

## PELHAM, N. H.

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### Small Attendance at School Meeting Causes Postponement of New Building Issue.

Pelham, N. H., March 15.

Only 30 voters appeared at annual school meeting Saturday afternoon to take part in one of the most important meetings held here in a long time.

All the articles in the warrant were promptly disposed of with the exception of Article 14, which called for definite action relative to the erection of the new school building voted last year. The lowest bid on the plan then proposed and submitted by a committee chosen, was a little over \$21,000 which covered the cost of a three-room, wooden building and basement as detailed. Owing to the inclemency of the weather and bad traveling condition generally, as it could not possibly have been due to a lack of public interest, the attendance was extremely small for decisive action on such a proposition, incurring the expenditure of so much money and the final adoption of a plan that must be considered in a future sense, as well as to take care of present urgent needs. Therefore, it was deemed advisable to lay this matter over to an adjourned meeting which will be held next Friday night, March 19, at 7.30 o'clock.

It is only fair to state that sentiment seems to have changed to a two room building, having an estimated cost around \$10,000 or less, and such a change will doubtless have considerable support at the next meeting. However, it is up to the voters to decide this important question and every parent especially should show his interest by being present and ready to express his opinion before it is too late, thus avoiding "after meeting" regrets. To meet the obligation, the plan for the two room building now being agitated, is to raise the required amount, not to exceed \$10,000, on promisory notes of the school district having dates serial in maturity.

The business disposed of consisted of the election of district officers as follows: Harold S. Frost, clerk pro tem.; Charles W. Hobbs, moderator; Clara C. Jack, clerk for the year; Charles W. Hobbs, district treasurer; Willis E. Pearson, member of school board for three years; Ernest G. Sherburne, member of school board for two years.

Rev. M. V. McAlister has been prevailed on to reconsider his resignation as pastor of Congregational church. Otherwise he would have retired from the school board at this meeting, although his term does not expire until next year and consequently his decision to remain in this parish also relieved the district of choosing a third member of the school board.

The district voted to acquire state aid for elementary schools by raising and appropriating a \$5 tax per \$1000 valuation of this year's inventory and \$1000 was voted for tuitions of pupils attending high schools and academies. Of the general fund now in the treasury, it was voted to appropriate the minimum amount necessary to put the school houses in such condition as will meet the approval of the state board granting authority for the expenditure of this appropriation to the school board and as their judgment directs.

Salaries of the school district officers were increased 20 per cent. by vote of the district and the proportion of the excess salary of the supervisor, to borne by this school district, was voted to be appropriated from funds now in the treasury, as was also the rent of room for the graded school.

The meeting then voted to adjourn to Friday night, March 19, at 7.30 o'clock.