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# TOWN OFFICERS 1908

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SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

S. W. WALKER                      J. T. WILKINS                      FRED R. YOUNG

CLERK

J. EVERETT HISCOCK

TREASURER

J. EVERETT HISCOCK

ROAD COMMISSIONER

HENRY A. BRYANT

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

C. N. BLANCHARD

N. E. ADAMS

COLIN H. DASCOMB

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I. C. PHILLIPS

BOARD OF HEALTH

A. B. ADAMS, M. D., *Secretary*

J. T. WILKINS

F. L. WOODCOCK

COLLECTOR OF TAXES AND TRUANT OFFICER

H. SANBORN



# Town Warrant.

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*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 first 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 a town clerk for the ensuing year.
- ART. 3. To hear the report of the Municipal Officers and act upon the same.
- ART. 4. To see if the town will vote to elect a road commissioner.
- ART. 5. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, including road commissioner and hall agent.
- ART. 6. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of schools the ensuing year.
- ART. 7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the poor the ensuing year.
- ART. 8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the defraying of town charges the ensuing year.
- ART. 9. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to repair highways and bridges the ensuing year.
- ART. 10. To see what instructions the town will give in regard to expending the money raised for the repairs of highways and bridges.



- ART. 11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise towards paying town debt.
- ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to buy a road machine and what sum of money they will vote to raise for the same.
- ART. 13. 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 78 of the School Laws of Maine.
- ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to raise \$50.00 for the observance of Memorial Day.
- ART. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the purchase of school books, supplies and repairs of schoolhouses for the ensuing year.
- ART. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the Wilton Free Public Library Association.
- ART. 17. To see how the taxes shall be collected and when made payable for the ensuing year.
- ART. 18. To see if the town will vote yes or no upon the adoption of the provisions of Chapter 112 of the Public Laws of Maine for the year 1907 relating to the appropriation of money necessary to entitle the town to State aid for highways for the year 1909.
- ART. 19. To see if the town will raise, appropriate and set apart, for the permanent improvement of the main highways within the town, such sum of money as is contemplated and directed by Section 5 of the Chapter 112 of the Public Laws of Maine for the year 1907, being the sum of \$127.50.
- ART. 20. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the superintendency of our public schools for the ensuing year.
- ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise \$1,020.00 for hydrant service for the year 1909.
- ART. 22. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for abatement.

- ART. 23. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the instruction of music in our common schools for the ensuing year.
- ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to repair and paint the town hall and store inside, and what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the same.
- ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to build a receiving tomb at Lake View Cemetery, and what sum of money they will vote to raise for the same.
- ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to raise the road leading from the highway from Wilton Village to East Dixfield, toward the former residence of J. B. Wood.
- ART. 27. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for fire hose for protection of the town property in Wilton Village.
- ART. 28. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the highway running Northerly, from the County road leading from East Wilton to McCrillis' corner, past the residence of Ned Butterfield, and to a point where said road was discontinued in 1892.
- ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the highway, leading from J. S. Tarbox's to the Macomber place so-called, or any part thereof.
- ART. 30. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the highway leading from the Ira Wright place so-called to the Keyes place, so-called, or any part thereof.
- ART. 31. To see if the town will vote to abate the town tax, of the Walker Mills Co., or their successors, on all land, buildings, water power and machinery, actually used for manufacturing purposes, for a term of ten years, providing said company or its successors expend not less than \$10,000 upon their plant at East Wilton and operate the same.
- ART. 32. To see if the town will vote to maintain a school in the Knowles District, so-called, for the ensuing year.
- ART. 33. To see if the town will vote to maintain a school in what is known as the Hathaway District, No. 11.

- ART. 34. To see if the town will vote to maintain a school in what is known as the Walker Hill District, so-called, for the ensuing year.
- ART. 35. To see if the town will vote to build a highway as laid out by the selectmen, beginning at the end of highway now laid out near E. E. Melendy's and extending past R. C. Fuller's residence to Mrs. Abbie Wigglesworth's.
- ART. 36. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the revising board.
- ART. 37. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of correcting the lists of voters in said town, and hearing and deciding upon the application of persons claiming the right to have their names entered upon said lists, at the selectmen's office at two o'clock in the afternoon, the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh of February, and at nine o'clock in the forenoon, the first day of March next, A. D. 1909.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of February, A. D. 1909.

S. W. WALKER, } *Selectmen*  
 J. T. WILKINS, } *of*  
 FRED R. YOUNG, } *Wilton.*

# Report of Assessors

The following is the list of property in the town of Wilton, as made and returned to the Board of State Assessors, for the year 1908.

Number of polls taxed, 628.	Number of polls not taxed, 61.
Rate of taxation, .0165.	Amount assessed on each poll, \$3.00
Value of real estate, resident,	\$702,700 00
Value of real estate, non-resident,	43,405 00
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Total value of real estate,	\$746,105 00
Value of personal property, resident,	\$218,075 00
Value of personal property, non-resident,	3,500 00
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Total value of personal property,	\$221,575 00
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Grand total valuation of town,	\$967,680 00
Increase from 1907,	\$29,140 00

## PERSONAL PROPERTY.

### VALUATION OF LIVE STOCK.

	No.	Av. Val.	Total Value
Horses,	482	\$69 10	\$33,310 00
Colts, 3 to 4 years old,	20	78 50	1,575 00
Colts, 2 to 3 years old,	25	62 80	1,570 00
Colts, under 2 years old,	43	33 42	1,437 00
Cows,	766	21 71	16,633 00
Oxen,	115	44 48	5,115 00
Three years old,	158	19 72	3,116 00
Two years old,	212	14 93	3,146 00
One year old,	194	9 40	1,822 00
Sheep,	1126	3 39	3,827 00
Swine,	339	6 36	2,158 00
Goats,	9	4 00	36 00
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Total value,			\$73,745 00

## OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY.

	No.	Value
Bank stock,	201	\$20,100 00
Money at interest,		6,800 00
Stock in trade,		41,850 00
Logs and lumber,		25,100 00
Carriages,	243	5,250 00
Automobiles,	14	5,350 00
Musical instruments,	58	6,280 00
Furniture,		600 00
Finished products in mills,		4,000 00
Materials in stock,		28,000 00
Machinery not taxed as real estate,		4,500 00
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Amount,		\$147,830 00
Total value of personal property,		\$221,575 00
Upon the polls and estates we have assessed the following sums:		
For state tax,		\$2,856 72
County tax,		1,140 25
Support of schools, including music,		2,428 92
Support of poor,		800 00
Town charges,		1,500 00
Repairs of highway and bridges,		3,500 00
State Road,		158 00
Observance of Memorial Day,		50 00
Free high school,		1,500 00
Repairs of schoolhouses, books and sundries,		600 00
Public Library Association,		200 00
Hydrant service,		1,020 00
Abatements,		1,000 00
East Dixfield Cemetery Association,		450 00
Overlay,		628 83
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		\$17,832 72

On May 2, 1908, a list of the above assessments was committed to H. Sanborn, collector of Wilton, with warrant in due form, for collecting and paying the same to the town treasurer.

Subsequently a supplementary tax was assessed and committed to the collector of \$37.38, making the total commitment \$17,870.10.

S. W. WALKER	}	<i>Assessors</i> <i>of</i> <i>Wilton.</i>
J. T. WILKINS		
FRED R. YOUNG		



# Report of Overseers of the Poor.

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## SUPPORT OF POOR.

Amount appropriated March 2, 1908 \$800 00

Paid for Mrs. Betsey D. Kennison, for support,	\$55 41
Henry G. Welch, " "	127 75
Mrs. Sarah Cilley, " "	257 60
Miss Alice Gross, " "	78 00
Henry Bubier, " "	66 70
Mrs. Sally Jennings, " "	48 25
C. C. Cushman, " "	72 88
Mrs. Stella Beverly, " "	58 50
Miss Christina Mooar, " "	143 00
Mrs. Dorcas Hatch, " "	33 85
Mrs. Julia W. Bennett, " "	18 10
Mrs. Mahalia Cochran, " "	48 00
Willie Welch, " "	69 91
D. L. Pratt, " "	5 00
Tramps, " supplies,	6 91

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Total paid for resident paupers, \$1,089 86

\$423 83

Cr.

By cash paid for Mrs. Julia W.  
Bennett, \$18 10

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Amount overdrawn, \$1,071 76  
271 76



## SUPPORT OF NON-RESIDENT PAUPERS.

Paid for Miss Lucy A. Hall, for support,	\$174 60		
Mrs. S. M. Maddocks, for support,	57 50		
Warren Dailey and family, for support,	104 75		
Patrick Fallon,	" "	11 30	
Mrs. Joel E. Taylor,	" "	5 00	
Henry J. Allen,	" "	52 68	
John S. S. Partridge,	" "	2 31	
John M. Townsend,	" "	15 69	
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		\$423 38	
Cr.			
By cash paid for Miss Lucy A. Hall,	\$173 96		
Warren Dailey and family,	99 15		
Patrick Fallon,	11 30		
Mrs. Joel E. Taylor,	5 00		
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	\$290 31		
Amount due for support non-resident paupers,		\$133 52	
Total paid for poor for year ending Feb.			
18, 1909,		\$1,513 69	
S. W. WALKER,	}	<i>Overseers</i>	
J. T. WILKINS,			<i>of</i>
FRED R. YOUNG,			<i>Poor.</i>

# Report of Selectmen.

## HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

*H. A. Bryant, road commissioner in account with the town of Wilton.*

Amount appropriated for highways March 2, 1908,	\$3,500 00
Amount appropriated for State road,	158 00
Amount appropriated by State on State road,	474 00

Amount available,	<u>474 00</u>
	\$4,132 00

Amount paid for summer work :

Rollins, E. W.	\$ 4 25
Wilton Water Co., Pipe for sidewalk,	14 09
Tarbox, J. S.	3 00
H. A. Bryant, work for month of April,	191 52
E. E. Webber, one pair horses with harnesses,	500 00
S. W. Walker, looking up team,	9 00
H. E. Purrington, feed for team,	11 59
H. A. Bryant, work for month of May,	546 55
H. A. Bryant, work for month of June,	495 49
H. A. Bryant, work for month of July,	265 48
H. A. Bryant, work for month of August,	580 17
H. A. Bryant, expense keeping town team,	122 87
H. A. Bryant, work for month of September,	615 68
G. G. Fernald, feed for team,	20 40
Charles M. Miller, work on highway,	42 00
N. H. Green, work on highway,	28 00
N. W. Sewall, tile for sidewalk,	24 84
F. R. Young, work on sidewalk,	33 75
Wilkins Brothers, cement for sidewalk,	55 00
H. A. Bryant, work for month of October,	406 57

H. E. Holmes, hay for town team,	\$ 17 65	
G. G. Fernald, feed for town team,	16 70	
Guy W. Adams,	3 75	
W. A. Webster,	6 65	
E. E. Lothrop,	2 70	
H. A. Bryant, work for month of November,	561 33	
G. G. Fernald, feed for team,	10 37	
H. E. Holmes, hay for team,	15 57	
H. A. Bryant, for sidewalk scraper,	2 74	
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Amount paid for summer work,		\$4,623 80
Paid for winter work on highways, 1907-08:		
Adams. W. W., 2 bills,	\$ 43 86	
Adams, W. F.	12 50	
Averill, P. M.	11 70	
Butterfield, G. F.	15 00	
Brown, F. I., 2 bills,	12 25	
Butterfield, Ned,	9 45	
Bird, J. E.	11 20	
Bunker, M. L.	2 13	
Bridges, Enoch, 2 bills,	157 40	
Chase, Alphonso	55 90	
Chase, O. R.	6 60	
Chase, G. O.	40 20	
Chaney, J. K.	10 35	
Daisey, F. T., 2 bills,	15 91	
Dakin, Charles, 2 bills,	20 45	
Dakin, W. C.	16 50	
Dascomb, P. T.	5 70	
Dean, G. M., 2 bills,	28 80	
Ford, Charles D.	4 95	
Ford, Cummings	1 20	
Fletcher, Jessie	9 10	
Foster, H. A.	15 90	
Gould, E. S.	2 25	
Gould, L. H.	24 67	
Gilman, C. A.	10 15	
Gammon, Fordyce,	4 92	

Hamlin, C. P.	\$ 2 55
Hosmer, A. A., 2 bills,	12 92
Hardy, John O.	8 25
Houghton, H. E.	16 20
Hill, L. E.	2 85
Hatch, Mrs. C. B.	7 40
Hall, A. B.	8 70
Hall, C. R.	2 10
Huse, Willard,	3 00
Ireland, G. F.	1 50
Knowles, F. W., 2 bills,	42 80
Knowles, D. B., 2 bills,	31 50
Koch, Frank L., 2 bills,	23 90
Knowles, J. A.	26 20
McKeen, B. L., 2 bills,	50 08
Miller, Charles M.	12 80
Melcher, J. F.	6 50
Magrath, L. F.	10 71
Mosher, L. W.	7 87
Mayo, I. C.	2 50
Miller, N. R.	1 50
McCrollis, Ira A.	6 30
Noyes, C. W., 2 bills,	17 70
Nash, L. P.	2 28
Pratt, George	22 80
Pratt, Albert	4 80
Pratt, Seth E.	15 60
Pease, Guy W.	5 85
Phinney, A. L.	4 87
Ranger, J. A.	8 40
Ranger, N. E.	11 91
Ranger, A. W.	1 50
Rollins, E. W.	5 37
Severy, Asa F., 2 bills,	11 70
Tufts & Chase,	25 40
Thompson, W. V., 2 bills,	26 40
Woodcock, M.	4 75

Walker, George W., 2 bills,	\$ 9 26	
Walker, L. J.	6 65	
Walker, S. W.	11 70	
Weeks, H. D., 2 bills,	24 53	
Watson, C. N.	1 60	
Webster, W. A.	30 35	
Webster, Frank	31 31	
Wilkins Bros.	110 00	
York, George S.	12 75	
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Amount of winter work,		\$1,203 97
Total paid for highways and bridges,		5,827 77

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By Cash received for horses,	\$400 00	
Cement on hand,	55 00	
	<hr/>	\$455 00
Amount overdrawn Feb. 18, 1909,		\$1,398 77
Total paid H. A. Bryant for work on highway.	\$517 00	

**TOWN CHARGES INCLUDING TOWN OFFICERS**

N. W. Sewall, Treasurer, Interest on School fund,	\$ 94 56
H. Sanborn, Collector, for collecting Balance of 1906 taxes,	45 61
H. Sanborn, Collector, for collecting taxes for 1907, on account,	210 04
S. W. Walker, services as selectman for 1907,	140 00
J. T. Wilkins, services as selectman for 1907,	140 00
Fred R. Young, services as selectman for 1907,	150 00
J. E. Hiscock, services as treasurer for 1907,	75 00
I. C. Phillips, services as superintendent of schools, 1908,	337 53
A. B. Allen, services as truant officer for 1907,	10 00
A. L. Adams, services as auditor for 1907,	10 00
Fred R. Young, services as dog officer for 1907,	10 00
C. A. Miller, horse hire and stage fare,	2 50
H. E. Houghton, incidentals,	87
J. P. Holley, snow plow,	30 00

G. H. Bass & Co., typewriting town warrant,	\$ 1 50
Knowlton, McLeary Co., printing town reports,	
1907,	53 00
B. F. Russell, trustee on school fund, 1906-7-8,	1 50
B. F. Russell, mowing Weld street cemetery, 1907,	2 50
W. F. Adams, use of tub, 1907,	3 00
Goding & Legroo, for attorney in case Weld vs.	
Goding & Legroo,	15 00
Fred R. Young, stamps for office,	2 00
J. T. Wilkins, expense to Augusta, wood for office,	9 25
Loring, Short & Harmon, office supplies,	13 92
E. S. Farnum, duplicate for town order lost,	3 00
W. F. Allen, use of tub, 1904-5-6-7-8,	15 00
H. E. Houghton, paint, oil and putty, barb wire for cemetery,	18 79
J. R. Townes & Son, painting old schoolhouse,	59 40
D. H. Soule, mowing Weld Street cemetery,	2 00
Alvin Adams, mowing East Dixfield cemetery,	2 00
George S. York, horse hire,	4 50
Mark E. Allen, painting Town House,	30 00
S. W. Walker, stamps and post office box rent,	1 90
J. T. Wilkins, mowing and fencing Lake View cemetery,	7 50
F. M. Derby, mowing Interville cemetery, 1907-8,	6 00
H. Sanborn, discount on taxes paid prior to Oct. 1,	120 70
J. C. Lake, work on old schoolhouse,	1 75
A. W. Ranger for shingles old schoolhouse,	17 10
Elias H. Lake, work on old schoolhouse,	5 50
C. N. Adams, services as election clerk 2 days,	4 00
E. C. Bump, services as ballot clerk 2 days,	4 00
W. C. Calden, services as ballot clerk 2 days,	4 00
Northern Manufacturing Co., paint for old school- house,	24 75
S. W. Walker for services as selectman, 1908, on account,	107 50

Fred R. Young for services as selectman, 1908, on account,	\$50 00
J. T. Wilkins, work on old schoolhouse, and lumber,	5 80
Fred R. Young, work on old schoolhouse, and one night's work,	7 00
N. H. Green, work on old schoolhouse, and one night's work,	5 50
C. A. Priest for use of tub,	3 00
C. W. Noyes, cedar posts for cemetery,	4 00
Dana A. Averill, wood for office,	2 50
N. W. Sewall & Co., lock and keys for town house,	2 15
N. W. Sewall & Co., putty, nails, glass, etc., for old schoolhouse,	6 39
Henry C. Smith, damage to cow on defective bridge,	8 00
G. F. Ireland, use of tub,	3 00
W. L. Hopp, damage by dogs,	1 20
W. E. Sawyer, oil for office,	12
L. J. Walker, for use of tub,	3 00
W. J. Trefethen, M. D., reporting births and deaths,	5 00
J. W. Perkins, M. D., reporting births and deaths,	2 75
A. I. York, M. D., reporting births and deaths,	4 75
A. B. Adams, M. D., services as board of health and express,	5 90
A. B. Adams, M. D., for fumigating,	5 00
H. R. Dascomb Co, for bill file,	75
V. O. White, M. D., reporting births and deaths,	1 00
J. T. Wilkins, services as board of health, 1907-8,	8 00
J. E. Hiscock, services as town clerk,	10 00
J. E. Hiscock for recording marriages, births and deaths,	16 20
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Total amount paid for year,	\$1,987 90
Amount overdrawn Feb. 18, 1909,	487 90

**REPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNT**

Amount appropriated March 2, 1908,	\$2,000 00	
Interest on School Fund,	94 56	
Interest on Ministerial Fund,	34 36	
School Fund and Mill tax,	2,073 37	
Received from Town of Dixfield for tuition,	209 00	
Received from W. H. C. Pillsbury for tuition,	9 00	
Due from Town of Jay,	44 00	
Due from Town of Carthage,	10 50	
Due from State on Plantation pupils,	42 00	
Reimbursed by I. C. Phillips for amounts overdrawn,	43 17	
Unexpended Feb. 18, 1908,	742 13	
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Amount available for year,		\$5,302 09
Paid for Teachers for year,	\$4,123 50	
Janitors for year,	515 27	
Wood fitting and storing,	202 01	
Transportation and Tuition,	252 45	
Amount unexpended Feb. 18, 1909,	208 86	
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		\$5,302 09

**FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT**

Expended at Wilton Academy,		
Amount appropriated March 2, 1908,	\$1,500 00	
Amount due from State,	250 00	
Unexpended Feb 18, 1908,	1,050 00	
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		\$2,800 00
1908		
March 14, paid trustees,	\$350 00	
May 2,	350 00	
June 6,	100 00	
June 16,	250 00	
Oct. 9,	175 00	
Nov. 14,	175 00	
Nov. 28,	175 00	



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Jan, 16,	\$175 00
Feb. 13,	175 00
Feb. 15,	175 00
Unexpended Feb. 18, 1909.	700 00
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	\$2,800 00

#### MUSIC ACCOUNT

Amount appropriated March 2, 1908,		\$300 00
1908		
April 11, paid C. O. Jones, for transportation,	\$2 00	
June 18, paid I. C. Phillips, for teacher,	83 33	
June 27, paid C. O. Jones, for transportation,	44 00	
Oct. 31, paid M. T. Wade, teacher,	64 60	
Nov. 28, paid C. O. Jones, for transportation,	54 00	
Dec. 8, I. C. Phillips, for teacher,	25 84	
Feb. 16, paid I. C. Phillips, for teacher,	26 23	
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		\$300 00

#### SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS, TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Amount appropriated March 2, 1908,		\$600 00
Paid out:		
April 25, I. C. Phillips, for books,	\$66 07	
June 19, I. C. Phillips, for books,	124 19	
Dec. 8, I. C. Phillips, for books,	31 18	
Feb. 16, I. C. Phillips, for books,	3 11	
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Feb. 21, Albert Masterman, for repairs,	\$ 75	\$224 55
Feb. 29, H. E. Houlton, for repairs,	3 60	
March 14, A. H. Butterfield, for repairs,	65	
March 21, Ralph E. Walton, for repairs,	30	
April 25, I. C. Phillips, for repairs,	6 85	
April 8, Mrs. C. O. Brown, for repairs,	2 00	
June 19, A. H. Butterfield, for repairs,	2 60	
June 19, I. C. Phillips, for repairs and sundries,	66 16	
Sept. 26, Noah Phillips, for repairs,	24 54	
Sept. 26, I. C. Phillips, for repairs,	48 11	

Oct. 16, J. K. York, for repairs,	\$1 00	
Nov 14, Mrs. N. R. Miller, for repairs,	5 00	
Dec. 8, I. C. Phillips, for repairs,	49 33	
Dec. 12, A. H. Butterfield, for repairs	12 43	
Dec. 26, G. F. Ireland, for repairs,	1 25	
Feb. 16, I. C. Phillips, for repairs,	8 13	
April 25, I. C. Phillips, for supplies,	111 53	
	<hr/>	\$347 23
March 28, I. C. Phillips, for supplies,	\$ 8 00	
Sept. 26, I. C. Phillips, for supplies,	40 73	
Dec. 8, I. C. Phillips, for supplies,	3 73	
Feb. 16, I. C. Phillips, for supplies,	18 11	\$70 57
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		\$642 35
Amount overdrawn,		42 35

#### WILTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Amount appropriated March 2, 1908,	\$200 00	
Received from State,	44 00	
	<hr/>	\$244 00
1909		
Jan. 16, paid trustees Wilton Free Public Library,		\$244 00

#### MEMORIAL DAY

Amount appropriated March 2, 1908,	\$50 00	
May 30, J. B. L. Farrington Qr. Master, E. W. Woodman Post, G. A. R.		50 00

#### HYDRANT SERVICE ACCOUNT

Amount appropriated March 2, 1908,		\$1,020 00
July 25. Paid Wilton Water Co.	\$510 00	
Dec. 26, paid Wilton Water Co.,	510 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,020 00

#### ABATEMENT ACCOUNT

Amount appropriated March 2, 1908,		\$1,000 00
1908		
Feb. 22, paid H. Sanborn, on 1906 commitment, \$75 51		
Feb. 22, paid H. Sanborn, on 1907 commitment, 100 71		

Feb. 22, paid H. Sanborn, on 1905 commitment,	\$13 12
April 1, paid W. H. H. Dennison, soldier,	3 00
April 15, paid Horace Holmes, soldier,	3 00
April 27, paid Chas. M. Miller, by error,	1 65
Dec. 7, paid American Enamel Co.,	57 17
Dec. 7, paid G. H. Bass & Co.,	182 45
Dec. 7, paid Wilton Woolen Co.,	468 29
Feb. 6, paid Larrabee Dry Goods Co. on stock at Livermore,	16 50

Amount drawn to Feb. 18, 1909,	\$921 40
Unexpended Feb. 18, 1909,	78 60

#### EAST DIXFIELD CEMETERY

Amount appropriated March 2, 1909,	\$450 00
Balance in treasury,	\$450 00

#### TOWN HALL ACCOUNT

In account with F. R. Young.	
For balance due for net income from Feb. 18, 1908 to March 2, 1908,	\$ 6 40
In account with N. H. Green, Hall Agent.	
Total receipts of hall for year ending Feb. 18, 1909,	234 20
Paid cash for fuel,	\$5 00
Paid cash for gas,	49 65
By 4 days work at \$1.75 per day,	7 00
By cash paid for incidentals,	7 57
By 20 per cent of gross receipts,	46 80
By cash paid to town to balance	117 94
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Total income of hall for the year,	\$234 20
	124 34

#### DASCOMB CEMETERY FUND

Credit to July, 1904,	\$337 88
Dividends to July, 1908,	57 34
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	\$395 22

Expended on lot, 1905-6-7-8,	\$ 12 00	
Credit Feb. 16, 1909.	383 22	
	<hr/>	\$395 22
J. E. HISCOCK, <i>Trustee.</i>		

**O. L. WALKER CEMETERY FUND**

Deposited in Maine Savings Bank,	\$50 00
Interest since April 27, 1907.	
J. E. HISCOCK, <i>Treas., Trustee.</i>	

**JOHN AND MARCENA ROBBINS CEMETERY FUND**

Deposited in Livermore Falls Trust and Bank- ing Co.,	\$200 00
Interest since March 30, 1908.	
J. E. HISCOCK, <i>Treas., Trustee.</i>	

**LIST OF TOWN PROPERTY**

Town hall and lot with furniture,	\$6,000 00
Bonney slaughter house and lot,	50 00
Road machine,	100 00
Holley snow plows and sleds (7),	230 00
Old schoolhouse and lot with jail cells,	1,800 00
Stephen Bubier place in Jay,	500 00
20 casks cement on hand,	55 00

**INCOME OF TOWN PROPERTY**

Rent of store,	\$150 00	
Rent of hall,	124 34	
I. O. R. M. hall,	50 00	
Rent of Bubier stand,	54 00	
	<hr/>	\$378 34

**LIABILITIES.**

S. W. Walker, services as selectman,	\$ 39 00
J. T. Wilkins, services as selectman,	145 00
Fred R. Young, services as selectman,	115 00
J. E. Hiscock, services as selectman,	75 00
Outstanding orders,	6,194 56
Interest on town debt,	176 07

Notes against town,	\$2,400 00
Wilton Academy balance due,	700 00
School money unexpended,	208 86
Wilton Water Co., hydrant rental,	136 93
H. Sanborn for collecting on 1907 commitment,	31 31
H. Sanborn for collecting on 1908 commitment,	217 94

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\$10,439 67

**RESOURCES**

Due from Jay, tuition,	\$ 80 00
State, tuition of plantation pupils,	75 47
"    on dog licenses, estimated,	125 00
"    on Free High School account,	250 00
"    on pauper supplies,	15 69
Farmington for pauper supplies,	52 68
Chesterville for pauper supplies,	58 14
Poland for pauper supplies,	2 31
Turner for pauper supplies,	5 60
State for damage by dogs,	1 20
Carthage for tuition,	10 50
H. Sanborn, collector, on 1907 commitment,	367 65
H. Sanborn, collector, on 1908 commitment,	1,105 37
accrued interest on same,	51 52
Cash in Treasury,	3,013 45

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\$5,214 58

Liabilities above resources,

5,225 09

A loss as per report, 1908,

\$278 69

**DELINQUENT TAXES, 1907 AND 1908.**

Adams, Horace	\$ 3 00	Bonney, S. R.	\$20 10
Adams, E. W.	3 00	Buker, Urban A.	20 27
Averill, Mrs. T. E.	41	Berry, Fred	3 00
Brown, Scott	25 71	Berry, Herbert	4 40
Brown, C. H.	3 00	Berry, Francis	3 00
Buck, E. L.	24 97	Buck, M. L.	3 00
Bonney, Geo. A.	4 24	Brainard, Orrin	3 00

Brewer, Chester	\$ 4 65	Hall, Delmont	\$ 3 54
Bean, Vina	3 00	Ireland, G. Frank	35 23
Cates & Kennedy,	8 40	Illingworth, Chas. A.	3 00
Cates, Freeman	1 38	Illingworth, Thomas J.	3 00
Chase, Franklin	7 39	Jellison, James	3 00
Chase, Alphonso	5 <sup>2</sup> 09	Jackson, Frank H.	3 00
Colburn, Frank G.	9 93	Knowles, Frank W.	4 25
Calden, W. C.	1 <sup>2</sup> 99	Knowles, James	4 08
Corbett, Job	9 90	Knowles, Oliver	3 00
Campbell, Nelson	1 <sup>0</sup> 33	Knowles, Leander	7 82
Carey, John M.	3 00	Kennedy, Nathan	3 66
Carey, James M.	3 00	Lidstone, John	20 77
Carleton, Levi E.	3 00	Ladd, Fred	3 00
Carter, Walter	3 00	Lewis, Robert	3 00
Corkum, H. B.	4 90	Millett, Irwin G.	12 00
Cooledge, D. C.	4 49	Millett, George	3 00
Dean, Edward N.	3 00	Millett, Frank	90
Degnan, Leo	6 00	Mosher, Chester	3 00
Dunton, C. H.	3 00	Mosher, Kelso	3 00
Dodge, F. C.	6 00	Mooar, O. C. B.	6 40
Durrell, Chester	1 <sup>2</sup> 54	Mooar, Fred	3 00
Ford, Percy	3 00	Maxime, Roland	3 00
Ford, Fred H.	3 00	McCrillis, Ira A.	10 12
Grover, C. P.	3 00	Martin, A. B.	91 00
Gendron, Paul	3 00	Martin, Warren	3 00
Howland, J. G.	18 35	Mace, Eugene	3 00
Howland, Howard	5 14	Merrill, J. A.	3 00
Hathaway, Elmer G.	31 07	Nash, L. P.	11 03
Hathaway, Arthur	23 13	Oliver, Clarence	3 00
Hatch, George	7 73	Pratt, Seth E.	51 42
Hamlin, Chester P.	14 66	Powers, B. C.	41 46
Hamlin, Mrs. Chester P.	48 21	Paine, Frank L.	3 00
Hamilton, Joseph A.	3 00	Parsons, Howard	3 00
Hardy, Chas. K.	3 36	Packard, M. Albert	3 83
Heshim, Joe	3 00	Piper, Albert M.	6 00
Hall, Carl H.	7 05	Pettengill, Aubrey E.	3 00
Hall, Frank W.	3 00	Robbins, Chas. D.	44 25

Rowe, B. M.	\$3 00	Walker, Millard B.	\$ 3 00
Rowe, Clyde	6 00	Walker, Lorin J.	28 39
Reed, Lewis	6 00	Walker, Geo. W.	52 07
Reed, Lawson C.	3 00	Welch, Cleveland	3 00
Reed, Sidney	3 00	Welch, E. E.	6 00
Reed, Ernest	3 00	Welch, James V.	11 01
Remick, A. R.	14 97	Wood, John T.	6 00
Stewart, C. S.	6 00	Wood, J. B.	17 55
Small, H. W.	20 59	Witham, Chester	6 00
Shultes, Edward	3 00	Watson, Chas. N.	32 71
Stoyell, Hiram P.	6 00	Wright, Howard	3 00
Swett, Scott C.	27 56	Whitney, A. L.	1 71
Swett, Archie	6 00	Woodman, David	54
Smith, Aaron	3 00	Wardwell, Bert L.	3 00
Smith, Ed	3 00	Butterfield & Co.,	3 45
Trefethen, Fred E.	24 30	Bachelor, Mrs. W. E.	37 95
Townes, John R.	23 87	Green, W. L.	83
Tossey, Herbert	6 00	Hall, Dwight L.	2 47
Torry, Pearl E.	6 00	Hall, Mary A.	1 65
Tracy, Daniel	6 71	Ingalls, Luther, Est.	6 60
Tracy, Henry G.	3 00	Jacobs, ——	41
Tracy, Henry G. Jr.,	3 00	Longley, Mrs. Grace	83
Tilton, Anthony	3 83	Morin, Mrs. E. H.	41
Tobin, Valorous	3 00	Mayhew, Chas.	33
Vaughan & Sanborn,	2 48	Wood, S. S.	41
Walker, E. B.	27 07	Packard, Mrs. Frank	5 17

## LIST OF ABATEMENTS 1907

Allen, Henry J., pauper,	\$3 00
Adams, Nathan H., paid elsewhere,	3 00
Burbank, Wm. H., inability,	3 00
Chandler, Alvira, error,	1 80
Dodge, L. E., unknown,	3 00
Henderson, Nelson, out of town,	3 00
Rowe, L. W., unknown,	3 00
Rogers, Ben L., unknown,	3 00
Trask, B. L., paid elsewhere,	3 00

Wade, C. B., out of town,	\$3 00
Giddings, C. P., paid elsewhere,	3 24
Interest on same,	2 20

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Paid by order to H. Sanborn, Feb. 20,  
1909,

\$34 24

LIST OF ABATEMENTS, 1908

Adams, Horace, inability,	\$3 00
Allen, Henry J., pauper,	3 00
Aldrich, Herbert, not of age,	3 00
Burbank, Wm. H., inability,	3 41
Blackwell, Willie, inability,	3 00
Blackwell, Joseph, inability,	3 00
Blackwell, Augustus, inability,	3 00
Clark, Maynard, not here,	3 00
Cunningham, Wm., not here,	3 00
Daggett, E. W., sick,	3 00
Farnum, Leon N., not of age,	3 00
Foote, Mrs. Chas., inability,	1 65
Cilley, Sarah, pauper,	83
Collins, Mrs. W. A., inability,	1 65
Clark, B. B., unknown,	3 00
Gross, Harriet, inability,	1 65
George, Abraham, skipped,	3 00
Hammond, Moses, paid elsewhere,	3 00
Hammond, Nathaniel, paid elsewhere,	3 00
Locklin, Mrs. Abbie, inability,	83
Lovejoy, Joe E., not of age,	3 00
Ledogard, Tonny, walked out,	3 00
Martin, Warren, paid elsewhere,	3 00
Malouf, F. N., skipped,	3 00
Seaton, Thomas, got away,	3 00
Walker, Chas. E., paid elsewhere,	3 00
Kennedy, Chas., unknown,	4 12
Hall, Cora E., paid elsewhere,	8 25
Salanday, John, skipped,	3 00
Hanlon, John, skipped,	3 00



Brown, A. D., not here,	\$ 3 00
Tarbox, J. S., old and poor,	3 00
Dyer Dry Goods Co., taxed wrong,	33 00
Interest on above,	2 55

Paid by order to H. Sanborn, Feb. 20,  
1909:

\$129 94

**ESTIMATES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

Support of schools,	\$2,500 00
Support of poor,	1,000 00
Repairs of Highways,	4,000 00
Town charges,	1,500 00
Abatement of taxes,	1,000 00
Schoolhouse repairs and supplies,	600 00
Free High school,	1,500 00
Memorial day,	50 00
Hydrants,	1,020 00
State road,	127 50
Town debt and interest,	500 00

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. WALKER, } *Selectmen*  
 J. T. WILKINS, } *of*  
 FRED R. YOUNG, } *Wilton.*

# Treasurer's Report

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By cash in treasury Feb. 19, 1908,	\$3,021 88
State treasurer, dog licenses refunded,	106 33
Burial of soldiers,	70 00
Free public library,	44 00
State roads, 1907,	300 00
State roads, 1908,	462 80
Pensions,	324 00
Reimbursement, damage to sheep, 1907,	16 00
School and mill fund, appropriated,	2,073 37
Town of Mercer, support of Geo. Howard and Caroline Taylor,	2 25
Town of Mercer, support of Joel E. Taylor's wife,	5 00
Town of Chesterville, support of Lucy A. Hall,	220 73
Town of Chesterville, support of S. M. Mattocks,	13 50
Town of Farmington, support of Lizzie V. Allen,	44 88
Town of Farmington, support of Ozam Smart to balance account,	43 83
Town of Jay, tuition account,	32 00
Town of Jay, tuition account,	10 00
Town of Turner, support of Warren Dailey and family,	141 65
Town of Dixfield, tuition, union district,	209 00
I. C. Phillips, Supt. of Schools, refund on school account,	7 97
I. C. Phillips, Supt. of Schools, refund on transportation,	20 00
I. C. Phillips, Supt. of Schools, refund on Janitor service,	15 20
I. M. Welch, rent on Bubier place,	54 00

Trustees of school fund, Interest for year 1907.	\$ 94 56
T. D. Strout, license for pool room,	10 00
J. D. Furnel, stone sold by H. A. Bryant,	2 00
Independent Order of Red Men, for rent,	50 00
City of Lewiston, support of Patrick Fallon,	11 30
F. R. Young, Lot Q, in Lake View Cemetery.	5 00
J. E. Hiscock, dog licenses,	173 00
Livermore Falls Trust & Banking Co., Treasurer's note,	500 00
Katie Burbank, board of Mrs. John Bennett at Insane Hospital,	18 10
E. P. Parlin, license to sell fireworks,	1 00
H. R. Dascomb, license to sell fireworks,	1 00
O. L. Perry, license to sell fireworks,	1 00
B. F. Stanley, license to sell fireworks,	1 00
Lucian Ledger, license to sell fireworks,	1 00
Ralph Butler, license to sell fireworks,	1 00
F. R. Young, for tickets sold \$1.50, school seats \$3.00,	4 50
Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Carter, Lot No. 31, Lake View Cemetery,	5 00
Edwin L. Carter, Lot 32, Lake View Cemetery,	10 00
W. H. C. Pillsbury, tuition in Knowles school,	9 00
Selectmen, to reimburse town for burial expenses of Delia Brainard,	37 00
Maine Central R. R., for damage to paint in transportation,	4 00
W. E. Sawyer, rent of store,	150 00
E. E. Holman by S. W. Walker for 1 pair of horses,	400 00
F. R. Young, Town Hall account from Feb. 18, 1908, to March 2, 1908,	6 40
N. H. Green, Town Hall account from March 2, 1908, to Feb. 18, 1909,	117 94
Herman Sanborn, Collector, 1907,	2,480 26
Herman Sanborn, Collector, 1908,	16,826 81
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	\$28,159 26

Dr.

To cash, interest,	\$368 15
Pensions,	324 00
State tax,	2,856 72
County tax,	1,140 25
Dog licenses,	173 00
Town orders,	18,783 69
Bal. of note of March 12, 1903,	1,000 00
Note, Livermore Falls Trust & Banking Co.,	500 00
Cash on hand,	3,013 45
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	\$28,159 26

**TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF DEBT**

Outstanding	From	Rate	Interest paid to	Amount
Note,	March 28, 1905,	.04	March 28, 1908,	\$900 00
	May 9, 1905,	.04	Nov. 9, 1908,	1,500 00
Town order,	Dec. 10, 1903,	.04	Dec. 10, 1908,	1,000 00
	Dec. 10, 1903,	.04	Dec. 10, 1908,	400 00
	Dec. 12, 1903,	.04	Dec. 12, 1908,	200 00
	Feb. 23, 1904,	.04	Feb. 23, 1908,	200 47
	May 2, 1904,	.04	May 2, 1908,	306 15
	May 22, 1904,	.04	Sept. 22, 1908,	67 00
	Feb. 20, 1905,	.04	Feb. 20, 1908,	165 46
	March 20, 1905,	.04	March 20, 1908,	780 00
	April 18, 1905,	.04	April 18, 1908,	305 00
	May 22, 1905,	.04	May 22, 1908,	1,000 08
	Jan. 4, 1908,	.04	Jan. 4, 1909,	508 88
	Sept. 18, 1908,	.04 1-2	Sept. 18, 1908,	1,000 00
Interest due Feb. 18, 1909,				176 07
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				\$8,509 11

## COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT

*Herman Sanborn in account with J. E. Hiscock, Treasurer*

Dr

To due on 1907 commitment,	\$2,722 01
1908 commitment,	17,832 72
1908 commitment, supplementary,	37 38
1907 commitment, interest collected,	125 90
1907 commitment, interest accrued at settlement,	29 41
1908 commitment, interest collected,	62 08
1908 commitment, interest accrued,	22 11
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	\$20,831 61

Cr.

By cash 1907 commitment,	\$2,354 36
1908 commitment,	16,764 73
1907 commitment, interest collected,	125 90
1907 commitment, interest accrued at settlement,	29 41
1908 commitment, interest collected,	62 08
Due on 1907 commitment,	367 65
1908 commitment,	1,105 37
1908 commitment, interest accrued,	22 11
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	\$20,831 61

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. HISCOCK, *Treasurer of Wilton.*

# Wilton Free Public Library

## LIBRARY ACCOUNT

*H. R. Dascombe, Treasurer, in account with Wilton Free Public  
Library Association*

Dr.

1908	
Feb. 18, to balance forward,	\$152 51
Feb. 18, to fines and dues Dec. 1, 1907 to Feb. 29, 1908,	8 15
May 18, amount received of Tyngtown club,	34 73
June 22, to fines,	9 64
Aug. 27, to amount received of Mrs. Dr. Fuller,	30 50
1909	
Jan. 12, to fines and dues,	14 58
Jan. 12, to sale of catalogues,	11 00
Jan. 26, to town of Wilton,	244 00

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\$505 11

Cr.

1908	
April 18, by paid M. A. Bass, salary,	\$ 12 50
April 18, L. E. Bass, work, etc.,	5 00
May 11, by rent of library room, C. Fenderson,	20 00
May 19, by paid C. O. Graves, work,	6 66
Aug. 5, by paid insurance, 1 year,	30 00
Aug. 25, H. M. Sylvester,	12 00
Sept. 17, by paid M. A. Bass, salary,	12 50
Sept. 17, by paid M. A. Bass, express charges,	1 90
1909	
Jan. 12, by paid M. A. Bass, salary,	18 75

Jan. 12, by paid for oil heater,	\$3 00
Jan. 12, express charges,	58
Feb. 16, by paid Burleigh & Flynt, printing of catalogues,	159 50
Feb. 16, by paid J. Q. Adams & Co.,	16 00
Feb. 16, by paid H. W. Wilson Co.,	6 00
Feb. 17, by paid books and express,	101 89
Feb. 18, by balance forward,	98 82
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\$505 11

# Wilton Academy

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## REPORT OF TRUSTEES

The Trustees submit herewith the financial statement of Wilton Academy for the school year 1907-1908.

### RECEIPTS

Free High Schools,	\$ 250 00	
Voted by town of Wilton, tuition of pupils	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,750 00
State appropriation for Academy,	\$750 00	
Tuition, Town of Chesterville,	128 00	
Tuition, Individual pupils,	516 00	
Amount expended in excess of receipts,	22 84	
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### EXPENDITURES

Printing, etc.,		\$17 45
Supplies,		45 76
Fuel,		188 65
Repairs,		59 71
Janitor,		134 77
Furniture,		30 00
Telephone,	\$15 00	
Telephone, previous bill,	26 50	
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## SALARY OF TEACHERS

Prin. D. T. Harthorn,	\$1,200 00
M. A. Norton,	585 00
Mary E. Eaton,	504 00
Bertha M. Bridges,	320 00
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\$3,166 84

Approved,

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

# Report of Supt. of Schools.

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*To the Wilton School Board:*

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor of making herewith my second annual report of your schools. I feel that the year's work has been attended with very faithful and for the greater part intelligent effort of an efficient corps of teachers, the makers of the school.

As will be noted by the financial report of the Selectmen, this department has cost the town some more than last year, perhaps more than ever before. But this increase in expense must be attributed almost entirely to two features, an extension of the school year in both towns and the employment of better teachers, requiring of course higher salaries. The rural school year in Farmington has been increased two weeks, to thirty-two weeks. The year of all schools in Wilton has been increased by three weeks, to thirty-three weeks, in the last two years. Again, for the present year, beginning with the the fall term, it has been my special effort to retain teachers in the same school. Good teachers and permanence of retention in the same school to a reasonable extent, are the first two essentials for their success. It is true that every teacher in the district, beginning with the present winter term was the teacher in charge of the fall term or at its close. Salaries have sometimes been advanced to retain teachers in some cases and perhaps this principle should have been further applied, and yet we have not always been able to retain the teachers. At the close of the last school year, the district lost one teacher to Massachusetts, a teacher among the very best of grade teachers with whom it has been my privilege to be associated in an experience of twenty years. Our best teachers are ambitious and often other states offer pecuniary inducements which Maine school officers are reluctant to meet. Here let me ask, are

the best any too good for us? What work, what influence compares with the teacher's, if the children taught are your children or mine?

Allow me to present for consideration, without a decided expression of personal views, the question of "one session" for the Farmington High School and for Wilton Academy. It may be that different conditions affecting the two schools advise a different settlement of this question. But there are many things, on general principles, to be said in its favor. Applied, I feel that pupils below rank required as standard should return to school afternoons—this a requirement—and that all pupils who earnestly wish to do so should be allowed this privilege. It would be necessary for one or more teachers to return, on plan of rotation, every afternoon, except perhaps on Friday when there would be no school. But I simply present the matter for your attention, and, if allowable, through you for the consideration of interested parents.

The music has been continued in both towns under direction of the same supervisor as last year, Mrs. Mittie T. Wade. It seems to me its success advises, in fact should assure its continuance.

With your approval, I shall hope to introduce the coming school year a simple system of drawing. The system in mind is seemingly well adapted to succeed in the hands of good teachers without the oversight of a special supervisor.

#### SCHOOL BOOKS IN THE HOME.

As a result of the free text-book plan very few children own their own school books. The desirability of retaining in the home some books of the upper grammar grades seems to me so great that I make special mention of the matter.

Not all books would be desirable for such purposes, but some would be highly useful to the pupil and family. At the close of a grammar school course the retention of an arithmetic, a geography, a grammar and a history would provide a fund of fact and information worth many times their cost in the average home. The subject matter of these books is of constant use in daily life, and few people even recently from school, are so familiar with it as not to need frequent reference to text-books to determine some facts or confirm opinions. There are also books in the high school course which the student should retain as his own after leaving school.

A few books are sold to district residents by this department at wholesale prices. But this demand is small and it arises mainly from a wish for one book at home and one in the school, or to make up work in vacation, rather than from a disposition to possess the books for reference purposes. If parents of pupils in the upper grammar grades would procure and retain the books used in those grades, I believe their value to the home would be many times the cost of the books.

### RURAL IMPROVEMENT.

The two towns, constituting the Farmington and Wilton district, form a distinctly agricultural community. Strictly speaking, in the latter town only, many interests be said to be somewhat mixed.

But probably the most regrettable thing in the history of our state is the decline of the rural sections, decline especially of church influences and of activity in the varied agricultural lines that once made the country sections prosperous. Districts once supporting schools of 40 or 50 pupils are now closed from insufficient attendance to meet the legal requirements, an average of 8 or more pupils for entire year, or are, in most other cases, reduced in numbers below the standard necessary to the best interest and progress in school work. Here let me make a point of the inconsistency, however unacceptable it may be to the district, of supporting too small a school, the exact limit being an open question to be determined by careful consideration of local conditions.

To me the Rural Progress Movement, urged by the Country Life Commission, offers great hope for the remedy briefly hinted at above. Certain country conditions have improved greatly in recent years, but the gains made should be only the beginnings of a great movement that shall repopulate the rural communities with an intelligent, prosperous and happy people. The telephone, the rural free delivery system and a general advance in sanitary conditions as affecting country life have helped much. But many other desirable ends should be gained and farming should be more intelligently directed and more remunerative.

But you ask, what has this to do with school work? I believe the rural school may be made the most effective agency for the accomplishment of the ends in view. An interest in agricultural con-

ditions and here especially a love for the physical environment of the section must be awakened in the children if we expect the attractions and opportunities of their surroundings to appeal as invitingly to young womanhood and manhood as do the present more attractive conditions of city life. But a week or two since while hearing a first or second grade class recite in Farmington, I was surprised to learn that half the children, as I recall the class, had an interest in the home garden last summer, had themselves planted the seed, tended and raised cucumbers or sweet corn, etc. One had picked as I remember it, 35 cucumbers of her own raising, for I believe this one was a girl. Here I found an interest in children at six or seven that was really a surprise to me. This interest serves the purpose. Give the conditions to awaken and develop it and great results may be expected.

Marshall L. Perrin recently said at a Wellesley club banquet held at Copley Square hotel in Boston, "The country boy is the hope of the nation and upon him depends the salvation of American democracy." I would add, or prefix as more important the country girl as the best teacher of the future. But both come from the rural school. I believe that the stability and highest progress of this nation depend, more than upon any other agency, upon the healthy growth and development of our rural communities. But these thoughts are presented better than I can state them in the following brief quotations. The former is from President Roosevelt's message to Congress a week ago and relates to one of the three needs he urges, and the latter is the closing topic of the Country Life Commission's report, which he made the subject of his message:

"Second, a new kind of schools in the country, which shall teach the children as much outdoors as indoors, and perhaps more, so that they will prepare for country life, and not as at present, mainly for life in town."

"We must picture to ourselves a new rural social structure, developed from the strong resident forces of the open country; and then we must set at work all the agencies that will tend to bring this about. The entire people need to be roused to this avenue of usefulness. Most of the new leaders must be farmers who can find not only a satisfying business career on the farm, but who will throw

themselves into the service of upbuilding the community. A new race of teachers is also to appear in the country. A new rural clergy is to be trained. These leaders will see the great underlying problem of country life, and together they will work, each in his own field, for one goal of a new and permanent rural civilization. On the development of this distinctively rural civilization rests ultimately our ability, by methods of farming requiring the highest intelligence, to continue to feed and clothe the hungry nations; to supply the city and metropolis with fresh blood, clean bodies, and clean brains that can endure the strain of modern urban life; and to preserve a race of men in the open country that, in the future as in the past, will be the stay and strength of the nation in the time of war, and its guiding and controlling spirit in time of peace.

“It is to be hoped that many young men and women, fresh from our schools and institutions of learning, and quick with ambition and trained intelligence, will feel a new and strong call to service.”

I should fail in my duty, and it is a pleasant one, if I did not make special mention of the faithfulness and efficiency of our teaching force. To a large extent teachers are born, not made; but earnest, painstaking effort with heart in the work will win much. I feel myself that our past year's work has attained a commendable degree of success. If this is true, the result should be attributed, more than to any other agency, to the patient, earnest, self-sacrificing labor of an efficient corps of teachers.

With sincere consideration for approval and aid of committee and hearty appreciation for sympathetic efforts of teachers and pupils,

Respectfully submitted,

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# Tabular View of School Statistics

SCHOOL	NAME OF TEACHER	Winter Term '08			Spring Term '08			Fall Term '08		
		Length of Term	Pupils Registered	Average Attendance	Length of Term	Pupils Registered	Average Attendance	Length of Term	Pupils Registered	Average Attendance
Grammar	Edith A. Merrill	10	32	25.7	11	30	25	14	36	32
Intermediate	Ellen G. Witham	10	37	30	11	34	31.4	14	42	40
Second Primary	Edwina L. Pearson	10	38	32	11	41	36.3			
	Eva M. Johnson							14	40	35.5
First Primary	Fostina E. Purington	10	36	28.8	11	42	39	14	43	37
East Wilton Grammar	Cora Y. Prince,	10	13	12	11	13	12.2	14	14	13.9
East Wilton Primary	A. Blanche Calligan	10	26	23	11	27	24	14	26	23.9
Blanchard	Nancy Stilson	10	10	7	11	10	9	14	9	8.9
Brown District	M. Beatrice Melcher	10	9	7.3						
	Susan S. Williams				11	11	9	14	7	6
	Harold Noyes									
Knowles	Lillian E. Woodcock	10	5	4.8	11	5	4.8	14	6	5.6
Intervale	Marion York	10	14	11.3	11	20	13.4			
	Hattie Lombard							14	20	16
Searles	Bernice S. Bean	10	21	17.1						
	Addie E. Melcher				11	19	17.3			
	E. B. Norton							14	17	15
Hathaway	Emma Whittemore				11	6	5.3	14	7	6.3
East Dixfield	Josephine Emerson	10	29	22						
	Lucy Purves				11	31	26	14	32	26
	Georgia Simmons									
McCrillis	Chester M. Dascombe	10	12	11	11	13	11.7	14	15	13.5