

TRANSACTIONS
OF THE
NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY,
FOR THE YEAR
1857,

WITH CONDENSED REPORTS FROM COUNTY SOCIETIES.

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OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

FROM

ITS ORGANIZATION TO THE PRESENT TIME.

PRESIDENTS.

George W. Nesmith, Franklin, from	1849 to 1852
Peter P. Woodbury, Bedford, “	1852 “ 1854
Nathaniel B. Baker, Concord, “	1854 “ 1856
Ezra J. Glidden, Unity, “	1856 “ 1858

VICE PRESIDENTS.

Peter P. Woodbury, Hillsboro' Co., from	1849 to 1851
John H. Steele, “ “ “	1851 “ 1853
Hiram A. Daniels, “ “ “	1853 “ 1856
C. E. Potter “ “ “	1856 “ 1858
William Choate, Rockingham County, “	1849 “ 1851
Henry F. French, “ “ “	1851 “ 1852
Joseph Cilley, “ “ “	1852 “ 1853
Joseph L. Cilley, “ “ “	1853 “ 1854
Josiah C. Eastman, “ “ “	1854 “ 1858
Salma Hale, Cheshire County, from	1849 “ 1850
* Benaiah Cooke, “ “ “	1850 “ 1851
David Buffum, “ “ “	1851 “ 1853
Milan Harris, “ “ “	1853 “ 1858

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* Joseph Sawyer, Grafton County from	1856 to 1858
John H. White, Coos County, from	1849 " 1850
* James M. Rix, " " "	1850 " 1851
Simeon Warner, " " "	1851 " 1852
John P. Pitman, " " "	1852 " 1853
John H. White, " " "	1854 " 1858

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A. O. Brewster, Hanover,	1849 to 1851
Josiah Stevens, Concord,	1849 " 1850
Adam Chandler, Bedford,	1849 " 1850
* Joseph Sawyer, Piermont,	1849 " 1850
Israel Hunt Nashua,	1849 " 1851
Asa P. Cate, Northfield,	1850 " 1852
Wm. W. Rollins, Rollinsford,	1850 " 1851
Moses Fellows, Manchester,	1850 " 1851
William Haile, Barrington,	1851 " 1852
* Benaiah Cooke, Keene,	1851 " 1852
John C. Wadleigh, Meredith,	1851 " 1852
<u>Enoch Marsh, Pelham,</u>	1851 " 1852
Henry F. French, Exeter,	1852 " 1854
John Wadleigh, Meredith,	1852 " 1853
Thomas H. Leverett, Keene,	1852 " 1853
Nathaniel B. Baker, Concord,	1852 " 1853
William Tenney, Hanover,	1852 " 1854
Ezra J. Glidden, Unity,	1853 " 1856
Brooks Shattuck, Manchester,	1853 " 1858
Joseph Robinson, Concord,	1853 " 1854
George O. Hilton, South New Market,	1854 " 1856
David Buffum, Walpole,	1854 " 1858
Wm. S. Curtice, Danbury,	1854 " 1858
George W. Blodgett, Claremont,	1856 " 1858
Wm. F. Estes, Dover,	1856 " 1858

finest seen. Ambrose Jaquith, of Greenfield, exhibited the largest potatoes, Nahum A. Child, of Temple, the best specimen of maple sugar.

Samples of Sorghum syrup were quite plenty; Mr. Boylston, of Amherst, Gen. W. P. Riddle, of Manchester, and others showed their interest in the great question whether the Chinese sugar cane is to be a profitable crop for the New Hampshire farmer, or not.

At one o'clock some three hundred persons sat down to dinner, partly in a tent prepared for that purpose, and partly in the Union Hotel, the tent not being large enough to hold them all. After dinner, remarks were made by Hon. Moody Hobbs, the President, Mr. Beard, of Nashua, and others. At three o'clock the society met in the church, where the annual address was given by James O. Adams, of Manchester.

AWARDS.

The following awards were announced:

BEST DISPLAY OF GARDEN VEGETABLES.

S. H. Butler, Milford, first premium,	\$5 00
Stillman Hutchinson, Milford, third,	2 00
N. Stone, Milford, fourth,	1 00
Benjamin Hall, Bedford, for variety of vegetables,	1 00
Heald & Crosby, Milford, squashes and peppers,	50
<u>B. F. Cutter, Pelham, Victoria rhubarb.</u>	<u>25</u>
R. E. Dewey, Nashua, sweet potatoes,	25
J. Hutchinson, Wilton, for beets and turnips,	25
J. Hutchinson, Wilton, parsnips and carrots,	25
T. Pearsons, Nashua, turnips and potatoes,	50
H. R. Barrett, Amherst, variety of beans, &c.,	Dip.
I. Wheeler, Amherst, string of onions,	Dip.

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Lyndeborough took the first premium,	\$8 00
Brookline, the second,	6 00

POULTRY.

H. W. Holden, first premium,	\$2 00
C. P. Rossiter, Milford, second,	1 00
B. M. Peavey, third,	Dip.

BUTTER.

Mrs. S. H. Butler, Milford, first premium,	\$5 00
Mrs. E. F. Melazar, Lyndeborough, second,	3 00
Mrs. Moody Hobbs, Pelham, third,	2 00
Mrs. C. H. Holt, Lyndeborough, fourth,	Trans.
D. K. Holt, Lyndeborough, best cheese, 2d premium,	2 00

HONEY AND SUGAR.

Holt & Jones, Nashua, best bees honey,	\$1 00
Nahum A. Child, maple sugar,	1 00
Nahum A. Child, maple syrup,	Dip.

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Abijah Wood, Milford, for cooper's work,	\$2 00
L. N. Peavey, New Ipswich, for dentistry,	2 00
E. P. Dascomb, washing machine,	Dip.

FANCY WORK.

Eliza A. Holt, Milford, embroidered handkerchiefs,	25
Mrs. J. Farley, Hollis, wrought Thibet shawl,	50
Samuel Boyles, Milford, landscape painting,	25
Jennie Putnam, " glass table,	50
Sarah L. Lawrence, Amherst, lamp-stand,	25
Mrs. H. W. Burns, Milford, worsted work,	
Oscar Greenwood, Hollis, wooden plates,	25
Miss A. R. Knights, Milford, case hair work,	50
Miss Lucy J. G. Beard, Nashua, Grecian painting,	Dip.
Mrs. Moody Hobbs, Pelham, tidy quilt,	Dip.
Mrs. N. C. Curtis, Milford, table cover,	50
Miss Robinson, for display millinery goods,	Dip.
Mrs. Calvin Merrill, Milford, bed spread,	50
Frances J. Holt, Milford, under sleeves,	
Mrs. L. Holt, Milford, for pair cloth shoes forty years old,	Dip.
Mrs. L. D. Chase, Miford, for lamp mat,	Dip.
S. Hutchinson, Milford, crochet chair tidy,	25
Mary A. Lawrence, Merrimack, wrought skirt,	Dip.
Miss M. C. Davis, bobbin lace,	50
M. J. Chase, Milford, two pictures,	50
H. L. Chase, " glass table,	50
Phebe A. Marsh, Pelham, wrought scarf,	25

3d, for the discussion of agricultural questions; the topic assigned being the relative value of different artificial manures or fertilizers.

Mr. Sanderson, of Hollis, had experimented some with tafeu, but was not very well satisfied with the result. Thinks the ingredients used in manufacturing the article all good, but considers it of much importance to so mix the component parts as not to injure the crop, if no good results arise therefrom.

Mr. Clement, of Hudson, having been one of the committee on farms of the State society, had visited several farms in different parts of the State, and met with many farmers that had used it, but were not inclined to say much in its favor.

J. Bruce, Esq., of Mont Vernon, had been informed of one or two individuals who had used it and were well pleased with the result, and thought it a cheap and profitable fertilizer. He thought the secret of success must be in preparing and compounding the ingredients.

Hon. Moody Hobbs. of Pelham. had experimented with the muriate of lime; and with satisfactory results. He applied it to several rows of corn in his field and they showed a very perceptible difference from other portions of the field through the season, and produced a greater yield at harvest.