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**BRIDGEWATER**

**Official Reports**

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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN,

Treasurer, Road Agent, and School Board,

OF THE

Town of Bridgewater

FOR THE

Year Ending February 15, 1902.

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BRISTOL, N. H.:

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1902.



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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The selectmen have received cash as follows :—

County support of paupers	\$182 45
State railroad tax	31 50
Savings bank tax	292 07
Literary fund	23 97
Proportion of school fund	68 47
G. W. Atwood, unexpended schoolhouse tax	12 30
School board, for blackboard	4 50
Town Plymouth, use of road machine	2 50
A. H. Morrill, unexpended schoolhouse tax	1 72
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Total amount paid treasurer	\$619 48

The selectmen have given orders on the treasurer amounting to

\$2,797 84

Paid :

State tax	\$229 50
County tax	272 97
Schoolhouse tax	75 00
Library tax	16 20
Highway tax	546 79
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	\$1,140 46

### SCHOOLS

S. S. Fletcher, school treasurer	\$712 45
Thompson, Brown & Co., set blanks	1 33
R. E. Lane, supplies	1 71
Geo. F. Cram, note for maps bought in 1900	9 50
J. L. Hammett, merchandise	43

Ginn & Co., books	\$11 55
H. H. Morrill, supplies	1 62
S. I. Gray	3 22
F. H. Perkins,	3 22
New Hampton Institution, tuition	94 50
E. E. Babb & Co., supplies	35 07
School treasurer, proportion school fund	68 47
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	\$943 07

## BREAKING ROAD BILLS

Oscar Sleeper	\$5 52
John H. Fogg	3 00
Frank M. Fogg	10 41
Bradley T. Nichols	2 40
L. S. Hanaford	4 40
D. T. Atwood	2 75
R. B. Gilpatric	35 88
G. B. Dolloff	18 90
E. P. Wiser	4 00
John L. Morrison	30
J. A. Woodman	1 10
Eldorus Smith	2 88
R. J. Pillsbury	99
Fred R. Pillsbury	3 14
David S. Batchelder	27 64
P. P. Sanborn	3 72
D. B. Clement	9 82
U. G. Spiller	96
John W. Stewart	2 55
J. H. Morrison	85
A. H. Morrill	36
A. B. Dalton	2 46
Geo. H. Wheeler	6 72

S. S. Fletcher	\$10 86
L. D. Flanders	4 86
A. W. Nichols	10 44
H. H. Morrill	50
F. H. Perkins	1 08
D. C. Whittemore	4 92
L. C. Hammel	6 84
R. W. Gilpatric	75
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	\$191 00

## COUNTY PAUPER BILLS

A. C. Gammon, coffin for Freeman Evans	\$10 00
Brown & Huckins, medicine for Freeman Evans	3 50
H. W. Mitchell, care of Freeman Evans	18 00
Dr. J. M. Cheney, medical attendance for Freeman Evans	7 50
W. D. Blaisdell, burial of Freeman Evans	2 00
Norman Wiser, support of Sally Heath, from Jan. 22, 1901, to Jan. 21, 1902	78 00
W. J. Ames, support of George Gray, from Jan. 13, 1901, to Jan. 31, 1902	64 50
Mrs. H. W. Mitchell, support of Mrs. Albert Mitchell, Sept. 26, 1901, to Jan. 16, 1902	16 00
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	\$199 50

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

D. C. Whittemore, lumber and labor	\$8 50
F. M. Fogg, labor	2 16
Geo. H. Wheeler	1 50
A. W. Nichols	35 12
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	\$47 28

## MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

R. W. Musgrove, printing town reports	\$16 00
E. C. Eastman, blank books, etc.	3 20
D. B. Clement, postage	33
R. B. Gilpatric, wood for town hall	1 25
D. C. Whittemore, stationery, postage, etc.	3 20
"                  selectmen's expenses	4 00
John Hadlock, road machine edge	8 75
Dr. J. M. Cheney, recording births and deaths from 1889 to 1901	6 75
R. J. Pillsbury, return marriage	25
J. E. S. Fifield, recording births, deaths and marriages	1 05
J. E. S. Fifield, burial permits	90
J. E. S. Fifield, completing town records	6 00
A. R. Garey, M. D., vaccinating 20 school children	10 00
S. S. Fletcher, postage	30
D. C. Whittemore, board town officers	4 00
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	\$65 98

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS' BILLS

F. H. Perkins, school board	\$12 00
S. I. Gray,                    "	12 00
J. E. S. Fifield,            "	13 25
J. H. Morrison, school clerk	80
S. S. Fletcher, school treasurer	3 00
Fred R. Pillsbury, school auditor	50
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	\$41 55

## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS

D. B. Clement, services as selectman after settlement	\$2 00
J. E. S. Fifield, clerk	12 00
Geo. F. Follansbee, police two years	8 00
J. H. Clay, auditor for 1901	1 00
R. B. Gilpatric, collector	30 00
S. S. Fletcher, treasurer	22 00
S. S. Fletcher, supervisor	2 25
W. W. Gilpatric, "	2 25
G. H. Wheeler, "	2 25
D. C. Whittemore, selectman	38 00
A. H. Morrill, "	25 00
C. H. Marston, "	24 25

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 \$169 00

## RECAPITULATION

Whole amount of money received by the treasurer \$3,389 11

Paid :

State tax	\$229 50
County tax	272 97
Schoolhouse tax	75 00
Library tax	16 20
Highway tax	546 79
Support of schools	943 07
Winter road bills	191 00
County paupers	199 50
Highways and bridges	47 28
Miscellaneous bills	65 98
School district officers	41 55
Town officers	169 00
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	\$2,797 84
Cash in treasury	591 27
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	\$3,389 11

## SETTLEMENTS WITH COLLECTORS

C. H. Marston, collector 1900 :	Dr.	Cr.
To amount due on collector's book	\$236 13	
By cash paid treasurer		\$231 76
Abatements		4 37
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Balanced	\$236 13	\$236 13
R. B. Gilpatric, collector 1901 :	Dr.	Cr.
To amount tax list	\$1,969 33	
By cash paid treasurer		\$1,637 10
Abatements		12 90
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		\$1,650 00
Balance due		319 33
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	\$1,969 33	\$1,969 33
Assets Feb. 15, 1902 :		
Due from R. B. Gilpatric, collector 1901		\$319 33
Due from county support of paupers		48 55
Cash in treasury		591 27
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Balance in favor of town		\$959 15
Balance in favor of town Feb. 15, 1901		\$1,120 40
"                    "                    1902		959 15
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		\$161 25
Less proportion school fund 1900		72 41
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Deficiency for past year		\$88 84

## LIST OF ABATEMENTS

## Taxes of 1900 :

Simeon E. Berry	\$ 67
A. W. Stoll	1 85
Lewis A. Evans	1 85
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	\$4 37

## Taxes of 1901 :

Eben Phillips, paid in Hebron	\$1 80
Henry W. Mitchell	1 80
A. J. Sanborn	1 80
Geo. M. Sargent	1 80
Archie M. Cross	1 80
James W. Johnson	1 80
Edward H. Clark	1 80
Frank D. Pillsbury, lost stock	30
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	\$12 90

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. WHITTEMORE,	} Selectmen	
A. H. MORRILL,		of
C. H. MARSTON,		} Bridgewater.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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Received from former treasurer	\$852 77
C. H. Marston, taxes of 1900	231 76
R. B. Gilpatric, taxes 1901	1,637 10
Town clerk, dog license	48 00
Selectmen	619 48
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	\$3,389 11
Paid on selectmen's orders	2,797 84
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Balance on hand	\$591 27

### TRUST FUND

Sylvester Cross fund, interest for care of Webster and Cross burying ground	\$50 87
Webster fund, interest for care of Webster burying ground	50 88
In Plymouth bank with interest to be added to above	

S. S. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

This is to certify that I have examined the selectmen's, treasurer's, and road agent's accounts and find them correctly cast and the vouchers therefor.

J. H. CLAY, Auditor.

## ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

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Received of town on order of selectmen		\$546 79
Paid as follows :		
C. A. Palmer,	labor	\$ 75
H. H. Haney,	"	4 00
J. W. Stewart,	"	2 50
D. P. Pollard,	"	3 05
F. D. Pillsbury,	"	3 00
E. Smith,	"	6 50
H. H. Morrill,	"	9 00
F. E. Bailey,	"	5 50
O. S. Gray,	"	3 75
A. H. Morrill,	"	8 66
E. D. Morrill,	"	15 00
F. H. Tilton,	"	11 30
S. D. Switzer,	"	1 50
H. H. Haney,	"	37 08
Norman Wiser,	"	1 50
J. H. Fogg,	"	3 00
J. H. Morrison,	"	4 57
D. P. Pollard,	"	2 00
S. R. Glover,	"	80 00
H. S. Kelley,	"	42 38
Geo. W. Martin,	"	6 75
C. A. Dolloff,	"	6 00
Geo. F. Follansbee,	"	12 50
D. W. Hall,	"	85
H. S. Kelley,	"	14 25
O. A. Nichols,	"	6 00

E. P. Wiser,	labor	\$1 50
A. B. Dalton,	“	1 50
B. T. Nichols,	“	20 00
Fred R. Pillsbury,	“	1 00
F. D. Pillsbury,	“	1 80
A. W. Nichols,	“	146 13
J. F. Beede, for spikes		1 25
Mrs. E. H. Gove, for grade		1 50
L. D. Flanders, for grade		3 00
Geo. H. Corliss, dynamite, etc.		4 95
Ellen A. Webster, lumber		3 60
Edward Ferrin,	“	3 00
D. B. Clement,	“	19 40
A. W. Carpenter,	“	13 62
Geo. W. Atwood,	“	23 15
B. T. Nichols,	“	10 00
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		\$546 79

A. W. NICHOLS, Road Agent.

## REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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In accordance with a vote of the town last March, a free Public Library has been established in which the people seem interested. We received one hundred dollars worth of books from the state and have purchased one hundred standard books at a cost of about thirty dollars. We thought best to learn the needs of the people before investing all the money in books.

We now have in the three agencies two hundred and forty-five volumes.

The trustees have served without pay.

Cash in Plymouth Savings bank Oct. 1, 1901	\$90 62
Library tax for 1901	16 20
	\$106 82
Paid Sears, Roebuck & Co., for books	\$26 57
Jordan, Marsh & Co.,            “	3 17
For Life of McKinley	1 50
A. E. Porter, four record books	75
Spanish War book	1 00
Freight, express and postage	3 09
Cash in bank	70 74
	\$106 82

Through the kindness of a lady of Cambridge, Mass., we have received a box of magazines; also one bound volume from Mrs. Denton of Weymouth, Mass.

C. H. MARSTON, }  
 S. S. FLETCHER, } Library Trustees.  
 G. W. ATWOOD, }

## REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

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On the whole, your committee can give a favorable report of the schools the past year. The money received from the State, together with the increased appropriations of the District, has enabled us to have a larger number of weeks and on an average to increase the wages of our teachers. It is not an easy matter to procure first-class teachers in a small town like this and not until the pay can come up to that of other towns can we hope to be successful.

Although we have not been able to engage Normal school teachers or college graduates, we think that those whom we have employed have tried hard to make the schools a success.

### WOODMAN DISTRICT

The spring term was taught by Miss Phœbe Brown. The school was pleasant and successful in every way. The fall term was taught by Miss A. Lillian Stevens. Miss Stevens is faithful and conscientious in her work and the school was a success.

### MORRISON DISTRICT

Both terms were taught by Miss Helen Morrison. These were the first terms taught by Miss Morrison, but she showed herself to be well adapted to the work. Her aim was not to see how many pages she could go over in a term but how well it could be done. Some scholars in the school showed very plainly they were governed at home, hence it was very much easier for the teacher.

When pupils are in the habit of having their own way

at home it is exceedingly hard for teachers to govern a school. Some of the scholars in the District are quite young, yet are as forward as many that have greater advantages, and the school showed marked improvement in all the studies pursued.

#### DALTON DISTRICT

The spring term was taught by Miss Edith M. Mitchell. This teacher has been employed in this town before with marked success and tried to make this school a profitable one; but there were so many that stayed away from school that it disheartened the teacher and with all the persuasions your committee could use she could not be prevailed upon to keep the second term. The progress of the school was as good as could be expected under the circumstances. The fall term was commenced by Josephine V. Mathews, a teacher of large experience, and gave good satisfaction; but after five weeks her nerves gave out. The scholars in this District seem to have depended on the teacher to do the work and not on themselves. The remainder of the term was taught by Mrs. Addie G. Morse, a teacher that loves the work and is well known as an old teacher in this town, and at the closing exercises showed good improvement. There are some bright young scholars in this District. One boy, in his eighth year, deserving special mention would imagine what the next question would be and would give the answer before the teacher could ask it. Your committee thinks his equal can't be found in town.

#### CLEMENT DISTRICT

Both terms in this district were taught by O. E. Kingsbury of Bristol. Mr. Kingsbury is an old teacher of large experience and we could not expect to pay him in this

school what he was really worth as a teacher, but as it was near his home so that he could spend a part of the time with his family we were enabled to employ him the past year. Careful and conscientious in his work, he realized that a teacher's work is to train his pupils for lives of usefulness. We were obliged to cut the fall term short on account of sickness and death in Mr. Kingsbury's family.

#### TURNPIKE DISTRICT

The spring term was taught by Miss A. Lillian Stevens. This was her second term of teaching and she tried hard and labored faithfully to make the school a success. The fall term was taught by Katie B. Drake of North Sanborn-ton. She had a pleasant school and won the love of her pupils.

#### NICHOLS DISTRICT

Both terms were taught by Miss Ethel Carpenter of this town. This was her first attempt at teaching but she easily and quickly adapted herself to the work and soon won the love of her pupils.

The scholars in this school are bright, intelligent pupils, and at the closing exercises showed they had been well drilled through the term. The teacher had specimens of map drawing, one of which was the finest the visiting committee had ever seen.

We are glad to learn that Miss Carpenter intends to attend the Normal School at Plymouth.

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Your committee would recommend that an appropriation be made to build suitable cupboards in each school house, in which to keep the text books, and buy record books for the teachers so that a strict account be kept and returned

to the School Board at the end of each term of all the books in their hands.

In closing we would thank you for the appropriations for repairing the Turnpike school house. Neat, comfortable, convenient school buildings are indispensable to successful schools.

F. H. PERKINS,	}	School Board.
S. IVANETTE GRAY,		
J. E. S. FIFIELD,		

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## ROLL OF HONOR

### WOODMAN DISTRICT

Spring term.—Ina M. Wisner, Alice M. Tobine. Fall term.—Ina M. Wisner, Alice M. Tobine.

### MORRISON DISTRICT

Spring term.—Webster Morrison, Fannie Morrison, Edith Pollard. Fall term.—Fannie Morrison, Webster Morrison.

### DALTON DISTRICT

None on the roll of honor in this school.

### CLEMENT DISTRICT

Spring term.—Carl W. Morrill, Charles H. Morrill, Clifford R. Morrill, Leslie H. Morrill, Bessie M. Morrill, Mattie A. Morrill. Fall term.—Carl W. Morrill, Charles H. Morrill, Clifford R. Morrill, Leslie H. Morrill, Louis E. Morrill, Bessie E. Morrill, Mattie A. Morrill.

## TURNPIKE DISTRICT

Spring term.—Emily A. Morrill, Chester Morrill, Eva Morrill, Susie Perkins, Earl LeRoy Perkins, Gladys Perkins, Herbert Perkins, Zora Snow, Iola R. Snow, Fall term.—Emily A. Morrill, Chester Morrill, Susie Perkins, Earl LeRoy Perkins, Gladys Perkins, Herbert Perkins, Lettie E. Smith, Bernice Smith, Iola Snow, Zora Snow.

## NICHOLS DISTRICT

Spring term.—Harold H. Haney, Earl H. Haney, Leon S. Mitchell, Carl S. Mitchell, Lena M. Mitchell, Guy C. Nichols, Ina C. Nichols, Irena M. Nichols, Mary E. Nichols. Fall term.—Harold H. Haney, Carl H. Haney, Lena Mitchell, Carl W. Mitchell, Mary E. Nutting Irena M. Nichols, Leon Mitchell.

## SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

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### CASH RECEIVED

From town treasurer	\$712 45
Former school treasurer	9 46
Tuition from Plymouth, 1900	2 75
Proportion of state fund	68 47
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	\$793 13

### CASH PAID

O. E. Kingsbury, teaching	\$52 50
Ethel Carpenter, " "	44 00
J. S. Morrison, board	17 63
Helen Morrison, teaching	30 00
Phoebe Brown, " "	30 00
Edith Mitchell, teaching and board	36 00
Geneva Veasey, board	20 00
Lillian Stevens, teaching	60 00
J. E. S. Fifield, repairs	1 75
Flora Snow, cleaning schoolhouse	1 00
Oscar Sleeper, wood	4 00
Anna Stevens, teaching	39 00
Elmer Wiser, board	26 00
R. B. Gilpatric, wood	4 00
B. T. Nichols, wood	2 00
B. F. Nichols, painting schoolhouse	9 05
O. E. Kingsbury, teaching	57 75
Addie Morse, " "	39 00
Josephine Matthews, teaching	26 00

J. E. S. Fifield, board	\$19 75
J. S. Morrison, "	19 50
Helen Morrison, teaching	39 00
Ethel Carpenter, teaching and board	60 00
Kate B. Drake, teaching	60 00
Mark C. Perkins, wood	5 00
J. E. S. Fifield, setting post at Morrison's	50
F. H. Perkins, hanging blackboard	1 00
Paid for blackboards	4 50
Balance on hand	84 20
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	\$793 13

S. S. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRED R. PILLSBURY, Auditor.

## REPORT OF AGENT ON SCHOOL- HOUSE REPAIRS

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Received of town treasurer on selectmen's order	\$75 00
Paid:	
B. M. Ames, 1 1-2 M lath at \$3.00	\$4 50
3 casks lime at \$1.10	3 30
3 bushels hair at 30c.	90
300 ft. spruce flooring at \$16.00	4 80
B. L. & A Wells, 6 window casings and caps	45
Union school district No. 2, Bristol, 12 sets 2nd- hand desks and seats	6 00
H. H. Morrill, 34 lbs. nails at 4 1-2c.	1 53
1 lock and window springs	66
24 doz. screws	1 00
1 1-2 days work at \$1.50 per day	2 25
Cartage	2 75
Geo. A. Robie, table for teacher	3 75
S. O. Morrill, 4 1-2 days work at \$1.50 per day	6 75
Ira Varney, 2 1-2 days work plastering at \$2 50 per day	6 25
A. H. Morrill, 12 1-2 days work at \$1.75	21 87
447 ft. hemlock lumber at \$11.00	4 92
1 gallon paint	1 60
Cash paid selectmen	1 72
	\$75 00

A. H. MORRILL, Agent.



Births Registered in the Town of Bridgewater for the Year ending, Dec. 31, 1901.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any).	Male or Female.		Living or Stillborn.	No. of Child 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.	Father's Name.	Mother's Maiden Name.	Color.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
		M	F												
June 18	W. D. Gilpatrick	M		Living	1	All White	Winfred Gilpatrick	Sadie H. Batchelder	All White	Bridgewater	Farmer	Plymouth	Bridgewater	31	24
Aug. 6	.....	F		"	2		Orren Gray	Nettie Siceper		"	"	Alexandria	.....	.....	.....
Aug. 23	Ransom Kelley	M		"	1		Homer S. Kelley	Ida May Davis		"	"	Johnson, Vt.	Lowell, Mass.	27	27

### Marriages Registered in the Town of Bridgewater for the Year ending Dec. 31, 1901.

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years. Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth	Name of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation of Parents.	1st, 2d, or 3d Marriage.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Mar. 22	Bridgewater	Henry W. Mitchell.	Bridgewater.	66 All White	Farmer.....	Bridgewater..	Albert F. Mitchell..	Bridgewater....	.....	2	Randall J. Pillsbury Justice of the Peace Bridgewater
"	"	Allalah Nutting....	"	37 White	Housekeeper.	Campton. ...	Mary A. Whittemore Freeman L. Evans..	Roxbury, Mass. Holderness.....	.....	2	"

### Deaths Registered in the Town of Bridgewater for the Year ending Dec. 31, 1901.

Date of Death.	Name.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex.	Color.	Single, Married, or Widowed.	Occupation.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Cause of Death.
		Years.	Months.	Days.										
Jan. 9	Almira Nichols	73	3		Plymouth	F	All White	W				Thomas Nutting	Jewett	Heart Failure
Feb. 24	Freeman L. Evans	78			Holderness	M	All White	W	Farmer	Barrington	Straford	Nicholas Evans	Deborah Twambly	Disease of Heart
Aug. 9	Julia A. Clogston	65	10	28	Hermon, Me.	F	All White	W		Weare	Alexandria	Isalah Emerson	Sarah Sleeper	Intestinal Gastric, [Dyspepsia

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. E. S. FIFIELD, TOWN CLERK.

## STATISTICAL TABLE

Name of School	District Number	Name of Teacher	Wages per Month	Weeks of School	Scholars Registered	Average Attendance	Committee Visits	Citizens Visits
Woodman	1	Miss Phoebe Brown	\$20.00	10	3	3	3	2
"	1	A. Lillian Stevens	20.00	13	3	3	2	18
Morrison	2	Helen P. Morrison	18.00	10	5	4	2	15
"	2	"	18.00	13	5	4	2	15
Dalton	3	Miss E. T. Mitchell	16.00	9	5	4	2	16
"	3	Josephine Mathews	26.00	5	10	8	2	15
"	3	Addie G. Morse substitute	26.00	8				
Clement	7	O. E. Kingsbury	21.00	10	7	7	3	6
"	7	"	21.00	10	10	9	2	2
Turnpike	8	A. Lillian Stevens	24.00	10	12	11	4	11
"	8	Miss Katie B. Drake	26.00	10	14	12	3	11
Nichols	10	Ethel M. Carpenter	16.00	11	12	11	3	32
"	10	"	20.00	12	11	10	2	30



