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South Poland, Me.

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Advertising.....	\$200.00
Medical Supplies.....	100.00
Table, Bed, House Linen,	
Cotton, etc.....	300.00
Maintainance and Repairs....	1000.00
Replacemnets.....	500.00
Equipment.....	500.00
	\$2,700.00

You must also remember the insurance of \$2,063.65 which ~~comes~~ ^{came} in 1912, and is a part of our indebtedness for that year. This makes a total of \$4,763.65.

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