

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN OF PELHAM, N. H.,  
SHOWING THE  
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1890.  
TOGETHER WITH THE  
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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1890.

# TOWN OFFICERS, 1889.

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SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

RICHARD B. HILLMAN, CHARLES H. WYMAN,  
DANIEL M. WEBSTER.

TOWN CLERK.

DANIEL P. ATWOOD.

TOWN TREASURER.

ENOCH M. MARSH.

FISH AND GAME WARDENS.

WILLIS H. ATWOOD, HENRY LEWIS, WM. G. PAXTON.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

AMOS BACHELDER, M. D.

CONSTABLES.

DANIEL M. WEBSTER, GEORGE S. BUTLER.

AUDITORS.

WILLIAM G. BUTLER, GEORGE S. BUTLER,  
DANIEL MARSHALL.

FENCE VIEWERS.

DANIEL MARSHALL, CHARLES W. HOBBS,  
DANIEL N. ATWOOD.

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SURVEYORS, CORDERS OF WOOD, AND MEASURERS OF LUMBER.

DANIEL MARSHALL.	JONATHAN N. WOODMAN,
CHARLES L. SEAVEY,	ALLEN E. LEWIS,
GEORGE H. CURRIER,	LUTHER C. RICHARDSON,
NELSON WEBSTER,	FOREST E. KELLEY,
GEORGE S. BUTLER,	JOHN WILSON,
RICHARD B. HILLMAN,	CHARLES W. HOBBS,
PATRICK J. COGGER,	WILLIAM G. BUTLER.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

PATRICK J. COGGER,	SAMUEL KELLEY,
GEORGE S. BUTLER,	OSCAR F. CARLTON,
CHARLES H. WYMAN,	JONAS KEYES.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

GEORGE H. CURRIER,	AUGUSTUS BERRY,
SHERMAN HOBBS.	

SUPERVISORS.

JOHN WOODBURY,	DANIEL N. ATWOOD,
GEORGE H. CURRIER.	

SEXTON.

KIMBALL J. CHAPLIN.

# Selectmen's Report.

## INVENTORY OF THE TOWN, TAKEN APRIL 1, 1889.

Number of polls, 218.....	\$21,800 00
Number of horses, 261.....	20,585 00
Number of oxen, 10.....	525 00
Number of cows, 878.....	21,420 06
Other neat stock, 170.....	2,554 00
Number of sheep, 41.....	123 00
Number of hogs, 97.....	855 00
Number of carriages, 16.....	1,105 00
Value of bank stock.....	3,800 00
Money at interest.....	22,300 00
Stock in trade.....	19,842 00
Mills and machinery.....	9,900 00
Land and buildings.....	407,621 00
Total.....	<u>\$532,430 00</u>

## TAXES ASSESSED IN THE YEAR 1889.

State tax.....	\$1,295 00
County tax.....	826 97
For town charges.....	300 00
For schools.....	1,200 00
For repairing school houses.....	400 00
For school books.....	200 00
For highways.....	1,500 00
For overlayings.....	187 94
Dog tax.....	115 00
Whole amount of taxes assessed.....	<u>\$6,024 91</u>

Taxes committed to the collector for collection, including  
 dog tax, all of the non-resident highway tax and  
 resident highway money tax..... \$5,377 94

Rate of taxation, exclusive of highway tax, \$8.20 on \$1,000.

Rate of highway, \$2.90 on \$1,000.

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**SCHOOL MONEY.**

Whole amount due the several old school districts, March 1, 1890 :

Balance due District No. 1.....	\$234 76
“ “ “ “ 2.....	144 91
“ “ “ “ 3.....	219 99
“ “ “ “ 4.....	157 55
“ “ “ “ 5.....	165 69
“ “ “ “ 6.....	105 47

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\$1,028 37**SCHOOL MONEY APPROPRIATED.**

For Town District, 1889.....	\$1,200 00
Amount unexpended March 7, 1889, of appropriation of 1888.....	69 86
Literary fund.....	125 55
Dog fund.....	100 00

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\$1,495 41**PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.****SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.**

Paid Samuel Kelley, for the year ending March, 1889...	\$89 00
Richard B. Hillman, for year ending March, 1889..	30 00
Charles H. Wyman, for year ending March, 1889..	25 00

**TOWN CLERK.**

Paid Daniel P. Atwood, for year ending March, 1889...	30 00
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**TOWN TREASURER.**

Paid Enoch M. Marsh, for year ending March, 1889.....	40 00
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**SUPERVISOR.**

Paid Dan'l M. Webster, for two years ending Nov. 5, 1888,	15 00
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**COLLECTOR OF TAXES.**

Paid Dan'l M. Webster, for year ending May, 1889.....	80 00
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**SEXTON.**

Paid Kimball J. Chaplin, for year ending March, 1889...	31 50
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**SCHOOL CLERK.**

Paid Nathan S. Sleeper, for year ending March, 1889..	10 00
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**BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

Paid Augustus Berry, for year ending March, 1889.....	40 00
Charles W. Hobbs, for part of term ending 1889 ..	15 00

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\$405 50

**HIGHWAYS.**

Paid Jonas Keyes, highway money for District No. 6, for the year 1889.....	\$25 29
Jonas Keyes, repairing defective highway, above appropriation for the years 1888-9.....	40 00
Patrick J. Cogger, repairing highway, above appropriation for the year 1888 .....	6 65
Patrick J. Cogger, highway money due Dist. No. 1,	133 75
George S. Butler, highway money due Dist. No. 2..	204 46
George S. Butler, repairing highway, above appropriation .....	11 35
Chas. H. Wyman, highway money due Dist. No. 3,	105 87
C. H. Wyman, balance highway money for 1888...	13 86
• C. H. Wyman, non-resident highway money for 1889,	23 77
Samuel Kelley, balance highway money due Dist. No. 4, 1888.....	147 06
Oscar F. Carlton, highway money due Dist. No. 5..	146 88
Oscar F. Carlton, repairing defective highway, above appropriation .....	58 86
Samuel Kelley, non-resident highway money for the year 1889 .....	41 38
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	\$959 18

**TOWN PAUPERS.**

Paid N. H. Asylum for the Insane, for board and clothing of Frederic Titcomb:	
For quarter ending March 31, 1889.....	\$32 47
For quarter ending June 30, 1889. ....	34 87
For part of quarter ending September 30, 1889. ...	21 38
Expense going to Concord for the body .....	5 70
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	\$94 42

**COUNTY PAUPERS.**

Care of County paupers in the year 1889.....	\$5 50
Received of the County of Hillsborough.....	5 50

**STATE AND COUNTY TAX.**

Paid County tax.....	\$326 97
State tax....	1,295 00
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	\$2,121 97

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**PAID SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING MARCH 1, 1890.**

Balance of appropriation for the year 1888.....	\$69 86
Literary fund of 1888.....	125 55
Dog fund of 1888.....	100 00
Appropriation of 1889.....	1,200 00
	\$1,495 41

**SCHOOL HOUSES.**

Paid George II. Currier the deficiency on repairs for the year 1888 .....	\$155 28
the committee on repairs.....	244 72
	\$400 00

**AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY UNEXPENDED.**

Literary fund of 1889.....	\$133 77
Dog fund of 1889.....	64 00
	\$197 77

**TOWN HALL.**

Paid George S. Butler, for insuring Town Hall for one year from July, 1889.....	\$15 00
R. B. Hillman, for articles furnished Hall.....	4 02
R. B. Hillman, for 24 feet pine wood.....	9 00
Woodbury & Atwood, for articles furnished Town Hall for the year ending March 1, 1890.....	6 81
Frank Stickney, for services as janitor of Town Hall for the year ending March 1, 1890.....	37 60
Frank Stickney, for cleaning Hall and for coal.....	6 75
C. M. Hardy, attending to sanitary arrangement of Town Hall.....	1 25
	\$80 43

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Davis & Sargent, for 1556 feet of bridge plank....	\$25 06
W. M. Hamblet, for shoveling snow in 1888 .....	4 20
James E. Butler, for keeping public watering place for the year ending March 1, 1890.....	3 00
Jonas Keyes, for keeping public watering place for the year ending March 1, 1890.....	3 00
P. J. Cogger, for keeping public watering place for the year ending March 1, 1890.....	3 00
R. B. Hillman, for books, warrants and stamps.....	4 75
R. B. Hillman, keeping transient paupers in 1889..	4 50
R. B. Hillman, 1 day with team drawing plank....	4 50
R. B. Hillman, for legal advice and expenses.....	2 84
R. B. Hillman, expenses to Concord to pay state tax,	4 40
Dr. Viles, for examining Dr. Sawyer's cow.....	4 00
John Woodbury, for check lists for the year 1889..	8 00
D. P. Atwood, recording births and deaths.....	3 15
D. P. Atwood, for stationery, postage and express..	3 50
Samuel Kelley, for use of horse in 1888.....	15 00
Samuel Kelley, cleaning Stone and Gorrel lot, 1888,	1 50
Wesley Sawyer, for recording hirths and deaths....	4 50
Morning Mail Co., for printing Town Reports....	25 00
Daniel Marshall, expenses selling town property....	20 75
O. F. Carlton, damage done to sheep by dogs.....	35 00
O. F. Carlton, for drawing road machine to Seavey's,	75
John Hadlock, for 8 castings for road machine.....	10 40
C. L. Seavey, repairing and painting road machine,	12 35
R. B. Hillman, labor on road machine and freight..	2 75
E. M. Marsh, interest on note held against the town by Congregational Society, ending Feb. 1889....	48 00
E. M. Marsh, note and 8 months' interest .....	832 00
Geo. S. Butler, repairing road machine.....	3 75
A. T. Simpson, for bridge plank.....	15 00
P. J. Cogger, for repairing bridge.....	11 50
K. J. Chaplin, for care of Gorrel lot .....	1 50
Geo. H. Currier, appropriation for school books, '89,	200 00
Amos Batchelder, for recording births and deaths..	2 00
C. H. Wyman, keeping six tramps .....	3 00
C. H. Wyman, express on castings for road machine,	80
C. H. Wyman, repairing road machine.....	35
D. H. Pearson, repairing highways in 1889.....	4 37
John LaClare, labor on road machine.....	1 10
W. W. Butler, for sheep killed by dogs.....	18 00
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	\$1,347 27



**ABATEMENT OF TAXES.**

Non-resident highway tax paid in labor, for the years 1887 and 1888.....	\$23 17
Non-resident highway tax paid in labor, in the year 1889,	49 69
Sarah Webster, taxes for the years 1887 and 1888.....	24 35
Laura Hathaway, for the year 1889.....	2 22
Dwelley E. Simpson, part of tax for 1889.....	4 02
John Carr, highway.....	2 51
Henry W. Helm.....	1 67
Daniel L. Coburn.....	76
Frank E. Fox.....	97
Moses Raymond, dog tax.....	2 00
Daniel H. Pearsons.....	97
Horace W. Townsend.....	1 59
Henry Lennon.....	97
Guilford A. Lewis.....	97
Emil Nelson.....	97
James Abbercrombie.....	97
Jeremiah Farmer.....	2 20
George Harris.....	97
Roberts Dane.....	97
Jerry Powers.....	97
Nicholas Powers.....	97
Nelson Blodgett, highway, paid in labor.....	2 37
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	\$126 25

**RECAPITULATION.**

Paid School Board.....	\$1,495 41
Town Officers.....	405 50
Highways.....	959 18
Town Paupers.....	94 42
County Paupers.....	5 50
School Houses.....	400 00
Town Hall.....	80 43
Miscellaneous.....	1,347 27
Abatement of Taxes.....	126 25
State Tax.....	1,295 00
County Tax.....	826 97
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	\$7,035 93

**ASSETS.**

Amount of cash in the treasury March 1, 1890, including \$133.77 literary fund, \$62.00 dog fund, and \$421.00 from the sale of the Libby and Richardson property,	\$2,074 06
Whole amount in hands of collector.....	530 23
Heirs of Caleb Carlton, for aid furnished Sarah Carlton..	87 25
	<hr/> \$2,691 54

**LIABILITIES.**

Amount due the several old school districts...	\$1,028 37
Dog fund of 1889.....	62 00
Literary fund for 1889.....	133 77
Highway money due district No. 4.....	100 56
	<hr/> \$1,324 70
Balance in favor of the town .....	<hr/> \$1,366 84

A part of the town officers to be paid from the above amount.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD B. HILLMAN,  
CHARLES H. WYMAN,  
DANIEL M. WEBSTER,  
Selectmen of Pelham.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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The Treasurer respectfully submits the following report for the year ending March 1, 1890.

### Dr.

To cash in treasury, March 1, 1889, including \$125.55, literary fund, and \$100.00, dog fund.....	\$504 47
Received of Daniel Marshall, for Richardson and Libby place.....	421 00
Cash received of R. B. Hillman, from county commissioners...	5 50
From Frank Stickney, for use of town hall.....	80 25
K. J. Chaplin, for sale of cemetery lots.....	4 00
State treasurer, railroad tax.....	128 00
State treasurer, savings bank tax.....	654 96
Literary fund.....	133 77
D. M. Webster, taxes of 1887 and 1888, in full.....	2,324 24
Sherman Hobbs, taxes of 1889.....	4,847 71
Total received.....	\$9,109 99

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By Cash paid on orders issued by the selectmen.....	\$7,035 93
Leaving amount of cash in treasury, March 1, 1890, including \$133.77, literary fund, and \$62.00, dog fund.....	\$2,074 06

E. M. MARSH, *Town Treasurer.*

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

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We, the undersigned, Auditors of the Town of Pelham for the year ending March 1, 1890, find the Selectmen have issued orders to the amount of \$7,035.93, and find that said orders are properly receipted. And we find that the Town Treasurer has received \$9,109.99, and has paid orders above mentioned leaving a balance in the treasury to the amount of \$2,074.06.

DANIEL MARSHALL,  
GEORGE S. BUTLER,  
W. G. BUTLER,  
*Auditors Town of Pelham.*

## VITAL STATISTICS.

In compliance with an act of the Legislature passed June session, 1887, requiring "Clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and death, to the municipal officers, for publication in the Annual Report." I hereby submit the following:

### Births Registered in the Town of Pelham, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1889.

Date of Birth. 1889.	Name of Child (if any).	Sex and Condition.					Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Col. of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		Male.	Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. Child, 1, 2, 3, &c.	Color.							
Feb. 27	Miranda.....	..	..	L.	2nd	John LeClair.....		All white.	Pelham.....	Laborer.....	Canada.....	Canada.	
Mar. 31	Virginia F.....	..	..	"	11th	Frederic A. Cutter..	Susan M. Hardy....	"	".....	Farmer.....	Pelham.....	Hudson.	
April 5	Winifred.....	..	..	"	6th	Andrew K. Tallant..	Angie L. Robey....	"	".....	Farmer.....	Meredith.....	Lawrence, Mass.	
Apr. 28	Bertie.....	..	..	"	5th	Moses Raymond.....	Julia R. Lary.....	"	".....	Laborer.....	Canada.....	Salem.	
May 11	Henry F.....	..	..	"	5th	Wm. H. Peabody....	Eliza H. Woodbury..	"	".....	Farmer.....	Dracut, Mass.,	Pelham.	
May 23	Bertha A.....	..	..	"	1st	Allen E. Lewis.....	Lucy A. Fairbanks..	"	".....	Farmer.....	Pelham.....	Hudson.	
July 11	.....	..	..	"	3rd	W. F. Marsh.....	Carrie L. Fox.....	"	".....	Farmer.....	".....	Dracut, Mass.	
Aug. 5	.....	..	..	"	1st	Henry M. Currier...H.	Gertrude Hillm'n	"	".....	Milkman.....	".....	Pelham.	
Aug. 22	Carrie F.....	..	..	"	8th	Charles W. Hobbs...	Abbie J. Sleeper....	"	".....	Carpenter.....	".....	Lowell, Mass.	
Oct. 17	.....	..	..	"	3rd	G. W. Sherburne....	Jennie K. Marshall..	"	".....	Farmer.....	".....	Dracut, Mass.	
Dec. 17	.....	..	..	"	5th	Albert F. Searies...	Sarah T. Fletcher...	"	".....	Laborer.....	".....	Newbury.	

## Marriages Registered in the Town of Pelham, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1889.

Date of Marriage. 1889.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in Years.	Color.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Number of Marriage.	Name, Residence, and Official Station of person by whom married.
Jan. 17	Pelham.	Harry A. Harris....	Methuen, Ms.	20		Farmer....	Methuen, Ms.	Alonzo Harris.....		Farmer..	1st	Rev. A. Berry.
		Lillie B. Russ.....	Pelham.....	19		Housek'p'r	" "	Eliza J. Gutterson..	Methuen, Mass.....	Housek..	1st	Pelham.
Mar. 16	"	George W. Tebbetts	Boston, Ms.	21		Law Stud't	Ossipee.....	Henry S. Russ.....	Salem, Mass.....	Book Agt	1st	Rev. A. Berry.
		Celia Wheelock....	" "	31		Dress-Ma'r	Ireland.....	Betsy E. Webster..	Pelham.....	Housek..	1st	Pelham.
April 3	"	Wm. N. Alexander..	Pelham.....	32		Farmer....	Derry.....	George W. Tebbetts	Maine.....	Physic'n.	2nd	Rev. A. Berry.
		Marg't M. Mountain	"	21		Housek'p'r	England.....	Addie.....				Pelham.
July 13	"	Wm. E. Cummings	Lawrence Ms	32		Farmer....	Rockland, Me.	Thomas Kennard...	Ireland.....			
		Blanche Jaquith....	" "	17	All white.		Lawrence, Ms.	John E. Alexander..	Derry.....	Farmer..	1st	Rev. A. Berry.
Oct. 6	"	Charles M. Kent....	Pelham.....	49		Laborer...	Pelham.....	Sarah B. Harris.....	Canada.....	Farmer..	1st	Pelham.
		Emma L. Kent.....	"	25		Housewo'k	Rogemo't, P.Q.	William Mountain	England.....			
Dec. 28	"	Albert J. Fallon....	Lowell, Ms.	22		Tanner....	New York.....	Margaret.....				
		Lulu May Farmer...	" "	20		Dress-Ma'r	Maine.....	Levi Cummings....				
								Jane H.....				
								William H. Jaquith.		Car Insp.	1st	C. W. Hobbs, Just.
								Addie.....				Pelham.
								Charles Kent.....	Pelham.....	Farmer..	1st	Rev. Tobias Foss,
								Lavonia D. Pattee..	Bath.....		2nd	Pelham.
								Daniel Batchelder..				
								Kelen K.....	Rogemont, P. Q....			
								Hugh Fallon.....	New York.....	Farmer..	1st	Rev. A. Berry.
								Clarissa.....	"			Pelham.
								Isaac Farmer.....	Maine.....	Sailor..	1st	
								Hattie.....	"			

## Deaths Registered in the Town of Pelham, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1889.

Date of Death, 1889.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex and Cond.				Occupation.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Males.	Females.	Color.	Single, Married, or Widowed.					
Jan. 6	Madison B. Tallant	80	1	11	Pelham	"	"	M.	"	Farmer	Pelham	Roxbury, Mass.	Andrew Tallant	Amelia Wells.
Jan. 22	Ann Searles	56	"	"	"	"	"	W.	"	Housekeeper	Ireland	Ireland	Michael Moran	Celia
Apr. 23	Thomas Hayden	60	"	"	Ireland	"	"	W.	"	Laborer	"	"	"	"
May 2	Bertie Raymond	"	4	"	Pelham	"	"	W.	"	"	Canada	Salem	Moses Raymond	Julia R. Lary.
July 6	Mary E. Myers	49	7	5	Boston, Mass.	"	"	W.	"	Housekeeper	Pelham	Halifax	Moses Titcomb	Marcia Thompson.
Aug. 17	Hattie H. Hosley	18	7	17	Pelham	"	"	M.	"	Housekeeper	Windham	Holderness	William A. Giles	Lavinia
Sept. 17	Winnifred Tallant	"	5	12	"	"	"	S.	"	"	Meredith	Lawrence, Mass.	Andrew K. Tallant	Angie Roby.
Oct. 1	Betsey Fitch	88	"	18	"	"	"	W.	"	Housekeeper	"	"	Oliver Buttrick	Sarah Hall.
Oct. 1	Samuel Spaulding	68	"	"	"	"	"	M.	"	Farmer	"	"	"	"
Oct. 28	Warren Robert Young	13	4	11	Canada	"	"	S.	"	"	Oldtown, Me	Kalamazoo	Levi J. Young	Mary E. Phillips.
Dec. 7	Delia Atwood	81	6	"	Weare	"	"	W.	"	Housekeeper	"	"	Elijah Purington	Delia Brown.

DANIEL P. ATWOOD, *Town Clerk and Registrar.*

REPORT  
OF  
THE SCHOOL BOARD,  
OF THE  
TOWN OF PELHAM, N. H.,  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1890.



## SCHOOL BOARD.

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GEORGE H. CURRIER, . . . Term expires March, 1890.

AUGUSTUS BERRY, . . . Term expires March, 1891.

SHERMAN HOBBS, . . . Term expires March, 1890.

## REPORT.

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The number of schools the past year, five; each of thirty-one weeks. Four had the same teachers through the year. In three of these the teachers had taught the previous year, and the schools had the advantage of the continuous work of a good teacher. There has been good instruction in each of the schools and the progress of the scholars has been satisfactory.

Our estimates are in a large degree relative. This is especially so in all our estimates of schools. There has been a great advance in the cause and work of education in the last twenty-five years. There is a better conception of that in which an education consists—truer methods and many improved implements in teaching. While the attention is not attracted to these as it is to the material inventions of the age, such as the telegraph, the telephone, electric lights, the improved implements of the shop and the farm, they are, nevertheless, of a like magnitude and importance.

The true idea of a school has not yet been attained. The actual advance towards it fails to be apparent because all improvements are so entangled with old habits and methods. The actual advance of society is silent. It is especially so in the cause of education. It is encouraging to feel assured that this is true in regard to the cause in this town. The methods of the schools have been silently but effectually changed. This cannot be ascribed to any individual or individuals. The cause is in the atmosphere; it has come from the State Normal School; from the Normal Schools of Massachusetts;

from Journals of Education that drop at the feet of teachers like the leaves of autumn; from the reports of educational gatherings and the utterance of educational men and women, that every newspaper publishes, and thus are carried into every home where a newspaper enters.

It is encouraging to find that ideas upon education that once were virtually repudiated are now accepted. Such is the importance of starting right. Frequently it takes several terms to correct the faulty methods that a child has been allowed to pursue. Another of these ideas is that the pupil must do the work of learning and not the teacher. Another is that the work of the school is not to be measured by material standards, such as text-books completed and laid aside, pages that the pupil has gone over, but by the mental power the pupil has developed, the clear ideas he has attained, his understanding of elementary principles, his ability to control and direct his thought.

There has been a marked improvement in reading. A fault of all the schools in this branch is in the process of correction. Instead of permitting the pupil to advance daily from lesson to lesson in reading, he has been detained on each lesson, till he could read it with a degree of accuracy. The result has been better reading in all the schools, and some very good readers in each of them.

The same method has been pursued in grammar and while the result has not been as marked, a fresh interest has been created in the study. The best results in the study of language have been by children, eight, nine and ten years of age, in the study of some simple language lessons. In some instances they have attained an accuracy in writing greater than the advanced scholars of the school.

There has been some thorough work in arithmetic in each of the schools. Pupils have been detained upon rules and principles till they understand them. It was interesting to notice at the close of the fall terms, that several of the schools with no knowledge of each other and what each had been doing, were in the same grade of work in arithmetic, performing the same amount and with the same thoroughness. It is to be hoped that the time has forever past, when the school shall be estimated by the amount of text-book gone over. From this faulty standard, writing in the schools in the past has been a practical failure. The use of copy-books has amounted to but little. The end that the pupil had in view was the completion of the book. The end of the teacher, to have this occupy a certain portion of the six hours of the school day. But now writing has become the study of a system in penmanship, and the application of its principles in practice, and some of the teachers have secured great improvement in penmanship.

It is important that the schools should be judged not by things attractive or unattractive, but by the work done in them. It is a hopeful feature in regard to them, that the examinations have not been gotten up for a half-day's entertainment, but to exhibit the actual work of the schools.

### THE CHARACTER OF THE WORK.

This has been practical and natural. The aim has been an adaptation to the pupils capacity, starting with the simplest elements, securing a clear understanding of these, and then advancing to the principles that they underlie. Pupils have been taught the necessity of self-reliance and self-help. In some of the schools there has been a weekly exercise in general information, that has

interested the entire school and stimulated to close observation and inquiry

### CHILDREN KEPT IN SCHOOL.

As the child reaches an age when, in the busy seasons, he can be of service in the home or on the farm, the temptation is strong to keep him from school during these seasons. This is poor economy in every sense. The labor of a child between the years of twelve and and fifteen is but a fraction in value of what it will be later, while the child now has greater ability to learn. In being out of school the spring and fall terms there is not only the suspension of progress for these terms, the loss of what could and would be attained in them, but the interest that has been aroused is discouraged, the intellectual activity becomes stupid and dull, and when another winter term comes, the pupil often has but little courage for faithful and vigorous study. In some instances it is an inexorable necessity that takes the child of twelve or thirteen from the spring and summer terms, but, unless there be such a necessity, for the child's sake and the parent's sake he should be kept in school.

### SCHOOL HOUSES.

The school house is an essential factor in the problem of education. The school cannot be at its best unless the conditions of the school room are the best. The school of to-day is different from the school of forty or fifty years ago and a different school room is demanded. The citizens of the town should remember that the school room of twenty-five or thirty years ago needs remodeling as much as any buildings of the farm. The town has two new school houses ; two others have been remodeled and repaired so as to be substantially new ; and when some much

needed repairs are made upon the house in No. 4 the town will have school buildings and school lots adapted to the school work of this day, and such as will attract the attention of every stranger. It is doubtful if better could be found in a country town in New Hampshire. And with a right public sentiment these may be preserved for a long time in their present neat and inviting condition. The economy of immediately painting, varnishing and repairing, when a need exists, should be recognized.

#### FREE TEXT-BOOKS.

It must be a matter of pride and satisfaction to the citizens of the town that they acted in this matter prior to the state. It has certainly added much to the efficiency of the schools. Some parents prefer that their children should own their books. To such it is not only a convenience, but a saving in expense. In most instances the books have been used with care. Many parents have covered those used by their children, and some of the teachers have covered the dictionaries and the books in general use in the school room.

#### GENERAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

At a comparatively small expense these have been furnished to the schools, thereby greatly facilitating school work, and relieving the teachers of embarrassment and trouble. Helps indispensable to the illustration of school work have been furnished in a limited degree. It is surprising how much some small trifling expenditure in these directions will do for the interest and solid improvement of the school, and it may be remarked that some of these simple and less expensive instruments of school work are better for the schools of this town than the more expensive.

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**CHARACTER.**

This is the end of the school. Hence truth, purity, temperance, charity and reverence are virtues that should be nurtured in the school. Here children should be taught one of the cardinal principles of success in life, economy, carefulness, care not only for their own but the things of others, the property of the neighborhood and the town. The value of time, habits of industry and honest thrift should be learnt in the school.

In a country school where the people are the sovereigns, it is essential that the public schools should nurture the spirit of patriotism.

**FLAGS FOR THE SCHOOL HOUSES.**

There is something inspiring in our national banner. The life must be dead, the heart lost to every noble impulse, that does not throb with a higher purpose and is not quickened to better activities, as the eye beholds the stars and stripes floating on the breezes of heaven, and could the custody of a flag be committed to each of the schools, to be raised on a staff at proper seasons, to float above the school house, it would tend not only to nurture the patriotic spirit, but responsibility in every sense.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST.**

In No. 4, Mr. Alton Wilson has continued the gratuitous instruction of last year in music, performing a service of great value to the school. In No. 1, the teacher was very pleasantly remembered by her scholars at Christmas, and the teacher in No. 5 at the close of the winter term.

There have been two deaths of members of the schools during the last school year. Each occurred away

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from home. Each was the most dutiful of pupils, tenderly loved by teachers and school-mates, and held in the highest esteem by the community.

Lizzie E. Harris, died in Lowell, Aug. 17, aged 13.  
Sadie A. Brown, in the city of New York, Feb. 11, aged 17.

### THE ROLL OF HONOR.

It is gratifying that there are so many who aspire to a place on this roll, and it seems hardly fair that some lose the place, who are equally deserving with those who obtain it. Such is the case of the scholar who has made great effort to be punctually in his place, and is taken with sickness and is compelled to lose a day or days. Such has been the case of a number of faithful scholars the past year. The following scholars are reported in the registers as belonging to this roll:

GEORGIE L. HOBBS,	HELEN E. STOCKBRIDGE,
CLARENCE A. STICKNEY,	ETHEL H. WEBSTER,
FRANK P. GAGE,	DANIEL CARLTON.
ALBERT J. RICHARDSON,	

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### STATISTICS.

Each of the schools had three terms, of respectively 9, 10 and 12 weeks.

SCHOOL No. 1—Miss Julia A. Bixby of Lowell, Mass., teacher for the year. Number of different scholars in the first term, 24; the second term, 29; the third term, 22; for the year, 29; boys, 14; girls, 15; average daily attendance for the year, 21. The whole school attended to reading, spelling, penmanship and arithmetic; 8 to geography and history, 20 to grammar and composition, 19 to drawing, 10 to physiology. Wages of teacher, \$274.50. Miscellaneous expenses, \$29.42.

SCHOOL No. 2—Miss Mary E. Richardson, teacher of the first and second terms; Miss Amanda C. Scammell of Milford, Mass., teacher of the third term. Number of different scholars the first



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and second terms, 24; the third term, 18; for the year, 27; boys, 15; girls, 12; average daily attendance for the year, 17. The whole school attended to reading, spelling, penmanship and arithmetic; 12 to geography, grammar and history, 10 to composition, 5 to physiology, 4 to algebra. Wages of teachers, \$248.00. Miscellaneous expenses, \$24.10.

SCHOOL No. 3—Miss Katie F. Lee, teacher for the year. Number of different scholars the first term, 25; the second term, 28; the third term, 24; for the year, 30; boys, 15; girls, 15; average daily attendance for the year, 19. The whole school attended to reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, music and drawing; 7 to geography, 10 to grammar and composition, 1 to physiology, 2 to algebra. Wages of teacher, \$248.00. Miscellaneous expenses, \$29.50.

SCHOOL No. 4—Miss Susan M. Smith, teacher for the year. Number of different scholars the first term, 21; the second term, 24; the third term, 23; for the year, 27; boys, 14; girls, 13; average daily attendance for the year, 20. The whole school attended to reading, spelling, penmanship and vocal music; 18 to arithmetic, 15 to geography, 9 to composition, 21 to drawing, 7 to physiology, 1 to geometry, 1 to botany. Wages of teacher, \$248.00. Miscellaneous expenses, \$38.56.

SCHOOL No. 5—Miss Alicc P. Wilder of Webster, Mass., teacher for the year. Number of different scholars the first and second terms, 24; the third term, 23; for the year, 29; boys, 13; girls, 16; average daily attendance for the year, 19. The whole school attended to reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic and music; 17 to geography and grammar, 11 to history, 6 to composition and physiology. Wages of teacher, \$248.00. Miscellaneous expenses, \$23.83.

The amount expended for teachers and miscellaneous expenses the past year, \$1,411.91. Number of scholars attending school in town during the year, 142. The number of boys and girls, equal. Expense per scholar, \$9.943. Amount expended for books and school supplies, \$135.26.

AUGUSTUS BERRY,

*For the School Board.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer respectfully submits the following report for the two years ending March 1, 1890:

Dr.

To cash received from Selectmen:	
Balance of appropriation, 1887.....	\$221 76
Literary fund for 1887.....	122 10
Dog fund for 1887.....	101 00
Part of appropriation for 1888.....	1130 14
Received from committee on sale of school houses.....	26 98
Total amount received.....	\$1601 98

Cr.

By cash paid on sundry orders drawn by School Board.....	1468 04
Leaving a balance in the treasury, March 1, 1889.....	133 94

Dr.

To amount of cash in treasury March 1, 1889.....	\$133 04
To cash received of Selectmen, bal. of appropriation for 1888,	69 86
Dog fund for 1888.....	100 00
Literary fund for 1888.....	125 55
Appropriation for 1889.....	1200 00
From School Board of Dracut for scholars attending school in District No. 5, 1888.....	18 00
Total amount received.....	\$1647 35

Cr.

By cash paid on sundry orders, drawn by School Board.....	\$1447 60
Leaving amount of cash in treasury, March 1, 1890.....	\$199 75

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## BOOK ACCOUNT.

To cash received of Selectmen, appropriation for the year 1888.. \$100 00

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By cash paid on sundry orders drawn by School Board.....	77 73
Leaving amount of cash in treasury, March 1, 1889.....	22 27

Dr.

To cash received of Selectmen, appropriation for 1889.....	200 00
Total amount received.....	\$222 27

Cr.

By cash paid on sundry orders drawn by School Board.....	135 26
Leaving amount of cash in treasury, March 1, 1890.....	\$87 01

GEO. H. CURRIER,  
*Treasurer of School Board.*