

Annual Reports

OF THE

Town Clerk, Treasurer, Assessors,

Overseers of the Poor,

SELECTMEN,

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Superintendent of Schools and Librarian

OF THE

Town of Middlefield,

For the Year Ending February 1, 1910.

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# Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HAMPSHIRE SS.

*To Thomas H. Fleming, Constable of the Town of Middlefield,*

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middlefield, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Middlefield on Monday, the seventh day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator.

ART. 2. To choose on one ballot a Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer, three Selectmen, two Constables, a Collector of Taxes, an Auditor, three Fence Viewers, and a Tree Warden for a term of one year ; one Assessor, one School Committee, and a Trustee of the Public Library for a term of three years ; also to vote on the same ballot "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"

The polls will be opened at thirty minutes past ten o'clock A. M. and may be closed at thirty minutes past two o'clock P. M.

ART. 3. To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor and School Committee and act thereon.

ART. 4. To choose such Town Officers as are not required by law to be elected by ballot.

ART. 5. To determine the manner of repairing highways and bridges, and pass any vote in relation to the same.

ART. 6. To raise and appropriate such a sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town expenses for the current year.

ART. 7. To determine what disposition shall be made of the dog fund.

ART. 8. To determine the manner of collecting the taxes and fix the compensation for the Collection of Taxes.

ART. 9. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Post Offices in said Middlefield seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands at Middlefield this eighth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten.

GEORGE W. COTTRELL, } Selectmen  
THOMAS H. FLEMING, } of  
GEORGE W. BRYAN, } Middlefield.



## Town Clerk's Report.

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### BIRTHS, 1909.

January 28 :

Merton Ashley Cottrell, son of Frank A. and Laura E. Cottrell.

February 11 :

Adell Murie Cone, daughter of Harold S. and Kathleen M. Cone.

April 5 :

Lillie May Dyer, daughter of George T. and Josephine M. Dyer.

April 14 :

Eleanor Frances Holmes, daughter of Carl S. and Wealthy R. Holmes.

April 28 :

Ralph Walter Smith, son of Walter A. and Bessie M. Smith.

May 4 :

Nelson Dorman Pelkey, son of Jesse and Rosa M. Pelkey.

July 18 :

Donald Elbert Pease, son of Henry S. and Grace A. Pease.

### MARRIAGES, 1909.

August 13 :

Owen Kelley, Middlefield, Katherine Adell Bardin, Middlefield.

### DEATHS, 1909.

February 13 :

Barton B. Graves, 76 years, 11 months, 3 days.

June 10 ;

George Smith, 73 years.

June 25 :

William Sweeney, 74 years, 4 months, 11 days.



September 7:

Nelson Pelkey, 67 years, 9 months.

November 12:

Elizabeth Morrison, 87 years.

#### DOG LICENSES.

June 1:

30 males at \$2.00 each,	\$60 00	
1 female at \$5.00,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$65 00
Clerk's fees at 20 cents each,		6 20
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June 1, paid County Treasurer,		\$58 80

December 1:

17 males at \$2.00 each,	\$34 00	
3 females at \$5.00 each,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$49 00
Clerk's fees at 20 cents each,		4 00
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December 1, paid County Treasurer,		\$45 00

HENRY S PEASE, Town Clerk.

Middlefield, February 1, 1910.

# Treasurer's Report.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand February 1, 1909,	\$257 09
April 22, received from Town of Becket for school at Bancroft,	287 45
May 20, received from T. H. Fleming, borrowed money,	500 00
June 7, received from Charles Howard, peddler's license,	1 00
July 26, received from State Treasurer, rebate inspecting animals,	7 50
Sept. 3, received from Town of Worthington, schooling children,	34 00
Oct. 23, received from Hampden Savings Bank, interest on cemetery lot funds,	26 26
Oct. 23, received from Hampden Savings Bank, interest on poor fund,	140 19
Nov. 17, received from State Treasurer, corporation tax,	44 38
Nov. 17, received from State Treasurer, National Bank tax,	28 80
Nov. 17, received from State Treasurer, rebate State aid,	144 00
Nov. 22, received from State Treasurer, schooling State wards,	246 00
Nov. 22, received from State Treasurer, special highway work,	450 00
1910 :	
Jan. 14, received from County Treasurer, dog fund,	80 48
Jan. 23, received from State Treasurer, school fund,	1,477 80
Jan. 28, received from Town of Chester, rebate Superintendent's salary,	215 00
Jan. 31, received from George W. Cottrell, rent of hall,	24 00
Jan. 31, received from T. H. Fleming, taxes,	3,826 83
Feb. 1, received from State Treasurer, rebate High School tuition,	293 00
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	\$8,083 78



## EXPENDITURES.

Oct. 6, paid County tax,	\$336 00
Nov. 17, paid State tax,	270 00
Feb. 1, paid Selectmen's orders,	2,936 25
Feb. 1, paid School Committee's orders,	3,660 36
Feb. 1, paid T. H. Fleming, balance overpaid taxes,	496 76
Feb. 1, cash on deposit to balance,	384 41
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	\$8,083 78

## ASSETS.

Cash balance,	\$384 41
Due from Town of Becket for Bancroft school, estimated,	300 00
Due from Hampden Savings Bank, interest on funds, estimated,	400 00
Due from State Treasurer, rebate State aid,	144 00
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	\$1,228 41

## LIABILITIES.

Note of Thomas H. Fleming,	\$500 00
Net balance in favor of town,	728 41
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	\$1,228 41

HENRY S. PEASE,  
Treasurer.

MIDDLEFIELD, February 1, 1910.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer for the year ending February 1, 1910, and find them correct.

GEORGE S. BELL,  
Auditor.

## Assessors' Report.

Value of assessed real estate,	\$149,474 00
Value of assessed personal estate,	37,335 00
	\$186,809 00
Total valuation of town,	\$186,809 00
Number of residents assessed on property,	63
Number of non-residents assessed on property,	67
Number of persons assessed for poll tax only,	28
Whole number of persons assessed,	158
Whole number of male polls assessed,	77
Tax assessed on real estate,	\$2,541 20
Tax assessed on personal estate,	634 87
Tax assessed on 77 polls,	154 00
	\$3,330 07
Tax rate per thousand,	\$17 00
Number of horses assessed,	109
Number of cows assessed,	191
Number of sheep assessed,	244
Number of neat cattle other than cows assessed,	173
Number of swine assessed,	58
Number of dwelling houses assessed,	108
Number of acres of land assessed,	14,165
Number of fowls assessed,	306
Taxes abated :—	
Letitia Sternagle, widow's exemption,	\$8 50
Kate Bardin, widow's exemption,	8 50
Angie M. Cottrell, Chap. 315, Acts 1906,	17 00
Lewis E. Day, Chap. 315, Acts 1906,	2 00
	\$36 00
Amount carried forward,	\$36 00



Amount brought forward,	\$36 00
Dennis Galavin, Chap. 315, Acts 1906,	5 74
John Mayette, Chap. 315, Acts 1906,	19 26
John Morrison heirs,	3 23
John Beers, poll tax,	2 00
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Total taxes abated,	\$66 23

GEORGE W. COTTRELL, } Assessors  
 THOMAS H. FLEMING, } of  
 GEORGE W. BRYAN, } Middlefield.

REPORT OF THE  
Overseers of the Poor.

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There has been no expense for the Support of Poor during the year.

GEORGE W. COTTRELL, } Overseers of Poor  
THOMAS H. FLEMING, } of  
GEORGE W. BRYAN, } Middlefield.



# Selectmen's Report.

## WINTER WORK ON HIGHWAYS.

Orders have been given as follows :

R. D. Sweeney,	\$1 85	
H. S. Pease,	3 00	
J. D. Carroll,	2 25	
G. W. Cottrell,	5 00	
H. Sternagle,	4 35	
G. W. Bryan,	2 60	
C. H. Ferris,	3 25	
G. F. Dyer,	3 00	
E. S. McElwain,	2 40	
C. J. Churchill,	10 03	
E. H. Alderman,	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$45 23

## SUMMER WORK ON HIGHWAYS.

Carl S. Holmes,	\$10 50	
H. S. Pease,	39 10	
James W. Cone,	76 40	
George W. Cottrell,	86 80	
H. E. Pease,	34 25	
Henry Pelkey,	17 50	
Roy Graves,	45 00	
W. B. Graves,	55 00	
F. L. Boyer,	187 44	
Robert Smart,	6 00	
W. A. Olds,	26 34	
W. J. Chipman,	19 50	
	<hr/>	\$649 06
Amount carried forward,		

Amount brought forward,		\$649 06
G. W. Bryan,	31 25	
John Cody,	23 33	
H. Sternagle,	21 63	
Orrin Pease,	9 00	
George S. Bell,	7 50	
Walter A. Smith,	42 10	
W. H. Farnham,	16 50	
George T. Dyer,	12 00	
C. J. Churchill,	15 70	
Lyman Twining,	2 50	
Miller Bridge :		
George K. Stanton, labor, nails, etc.,	64 79	
G. W. Bryan, labor,	12 00	
John Cody, labor,	6 75	
James W. Cone, lumber,	34 96	
Total expense for repair of highways and bridges,	—————	\$949 07

#### SPECIAL WORK ON BRIDGES.

One at Smith Hollow and one near C. B. Wright's.

Appropriation by the Town,		\$300 00
Paid United Construction Co., steel for two bridges,	\$250 00	
Hauling same from railroad station,	19 50	
Erecting, painting and repairing abutments,	22 50	
	—————	\$292 00

#### SPECIAL WORK ON ROAD AT BANCROFT.

Paid Fred L. Boyer,		\$450 00
Received from State Highway Commission for said work,		\$450 00



DAMAGES PAID BY SELECTMEN ON ACCOUNT OF  
BREAKING OF MILLER BRIDGE.

Paid F. P. Stanton, loss of horse and other damages to team,	\$215 00	
Paid Timothy Kirby, injuries sustained,	300 00	
Paid E. C. Phinney, making fordway and damages to team, etc.,	16 00	
		\$531 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Henry S. Pease, postage and cash,	\$5 10	
Westfield Times Co., printing ballots and reports,	39 50	
Election officers for the year,	10 00	
W. A. Olds, inspecting animals and provisions,	23 00	
Johnson's Bookstore, books for Library,	51 84	
Wakefield Daily Item, envelopes and blanks.	2 85	
S. E. Smith, tuning pianos,	2 50	
John Cody, kerosene oil for hall,	70	
S. W. Crafts, binding Century magazines,	20 00	
Cecil T. Bagnall, envelopes and blanks,	6.95	
Kate W. Smith, services as librarian and cash,	20 20	
J. T. Bryan, driving hearse,	4 50	
Meekins, Packard & Wheat, table for library,	4 50	
Hobbs & Warren, blank book,	2 50	
G. W. Cottrell :		
Administering oath,	\$4 00	
Postage,	3 16	
Express,	1 85	
		9 01
T. H. Fleming, discount on taxes,	64 65	
T. H. Fleming, abatement of taxes,	66 23	
Frank Fay, oil heater for Library,	11 00	
A. S. Cook, kerosene oil and sundries,	3 58	
H. S. Pease, mowing cemetery,	5 00	
" care of Church lot,	15 00	
" care of Mack lot,	4 00	
" care of Root lot,	4 00	
		\$376 61

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Henry S. Pease, services as Treasurer,	\$25 00	
George S. Bell, services as Auditor,	2 00	
George W. Cottrell, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor,	50 75	
Wesley J. Chipman, services as School Committee,	10 00	
Henry S. Pease, services as Town Clerk,	27 35	
Edwin H. Alderman, services as School Committee,	5 00	
George W. Bryan, services as Selectman, As- sessor, and Overseer of Poor,	12 75	
Henry S. Pease, services as School Committee,	5 00	
Thomas H. Fleming, services as Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor and Constable,	15 72	
Thomas H. Fleming, collecting taxes,	40 00	
	—————	\$193 57

## STATE AID.

Lewis E. Day, 12 months,	\$72 00	
Dennis Galavin, 12 months,	72 00	
	—————	\$144 00

## SUMMARY.

Highways and bridges,	\$949 07	
Special work on bridges,	292 00	
Special work on highway at Bancroft,	450 00	
Damages at Miller bridge,	531 00	
Town officers,	193 57	
Incidental expenses,	376 61	
State aid,	144 00	
	—————	\$2,936 25

GEORGE W. COTTRELL, } Selectmen  
 THOMAS H. FLEMING, } of  
 GEORGE W. BRYAN, } Middlefield.



I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor and find them correct.

GEORGE S. BELL, Auditor.

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LIST OF JURORS PREPARED BY THE SELECTMEN  
JULY 1, 1909.

Fred L. Boyer,  
Peter F. Boyer,  
Frank Chipman,

Arthur D. Pease.

Cooley W. Graves,  
Wesley H. Olds,  
Henry S. Pease,

JURORS DRAWN IN 1909.

John T. Bryan,

Frank A. Cottrell,

Frank Chipman.

JURORS DRAWN IN 1908.

Edwin H. Alderman,

William B. Graves,

Henry Sternagle.

JURORS DRAWN IN 1907.

George W. Bryan,

Wesley J. Chipman,

Charles H. Ferris.

# Report of Library Trustees

TO THE TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD.

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Appropriation,	\$95 45
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## EXPENDITURES.

April, 59 books,	\$51 84
July, binding Century Magazines,	20 00
October, library table,	4 50
Other items :	
Oil heater,	11 00
Unexpended balance,	8 11
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	\$95 45

## GIFTS.

Four volumes Cyclopædia of American Agriculture,	G. B. Smith
Twelve years of Century Magazines,	Mrs. Julia Smith
Four novels,	Mrs. Abbe
Four novels,	Mrs. Austin
One dictionary, one atlas, and 22 other books from Free Public Library Commission of Massachusetts	
Total number of catalogued books,	1,835
Number books drawn during year 1909,	1,408



## Report of the School Committee.

The following report of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending February 1st, 1910, is respectfully submitted.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance February 1st, 1909,	\$612 15
Received from Town of Becket, for tuition at Bancroft,	287 45
Town appropriation,	800 00
Town appropriation for supervision,	125 00
Received from Town of Chester, rebate for supervision,	215 00
Received from Town of Worthington, tuition,	34 00
Received from State, tuition of state wards,	246 00
Received from State, rebate of High school tuition,	293 00
Received from State, school fund,	1,477 80
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	\$4,090 40

## EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' salaries,	\$2,350 00
Supervision,	267 82
Town of Chester, High school tuition,	168 00
Town of Westfield, High school tuition,	25 00
City of Springfield, High school tuition,	100 00
City of Springfield, Forest Park school, tuition,	14 00
Books,	19 46
Supplies,	57 25
Repairs,	39 90
Fuel,	96 37
School furniture,	58 14
Care and cleaning rooms,	63 00
Supervisor of music,	180 00
Supervisor of drawing,	180 00
Postage and telephone, Supt. office,	12 50
Incidental expenses, Supt. office,	3 91
Taking school census,	3 00
Care of books and supplies,	5 00
Inspection of school children (medical),	3 00
Incidental expenses,	7 55
Express, freight and carting,	6 46
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	\$3,660 36
Balance,	430 04
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	\$4,090 40

W. J. CHIPMAN, } School Committee  
 E. H. ALDERMAN, } of  
 H. S. PEASE, } Middlefield.



# REPORT

OF THE

## Superintendent of Schools.

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*To the School Committee of Middlefield:—*

I herewith submit the Twentieth Annual Report of your Superintendent of Schools, and the fifth of the series which it has been my duty to prepare.

### THE CONDITIONS AND NEEDS OF THE SCHOOLS.

In former reports I have dealt largely with records of what have seemed to me to be matters of progress and improvement. This year I plan to state briefly the conditions with which we have to deal, as I view them, and to point out some things that are still within the possibility of being done to give the children of the town a better education.

We are a country town of small means financially, with about a hundred children to educate. These are gathered into seven schools in widely separated sections of the town. Except for the two-room building at Bancroft, there are all rural schools in buildings of one room. About eighty, or four-fifths, of these pupils are residents of the town; about twenty, or one-fifth, are State wards.

The assessors' valuation shows there is about \$2,000 which can be taxed for the schooling of each pupil. The average wealth of the State for each pupil in the average membership is something more than \$7,800. The more wealthy towns have much more than this. Nahant has \$40,000 for each child. Brookline has \$25,000, etc.

Even though its financial means are small, the town has not taxed itself very heavily for the support of its schools. The last



report of the State Board of Education places two hundred and sixty-five towns of the State as raising a larger tax per one thousand dollars for school support than Middlefield does, and three hundred and forty-seven as raising a larger sum for educating each pupil. The money available for the schools, however, and, consequently, for their efficiency, is more than twice the sum raised by the town, owing to contributions by the State.

The small rural school is the most expensive school there is when cost is measured by results, if first-class work is done in it. First-class work can not generally be expected from these schools, because the multiplicity of classes that differing grades of pupils make necessary, the lack of enthusiasm which one or two in a class causes, the meager chances for consultation and co-operation with other teachers, and the difficulty of anything like close direction of the work, would require very superior teaching ability to secure superior results. All of these handicaps, and the lack of sympathy which crops out, more or less, in all schools, and which comes more closely home to the teacher in the small rural community, make such schools generally unattractive to strong and experienced teachers at any salary.

These are the conditions under which school committee and superintendent are trying to manage and direct a system of schools for Middlefield.

When what is accomplished—our schools as compared with the results of efforts in like situations elsewhere, it may be said without boasting that the schools of Middlefield compare favorably with those of other places where school conditions are like ours.

When our schools are compared with the best schools, or with our ideal of what it would be possible to accomplish under the conditions we have, it is easy to see there is still something unattained.

The best education possible is none too good for the child of the man who appreciates the benefits of it, and such men ought not to rest content till the best possible is obtained. If we review the schools of Middlefield, even for the few years I have known them, it is but fair to say that they have kept steadily faced in the right direction. Those responsible for their management have ever been looking for better things, and the taxpayers and voters have met them more than halfway, and it is in no spirit of fault-finding that I



beg to call the attention of all who are interested to one or two matters that still need to receive attention and painstaking consideration.

One of the things I wish to speak of, the least important one, is comparatively easy of attainment, for it mainly calls for the expenditure of money; and however high a tax rate may be, people will much more readily spend money for things that are needed than they will confess that they do not do as they ought in matters of vital importance.

We ought to enter upon a plan of modernizing and improving our school houses, and to continue it till, as far as the differing conditions will allow, every child in the town has school house and school ground advantages equal to those enjoyed by children in village communities. Some things have been done already. All the schools have comfortable, adjustable desks and the other school furniture is generally as good as is needed. The heating arrangements and sanitary accommodations, the school grounds and the interiors of the rooms could be materially improved. A dozen years of systematic work would settle the matter with no unbearable outlay in any one year.

The other matter to which I wish to call attention is a much more difficult one to accomplish because it deals with people and their mental attitude and not with things. Beyond every other need of the schools is the need of a better appreciation of school advantages by the people whose children go to school. In a former report I said, in substance, that the first essential of a good school is pupils to teach, and they must be in school regularly and punctually. No community can have really good schools, however much they may cost, until unnecessary tardiness and foolish absence is practically eliminated. Now, I make bold to say, that superintendent and committee are trying their best to give to the citizens of the town a dollar's worth of school advantages for every dollar that the citizens put into their hands, and to improve and upbuild the schools for the betterment of the town, and it is not too much to ask that parents do their part toward the education of their children and send them to school.

In some sections of the town, and in some families in all sections, there is regular and punctual attendance, but in other cases, as could be quoted from the records of the school registers, the sen-



timent on the matter of school attendance is wrong and right-minded people should rectify it. Too many parents take their children out of school and let them stay out for no sufficient reason, to the disadvantage of the individual child and the harming of the whole school. In a community of intelligent, native-born Americans, the cure for this weakness ought to lie in the common sense of the people rather than in compulsion.

#### CHANGES OF TEACHERS.

Only one of the teachers who were in the employ of the town a year ago is at present teaching for us.

At the close of the Winter Term Miss Higgins gave up the Pease School and Miss Abby Hanson from Framingham Normal School was engaged to finish out the year.

In June, Miss Hamer and Miss Johnson of the Bancroft School, and Miss Stearns of the Factory Village School secured better paying positions elsewhere. Miss Cody of the Center School decided to go to the North Adams Normal School, and Miss Cotrell of the Smith Hollow School was admitted to the Normal School at Westfield.

The vacancies at the Bancroft School were filled by the election of Miss May E. Henchey of North Adams for the grammar school, and Miss Helen M. Tyrrell of North Adams for the primary school. Both these young women are graduates of North Adams High School and North Adams Normal School.

Miss Edith M. Lamb of Deerfield was chosen for the Center School, Miss Anne Halfpenny of Holyoke for Factory Village, Miss Reta Leonard of Waterbury, Conn., for the Pease School, and Miss Ruth B. Randall of Springfield for the school at Smith Hollow.

Miss Lamb is a graduate of Deerfield High School and North Adams Normal; Miss Halfpenny, of Holyoke High School and Westfield Normal; Miss Leonard of Waterbury High School and North Adams Normal, and Miss Randall of the Springfield High School and Westfield Normal.

Every one of these teachers is a graduate of a good high school and has spent in addition two years at a good normal school to fit herself for her work. Not one of these young women is perfect, I



have reason to believe. They are young, they are human beings, and they make mistakes both in their teaching and out of it. They are not all equally successful in winning the victory they hoped to obtain in their first schools, and yet I feel sure that every one is trying her best and is improving in the vital points of good teaching. Their efforts should be appreciated, and they themselves should be encouraged and supported by everyone who can help.

#### SINGING AND DRAWING.

I beg to call attention to the special reports of the Supervisor of Singing and Drawing.

In my opinion the money expended for special instruction in these topics is bringing in good returns.

Last year an exhibition of the work in drawing was made at the Town Meeting of each of the towns, except Chester, and in June, on the occasion of a teachers' institute held by the State Board of Education for the schools of this district and of the Huntington district, an exhibition of the work in drawing of all our schools was made in the new school building in Chester. The work displayed on all of these occasions was highly creditable, and I think was favorably considered by those who inspected it.

No such exhibits will be made this year, but in June an exhibition of the work of each school will be made in the several school rooms and the parents will be invited to see it, so that the mothers as well as the fathers may have opportunity to look at the handiwork of the children.

#### THE STATE SCHOOL FUND.

Some changes in the consideration of this fund by the towns of the district has resulted in each town's receiving two or three hundred dollars more than heretofore.

#### PERSONAL.

This year completes for me five years of service as superintendent of schools of this district. If my study of the problems peculiar to these schools has in any measure resulted in their improvement, it is because of the whole-hearted support and willing co-operation of those with whom I have been associated.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. SANDERSON.

Here specimens and models may be left in position the entire week and pupils can spend what time they wish on outside preparation. In the fall attention was paid strictly to nature work in pencil. At Christmas time they designed and made calendars and have just now completed brass candle shades executed from their own designs. It is gratifying to see the pupils interested sufficiently to return one or two afternoons each week of their own accord for extra study.

I have tried to teach the children to observe nature carefully and to strive for ability to express what they see—to create in them a love for the beautiful and good in art and in their homes, and to surround themselves with things that are simple, in good taste and harmonious in color, also to make and decorate a few plain articles in a wholesome manner. And in so far as the pupils have learned these principles I feel that the work has been a success.

I wish to thank the teachers who have so earnestly endeavored to help me by their hearty co-operation and the superintendent whose suggestions and personal help have been of the greatest value.

H. PAULINE PATCH.



## Report of the Supervisor of Singing.

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The work in public school music the past year has been largely devoted to the technical side of the subject.

On the opening of the schools in the fall it was found that the children had not forgotten the principles taught them last year, so it was possible to make rapid advancement. Many of the outlying schools are already singing two part music in good time and tune.

Individual singing has been taken up once a week by every grade. Pupils who have found trouble with the pitch have been given individual help. From this individual work there has resulted, too, greater care and concentration in all their musical work.

Several standard songs have been taught by note, though the larger part of the work has been based on the study of the notes, and special care has been taken to teach the rudiments of music.

I wish to express my thanks for the spirit of co-operation that has been shown by all connected with the public school work.

Respectfully submitted

RAY S. PHILLIPS.

# APPENDIX.

## STATISTICS.

Itemized Report of the Schools of Middlefield for the Year Ending June, 1909.

TEACHERS.	SCHOOLS	Grades	Enrollment.	Boys.	Girls.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Attendance.	Number of Tardy Marks.	Pro rata of Tardiness.
L. May Johnson .....	Bancroft	1-3	19	8	11	16.9	15.9	94.	19	1.1
Ellen E. Hamer .....	Bancroft	4-8	17	7	10	13.5	13.	96.3	33	2.4
Bridget A. Cody .....	Center	1-8	21	9	11	15.5	13.2	85.7	72	5.
Laura S. Stearns .....	Factory Village	1-8	25	14	11	20.3	17.6	86.7	180	8.9
Emma J. Smith .....	Gléndale	1-8	8	4	4	7.1	6.9	97.2	16	2.2
Abby B. Hanson .....	Pease	1-8	20	16	4	15.3	14.2	92.8	128	8.3
Sara E. Cottrell .....	Smith Hollow	1-8	10	5	5	8.9	8.4	94.3	6	.6
			120	63	57	97.5	89.2	91.6	454	4.6



## SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR TEN YEARS.

Years.	Enrollment.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Attendance	No. of Tardy Mark-.	Pro Rata of Tardiness.	Cost per Pupil.	School Tax on \$1,000.00.	Total Cost to Town
1899-1900	321	264.	238.	90.1					
1900-1901	317	265.2	226.6	87.					
1901-1902	304	252.2	225.1	89.2					
1902-1903	284	256.1	230.2	89.5					
1903-1904	266	224.4	206.8	91.2	624	2.7	\$20.07	\$7.06	4,503.91
1904-1905	309	254.9	233.4	91.5	673	2.6	16.43	6.67	4,178.50
1905-1906	325	247.7	222.8	89.9	592	2.3	17.49	6.76	4,334.80
1906-1907	335	274.1	239.6	87.4	814	2.9	17.85	6.71	4,423.49
1907-1908	329	271.8	248.3	92.3	874	3.3	15.15	6.28	4,118.38
1908-1909	325	271.5	245.4	90.4	661	2.4	18.50	7.40	5,024.18

## MEMBERSHIP FOR SEPTEMBER, 1909.

	1st Grade.	2d Grade.	3d Grade.	4th Grade.	5th Grade.	6th Grade.	7th Grade.	8th Grade.	Total.
Bancroft	3	6	3	4	3	4	1	1	25
Center	2	4	2	4	1	2	2	3	20
Factory Village	2	5	—	6	4	6	—	—	23
Glendale	2	2	2	—	—	1	—	1	8
Pease	1	2	4	4	2	2	—	—	15
Smith Hollow	1	1	2	2	1	—	2	1	10
Total	11	20	13	20	11	15	5	6	101

## ROLL OF HONOR.

PUPILS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY DURING THE YEAR.

Bancroft :

Grade one—Irving Pelkey.

Center :

Grade one—John Hines.

Factory Village :

Grade two—Ethel Boyer, two years.

Grade three—Hazel Boyer, three years.

Glendale :

Grade one—Toivo M. Kallio.  
Frances Wright.

Grade five—Orrie S. Kallio.

Smith Hollow :

Grade two—Esther Tinker.

## SCHOOLS HAVING NO TARDY MARKS.

FOR SIX MONTHS.

Glendale—Emma J. Smith, teacher.

Smith Hollow—Sara E. Cottrell, teacher.

FOR THREE MONTHS.

Bancroft—Grades 1-3—L. May Johnson, teacher.

FOR ONE MONTH.

Bancroft—Grades 4 to 8—Ellen E. Hamer, teacher.

Center—Bridget A. Cody, teacher.



SCHOOL CALENDAR.

SPRING TERM—ELEVEN WEEKS

Begins Monday, April 11, 1910.  
Ends Friday, June 24.  
Vacation—eight weeks.

FALL TERM—SEVENTEEN WEEKS

Begins Monday, August 22.  
Ends Friday, December 16.  
Vacation—one week.

WINTER TERM—EIGHT WEEKS

Begins Monday, December 26.  
Ends Friday, February 17, 1911.  
Vacation—seven weeks.

SPRING TERM—ELEVEN WEEKS

Begins Monday, April 10.  
Ends Friday, June 23.  
Vacation—eight weeks