided a suitable book were put in its place. In literature, poems were assigned to be learned, frequently repeated in concert and individually, and written from memory. The poems were chosen, some for their relation to particular studies, some for their lessons in morals or patriotism, and some for their distinct literary value. Two hundred or more lines have been learned by most of the children.

Nature Study.— During the spring and first half of the fall terms seeds, plants and flowers were studied, considerable interest aroused among the children, and progress made according to the time and ability of the teacher. Plant study was taken because abundant material was easily obtained. I did not feel justified in attempting much in this line until the "essentials" had received proper attention, and an acquaintance with the schools showed what could best be done. But a beginning has been made which will render other lines of nature study easier in the future.

Drawing.— In the spring term some time was given to the study of color. The schools were furnished with the material for the first year's work required by the State Course, prisms, samples of the six standard colors, some grays, and pupils' envelopes with the same, and all did that work. In the fall the teachers received State Agent Bailey's Outline in Drawing, which they have since followed.

Gymnastics.— Instruction in the Swedish system of gymnastics has been given to the teachers at the teachers' meetings, and by them to more than half the pupils in the schools. This is an educational system of gymnastics, not intended for show, but for the proper training and development of the body. It has been introduced into the State Normal Schools, most of the cities and many of the towns in the state. Physical training is a growth like any other training, and an intelligent following of this system is intended to give the sound body which is needed equally with the sound mind.

PUPILS' REPORT CARDS.

In September all the teachers were furnished with uniform report cards for pupils. One card allows for the record of a pupil for a whole year, they are made out at the middle and end of each term, sent to the parent or guardian for inspection and signature, and then returned to the teacher. At the end of the school year they are to be the property of the pupil. They are easy for the teacher, as they require the writing of the names but once in a year. They give the record of the pupil in attendance, stating the absences, tardinesses and dismissals, and whether from sickness or other reason; his conduct, industry and effort; and his standing in each study pursued; these last marks are the average of his daily recitations and the written tests given at the middle and end of each term in the several studies. These records are also kept by the teacher on a register sheet specially printed for the purpose, which sheets become valuable histories of the schools. The cards inform the parent regularly of his child's work. They help the Superintendent to know the standing of any and all pupils, and are a basis for promotions. They will serve also as a certificate of the pupil's standing and grade, and so are of value to the pupil whether he returns to a school in Chelmsford or elsewhere.

NEEDS OF THE SCHOOLS.

The first need of the schools is a recognition on the part of all the people that the schools are parts of one whole. They should

not be managed as if they were a heterogeneous collection, with divided interests, held together as a result of geographical lines. But a broad, liberal, far-sighted policy should guide them in the interest of the greatest good to the greatest number. Nothing selfish or narrow in regard to them should be tolerated. Any remnant of the old district system which interferes with the management of the schools as *one* system may well be spared. No backward step should be taken, but wise, persistent effort should be used to keep the schools in the line of progress, and to further their interests in every department. Do not wait till compelled to take advance steps, but rather anticipate them by a little.

The young people need improved high school privileges. They should have an opportunity to secure four years of high school training. At present hardly two years are completed, as pupils are obliged to finish their grammar school work in the high school room. In this connection it should be remembered that a recent law requires candidates for the State Normal Schools to have a high school education, and graduates from our schools could not be admitted to Normal schools without further preparation. Secretary Hill of the State Board in his report for 1895, in discussing "What is a High School," says: "This definition will include such elements as the following: provision for a good liberal training in recognized secondary subjects; preparation of pupils for the Normal schools, for high technical schools, and for college; at least one course of study that is four years long; and an adequate teaching force and equipment for the accomplishment of the foregoing aims." He also says: "Schools like the following should not be treated as high schools: a so-called high school that in its first year is strictly a grammar school; a so-called high school in which the pupils select such studies as they please without following a carefully thought-out plan." Judged by this standard it will be seen that our schools fall short of being genuine high schools. But we *can* do genuine high school work, and shall as soon as the right steps are taken therefor. Such privileges are greatly needed for their influence upon the lower schools. If we had them, more of our

young people might avail themselves of such advantages, and those who are now compelled to finish their high school course out of town could do so at home. Let there be a liberal, generous policy toward higher education. The people of Chelmsford who have pride in their young people cannot afford anything else.

There should be one more teacher at the Centre, making four schools below the high. This would allow more careful grading of the pupils and insure more rapid progress.

Relief should be given to the present crowded condition of the North Primary. The teacher of that school controls the large number of children well, and teaches them a great deal, but with the demands which modern requirements make upon primary in common with other schools, it is simply impossible for one teacher to do all the work that should be done for the children at present in that room. The children in these lower grades need to have all possible advantages, because here, more than in any other part of the town, so many of them leave school as early as the law allows for the workshop. It becomes, therefore, a special duty to give these citizens-to-be the best education possible in the limited time allowed therefor.

Efficient instruction in primary grades will make more than one year of difference in the advancement of pupils, which advantage continued all along the line will bring into the upper grammar grades pupils greatly in advance of those there now, and will fit children for high school work young enough to encourage taking a high school course.

Better accommodations are needed at once at the Centre. These may be secured by enlarging the present building, or, better still, by the erection of a six or eight-room building. Awaiting this before the opening of the next term of school the primary room should be made into two by a partition, and the half-time assistant now employed should be made a full-time teacher.

Some of the teachers deserve an increase of salary. Something has been done in this line this year for some teachers, but the excellent work of others who have proved their ability deserves recogni-

tion. The present salary of some teachers hardly allows of much expenditure for improvement in the purchase of books, visiting good schools, or attending summer schools, in some or all of which ways an increase of salary would directly redound to the advantage of the town. Why should not the high school teacher at the Centre with double the number of pupils have at least an equal salary with the high school teacher at the North?

An appropriation for instruction in music would be an advantage.

LABOR CERTIFICATES.

Mr. Stewart Mackay, having kindly consented to do the work, was authorized by the Superintendent to sign age and schooling certificates for children desiring and entitled to them. I am greatly indebted to Mr. Mackay for his willingness to perform this important and oftentimes burdensome duty. Fourteen certificates have been issued during the year.

CONCLUSION.

In my work in the schools of Chelmsford during the year, I have tried impartially to do all possible for every one. It has been my endeavor to do foundation work, to pay special attention to the so-called essentials, and yet to make a beginning in some lines of school work hitherto unattempted here. Some gratifying results have already come, but it is needless to say that larger ones can only come when time has allowed their fruition. The schools deserve every favor and help, and will reward a close acquaintance with them.

I thank the people for the support they have given me during the year; the Committee for the confidence and kindness they have shown me; and the loyal teachers for their fidelity and co-operation.

SUSAN M. BARKER,

Superintendent of Schools.

TRUANT OFFICERS' REPORT.

To the School Committee of Chelmsford:

One case was investigated at West Chelmsford, seven at North Chelmsford, with the result that the children came into school all right.

CHARLES ANDREWS,
W. J. QUIGLEY,

Truant Officers.

Graduation Exercises of Chelmsford Centre High School.

PROGRAMME.

“ Washington Post March,”	Sousa
Orchestra.	
Prayer.	
Rev. E. C. Bartlett.	
“ National Melodies,”	
Orchestra.	
Essay — “ The Weight of Words,”	
Miss Annie M. Wood.	
Essay — “ Class History,”	
Miss Mary B. Bartlett	
Song — “ For All Eternity,”	Mascheroni
Miss Elva Smith.	
Essay — “ The Gift of Coster,”	
Master G. Thomas Parkhurst.	
“ Evening Bells,”	Eilenberg
Orchestra.	
Class Oration — “ The Aim of the Public Schools,”	
Master Chas. E. Soderberg.	
Solo — “ A Loyal Knight,”	Jordan
Dr. F. R. Rix.	
Essay — “ Honors Wait at Labor’s Gate,”	
Miss Christina Ashworth.	
Recitation — “ The Work Goes On,”	Bradley
Miss Grace E. Chapin.	
Solo — “ Tell Me, My Heart,”	Bishop
Miss Elva Smith.	
Essay — “ Dreams,”	
Master Arthur A. Harmon, Class Prophet.	
“ March,”	Sousa
Orchestra.	
Valedictory Essay — “ Stepping Stones,”	
Miss Grace G. Garland.	

Presentation of Diplomas,	Geo. F. Snow, Esq.
Class Ode.	
Benediction,	Rev. Wilson Waters.

CLASS ODE.

Air: "Home, Sweet Home."

The years swiftly gliding have brought us on our way,
 To one of life's milestones — our graduation day.
 To-night, now, we pause ere our labors we renew,
 To bid good-by to friends, ever loving and true.

Refrain — Good-by, friends, good-by!
 With mem'ries sweet of school-days,
 We part, but not for aye.

May the mem'ries of days that are now past and gone,
 Ever brighten our lives as the years roll along!
 May we treasure the counsels and lessons of youth, —
 May our labors through life be for honor and truth!

Refrain — Classmates, now, farewell!
 With mem'ries sweet of school-days,
 We breathe a last farewell.

— GRACE E. CHAPIN.

GRADUATES.

George Thomas Parkhurst, President,
 Mary Biden Bartlett,
 Grace Gertrude Garland,
 Charles Ernest Soderberg,

Christina Ashworth, Secretary,
 Grace Ednah Chapin,
 Arthur Atwell Harmon,
 Annie May Wood.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The numerals show the number of terms neither absent nor tardy during the year.

CENTRE HIGH.

Mary F. Devine.....	3
Belle M. Gould.....	2
Charles P. Holt.....	2
Belle E. Adams.....	2
Carl E. Atwood.....	2
George French.....	2
George Kearns.....	2
Sadie Newhall.....	2
Arnold Perham.....	2
Grace E. Chapin.....	1
Harold A. Davis.....	1
Leslie R. Davis.....	1
Hattie M. Emerson.....	1
Grace G. Garland.....	1
M. Etta Gill.....	1
G. Thomas Parkhurst..	1
Charles E. Soderberg..	1
Ralph H. Stearns.....	1
Annie M. Wood.....	1
Anna E. Bliss.....	1
Arnold Byam.....	1
Marshall Dix.....	1
Marion Emerson.....	1
Ella Hodson.....	1
Maude A. Ludwig.....	1
Michael O'Day.....	1
Grace Parkhurst.....	1
Fred MacNutt.....	1
Florence E. Ward.....	1
Ethel Wright.....	1

CENTRE GRAMMAR.

Arthur Adams.....	3
Fred Holt.....	3
Olive Eaton.....	2
Arthur Hill.....	2
Belle Adams.....	1

Anna Bliss.....	1
Marion Emerson.....	1
George French.....	1
Lawrence Marshall.....	1
Sadie Newhall.....	1
Michael O'Day.....	1
Alfred Soderberg.....	1
Ralph Adams.....	1
Katie Greenleaf.....	1
Roberta Greenleaf.....	1
Clarence Kelley.....	1
Albert Ludwig.....	1
Bernice Rowell.....	1
Sadie Wright.....	1
Addie Wright.....	1
Ever Briggs.....	1
Florence Perham.....	1

CENTRE INTERMEDIATE.

Louise Adams.....	3
Willie Adams.....	3
Ralph Caverly.....	3
Emma Glidden.....	3
Alfred Howard.....	3
Hattie Dryden.....	2
George Sanderson.....	2
Maud Knowlton.....	2
Charles Nichols.....	2
Agnes Eaton.....	2
Walter Nickles.....	2
Oscar Hodson.....	1
Hermon Hill.....	1
Lizzie Clinton.....	1
Ella Knowlton.....	1
Frank Hodson.....	1
Charles Chamberlain..	1
Breck Emerson.....	1
Mabel Ross.....	1
Richard Davis.....	1

Leroy Cheney..... 1
 Alvin Bryant..... 1
 Hilda McKinley..... 1

CENTRE PRIMARY.

Marion M. Adams..... 3
 Ruth E. Adams..... 2
 Grace Atwood..... 2
 Mary A. Carll..... 2
 Leon S. Holt..... 2
 Adeline Richardson.... 2
 Ada E. Ross..... 2
 Elsie E. Shattuck..... 2
 Mabel A. Ross..... 1
 Alfred A. Lovejoy..... 1
 Richard E. Davis..... 1
 Fred K. Parkhurst..... 1
 Jennie B Harrop..... 1
 Bernice Knowlton..... 1
 Alfred Douglass..... 1
 Rupert J. Sanderson... 1
 Clarence F. Wright.... 1
 Edith M. Bliss..... 1

NORTH HIGH.

Carrie Cook..... 3
 Charles A. Dane..... 2
 Florence Sampson..... 1
 Reginald Sheldon..... 1
 Emma Woodward..... 1
 Walter Marinell..... 1
 Charles Edwards..... 1

NORTH GRAMMAR.

Ina Lumbert..... 2
 Stewart Mackay..... 1

NORTH INTERMEDIATE.

Alice Berry..... 1
 Thomas Tole..... 1
 Estella Howard..... 1
 Florence Queen..... 1
 Chester Worden..... 1
 Edward Tole..... 1
 Gladys Swain..... 1

George Ranger..... 1
 Fred Cook..... 1

NORTH PRIMARY.

Laura Mason..... 3
 Jennie Tole..... 3
 Joseph McTague..... 2
 Clifford H. Queen..... 2
 Amy Bouvette..... 2
 Edward P. Sheldon.... 2
 Alfred Davis..... 1
 Clarence Leavitt..... 1
 Irene Trubey..... 1
 Charlotte O. Lowe.... 1
 Mary A. McGarvey.... 1
 Rosie M. Wright..... 1
 Arthur Brennan..... 1
 Fred McEnaney..... 1
 Louis Magnant..... 1
 Richard Ward..... 1
 John C. Varney..... 1

NORTH ROW.

Eliza Spaulding..... 3
 Ivy Randlett..... 2
 Alice Morse..... 1

EAST.

Jay Plummer..... 2
 Grace Hoar..... 1

SOUTH ROW.

Eddie Redman..... 3
 Stewart Redman..... 3
 Nellie Redman..... 3
 Willie Robbins..... 3
 Walter Redman..... 3
 Percy Redman..... 2
 Leon Parker..... 2

SOUTH.

Sidney E. Dupree..... 3
 Maud E. Byam..... 2
 Elizabeth J. Byam.... 1
 Lucy H. Byam..... 1

BYAM'S.

George A. Byam, Jr....	1
Ray S. Byam.....	1

WEST GRAMMAR.

Herbert Jordan.....	3
Augusta Anderson.....	1
Charles Edwards.....	1
Patsy S. Flynn.....	1
Joseph G. Knowles....	1

WEST PRIMARY.

Stella Louise Daw.....	3
Harrison Mason.....	3
Nellie Abrahamson....	2
Harry W. Daw.....	2
Gerda Westberg.....	2
Augusta Anderson.....	1
Willie McLean.....	1
Chris Newman.....	1
Vernon Newman.....	1
Lydia Olsson.....	1
Hilda Quessy.....	1

LIST OF TEACHERS.

NO.	SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	APPOINTED.	EDUCATED.	SALARY.
1	Centre High	{ Susie M. Emerson	Sept., 1888	Framingham Normal, '79.....	\$19 00
1	Centre Grammar,	{ Wilson R. Failing	Sept., 1895	Albany Normal, '93.....	19 00
1	Centre Intermediate	{ Susie S. McFarlin	Dec., 1893	Framingham Normal, '78.....	10 50
1	Centre Primary	{ Frances Clark	Oct., 1894	Framingham Normal, '88, '93.	9 00
2	North Row	{ Alice G. Wheeler, Prin.....	April, 1894	Methuen High School, '89.....	9 00
3	South	{ Jessie M. Holt, Asst (half time)	Sept., 1895	Chelmsford High School, '94...	3 00
4	South Row.....	{ Daisy Hadley	Sept., 1893	Lowell High School.....	8 00
5	Byan's	{ Caroline L. Adams	April, 1895	Westford Academy, '87.....	8 50
6	East.....	{ Athel M. Charlton	May, 1895	Lowell High School.....	8 50
8	North High	{ E. Hope Rice	Sept., 1895	Clinton High School, '91.....	9 00
8	North Grammar.....	{ Grace Washburn	Feb., 1895	Lowell Training, '95.....	8 50
8	North Intermediate	{ Ralph W. E. Milliken	Oct., 1895	Biddeford, Me. High School, '86	9 00
8	North Primary	{ Grace Mansfield	Sept., 1892	Chelmsford High School, '92...	8 00
9	West Grammar	{ Edith W. Emerson	Sept., 1895	Framingham Normal	8 00
9	West Primary	{ Nellie M. Foley	Feb., 1895	Salem Normal, '93.....	10 00
9		{ Arthur W. Trubey	Sept., 1892	Phillips Andover	21 00
9		{ Susan F. Burbank.....	April, 1895	Lowell High School, '94.....	9 00
9		{ Ethel L. Byfield	Sept., 1895	Framingham Normal, '95	9 00
9		{ Ethel M. Bates	April, 1895	Lowell High School, '91.....	9 50
9		{ Laura G. Hoyt.....	Dec., 1880	N. Chelmsford High School, '74	10 00
9		{ Sadie Huntoon.....	April, 1895	Lowell High School	9 00
9		{ Nellie F. Covell	April, 1895	Sandwich High School, '84.....	9 00
9		{ Clara M. Everett.....	Sept., 1895	St. Paul Training School, '91.	9 00
9		{ Jeannette P. Thompson.....	Dec., 1895	Salem Normal.....	9 00
9		{ Agnes Naylor	April, 1880	N. Chelmsford High School ..	10 00

SCHOOL STATISTICS. — 1895-6.

No.	SCHOOLS.	Grades.	Weeks of School.	Enrollment.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Pupils under Five.	Between Five and Fifteen.	Between Eight and Fourteen.	Pupils over Fifteen.	Half Days Absence.	Tardinesses.	Tardinesses per Pupil.	Dismissals.	VISITS.		
																Com.	Supt.	Others.
1	Centre High	8-10	36	63	43.2	41.1	95.1	0	29	18	34	770	34	0.8	97	1	17	45
1	Centre Grammar	5-7	36	51	45.0	42.0	93.3	0	50	42	2	1,090	30	0.7	89	1	17	47
1	Centre Intermediate	3-4	36	48	42.6	40.7	95.5	0	47	46	1	695	57	1.4	70	2	17	90
1	Centre Primary	1-3	36	72	52.8	48.3	91.5	1	71	20	0	1,632	81	1.6	28	2	17	88
2	North Row	1-5	36	19	10.5	10.2	97.1	0	17	10	2	136	24	2.3	14	1	10	46
3	South	1-4	36	31	23.8	20.9	87.8	0	31	23	0	1,046	81	8.9	110	1	10	35
4	South Row	1-6	36	24	16.9	15.6	92.3	0	24	15	0	482	64	5.3	32	0	10	24
5	Byan's	1-6	36	17	13.5	11.9	88.1	0	17	14	0	572	64	5.3	32	0	10	35
6	East	1-5	36	49	33.4	30.7	91.9	0	49	31	0	1,002	133	4.3	38	2	11	27
8	North High	8-10	36	39	24.6	23.4	95.1	0	21	15	18	402	113	4.8	134	13	16	8
8	North Grammar	5-6	36	40	31.7	29.2	92.1	0	39	35	1	911	554	18.9	381	3	16	16
8	North Intermediate	3-4	36	40	33.6	31.5	93.7	0	40	40	0	780	193	6.1	44	4	16	23
8	North Primary	1-3	36	71	48.7	45.6	93.6	0	71	12	0	1,136	125	2.7	39	1	16	175
9	West Grammar	4-5	36	27	22.2	20.0	90.1	0	27	25	0	796	45	2.2	45	2	12	14
9	West Primary	1-4	36	40	29.2	27.9	95.5	0	40	14	0	502	26	0.9	5	1	12	18
	Totals	1-10	540	631	472	439	92.9	1	573	360	58	12,012	1,582	8.6	1144	34	207	691

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

TOWN OF CHELMSFORD, MASS.,

FOR THE

Year Ending February 29, 1896.

REPORT.

The Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library respectfully submits its third annual report for the year ending Feb. 29, 1896.

We deem it fitting to put on record here the following action of the town at the annual meeting, March 18, 1895, in regard to the new library building. "Resolved, that the town in accepting the gift of Mr. Amos F. Adams of the land and building thereon, known as the Adams Library, for the use of the Free Public Library, and upon the conditions named in his letter to the town, hereby acknowledges with gratitude the considerate generosity of the donor, in this permanent provision for its educational interests. The munificence of the gift, its special adaptedness to its end, and the elegance of its form and furnishings, evince a public spirit and love of native town that will endear his name to the latest generation; that the town hereby assures him of its appreciation of his good deed, and pledges him its best efforts to preserve intact, and to perpetuate through coming time, this treasure house for the noble object for which it is given."

At the same meeting a committee was appointed to arrange for the dedication of the building. It consisted of Messrs. J. Adams Bartlett, E. K. Parkhurst, H. S. Perham, Frank C. Byam, Newell E. Parker, S. Ingersoll Briant, E. H. Shaw, George F. Snow and R. Wilson Dix.

The dedication took place May 8, 1895. The citizens with the invited guests assembled at noon and marched in procession under the lead of the marshal, Hon. E. H. Shaw, to the tent in which dinner was served. Music was furnished by the Dunstable Band, and during the exercises by the Corinthian Quartet of Boston. The divine blessing was invoked by Rev. S. I. Briant. The president of the day, Mr. C. E. A. Bartlett, made the opening address. The donor, Mr. Amos F. Adams, in felicitous words presented the keys of the Adams Library to the chairman of the selectmen, Mr. J. E. Warren, who accepted the trust in behalf of the town. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. Granville Pierce. The oration by Rev. E. A. Horton of Boston set forth "The significance of the Free Public Library in modern New England." Addresses

followed from Hon. John D. Long of Hingham, Thomas P. Proctor, Esq., of Boston, Rev. W. S. Packard of Brown University, Judge S. P. Hadley of Lowell, Hon. Henry S. Nourse of Lancaster, Hon. George A. Marden of Lowell, and Prof. C. F. Emerson of Dartmouth College. A large audience bore witness to the general interest of citizens and of friends from abroad.

The building in its commodious appointments has fully met the highest expectations concerning it and justifies the commendable pride in which it is held. With such a setting our Free Public Library will continue to fill its place in our system of public education, ever supplementing the work of the public school. We trust that the donor will have reason to view with increasing satisfaction the use made of his gift. We suggest that it would be a fitting recognition of its value for the town to take such action that its Free Public Library shall be called "The Adams Library."

The library has been especially fortunate in the donations received during the year. To the gift of Mr. Thomas M. Adams of \$500; Thomas P. Proctor, Esq., of Boston added \$500; Mr. E. G. Byam of Charlestown, \$100; Mr. W. A. Byam of Charlestown, \$25; and Mr. C. F. Byam of Charlestown, \$25; in all \$1150, which was expended in the purchase of 1116 volumes. Other donations of books were as follows: From Mr. Charles H. Dalton of Boston, 123 volumes; Mr. John M. Fiske of Boston, 8; Mr. Joseph W. Fiske of New York, 6; Dr. Morrill Wyman of Cambridge, 8; Mrs. E. A. Ames of Concord, 7; Mr. R. S. Byam of Canton, 7; Hon. G. S. Apsley of Hudson, 1; Rev. B. A. Dean of Medford, 2; Mr. Azro M. Dows of Lowell, 1; Rev. W. Waters of Lowell, 4; Mr. Edwin E. Dutton, 13; Mr. C. E. A. Bartlett, 1; Mrs. H. M. Bartlett, 13; Mrs. J. A. Bartlett, 20; Mr. George F. Snow, 3; Mr. Theo. A. Cornell, 5; Social Library, 60; State of Massachusetts, 12; U. S. Department of the Interior, 2; The Swedenborg Publishing Association, 23; Middlesex Bar Association, 1; Smithsonian Institution, 36; in all 359 volumes. Gifts of unbound magazines have been received from Miss H. B. Rogers of Billerica, 36 numbers; Miss M. E. Russell of Lowell, 63; Mrs. R. D. Fletcher of Lowell, 110; Miss Nellie Ward of Boston, 260; Mrs. E. R. Marshall, 24; Mrs. H. M. Bartlett, 24; in all 517 numbers. The American Citizen has been contributed for two years by Mr. C. O. Stevens, the Lowell Weekly Journal by Mr. G. A. Parkhurst, and the Dracut Tribune by the publishers.

The library has, also, received other gifts of value: an oil por-

trait of the donor of the building, Mr. Amos F. Adams of Newton, from himself; a handsome tower clock and two framed documents from Mr. B. M. Fiske of Somerville; three framed documents from Hon. Charles H. Dalton of Boston; photograph of portrait of Rev. H. Packard, founder of the Social Library, from Rev. W. S. Packard of Brown University; a bird's eye view of Lowell in 1834, framed, from Miss Sarah L. Putnam of Lowell; a framed autograph from Mr. O. H. Moulton of Lowell; two documents from Mr. H. S. Perham; framed certificates of Social Library from Mr. J. A. Bartlett.

Each gift has been acknowledged with thanks and marked with the name of the donor. We desire, also, to bear here a tribute of respect to the memory of the three donors, Mr. Thomas M. Adams of South Chelmsford, Thomas P. Proctor, Esq., of Boston, and Mr. E. G. Byam of Charlestown, all of them natives of the town, who, since their gifts were received, have passed to the other life. A grateful people, the recipients of such benefactions, can but feel that the good previously done in their lives was accentuated by these noble acts, which will serve through the circulation of healthful reading to perpetuate influences that will be beyond estimation

The selectmen have, also, entrusted to the library the law, education, and other reports and books of the town, to the number of 501 volumes. The large additions made have nearly doubled the size of the library. The aid of all interested is sought in the selection of books, that every class of readers may be suited. We invite gifts of the missing numbers or volumes of magazines to complete the sets; also, books of local interest, maps, plans, and old records. It is worth noting that there are upon the shelves ten volumes which were in the first purchase of the Social Library in 1793, still in good order.

During March and April the library was opened, as last year, in the town house. In May the books were transferred to the Adams Library, and, immediately after its dedication, were ready for circulation. Under the new conditions it seemed best to re-classify and re-catalogue the library. All additions were at once arranged and numbered under the new system. The old books have been gradually changed over to it. Author, title, and subject cards for the entire library will now be found in the card catalogue under one alphabet, as in a dictionary. This work has been done without

the interruption of a day in the use of the library. A classed finding list is being prepared and will soon be ready for distribution.

With the enlargement of the library and the new interest awakened in it, increased facilities for its use have been afforded. The reading room has been supplied with the current magazines and weekly papers. Over 200 volumes of magazines and about 100 volumes of valuable works of reference are on its shelves and accessible to all. It has been fairly well patronized. The librarian reports that its use is steadily growing and that the order observed has been usually very good. All should bear in mind that it is not a place for conversation. The library has been open sixteen hours each week; on Monday and Friday evenings from 6.30 to 9 o'clock, and on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and evenings from 3.30 to 9 o'clock.

The citizens at South Chelmsford have been supplied fortnightly, as last year, with satisfactory results, and our thanks are again tendered to Mrs. N. B. Lapham for continued favors. While the schools were in session the pupils from East Chelmsford made considerable use of the library. A few readers have come from North Chelmsford. The total number of patrons has been 514. The total circulation for the year was 10,960 volumes. The average monthly circulation, from June 1 to March 1, was 1,019. Of the different classes of books, Fiction had 72, Travel 7, History 7, Literature 5, Biography 3, Useful and Fine Arts 2, Science 2, Religion and Philosophy 1, and Sociology 1 per cent. of the circulation.

We gladly bear testimony to the untiring interest of the librarian, Rev. H. A. Cornell, in carrying out the re-arrangement of the library. In choosing to prepare the typewritten cards he has done a service that will be more and more appreciated in their neatness, legibility, and permanent value. The statistics that are embodied in this report will help all to understand somewhat of the labor that has been demanded of him. He has faithfully endeavored to render every possible aid to those using the library. He has exercised due care of the building and its appointments.

We append a statement of the volumes in the library and of the classes of expenditures. It was expected to have issued a finding list before the close of the year, and the balance on hand was reserved for that purpose. We estimate that \$650 will be needed for ordinary expenses the coming year, including the cost of the finding list. Any amount above this sum would be available for

new books. We think that it would facilitate the handling of the funds if the town should see fit to authorize the Board to elect one of its number treasurer.

STATE OF THE LIBRARY.

Number of volumes in library last year	2648
Worn out and discarded	12
	2636
Added by donation	1475
Public documents of town	501
Magazines, bound, etc.	103
	2079
Present number of volumes	4715

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Town appropriations	\$835 08
Received from fines, etc.	10 28
	\$845 36
Paid librarian and janitor	\$218 80
Paid for fuel and lights	123 20
furnishings	66 10
magazines	63 00
binding and repairing	93 57
catalogue supplies	42 25
preparing catalogue	96 75
incidental expenses	58 47
transporting books	13 00
	775 14
Unexpended balance	\$70 22

Respectfully submitted,

J. ADAMS BARTLETT, *Chairman*,
 MRS. H. M. BARTLETT, *Secretary*,
 LUTHER H. SARGENT,
 S. INGERSOLL BRIANT,
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