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TOWN WARRANT.

To Herman Sanborn, a Constable of the Town of Wilton, in the County of Franklin,

GREETING :

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Wilton, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall in said town, on Monday, the fourth of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit. :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, including Road Commissioner and Superintendent of Schools.

ART. 3. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of schools the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of poor the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to defray town charges the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to repair highways and bridges the ensuing year.

ART. 7. To see what instruction the town will vote to give in regard to expending the money raised for repairs of highways and bridges.

ART. 8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Free High School, to be expended at Wilton Academy, in accordance with Section 34 of the School Laws of Maine.

ART. 9. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the purchase of school-books the ensuing year.

ART. 10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repairs of school-houses the ensuing year.

ART. 11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the observance of Memorial Day.

ART. 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to be expended for a public library.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to accept (\$300), three hundred dollars from the estate of Adalinda A. Dascomb, to be kept as a fund by the town, the income thereof to be appropriated to the perpetual care of the W. H. Dascomb lot in Lake View Cemetery.

ART. 14. To see if the town will elect one or more trustees who shall have charge of the said fund and expend the income thereof, or decide upon any other method to care for said fund and income.

ART. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to repair the fence on the east and south sides of East Wilton cemetery.

ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to buy one or more of Holley's road scrapers.

ART. 17. To see how the taxes shall be collected the ensuing year and when made payable.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the municipal officers.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to adopt Greenleaf's Arithmetics as a text-book in the schools.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road from a point opposite and easterly from Chas. M. Miller's house to the end of said road running northerly.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road from opposite Fordyce Gammon's house running westerly to the easterly limits of the road running north and south near the Law farm.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to maintain a school in what was formerly Dist. No. 1.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town, and hearing and deciding upon the applications of persons claiming the right to have their names entered upon said list, at the Selectmen's office, at 2 o'clock P. M., Saturday, March 2d, A. D. 1901, and at 9 o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 19th day of February, A. D. 1901.

FRED WILKINS, } *Selectmen*
 D. G. BEAN, } *of*
 S. W. WALKER, } *Wilton.*

SELECTMEN'S ANNUAL REPORT.

List of property at its full cash value in the town of Wilton, County of Franklin, for the year 1900, as made and returned to Board of State Assessors as required by law.

Number of Polls taxed, 532 ; rate of taxation, .014 1-2.

Value of Real Estate, resident,	\$456,047 00
Value of Real Estate, non-resident,	48,815 00
	\$504,862 00
Value of Personal Property, resident,	\$155,594 00
Value of Personal Property, non-resident,	3,593 00
	\$159,187 00
	\$664,049 00

VALUATION OF TOWN.

Personal Property.	No.	Av. value.	Total Value.
Horses,	478	\$47 38	\$22,647 00
Colts, 3 to 4 yrs. old,	8	41 25	330 00
Colts, 2 to 3 yrs. old,	8	28 75	230 00
Colts, under 2 yrs. old,	13	22 46	292 00
Cows,	701	22 88	16,041 00
Oxen,	82	50 61	4,160 00
3 yrs. old,	201	22 31	4,486 00
2 yrs. old,	399	11 10	5,360 00
1 yr. old,	411	7 24	2,988 00
Sheep,	1,790	2 75	4,924 00
Swine,	221	6 19	1,369 00
Bank Stock, shares,	215		21,450 00

Money at Interest,		\$16,350 00
Stock in Trade,		45,700 00
Bicycles,	26	405 00
Logs and Lumber,		4,420 00
Carriages,	289	5,565 00
Musical Instruments,	45	2,370 00
Other Property,		100 00
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		\$159,187 00

To the Citizens of the Town of Wilton:

The following report of Receipts and Expenditures for the fiscal year ending Feb. 19, 1901, is submitted to the inhabitants of Wilton :

Upon the Polls and Estates we have assessed the following sums, to wit :

For State Tax,		\$1963 13
County Tax,		1096 43
Support of Schools,		1626 52
Support of Poor,		1000 00
Town Charges,		1200 00
Repairs of Highways,		2500 00
Free High School, Wilton Academy,		700 00
School-books,		250 00
Repairs of School-house,		200 00
E. W. Woodman, G. A. R. Post,		30 00
New School-house,		300 00
Overlay,		337 01
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Commitment,		\$11,203 09
Supplementary Tax,		21 62
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Total Commitment,		\$11,224 71

A list of the above assessments was committed to Herman Sanborn, Collector of the town, with warrant in due form of law, for collecting and paying the same to the Town Treasurer. Said Commitment was made May 2, 1900.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Amount Unexpended Feb. 17, 1900,	\$350 00	
Appropriated March 5, 1900,	700 00	
Received from State,	137 50	
Due from State,	250 00	
	<u> </u>	\$1437 50

Paid to Trustees of Academy, Spring term,	\$350 00	
" " " Fall term,	350 00	
" " " Winter term,	250 00	
Amount Unexpended from town,	237 50	
Unexpended due from State,	250 00	
	<u> </u>	\$1437 50

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Amount Appropriated March 5, 1900,		\$200 00
Expended to Feb. 19, 1901,	\$209 65	
Overdrawn,		\$ 9 65
		<u> </u>
		\$209 65

SCHOOL-BOOK ACCOUNT.

Amount Appropriated March 5, 1900,		\$250 00
School-books sold by J. W. Perkins,		5 75
Expended above appropriated,		72 47
		<u> </u>
		\$328 22
Paid Wm. Wood & Co.,	\$108 00	
Ginn & Co.,	12 47	
American Book Co.,	200 00	
Freight and express,	3 25	
Maps,	4 50	
	<u> </u>	\$328 22

SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND SUNDRIES ACCOUNT.

Paid H. R. Dascomb, for supplies,	\$ 4 75	
M. C. Holden, for supplies,	6 55	
E. H. Morin, for fixing clock, and keys,	1 75	
Mrs. G. F. Ireland, cleaning,	2 00	
Nettie Adams, “	4 00	
Ella Brown, “	4 00	
Sylvester Searles, “	2 50	
Charles Foote, “	2 50	
Augustine Hill, “	2 50	
D. H. Knowlton & Co., supplies,	<u>12 51</u>	
Amount expended,		\$43 06

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Money raised by Town,	\$1497 60	
Interest on School Fund,	94 56	
Interest on Ministerial Fund,	<u>34 36</u>	\$1626 52
State School Fund and Mill Tax,		1289 77
Tuition from Farmington,		22 80
Due from Dixfield, tuition,		110 78
Due from Farmington, tuition,		<u>16 76</u>
		\$3066 63
Amount overdrawn Feb. 17, 1900,	\$ 35 24	
Paid teachers' wages,	1405 25	
Wood for schools,	75 50	
Janitors,	31 90	
Transportation, P. I. Dascomb,	27 00	
E. J. Dakin,	16 50	
F. B. Jennings,	8 00	
J. B. Wood,	13 20	
U. A. Buker,	60 00	
Board to Mrs. G. F. Ireland,	32 50	
Board of Bessie Robinson,	8 00	
Unexpended Feb. 19, 1901,	<u>1353 54</u>	\$3066 63

SUPPORT OF TOWN'S POOR.

Amount appropriated March 5, 1900,		\$1000 00
Amount paid for Christiana Mooar,	\$ 50 00	
Mrs. John Hamilton (died June		
23, 1900),	56 41	
Mrs. Addie Walker and family,	61 38	
Emeretta Robbins,	51 00	
Delia Brainard,	77 71	
Cora Robbins,	23 00	
Wm. Tracy and family,	114 65	
Robert S. Townsend,	48 21	
Richard J. Green,	74 77	
Fred Royal,	2 10	
Oliver Knowles,	3 50	
W. H. Burbank and family,	98 55	
Chas. Mayhew and family,	56 05	
Expense keeping tramps,	4 60	
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Amount expended,	\$721 93	
Unexpended,	278 07	
	<hr/>	\$1000 00

Mrs. M. J. Noyes sickened and died, leaving a house and a little personal property. In her last sickness she requested the Selectmen to arrange for her care and support. The estate is in process of administration. There is probably enough to pay her bills. The town has paid to date \$83.76.

SUPPORT OF NON-RESIDENT PAUPERS.

Paid for Jacob G. and Clyde M. Welch, children of Isaac Welch		
deceased,		\$30 00
Charged to State,		30 00
Paid for Alfred Leighton and family,		6 44
Collected from town of Durham,		6 44
Paid for Willie M. Noyes,		223 45
Charged to town of Livermore,		223 45

DAMAGE TO SHEEP.

Paid Wm. D. Adams,		\$10 00
Due from State,		10 00

NEW SCHOOL-HOUSE, DISTRICT NO. 20.

Amount appropriated,		\$300 00
Paid Eugene Tufts, labor and material,	\$115 33	
E. & H. Sewall, lumber,	50 02	
W. H. Hildreth & Son, lumber,	66 10	
M. J. North, labor,	42 50	
R. C. Fuller, shingles,	18 40	
A. B. Allen, moving seats,	2 00	
Unexpended to date,	5 65	
	<hr/>	\$300 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Amount appropriated,	\$30 00
Order to J. L. B. Farrington, for G. A. R. Post,	30 00

ESTIMATES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Support of Schools,	\$1426 52
Support of Poor,	900 00
Repairs of Highways,	3000 00
Town Charges,	1500 00
Collecting of Taxes,	150 00
Abatement of Taxes,	100 00
School-books,	200 00
Repairs of School-houses,	200 00
Memorial Day,	30 00
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	\$7506 52

TOWN'S PROPERTY AND ITS INCOME.

Town Hall and Lot, with furniture in same,	\$6000 00
Bonney slaughter house and lot,	50 00
Road machine, scraper, plow, etc.,	175 00
Received for rent of store, W. E. Sawyer & Co.,	150 00
Received for rent of Hall, C. Fenderson, Agent,	74 44
Value of rent of Selectmen's Office,	35 00
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	\$259 44

LIABILITIES.

Due Fred Wilkins, services as Selectman,	\$ 96 00
D. G. Bean, " "	70 00
S. W. Walker, " "	70 00
N. W. Sewall, services as Treasurer,	50 00
A. B. Allen, services as Superintendent of Schools,	143 50
H. Sanborn, services as Collector for 1900,	145 92
Free High School account,	237 50
Outstanding orders,	1034 89
Pauper accounts (estimated),	10 00
School money unexpended,	1353 54
Work on highway to Feb. 19, 1901 (estimated),	600 00
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	\$3811 35

RESOURCES.

Due from State Treasurer, dog licenses (estimated),	\$ 80 00
State Treasurer, on account of damage to sheep,	10 00
Town of Chesterville, for school property,	45 68
H. Sanborn, Collector for 1900,	2166 33
Interest on taxes to date,	74 44
Interest on deposit,	26 00
Town of Dixfield, schooling scholars,	110 78
Town of Farmington, schooling scholars,	16 76
Mrs. R. J. Noyes estate,	83 76
State Treasurer, support of State paupers,	30 00
Livermore, for support of Willie M. Noyes,	223 45

Due from A. B. Allen, for books,	\$ 4 05
A. B. Allen, for shingles,	70
Cash in hands of N. W. Sewall, Treasurer,	<u>2208 67</u>
	\$5080 62
Resources above Liabilities, \$1269.27.	

TOWN CHARGES.

Fred Wilkins, as Selectman, 1899,	\$ 31 50
C. R. Hall, " "	79 50
B. W. Brown, " "	75 00
N. W. Sewall, Treasurer,	35 00
N. W. Sewall, postage,	2 00
A. B. Allen, Superintendent of Schools,	139 50
H. Sanborn, Collector for 1899,	155 75
J. E. Hiscock, Town Clerk,	5 00
J. E. Hiscock, recording marriages, births and deaths,	14 25
A. M. Chandler, Trustee, interest on School Fund,	94 56
C. N. Adams, Ballot Clerk,	3 00
G. F. Pickens, " "	3 00
E. Bridges, Election Clerk,	3 00
W. C. Calden, Election Clerk,	3 00
J. O. Ashton, rent of building for school,	50 00
Walter E. Fletcher, Truant Officer,	1 50
Herman Sanborn, " "	2 50
Herman Sanborn, Dog Officer,	6 00
Herman Sanborn, discount on taxes paid prior to Oct. 1, 1900,	92 61
W. J. Trefethen, M. D., reporting births and deaths,	6 25
A. B. Adams, " " " "	2 00
J. W. Perkins, " " " "	2 25
Albert I. York, " " " "	2 50
J. S. Tarbox, use of watering-tub 1899 and 1900,	4 00
Gilbert Allen, use of watering-tub, 1900,	2 00
B. F. Russell, " " "	2 00
W. F. Adams, " " "	2 00
L. J. Walker, " " "	2 00
A. B. Adams, services on Board of Health, 1900, }	
A. B. Adams, services fumigating house, }	7 00

A. D. Parsons, services on Board of Health, 1899, 1900,	\$ 10 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, invoice book,	2 50
Loring, Short & Harmon, stationery and books,	21 55
Cyrus Fenderson, land damage,	40 00
Miss Mary Elwell, " "	15 00
Gilbert Allen, " "	2 00
Knowlton, McLeary & Co., town reports,	24 00
Knowlton, McLeary & Co., printing,	2 25
C. H. Mitchell, Champion road machine,	225 00
J. R. Townes, painting Town Hall,	26 00
H. R. Dascomb, paint for Town Hall,	22 78
C. R. Hall, for road petition,	50
R. C. Fuller, shingles for store-house,	7 65
Fred Wilkins, year book, 1900,	1 50
G. R. Fernald, Trustee of school fund 10 years,	5 00
John Miller, " " " "	50
C. A. Miller, use of teams for town,	7 25
W. J. Trefethen, M. D., services by order of School Board,	3 00
J. O. Legroo, use of watering tub, 1900,	2 00
W. E. Sawyer, lantern, etc.,	1 62
H. Sanborn, abatement of taxes, 1899,	143 73
Fred Wilkins, out of town looking after poor,	28 00
Office supplies and postage,	7 50
R. C. Fuller, abatement of taxes,	7 75
H. Sanborn, Treas. discount on 1899 tax, error,	2 74
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	\$1438 49

**AMOUNT OF MONEY PAID OUT FOR REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS
AND BRIDGES.**

Adams, W. W.	\$ 6 45
Adams, Albert H.	11 85
Allen, Fred	2 00
Adams, J. G.	22 05
Adams, Charles S.	34 05
Adams, J. W. and C. W.	7 80
Averill, P. M.	28 72

Allen, Will F.	\$ 7 40
Averill, A. P.	10 15
Allen, James	5 2
Adams, W. F.	2 55
Adams, A. L.	1 50
Brown, James	1 20
Bean, D. G., freight on granite	4 00
Bailey, W. S.	9 0
Blanchard, F. N.	57 45
Brown, B. W.	6 25
Butterfield, Henry J.	12 20
Bunker, M. L.	3 90
Brown, Laforest	23 70
Blackwell, A. M.	2 00
Butler, Frank L.	4 80
Butterfield, G. F.	21 15
Bridges, Enoch	69 55
Buck, E. L.	23 40
Buker, Urban A.	11 40
Chase, Franklin	15 66
Craig, A. S.	3 90
Corbett, Job	11 25
Cates, F. A.	1 20
Colburn, Charles C.	18 90
Chase, Orlando R.	45 35
Chase, G. O.	3 45
Calden, W. O.	59 85
Colburn, George E.	44 72
Chaney, Luraman	17 77
Chaney, John C.	4 50
Cram, E. B.	1 50
Chaney, Jophannas	6 00
Clark & Parsons Co.	38 89
Carver, Charles	15 00
Dakin, Charles	12 90
Dascomb, W. M.	9 15
Dascomb, Peter T.	6 60
Dakin, W. C.	6 45
Dakin, E. J.	3 60

Dascomb, H. R.	\$ 1 50
Emery, Frank A.	36 85
Foster, L. E.	7 95
Fuller, R. C.	14 18
Farnum, James	4 50
Foster, J. D.	5 40
Flagg, E. R.	4 85
Fletcher, J. S.	12 97
Ford, Cummings	40 85
Foot, C. H.	90
Farmer, H. E.	19 57
Foster, H. A.	44 85
Fuller, M. G.	6 75
Fletcher, W. E.	2 85
Green, M. S.	1 50
Gammon, Fordyce	4 90
Green, C. L.	12 00
Gould, L. H.	16 50
Gould, E. S.	4 05
Green, Geo. K.	1 20
Green, N. H.	7 95
Hildreth, W. H. & Son	30 00
Hayes, G. E.	3 00
Hosmer, A. A.	5 10
Hathaway, A. G.	20 25
Hamlin, C. P.	2 33
Holmes, John A.	3 00
Hardy, John O.	25 90
Hatch, George	2 77
Hathaway, B. R.	4 50
Hill, A. P.	19 42
Hill, L. E.	5 55
Howland, J. G.	2 40
Holman, Mrs. M. J.	6 40
Holbrook, George	2 25
Hall, C. R.	30 90
Hiscock, Nathaniel	3 75
Hall, Otis	3 37
Hiscock, J. E.	118 94

Hiscock, R. L.	\$ 3 60
Houghton, H. S.	3 77
Ireland, G. F.	5 45
Jones, A. H.	3 00
Knowles, James	4 85
Knowles, Frank W.	41 75
Knowles, D. B.	16 50
Knowles, J. A.	15 60
Legroo, John O.	151 44
Lake, Elias H.	46 85
Lothrop, O. D.	27 90
Lothrop, H. D.	22 50
Littlefield, C. F.	7 08
Littlefield, E. P.	10 50
Lufkin, C. M.	2 00
Lake, M. K.	38 25
Larrabee, George W.	7 84
Murch, Melvin	3 20
McCully, Albion,	18 30
Magrath, L. F.	9 67
Moody, John	11 50
Melcher, J. F.	23 28
Merrill, George S.	1 20
Millett, Nelson	15 90
Mosher, L. W.	14 10
Miller, Leon	37 43
Merchant, H.	14 25
Miller, N. R.	12 44
Mosher, H. S.	6 00
Mitchell, C. H., repairs,	1 50
Miller, J. W.	7 20
Noyes, Charles W.	24 15
North, L. H.	4 46
North, C. M.	4 40
Nash, Omer	54 00
North, H. A.	48 82
Newman, I. L.	2 25
Paine, W. W.	1 50
Pease, S. H.	3 60

Pratt, F. C.	\$43 87
Pratt, S. E.	33 96
Powers, W. G.	3 15
Parsons, R. B.	1 25
Pickens, John	1 50
Pease, Howard	2 50
Phillips, N. J.	82
Perkins, O. W.	4 50
Rowe, M. B.	10 80
Rollins, E. W.	6 00
Ranger, John H.	35 70
Ranger, O. A.	3 75
Ranger, E. A.	1 27
Ranger, S. R.	10 35
Reed, L. P.	7 50
Robbins, Marcena	12 75
Robbins, C. D.	6 75
Ranger, Charles	35
Smith, E. O.	7 20
Smith, J. S.	8 35
Sargent, Enoch	9 00
Savage, W. F.	6 45
Sewall, N. W.	10 05
Sanborn, Herman	1 25
Tarbox, J. S.	8 10
Tufts, Albert	6 60
Talbot, A. C.	37 05
Trask, W. H.	2 93
Townes, John	1 75
Thompson, W. V.	11 55
Webb, W. S.	3 30
Walker, H. A.	5 37
Whitney, Eben H., two horses, one man on road machine from May 15 to June 28,	165 10
Wilkins, Oscar, four horses, one man on road machine from May 15 to June 28,	222 30
Wilkins, Oscar, breaking roads from Feb. 17, 1900, to Feb. 19, 1901,	61 80
Wilkins, Oscar, other work, team and man,	164 50

Wilkins, Fred	\$135 00
Wilkins, Fred, oak lumber, sidewalk,	6 40
Wilkins, Fred, lumber for new bridge,	22 42
Wilkins, Fred, freight on drain pipe,	59
Whittemore, F. C.	19 05
Wood, J. B.	52 65
Walker, S. W., two horses, one man and material for bridges, etc.,	120 52
Witherell, F. P.	15 07
Weeks, H. D.	12 65
Webster, Frank	36 60
Wilkins, E. R.	18 35
Wright, F. W.	12 07
Webster, W. A.	22 51
Wilkins, J. T.	13 35
Wright, George	1 50
Whittemore, W. E.	2 10
Webster, Henry	1 00
Whibley, G. W.	3 12
Wilkins, Geo. C.	7 80
Wright, H. F.	8 55
York, K. J.	10 50
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	\$3415 73

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRED WILKINS, } *Selectmen*
D. G. BEAN, } *of*
S. W. WALKER, } *Wilton.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Wilton in account with N. W. Sewall, Treasurer.

DR.

To cash paid for State pensions,	\$ 192 00
State tax,	1963 13
County tax,	1096 43
State Treasurer (dog licenses),	86 00
Town orders,	8803 58
Cash on hand Feb. 22, 1901,	708 67
Certificates of deposit,	1500 00
	\$14,349 81

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By cash in Treasury Feb. 20, 1901,	\$ 929 88
Received from State, dog licenses refunded,	83 58
State, Free High School,	137 50
State, pensions,	192 00
School Fund and Mill Tax,	1,289 77
W. E. Sawyer & Co., rent of store,	150 00
A. B. Allen, tuition, Farmington,	22 80
J. E. Hiscock, dog licenses, 1900,	86 00
Selectmen, town of Durham,	6 44
Selectmen, lumber sold,	26
Selectmen, license pool table May 1, 1900, to May 1, 1901,	10 00
J. W. Perkins, sale of books,	5 75
Selectmen, rent of hall,	74 44
A. M. Chandler, interest on School Fund,	94 56
By cash and orders received from Herman Sanborn, Col- lector, 1900,	11,248 56
Received from interest on deposit,	18 27
	\$14,349 81

Herman Sanborn, Collector, in account with N. W. Sewall, Treasurer.

DR.

To due on 1899 commitment,	\$ 2,067 08	
Interest on 1899 commitment,	123 10	
Commitment taxes, 1900,	11,203 09	
Supplementary tax,	21 62	
	<u> </u>	\$13,414 89

CR.

By cash on 1899 commitment,	\$ 2067 08	
Interest on 1899 commitment,	123 10	
Cash on 1900 commitment,	9058 38	
Due on 1900 commitment,	2166 33	
	<u> </u>	\$13,414 89

Report of Trustees of Wilton Academy.

WILTON, MAINE, Feb. 18, 1901.

To Superintending School Committee :

GENTLEMEN.—We present herewith the financial statement of Wilton Academy for the year 1900–1901, as called for by our agreement of 1900.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation of town for tuition of its pupils at the Academy for the year 1900-1901,	\$ 700 00
State Free High School Fund,	250 00
State Appropriation,	1000 00
Amount from pupils for text-books,	114 23

EXPENDITURES.

For teacher's salary, F. K. Lane,	195 00
Miss E. F. Dascomb,	320 00
Miss L. E. Bass,	180 00
Miss E. C. Vaughan,	240 00
Janitor's work,	44 00
Advertising,	20 50
Report blanks, etc.,	2 25
Seventeen cords dry wood,	68 00
Sawing and putting in wood,	9 50
Repairs, etc.,	10 75
Text-books for pupils,	134 23

G. H. BASS, } *Standing Committee*
J. E. HISCOCK, } *of*
A. B. ADAMS, } *Board of Trustees.*

Suggestions from the School Board.

If some of the branches which are now being taught in our schools could be done away with and more time devoted to the fundamental ones, viz.: reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, grammar, history and geography, it would give our scholars a better foundation for their future education and life-work. There is no calling in life where one cannot appreciate a thorough knowledge of these branches; but we must acknowledge that there are many studies taught in our schools which are not demanded, or even appreciated, except in some special line of work, and these are all taught in more advanced schools, where one can pursue such studies to his own liking.

It is a recognized fact among our School Superintendents and School Boards throughout the country, as well as in our Teachers' Associations, that our teachers of the present time are more deficient in these primary branches than in the less important ones. It does not seem as though it was doing justice to our school children to allow so many of the less important studies to crowd out those of more value. Whereas, I do think it best to give our children as liberal an education as possible, we do not want to overreach in trying to do too much. Which is the better, to learn a few necessary things thoroughly, or to learn imperfectly many things of doubtful value? In our High Schools and Academies we find many pupils who can not, or do not, speak the English language intelligently, or read an article in a newspaper so they, or any one else, could get an accurate idea of its meaning.

If parents would take more interest and offer more sugges-

tions to the School Board for their consideration, perhaps they — the School Board — would be able to do more for the public schools than they are now doing. If they did, it certainly would not seem as much as though the welfare of our school children was so nearly taken from the parents and placed in the hands of a few school officers.

These suggestions are respectfully submitted for your consideration.

W. J. TREFETHEN,

Chairman School Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Board and Citizens of Wilton:

In presenting my second report your attention is called to the condition of the schools and their work during the year, also to the improvement of the school property, and the much needed repairs made upon some of the school-houses.

Number of persons in town April 1, 1900, between the ages of 4 and 21 years, was 502; number of different pupils registered in the town schools, 304; average attendance, 270; number of town pupils in the Academy, 36, with an average of 33.

The number of persons drawing school money is two less than last year. The entire number of pupils enrolled has been increased by nine, and the average attendance by 24. This increase in average attendance has been accomplished by constantly looking after certain pupils who are inclined to absent themselves from school for trivial reasons, or a lack of interest and imagined wants on the part of the parents. Many parents do not realize the injury done to the pupil by irregularity in attendance, and that no pupil can do the work in four days that is done by the regular pupil in five. No man will pay for five days' work when only three or four have been done. May the few who have in the past been thoughtless in this respect, resolve in the future that nothing shall interfere with their pupils' regular attendance at school. The large majority of our pupils are regular in attendance, and need no looking after. Interest at home shows itself by pupils being interested in their work. Throughout the town are found pupils who are not absent or

tardy during the entire school year, and a large number who are only absent in cases of sickness.

There has been considerable irregularity in running the schools during the past year, caused by contagious diseases. The school in No. 1 has been closed once on account of the measles, and once on account of the sickness of the teacher.

The school in No. 3 has been closed twice on account of the measles and whooping cough.

The one in No. 4 has been closed once on account of the whooping cough, in which 15 out of 18 pupils were sick at the same time. The fall term was suspended for a few weeks on account of the measles, and the Primary and Intermediate schools in No. 9 were suspended several weeks during the fall term for the same reason. In some of the schools a few of the pupils have been out for short periods on account of these diseases. It would seem in the coming year that our pupils should have immunity from these diseases, for it will be difficult to find many who have not had one or both of them.

By opening the school in No. 20 this winter most of the transportation has been dispensed with. During the winter term one pupil has been transported from No. 11 to No. 5, and one from No. 10 has been boarded, and attended school in No. 6. This has been done at an expense of \$1.00 per week for each. This will be about the extent of transportation and board for the coming year.

During the summer the shed in No. 1 was shingled. The house in No. 3 was painted. The house and shed in No. 4 was newly shingled and a new chimney built. The school-room has been newly plastered and painted. This school-room is now one of the pleasantest in town, and the inhabitants of that district are proud of it. The unoccupied school-building in No. 18 has been newly shingled and other repairs made upon it. The roof was leaking badly, and these repairs were necessary to preserve the building. This work was done on the principle that the

unused school property of the town should be preserved, and kept in good repair.

The house at East Dixfield has been painted outside and inside. This school-room was formerly painted a dark color, which made the room dark and gloomy. It is now a light tint and gives the room a cosy and bright appearance. The improvement is appreciated by pupils and parents.

Improvements have been made on the school-grounds by pupils and teachers. Trees have, in several cases, been set out, flowers planted, and the general tendency has been to keep the grounds neater and more attractive.

By a vote of the town a house has been built in No. 20. This gives a pleasant and commodious room to the pupils in that vicinity. The house was not completed in season for a fall term, but there has been a winter term with an average attendance of about twelve pupils. The residents in that vicinity are pleased to again have a school-house in their midst.

Two short terms of school have been run in No. 1, to accommodate the small pupils who are so far away from any other school that they could not be transported. The little people have been regular in their attendance, and have done good work. We recommend the continuance of this school during the coming year.

Metcalf's Elementary English, and Gould Brown's First Series, and his Institutes of Grammar, were introduced and have been in use during the year. The work in these books gives a good course in English, and has been satisfactory.

The aim has been to do practical work, not merely to learn definitions, but the meaning of them. Good work has been done in analysis, and the sentence in its various relations has been carefully studied.

The old and dilapidated arithmetics have been replaced by new ones. The work in arithmetic has been analytical and practical. The aim has been for the pupil to know why the different steps are taken, and give the reason for taking them.

New geographies have been placed in all of the schools, and the incomplete and soiled books, which have been long in use, have been taken out.

The old and imperfect spellers have been replaced by new and recent books, and as a result good work is being done in both oral and written spelling.

With these changes all the books throughout the town have been put in good condition, except the United States histories. Some of these will need to be replaced during the coming year by new books.

The school-books ordered during the past year have been purchased at the lowest cash rates. On account of these low rates the School Board and Superintendent have deemed it best to have a supply of books on hand for future use, thus saving the expense of many small express and freight charges. We now have on hand new books amounting to \$110.00 ready for distribution when needed. This arrangement gives a good supply of books, and will make it easy to furnish at once future wants.

A few reference books have been purchased and many more are needed. Some of the dictionaries now in use are in very poor condition and need to be replaced by new ones. A few copies of the new edition of Webster's International Dictionary will be a valuable addition to our reference books, and should be in every school-room. The students consult these books of reference freely upon all topics pertaining to their recitations, and for general information. The greatest improvement is made in those schools which are the most liberally supplied with such books. A few contributions of books have been made by friends, and in the Grammar school at East Wilton, several standard literary works have been added by the pupils themselves.

The walls of several of the rooms have been much improved and made more attractive by the hanging of appropriate historical pictures and portraits of noted people.

In most of the schools, thirty weeks have constituted the

school year. A few have been less, on account of sickness among the pupils, necessitating the closing of the schools. The High School pupils attend the Academy and have thirty-two weeks. They pay no individual tuition and can pursue any of the four courses in that institution. This arrangement gives our High School pupils excellent advantages.

The standard or grade of work in the Common Schools has been raised during the past two years, and the result has been a much better drill and preparation in the common English branches.

The teachers in all our schools have worked faithfully, and done their work well. The same teachers have been retained in most of the schools during the year without change. The only changes have been in Nos. 3, 4, and 5.

Parents and friends have visited the different schools in greater numbers and more frequently than last year, thus showing an increased interest in school work. This is an incentive to better work upon the part of both teachers and pupils. We hope that every parent will visit the schools during the coming year.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the teachers for their kind cooperation in my plans and suggestions in their school work; to acknowledge my indebtedness to the many citizens who assisted me by their encouragement and support; to the School Board, for their advice and kindly support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted.

A. B. ALLEN,

Superintendent of Schools.

Schools of Wilton.

		TEACHERS.					
	No. of District.	Teachers.	Weeks of School.	No. Pupils.	Av. Attendance.	Wages per week.	Total Wages.
SPRING TERM.							
	1	Leita J. Miller,	7	5	5	\$5 00	\$35 00
	3	Lillian M. Foster,	9	25	22	6 00	54 00
	4	Lena B. Green,	8	15	13	6 00	48 00
	5	Anna M. York,	9	17	13	6 00	54 00
	6	W. W. Wilkins,	9	29	26	8 00	72 00
	9	Rose A. Matthew,	9	54	47	8 00	72 00
	9	Vivian Calden,	9	24	22	7 00	63 00
	9	A. B. Allen,	9	29	26	9 00	81 00
	9	W. F. Allen,	8	28	24	9 00	73 00
	15	Blanche Calligan,	9	39	36	8 00	72 00
	16	L. W. Mosher,	9	18	17	9 00	81 00
FALL TERM.							
	1	Leita J. Miller,	7-3-5	5	5	\$5 00	\$38 00
	3	Lillian M. Foster,	1 4-5	12	8	6 00	10 48
	4	Lottie A. Melcher,	8	10	9	6 00	48 00
	4	Lizzie E. Bass,	10	21	17	6 00	60 00
	5	W. W. Wilkins,	10	28	26	8 00	80 00
	6	Rose A. Matthew,	10	40	32	8 00	80 00
	9	Vivian Calden,	10	24	20	7 00	70 00
	9	A. B. Allen,	10	39	37	9 00	90 00
	9	W. F. Allen,	10	25	19	9 00	90 00
	15	Blanche Calligan,	10	29	28	8 00	80 00
	16	L. W. Mosher,	10	29	26	9 00	90 00
WINTER TERM.							
	3	J. W. H. Young,	10	22	15	\$6 00	\$ 60 00
	4	Lottie A. Melcher,	8	10	8	6 00	48 00
	5	Ola Calden,	11			5 00	55 00
	6	W. W. Wilkins,	11			8 00	88 00
	9	Rose A. Matthew,	11			8 00	88 00
	9	Vivian Calden,	11			7 00	77 00
	9	A. B. Allen,	11			9 00	99 00
	9	W. F. Allen,	12			9 00	108 00
	15	Blanche Calligan,	11			8 00	88 00
	16	L. W. Mosher,	11			9 00	99 00
	20	Virgie Knox,	10			5 00	50 00