

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

→ TOWN OFFICERS ↔

OF

HANCOCK, N. H.,


FOR THE YEAR ENDING

↔ MARCH 1, 1884. ↔



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TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. D. TUTTLE, Town Treasurer, in account with the town of
Hancock, 1883.

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To cash in Treasurer's hands at close of last settlement,	\$ 440 42	
Cash received of county for county paupers.	98 30	
“ “ “ State Treas., railroad tax, 1883,	58 14	
“ “ “ State Treas., Savings Bank tax, 1883,	1058 65	
“ “ “ State Treas., Literary Fund, 1883,	56 61	
“ “ “ State Treas., bounty mon- ey,	2 30	
“ “ “ Selectmen, Salina Hill's legacy,	200 00	
“ “ “ Selectmen, on J. D. Todd's effects,	10 17	
“ “ Sale of cemetery lots,	83 00	
“ “ of B. Goodhue, collector, 1883,	5219 75	
“ “ “ B. Goodhue, interest,	2 75	
	\$7,230 09	

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By paying the several school districts :

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

District No. 1, C. L. Otis,	\$163 00	
“ 3, W. A. Parsons,	102 86	
“ 4, John Welch,	71 55	
“ 5, A. Jaquith,	92 42	
“ 6, C. H. Tenney,	88 95	
“ 7, A. B. Stone,	116 78	
“ 8, A. G. Brooks,	92 42	
“ 9, W. Weston,	95 90	
Harrisville, 5,	25 00	
	\$848 88	

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT.

C. H. Dutton, winter term, 1883,	\$200 00
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SUPPORT OF TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid A. A. Haig, medical attendance, Foote family,	\$6 00	
Paid A. D. Tuttle, goods for Foote family,	4 83	
Paid W. F. Symonds, goods for Foote family,	2 67	
Paid C. L. Otis, board and clothing for J. D. Estabrooks.	11 75	
Paid A. D. Tuttle, goods for J. D. Estabrooks,	2 97	
Paid G. L. Austin, board and clothing for J. D. Estabrooks,	30 75	
	<hr/>	\$58 97

SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Mrs. M. H. Priest, support of C. Howard,	\$78 00	
Paid G. L. Austin, support of J. D. Estabrooks,	29 75	
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HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid C. P. Hayward, labor on highway,	\$2 25	
J. Dodge, " "	16 00	
W. P. Hall, " "	7 35	
C. Fairfield, " "	3 00	
Z. W. Brooks, " "	21 00	
M. W. Rice, " "	2 42	
G. C. Lakin, " "	15 00	
W. Sawyer, lumber and labor,	10 13	
L. H. Brooks, " " "	6 75	
C. W. Alcott, railing,	20 50	
J. Weston, " "	1 65	
A. Hill, railing irons,	2 40	
E. R. Danforth, bridge lumber,	19 47	
J. W. Coolidge, " "	16 32	
O. Eaton, " "	1 35	
C. H. Tenney, " "	2 50	
A. D. Tuttle, powder,	1 20	
I. Farrington, snowing bridge,	4 50	
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BREAKING ROADS.

Paid E. Mulhall,	\$16 48
C. F. Brown,	5 55
S. S. Fogg,	4 92
W. Sawyer,	10 60
G. I. Hayward,	3 60
J. Dodge,	5 78
M. W. Rice,	8 45
O. P. Mathews,	7 20
C. H. Lee,	4 75
J. Welch,	20 10
M. N. Spaulding,	11 10
A. Copeland,	1 05
M. E. Davis,	4 35
G. L. Austin,	3 30
C. Fairfield,	3 00
E. Mulhall,	5 70
A. D. Wood,	5 20
A. D. Colby,	3 45
F. Barney,	3 35
M. O. Hunt,	4 35
J. W. and W. A. Wilds,	6 45
W. A. Washburn,	3 25
A. F. Gordon,	4 50
Z. W. Brooks,	6 00
H. W. Ware,	1 50
W. Stearns,	1 50
B. F. Martin,	14 25
A. S. Moore,	10 80
W. Sawyer,	1 00
J. H. Felch,	2 10
O. Tuttle,	75
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	\$184 38

NOTE AND INTEREST.

Paid J. D. Butler, Note No. 1,	\$1000 00
J. D. Butler, one year's interest on \$10,000,	500 00
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	\$1500 00
Paid State Treasurer, State tax,	\$860 00
County Treasurer, County tax.	656 07
Non-resident highway tax, 1883,	58 99
Abatement of tax, 1883,	1 50

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Farnum & Scott,	\$20 00
W. F. Symonds,	5 00
Heirs of J. Shea,	2 70
J. Woodward,	5 00
J. Woodward,	2 00
S. H Partridge,	22
A. Hill,	2 37
O. Eaton,	100 00
W. Titus, for Town Library, interest on Hubbard & Hadley legacies for 1883,	120 00
N. H. Tyrrell, part of Hubbard legacy int.,	30 00
M. E. Mathews, " " " "	15 00
H. Tuttle, " " " "	10 00
Mrs. S. Aleock " " " "	5 00
A. D. Tuttle, money refunded for curbing library lot,	106 35
G. L. Damon for safe.	100 00
W. F. Symonds, moving safe,	2 30
W. Titus, wood for library,	9 50
C. Turner, wood for town,	3 00
C. Turner, tolling bell,	1 50
A. D. Tuttle, bell rope,	1 00
A. D. Tuttle, lock for pound,	20
W. F. Symonds, bounty money,	2 30
W. F. Symonds, stationery,	1 77
G. Town, watering trough,	2 00
M. Harrington, " "	2 00
O. Eaton, " "	2 00
R. Tuttle, " "	2 00
A. S. Moore, " "	2 00
C. L. Otis, " "	3 00
W. F. Symonds, " "	3 00
A. Jaquith, " "	2 00
G. Town, " "	1 00
J. H. Cutler, return of births,	50
I. G. Anthoine, return of births and deaths,	1 25
J. Newell, repairing 49 settees,	25 00

 \$590 96

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Paid W. F. Symonds, Selectman,	\$75 00
A. G. Foster, " "	40 00
J. A. Tarbell, " "	27 00
W. F. Symonds, Overseer of poor,	8 00
W. Titus, Librarian,	52 00
A. D. Tuttle, Treasurer,	25 00

A. D. Tuttle, town clerk,	23 91	
B. Goodhue, collector,	75 00	
B. Goodhue, Supervisor's bill,	12 00	
J. Newell, care of town clock,	20 00	
H. Gulick, Supt. School Committee,	45 00	
C. Turner, Police Officer,	5 74	
Auditors,	3 00	
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RECAPITULATION.

Money received by Treasurer,		\$7,230 09
Money paid out by Treasurer :		
Paid the several school districts,	\$848 88	
High school district,	200 00	
Support of Town paupers,	58 97	
Support of County paupers,	107 75	
Highways and bridges,	153 79	
Breaking roads,	184 38	
Note and interest,	1500 00	
State tax,	860 00	
County tax,	656 07	
Non-resident highway tax, 1883,	58 99	
Abatement of taxes, 1883,	1 50	
Miscellaneous bills,	590 96	
Town officers' bills,	411 65	
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A. D. TUTTLE, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and duly vouched, and find a balance in the Treasurer's hands of one thousand, five hundred and ninety-seven dollars and fifteen cents (\$1,597.15).

ALVAH COPELAND,	}	Auditors.
A. B. STONE,		
ALDEN S. WOOD,		

FEBRUARY 26, 1884.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Number of paupers assisted within the year—four.

One supported until September 18, when he became a County charge.

Cost to the town for assisting said paupers, \$58 97

Number of County paupers supported during the year—one.

One since Sept. 18.

Cost of supporting said paupers, \$107 75

WILLIAM F. SYMONDS, } Overseers
 ADOLPHUS G. FOSTER, } of
 JOSEPH A. TARBELL, } the Poor.

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Received from Town Treasurer, \$200 00

PAID OUT AS FOLLOWS:

Paid Geo. L. Todd,	\$172 40	
E. M. Ware, taking care of school room,	5 00	
M. E. Davis, getting posters printed,	1 65	
M. E. Davis, for wood,	8 00	
Wm. Hall, sawing wood,	1 08	
A. D. Tuttle, rent of school room,	11 00	
A. D. Tuttle, glass, putty, broom, crayons and wood box,	87	
		\$200 00

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM F. SYMONDS, } Selectmen
 ADOLPHUS G. FOSTER, } of
 JOSEPH A. TARBELL, } Hancock.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Valuation of the town by invoice taken April 1, 1883.

190 polls,	\$ 19,000 00
Real estate,	232,935 00
165 horses,	10,730 00
94 oxen,	6,205 00
440 cows,	13,946 00
519 neat stock,	10,162 00
367 sheep,	1,171 00
22 hogs,	194 00
13 carriages,	825 00
Bank stock,	16,100 00
Money at interest,	22,327 00
Stock in trade,	3,050 00
Mills,	2,200 00
Public funds,	200 00
	\$339,045 00
Total valuation,	\$339,045 00

Rate per cent on \$100, including highway, \$1.75.

AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED BY TAX.

Highway,	\$ 847 61
State tax,	860 00
County tax,	656 07
Schools,	1025 00
Town debt,	1700 00
For Town charges,	500 00
For Town history,	100 00
For Town safe,	100 00
Surplusage,	144 73
Dog tax,	71 00
	\$6,004 41
Total,	\$6,004 41

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Cash on hand,	\$1,597 15
Due from the County,	9 46
In Collector F. Barney's hands for the years 1875, 1876, 1877,	60 11
In Collector D. Wild's hands, 1878,	1 32
	\$1,668 04
Total,	\$1,668 04

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Notes held by John D. Butler against the town,	\$ 9,000 00
For Hubbard legacy for library,	1,000 00
For Hadley legacy for library,	1,000 00
For Hubbard's legacy for Town's poor,	1,000 00
Due the several school districts, literary fund,	56 61
No. 1. school money,	37 25
No. 2, school money,	57 65
Due April 1, damages to sheep by dogs,	38 50
Salina Hills fund,	200 00
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Total,	\$12,390 01
Debt of the town, less assets,	\$10,721 99

WILLIAM F. SYMONDS, } Selectmen
 ADOLPHUS G. FOSTER, } of
 JOSEPH A. TARBELL, } Hancock.

LIBRARY REPORT.

We herewith present the report of the condition of the Town Library for the year ending March 1, 1884:

Number of volumes in Library at beginning of year,	1,391
Number of volumes added by donation,	21
Town histories by exchange,	13
Books purchased,	65
Whole number of volumes in Library at present time,	1,490
Whole amount of money on hand March 1, 1883,	\$75 72
Amount received for fines,	5 12
Received from the town one year's interest on Hubbard and Hadley legacies,	120 00
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	\$200 84

Money expended as follows:

New books and magazines,	\$136 93
Binding books,	14 33
Current expenses—express, oil, etc.,	6 71
Balance of money on hand,	42 87

The books are in good condition.

HERVEY GULICK, } Committee
 A. C. WARE, } on
 WM. TITUS, } Library.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Having in previous reports sufficiently expressed his views of the qualifications and responsibilities of teachers, your Committee in this report would simply call attention to one or two facts in the school record of the year. That record, as a whole, shows good work. Some of the schools did exceptionally well; others might have done better—that they did not was owing mainly to lack of energy or lack of experience in the teacher. The procurement of earnest, energetic, experienced teachers is a matter of the first importance. Your Superintendent begs leave again to urge upon prudential committees the necessity of selecting the best.

He would call particular attention, also, to the need of a better equipment in maps and blackboards in the schools. No change was made during the year in the regular text books of the schools. They are all considered good for a while longer. Meservey's Book-keeping was adopted as a text book on that subject, and partly introduced. A recent law of the State requires instruction to be given in all the common schools in Physiology and Hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks, narcotics, etc., upon the human system. This law takes effect March 1, 1884. Teachers are required to pass an examination in this branch of study the coming term, and a suitable text book will have to be introduced. For the most part, harmony and co-operation among teachers, scholars and parents, happily characterized the year.

SPECIAL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Miss E. Loena Fairbanks of Peterboro', teacher for the school year. Miss F. is a good and experienced teacher, but was not sufficiently strong to fully meet the requirements of this school. The school went forward under her gentle guidance, but more energy on her part would have given a better result.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

No scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Miss Ella C. Ware, teacher of both summer and winter terms. Miss Ware is one of our tried and approved teachers. She gave herself with great earnestness to the work, and had through both terms a full and flourishing school.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Miss Sarah F. Weston, teacher for the school year. Miss Weston must still rank with our young and inexperienced teachers. She is, however, a faithful and good teacher, and is growing better. Her experience as a teacher has been confined to this school, which she has taught three terms. Under her care the school has grown, both in numbers and in knowledge.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Miss Abbie L. Gates of Keene, teacher of both summer and winter terms. This was Miss Gates' first experience in teaching, and as such it was very creditable to her, and she devoted herself faithfully to her work, but without giving entire satisfaction. This school requires a teacher of more age and experience.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Miss Sarah E. Osgood of Nelson, teacher for the school year. Miss Osgood is a bright, earnest and faithful young teacher, but lacks somewhat that confidence in herself and that power over a school which more experience will bring her. This school also requires a teacher of more age and experience to do its best work.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Miss F. Mabel Estabrooks, teacher for the school year. This school was larger through the year than usual. Miss Estabrooks was much liked by both scholars and parents, and did her work efficiently and with success.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Summer term taught by Miss Clara E. Wilson of Antrim. Miss Wilson is an excellent teacher, and did excellent work in this school. Examinations were thorough and very satisfactory.

Fall term, Miss Mattie J. Hamilton of Peterboro'. We congratulated the prudential committee on his care and success in procuring two such good teachers for his district. The work for the year was very good.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Summer term, Miss Mary L. Knight. This was Miss Knight's first experience in teaching, and we are sorry that sickness shortened her term. The term was too short to be a test, but her manner in the school room and the work done was such as to lead us to expect much from Miss K. as a teacher.

Winter term taught by Miss Helen S. Titus. No better work was done in our schools during the year than in this school during the winter term. Miss Titus had special success in interesting her scholars in the subject matter of their studies apart from the mere text books. The work done was thorough, and the progress made very gratifying.

ROLL OF HONOR.

PERFECT RECORD FOR THE YEAR.

Anna B. Woodward, Morris H. Wood, George F. Davis,
Alice M. Davis.

PERFECT RECORD FOR SUMMER TERM.

Nellie J. Dodge, L. Eldna Hunt, Annie Simonds, Clinton H.
Bugbee, Fred C. Eaton, John H. Porter, Louisa E. Mulhall,
Grace M. Mulhall, Hattie C. Fairfield, Mabel F. Fairfield, Net-
tie J. Stearns, S. Ida Stearns, Mabel M. Sheldon, Lillia A.
Washburn, Maro S. Brooks, Ephraim Weston, Frank W. S.
Comstock, Chas. A. Hayward, Morris J. Hayward, Annie A.
Hayward, Emma S. Davis.

PERFECT RECORD FOR WINTER TERM.

Nellie C. Goodhue, Rosa B. Smith, Nellie O. Smith, Nellie
M. Welch, E. Ethelyn Parsons, Fred W. Odell, Frank W.
Ward, Willie D. Fogg, George H. Fogg, Frank W. Austin,
Bertie H. Moore, Frank C. Moore.

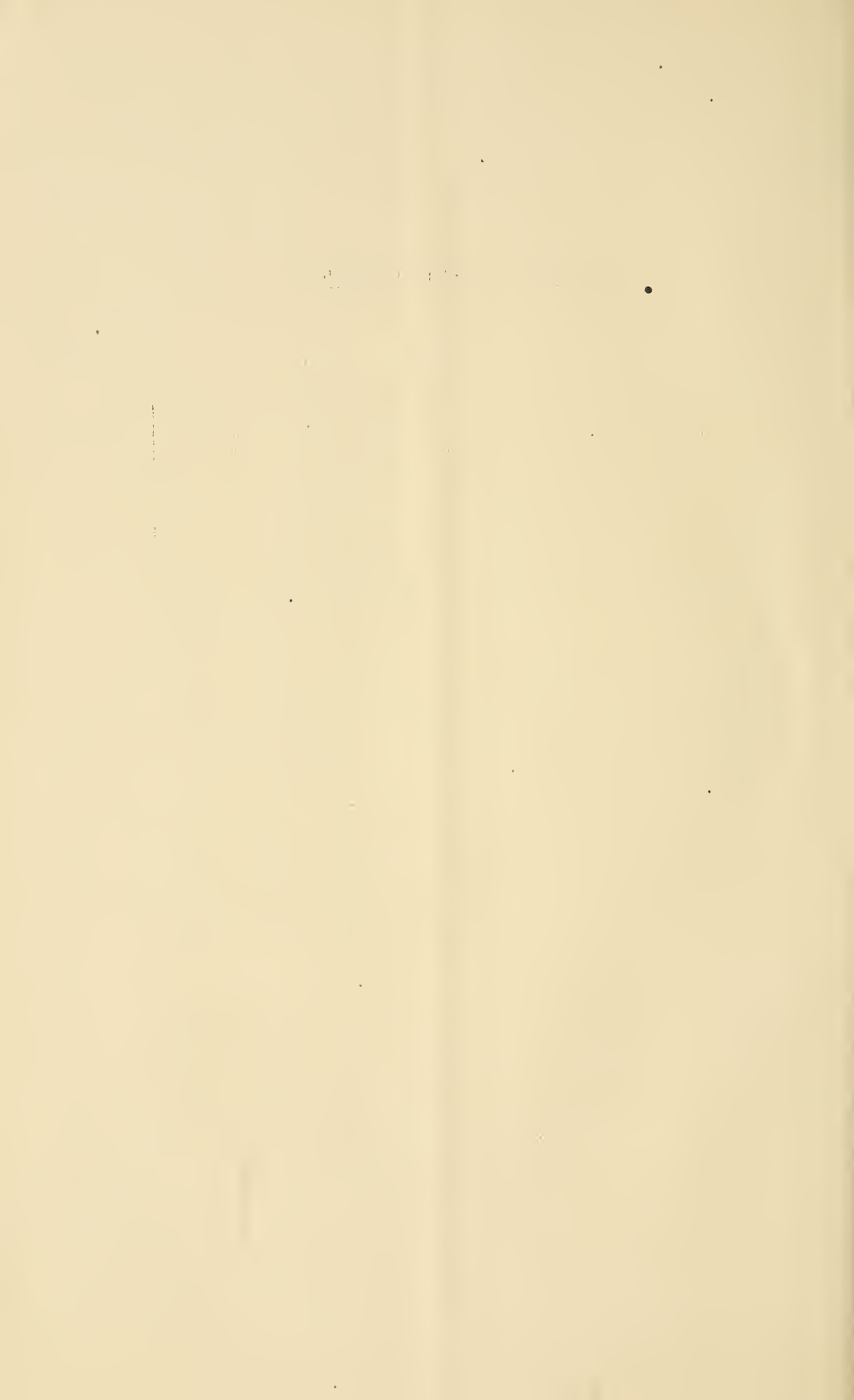
STATISTICAL TABLE.

Districts.	Number of Scholars.				Average attendance.				Number of children from 5 to 15 not in school.	Length of summer school in weeks.	Length of winter school in weeks.	Amount of money expended.	Number of visits by S. S. Com.	Number of visits by Prud. Com.	Number of visits by citizens.	Wages of female teachers in summer including board.	Wages of female teachers in winter including board.
	Summer.	Winter.		Summer.	Winter.												
1	37	45	35	36				10	12	\$163 00	5	30	\$28 00	\$32 00			
2																	
3	15	18	12	16	1	9	8	102	86	4	26	22 00	22 00				
4	7	7	6	6		7	8½	71	55	4	28	18 00	18 00				
5	9	10	9	9		8	9	92	42	4	30	21 00	21 00				
6	10	8	8	7		8	8½	88	95	4	13	19 00	22 00				
7	14	17				8	14	116	78	4	26	20 00	22 00				
8	13	14	12	11		11	7	92	42	4	37	21 00	21 00				
9	6	11	5	10			10	95	90	4	28		25 00				

Harrisville, No. 5, \$25.00.

Respectfully submitted,

HERVEY GULICK, S. S. Committee.



LIST OF BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY, 1883—4.

Dictionary of American Biography—Drake.	1.1
Critique of Pure Reason—Kant.	100.5
Biographical History of Philosophy—Lewes.	100.6
From Dark to Dawn—Rev. March.	200.33
Religions of the Ancient World—Rawlinson.	200.34
Robert's Old Testament Revision.	200.35
Ruling Ideas in Early Ages—Mozley.	200.36
What Social Classes Owe to Each Other—Sumner.	320.7
Political Economy—Perry.	320.8
The Building of a Brain—Clarke.	370.16
Protoplasm—Beale.	500.61
Histology—Frey.	500.62
Physiology, Human—Carpenter.	500.63
The Sun—Young.	500.64
Overhead.	500.65
New England Bird Life. 2 v.	500.66-67
Language and Languages—Farrar.	500.68
Order of the Sciences—Shields.	500.69
The Human Race—Figuier.	500.70
Guenon on Milch Cows.	630.47
American Dairying—Arnold.	630.48
Hints to Horse Keepers—Herbert.	630.49
Small Fruit Culturist—Fuller.	630.50
Glossary of Terms of Architecture—Parker.	700.13
Atlantic Monthlies—Vols. 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 16, 23, 24. 8 v.	805.22-29
Harper's Magazine—Vols. 46, 47, 66, 67. 4 v.	805.30-33
American Boy's Handy Book.	819.24
Pedigree of the Devil—Hall.	819.25
Fitz Green Halleck's Poems.	821.78
Goethe's Poems.	821.79
Sebastian Strome—Hawthorne.	823.229
Vivian Grey—Benjamin Disraeli.	823.230
Fair God—Lew Wallace.	823.231
Guenn.	823.232
Eric—Farrar.	823.233
St. Winnifred—Farrar.	823.234
Pericles and Asphasia—Landor.	823.235
Blessed St. Certainty.	823.236
Donald and Dorothy—Mary M. Dodge.	823.237
Mrs. Moulton's Fireside Stories.	823.238

Pride and Prejudice, } Miss Austen.	823.239
Northanger Abbey, }	
Horse Shoe Robinson—Kennedy.	823.240
Judith—Marion Harland.	823.241
Waterloo—Ereckmann-Chatrion.	823.242
Flower, Fruit and Thorn Pieces—Richter.	823.243
Dab Kinzer—W. B. Stoddard.	823.a224
The Quartet (Sequel to Dab Kinzer).	823.a225
True Tales for my Grandsons—Baker.	823.a226
Phil and his Friends—Trowbridge.	823.a227
Wide Awake.	823.a228
Boy's Froissart—Lanier.	823.a229
History of Marlborough, N. H.	900.140
History of Dublin.	900.141
History of Westford.	900.142
History of Boxford.	900.143
History of Sanbornton. 2 v.	900.144-145
History of Mason,	900.146
History of Windham.	900.147
History of Amherst.	900.148
History of Gilsum.	900.149
History of Townsend.	900.150
History of Fitchburg.	900.151
Town Papers, Vols. 11 and 12.	900.152-153
Freeman's Comparative Politics and Unity of History.	900.154
Ancient Regime—Taine.	900.155
History of the Italian Republics—Sismondi.	900.156
Oregon Trail—Parkman.	900.157
Ancient Landmarks of Plymouth, Mass—Davis.	900.158
Patton's Concise History of American People. 2 v.	900.159-160
Democracy and Monarchy in France—Adams.	900.161
History of Shirley, Mass.	900.162
History of Billerica, Mass.	900.163
Golden Chersonese.	910.163
Roundabout Journey—Warner.	910.164
A Family Flight through Spain—Hale.	910.165
Boy Travellers in the Far East, Part V.	910.166
Three Vassar Girls Abroad—Champney.	910.167
Bear Worshippers of Yezo—Greey.	910.168
Schwatka's Search—Gilder.	910.169
Queen Victoria—Grace Greenwood.	920.158
Letters of Mrs. Thomas Carlyle.	920.159

CURRENT LITERATURE:

- Harper's Monthly Magazine.
 Harper's Weekly.
 Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper.
 Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly.

