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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, 1903.

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## INVENTORY

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Inventory of town April 1, 1902 :

	No.	Valuation
Polls	71	\$7,100 00
Horses	91	3,330 00
Oxen	26	1,192 00
Cows	150	3,184 00
Neat Stock	106	1,872 00
Sheep	160	402 00
Mills and machinery		300 00
Money at interest		100 00
Stock in trade		150 00
Resident real estate		56,040 00
Non-resident real estate		34,834 00
Total		<u>\$108,504 00</u>

## AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED BY TAXATION

State tax	\$229 50
County tax	272 16
Highway tax	542 52
School tax	324 00
School tax by vote of town	150 00
Library tax	16 20
Town tax	200 00
Old Home day	10 00
Overlay	67 73
Total	<u>\$1,812 11</u>

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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The selectmen have received cash as follows :

County support of paupers	\$193 40
State railroad tax	32 50
Savings bank tax	295 99
Literary fund	26 00
Proportion of school fund	70 89
High school tuitions	58 80
H. H. Morrill, unexpended highway tax	51 75
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Total amount paid treasurer	\$729 33

The selectmen have given orders on the treasurer amounting to \$2,643 40 as follows :

Paid	
State tax	\$229 50
County tax	272 16
Library tax	16 20
Appropriation for Old Home day	10 00
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	\$527 86

### SCHOOLS

Emily L. Dalton, school treasurer	\$545 97
New Hampton Institution, tuition	124 50
Plymouth Normal school, " "	18 00
Ginn & Co., books	7 33
S. S. Fletcher, school supplies	6 14
E. C. Eastman, blank book	54

J. E. S. Fifield, school supplies	\$1 67
American Book Co., books	10 84
R. J. Pillsbury, Justice Peace services	50
Emily L. Dalton, proportion school fund	70 89
H. H. Morrill, school supplies	1 97
Weymouth, Brown & Co., school supplies	65
Fowler & Co.,	1 50
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	\$790 50

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

D. T. Atwood, road agent	\$254 59
H. H. Morrill, "	200 00
F. R. Pillsbury, labor	3 57
A. W. Nichols, damage to plow	3 10
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	\$461 26

## WINTER ROAD BILLS

Eldorus Smith	\$13 38
D. C. Whittemore	8 40
E. D. Morrill	60
F. M. Fogg	7 44
E. B. Whittemore	4 00
D. T. Atwood	9 12
A. F. Dolloff	84
J. H. Morrison	2 06
G. H. Wheeler	12 48
U. G. Spiller	72
E. E. Ferrin	4 42
J. W. Stewart	6 24
A. W. Nichols	4 08
J. H. Fogg	13 25.
D. P. Pollard	16 32

J. H. Goss	\$4 68
H. W. Hammond	13 83
R. B. Gilpatric	63 74
P. P. Sanborn	4 68
D. B. Clement	15 06
L. S. Hanaford	4 40
W. H. Andrews	1 02
R. J. Pillsbury	1 17
D. S. Batchelder	37 08
F. R. Pillsbury	4 80
S. S. Fletcher	15 60
H. H. Morrill	1 00
A. B. Dalton	1 38
H. O. Pike	10 56
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	\$282 35

#### PAUPER BILLS

Norman Wiser, support of Sally Heath, from Jan. 20, 1902, to Feb. 17, 1903, 56 weeks	\$84 00
W. J. Ames, support of George Gray from Jan. 30, 1902, to Feb. 13, 1903, 53 weeks	62 10
Mrs. H. W. Mitchell, support of Mrs. Albert Mitchell, from Jan. 15, 1902, to Feb. 13, 1903, 56 weeks	56 00
New Hampshire State Hospital, board of Edna F. Woodman	25 18
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	\$227 28

#### MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

A. W. Nichols, over-paid highway tax	\$3 00
R. W. Musgrove, printing town reports	17 00



A. H. Morrill, blank books, postage and stationery	\$3 30
Dr. G. H. Calley, vaccinating 16 school children in 1901	8 00
E. C. Eastman, blank books	1 85
J. Hadlock, road machine repairs	3 00
A. H. Morrill, selectmen's expenses	5 75
T. B. Sanborn, 35 settees	61 25
Plymouth Record, printing check-lists	4 00
R. B. Gilpatric, cash paid collecting tax of E. D. Jones	2 50
H. H. Morrill, recording births and deaths	1 50
Moving safe	2 00
Cash paid for blanks	1 75
L. W. Fling, legal advice in pauper cases	10 00
P. P. Sanborn, damage to sheep by dogs	13 00
A. H. Morrill, board town officers	4 00
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	\$141 90

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS' BILLS

S. I. Gray, school board	\$11 00
J. E. S. Fifield, "	15 75
S. S. Fletcher, "	10 00
J. H. Morrison, clerk	1 00
Emily L. Dalton, treasurer	3 00
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	\$40 75

#### TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS

S. S. Fletcher, supervisor	\$4 50
W. W. Gilpatric, "	4 50
G. H. Wheeler, "	4 50

H. H. Morrill, town clerk	\$12 00
D. C. Whittemore, collector	28 00
S. S. Fletcher, treasurer	22 00
D. T. Atwood, dog police	3 00
A. H. Morrill, selectman.	40 00
C. H. Marston, "	28 00
B. T. Nichols, "	25 00
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	\$171 50

### RECAPITULATION

Whole amount received by treasurer		\$3,299 91
Paid :		
State tax	\$229 50	
County tax	272 16	
Library tax	16 20	
Old Home day	10 00	
Schools	790 50	
Highways and bridges	461 26	
Winter roads	282 35	
Pauper bills	227 28	
Miscellaneous bills	141 90	
School district officers	40 75	
Town officers	171 50	
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	\$2,643 40	
Cash in treasury	656 51	
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Assets Feb. 14, 1903 :		
Due from D. C. Whittemore, collector 1902	\$185 28	
County support paupers	57 25	
Cash in treasury	656 51	
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Balance in favor of town		\$899 04

## SETTLEMENT WITH COLLECTORS

R. B. Gilpatric, collector 1901 :		
To amount due on collector's book		\$319 33
By cash paid treasurer	\$315 08	
Abatements	4 25	
	<u>319 33</u>	<u>319 33</u>

D. C. Whittemore, collector 1902 :		
To amount of tax list		\$1,812 11
By cash paid treasurer	\$1,626 83	
Balance due	185 28	
	<u>1,812 11</u>	<u>1,812 11</u>

## LIST OF ABATEMENTS

Taxes of 1901 :	
Luman Tobine	\$1 80
Joseph Moses	2 45
	<u>4 25</u>

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. MORRILL, } Selectmen  
 C. H. MARSTON, } of  
 B. T. NICHOLS, } Bridgewater.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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Received from former treasurer	\$591 27
R. B. Gilpatric, taxes 1901	315 08
D. C. Whittemore, taxes 1902	1,626 83
Town clerk, dog license	37 40
Selectmen	729 33
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	\$3,299 91
Paid on Selectmen's orders	2,643 40
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Balance on hand	\$656 51

### TRUST FUND

Sylvester Cross fund, interest for care of Webster and Cross burying ground	\$53 00
Webster fund, interest for care of Webster burying ground	53 00
In Plymouth bank	
Have paid Elmer P. Wisner, for labor on above named	3 00

S. S. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

## ROAD AGENTS' REPORT

### EAST SIDE

Received of town treasurer on order of selectmen	\$254 59
Paid as follows :	
Homer S. Kelley, labor	\$21 80
S. D. Sweetzer, "	1 50
H. H. Haney, "	10 00
O. A. Nichols, "	6 75
Norman Wiser, "	1 50
Oscar Sleeper, "	2 50
H. F. Johnson, "	10 50
W. B. Cass, "	38 50
D. T. Atwood, plank and stringers	32 90
B. T. Nichols, "	34 10
D. B. Clement, plank	3 08
E. E. Atwood, labor	1 50
F. R. Pillsbury, "	68
J. E. S. Fifield, use of plow	50
A. W. Stoll, labor	1 50
A. W. Nichols, "	13 50
G. W. Atwood, gravel	1 00
Express and spikes	88
D. T. Atwood, labor	65 00
B. T. Nichols, "	6 90
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	\$254 59

DAVID T. ATWOOD, Road Agent.

## WEST SIDE

Received of town on order of selectmen		\$200 00
Paid as follows on summer roads :		
Eldorus Smith, labor	\$3 30	
W. B. Cass,        "	33 00	
G. A. Hunt,       "	9 00	
E. D. Morrill,     "	16 25	
W. F. Morrill,    "	11 25	
O. S. Gray,       "	6 75	
D. C. Whittemore, for lumber	5 00	
H. H. Morrill,     "	3 70	
F. S. Kirk, stringers for bridge	1 00	
C. A. Smith, tile pipe	4 32	
H. H. Morrill, labor	41 30	
A. H.       "       "	13 38	
Balance returned to selectmen	51 75	
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H. H. MORRILL, Road Agent.

## REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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We have purchased sixty-six new books in the past year. We have received by gift seven volumes from Mrs. Denton, of Weymouth, Mass. Also two volumes from Mr. and Mrs. Garver, of Worcester, Mass.

There are now in the three agencies three hundred and twenty-one volumes.

Cash in Plymouth Savings bank		\$71 81
Library tax		16 20
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		\$88 01
Paid Sears & Roebuck, for books	\$19 91	
Destruction of St. Pierre	1 50	
Printing 1,000 book plates	2 25	
Freight	1 08	
Cash in bank Feb. 18, 1903	63 27	
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S. S. FLETCHER, }  
G. W. ATWOOD, } Library Trustees.  
C. H. MARSTON, }

## FOR OLD HOME DAY

Cash received from town treasurer for Old Home day		\$10 00
Paid :		
For 12 dozen tumblers at 35c per dozen	\$4 20	
Sugar and lemons	1 50	
300 paper plates at 35c per 100	1 05	
“ napkins at 20c per 100	60	
2 pounds coffee at 35c per pound	70	
Balance on hand	1 95	
	—	\$10 00

A. B. DALTON, Agent.

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I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the selectmen, town treasurer, road agents, and library trustees, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

D. B. CLEMEN T, Auditor.



## ANNUAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

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Another school year, with its varying conditions of toils, cares, trials, disappointments, hopes, realizations, joys, and satisfactions, has passed; and it becomes our duty to place before the public a resume of the work as it has passed through our hands and under our supervision.

In the spring there were four schools of ten weeks each. In the fall there were four schools with thirteen weeks. By uniting four districts into two districts we were able to have more number of weeks.

We think that the school board were successful in procuring good teachers and as a whole the scholars have made good advancement during the past season. The teachers have steadily and persistently labored, undismayed by obstacles, undiscouraged by embarrassments. They have not attempted to force knowledge into receptacles which are unable or unwilling to contain it; but to bring forth those faculties and powers which God has given the child in a natural and wholesome development in accordance with the general law for the race and special characteristics of the child. What a task is theirs! to teach a child to think, to strengthen the memory, to quicken the imagination, to guide the judgment, and not only so, but if their work be well done, to train the heart. If as Addison says, "Education is to the human soul what sculpture is to the block of marble," surely the unsparing pains taken by the sculpture as stroke by stroke and inch by inch he gradually fashions the stone into form of grace, nobleness and beauty, are but an emblem of faithful and loving toil with which through weeks and months the

teacher artist labors to transform his infinitely more susceptible material into conformity with his own ideal of character. Have you ever thought of the difference between the way in which Michael Angelo regarded his block of marble and the way in which the same block was regarded by the stone-cutter in the quarry, or the drayman who carted it to his studio? There was, doubtless, a tender, reverential care, even in lifting into its place, exerted by the artist which would be impossible in the workmen, from the lack of thought that are in them. The teacher, in dealing with his pupils, should differ as much from other people as the great sculpture differs from other men in viewing and dealing with his block of marble; only the teacher's conception should be as much grander and her aim as much higher as the completely developed man or woman is superior to the inanimate, senseless marble.

Grateful for the forbearance with which our labors have been received, and hopeful for the future success and prosperity of the school which we supervise, we turn our back to the old, and our faces to the new, and may we hope better things.

S. IVANETTE GRAY,	} Board of Education.
J. E. S. FIFIELD,	
S. S. FLETCHER,	

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## ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

### SPRING TERM

Earl H. Haney, Harold H. Haney, Carl W. Mitch-

ell, Lena M. Mitchell, Inez C. Nichols, Ned A. Nichols, Frances W. Clement, Ina M. Wiser, Alice M. Wiser, Chester H. Morrill, Carl W. Morrill, Clifford S. Morrill, Lewis Morrill, Mattie Morrill, Eva A. Morrill, Bessie Morrill, Zora Snow, Iola Snow, Cyrus C. Fletcher.

FALL TERM

Frances Clement, Harold Haney, Carl Mitchell, Lena Mitchell, Leon Mitchell, Mary Nutting, Ines Nichols, Ned Nichols, Oscar Nichols, Cyrus C. Fletcher, Bessie Morrill, Mattie Morrill, Carl W. Morrill, Leslie E. Morrill, Eva A. Morrill, Chester C. Morrill, Iola R. Snow, Zora Snow, Clifford Morrill.

## SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

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### CASH RECEIVED

From former school treasurer	\$84 20
Town treasurer	545 97
Tuition from New Hampton	7 25
Proportion of school fund from state	70 89
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	\$708 31

### CASH PAID

Vivian George, teaching 10 weeks	\$35 00
Flora Snow, cleaning schoolhouse	1 00
J. E. S. Fifield,        "	1 00
Edith Mitchell, teaching and board 10 weeks	50 00
Dura Pollard, board and carrying scholars 10 weeks	35 00
Ida Smith, teaching 10 weeks	35 00
Edwin Morrill, carrying scholars 10 weeks	30 00
Josephine Fletcher, board 10 weeks	15 00
R. B. Gilpatric, wood	4 00
Elmer Wiser,        "	1 50
Eldorus Smith, board 10 weeks	20 00
Lura Noyes, teaching 10 weeks	40 00
Edwin Morrill, carrying scholars 13 weeks	39 00
Mary Perkins, teaching and board        "	78 00
Rose Clement, teaching        "	45 50
Josephine Fletcher, board        "	19 50
Mrs. Rollo X. Heath, teaching        "	45 50
Norman Wiser, carrying scholars        "	26 00

Joseph S. Morrison, wood	\$2 50
Sadie Robinson, teaching 13 weeks	45 50
Mrs. Dura Pollard, board "	19 50
Eliza Fifield, board "	26 00
Burleigh & Adams, cost of Fifield suit	1 00
Sherman Fletcher, cleaning schoolhouse	1 00
Ivanette Gray, repairs and cash paid	1 00
Balance on hand	90 81
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	\$708 31

EMILY L. DALTON, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

D. B. CLEMENT, Auditor.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

No. of school	No. terms	Name of Teacher	Wages	No. of weeks	No. of pupils	Average attendance	No. visiting citizens	No. visits by school board	No. in arithmetic	No. in geography	No. in history	No. in composition	No. in physiology	No. in drawing	No. in algebra	No. in reading and spelling	No. in penmanship	No. in grammar
No. 3	1	Vivian A. George.....	\$20 00	10	7	6	1	2	7	7	4	7	7	7	.....	7	7	5
Dalton	2	Rose J. Clement.....	20 00	13	6	6	3	2	6	6	3	6	6	.....	.....	6	6	5
No. 8	1	Lura E. Noyes.....	24 00	10	12	12	29	4	12	10	3	10	10	10	.....	12	11	11
Turnpike	2	Mary E. Perkins.....	24 00	13	12	11	22	4	12	12	10	6	11	11	.....	12	12	11
No. 1	1	Ida F. Smith.....	20 00	10	8	7	26	4	8	8	7	7	8	.....	.....	8	8	7
Wootman	2	Rollo Heath.....	20 00	13	6	4	14	2	6	6	5	5	6	.....	.....	6	6	5
No. 10	1	Edith F. Mitchell.....	20 00	10	11	10	22	2	10	5	.....	4	11	.....	.....	11	11	5
Nichols	2	Sarah H. Robinson.....	22 00	13	11	10	9	2	11	8	3	11	11	.....	.....	11	11	5

**Births Registered in the Town of Bridgewater for the Year ending Dec. 31, 1902.**

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.
Jan. 6	Arah E. ....	M	Living...	2	White	Geo. A. Hunt	Emma G. Pillsbury.	White	.....	Farmer.....	Thornion, .....	Bridgewater ...	30	21
Feb. 21	Walter E. ....	M	"	2	"	John W. Stewart...	Mary B. Brown...	"	.....	"	Boston, Mass	Nova Scotia....	31	28
Mar. 22	.....	M	"	10	"	Edwin D. Morrill...	Huldah M. Barnard	"	.....	"	"	Hebron.....	42	32
June 22	.....	M	"	1	"	Willie F. Morrill...	Lilla M. Perkins...	"	.....	"	"	New Hampton...	30	16

**Deaths Registered in the Town of Bridgewater for the Year ending Dec. 31, 1902.**

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.
Jan. 19	Lorenzo Flanders..	78	6 Bradford.....	M	Wh	M	Farmer ....	No. Hampton.	.....	Moses Flanders.....	.....	Multiple Sclerosis..
May 28	Mary Morrill.....	73	10 1/2 Bridgewater.	F	Wh	W	.....	.....	.....	David Ferrin.....	.....	Amputation.....
June 14	Nathan Chapman..	78	1 1/2 .....	M	Wh	M	Farmer ..	.....	.....	Abagail Bean.....	.....	Chronic Nephritis..

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
 HENRY H. MORRILL, TOWN CLERK.







