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REPORT OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

In obedience to the requirements of the laws of New Hampshire, the County Commissioners of Hillsborough County hereinafter present a statement of all the expenditures of the county, over which they have any control, for the year ending January Term, 1870, inclusive. Also, the report of the County Treasurer for the year ending December 31, 1869.

So far as pertains to the management of our almshouse and farm, the year just ended has been one of continued prosperity and success. The institution has not been visited by any epidemic or contagious disease during the year. Notwithstanding the weather was unusually cold last summer, the production of the farm was quite satisfactory, and our expectations at the beginning of the season were more than realized in the abundance of harvest. There was raised on the farm this year, 250 bushels of corn of excellent quality, 1845 bushels of potatoes, 505 bushels of barley, and 83 tons of hay. The farm is being greatly improved and enriched each year, thus increasing the quantity and profits from the farm, without incurring any additional expenditure for labor over and above the usual number of hands now employed. Should the next season be favorable, we may confidently expect many tons more hay will be raised on the farm than has been cut any prior year since the county has owned it, 12 acres having been laid down to grass this year, which has an excellent catch, and the present indications are highly favorable for a large increase of hay over last year. As the old land is laid down to grass year by year, and enriched by a liberal supply of manure, which is made on the farm in large

quantities from loam, mixed with the contents of the vaults, and barn and hog manure, it must certainly increase the quantity and quality of hay for many years to come, without any corresponding increase of expenditure.

The physical condition of the inmates is no better than it was last year, but rather worse on an average, as will be seen by the report of the county physician, in another place in this report. The number of insane, partially insane and idiotic is 61, at the present time, making 15 more of this class than there was last year. There were 27 deaths this year, against 26 last year. Admitted to the almshouse during the year, 110, against 96 last year. We have admitted this year more sick people than any previous year since the almshouse has been at Wilton. Quite a large number were old people, broken-down constitutions and imbeciles. These, of course, on admission to the institution, were at once placed in the sick wards, requiring constant nursing and medical attendance. There are 25 in the almshouse under 20 years of age. Of this number, not more than 4 or 5 are bright and smart, or suitable to put out to private families. The remainder are far below the average in intellect, and are disabled by chronic disease—in fact, are confirmed invalids. To the number under 20 years of age add 61, the number of insane and idiotic, making 86 nearly helpless. We have 30 more, besides those before named, to complete the whole number, 116, almost all of whom are old, feeble and sick, some of them confined in the sick wards. Of the 30 last named, 10 are over 60 years old, 15 over 70, 4 over 80, and 1 over 90. Thus it is perfectly apparent that we have comparatively no producers in our almshouse; but, on the other hand, most of the inmates are costly and expensive consumers. The average age of 20 of the persons who died at the almshouse this year is $73\frac{15}{100}$ years. Although most of the inmates of the almshouse are unable to perform any productive labor, yet we do not anticipate any increase of expenditures for supporting the same number we have this year; but, on the contrary, we may reasonably expect that the average annual expenses will be less for each person supported as the numbers of inmates increase and a greater quantity of produce is raised on the farm.

We have erected this year, at the farm, a building 87 ×

20, 1½ stories high. The basement is used to put in agricultural tools, carts, sleds, sleighs and wagons. The next story is used for a granary, store-room, etc. This building is absolutely indispensable, as we had no place under cover to put most of the articles named above until this building was erected. The damage and injury to agricultural tools, carts and sleds, by being exposed to the weather summer and winter, is no inconsiderable amount. The foundation and part of the labor in erecting this building, was done by the employees on the farm. There is now needed at the farm another building for a wood-shed, the cost of which will not probably exceed $500.00. Also, a large stone vault for the almshouse, the cost of which will not exceed $400.00. When these are completed, the arrangements and facilities for economical and successful management of the farm and almshouse will be nearly complete in every detail, and we do not anticipate any unusual drain from the county treasury for the farm for several years to come.

The farm has been very well managed, as the results clearly testify. All the apartments throughout the buildings are kept neat and clean. The inmates are kept tidy and clean as possible under the circumstances. We presume there are persons in our county who honestly think that the paupers at our county almshouse are not so well cared for or so comfortable as they were when they were supported on the respective town farms in the county. So far as we are advised, the persons entertaining these opinions are those who have never even visited the institution, and consequently must be entirely unacquainted with the internal arrangements and workings of the same. We will here suggest to any such who really and honestly desire to ascertain all the facts and particulars in regard to the comforts and conveniences enjoyed by the inmates of the institution, and the management and workings of the same, to visit the institution, and make a thorough examination of the establishment, inside and outside. In every instance where such examination and investigation has been made, the investigator has been quite satisfied with the result. To those who have had many years' experience in taking charge of the poor, the fact is so clearly evident that the paupers at the county almshouse enjoy many more privileges, comforts and conveniences than ever

were afforded them while at any of the town poorhouses, that argument is needless. Years of careful observation fortify and confirm the fact.

We have constantly endeavored to pursue the policy of placing the children coming to the almshouse, who have no homes or friends to provide and care for them, as soon as it is proper to do so, in good, respectable families, where they can have parental care and kindness, be properly instructed, and made acquainted with the ordinary duties of life. Experience and observation teach us that there is no place so well adapted to the wants of the young as the family. It is, of course, our bounden duty to exercise a proper supervision over these children, to see that they are kindly and tenderly cared for, and to guard their interests generally.

A considerable number of men and women are sent annually to the jail or house of correction, for limited periods, for simple drunkenness, or some slight offence, where the fine, in some instances, does not exceed five dollars. Perhaps with most of this class no other stain rests on their good name. We think this class should not be sent to the same prison with the worst characters. These persons should be placed where only the best influences prevail, and where the spirit of reform is inculcated, so that when they leave the institution they may feel that no person can point to them as felons. We have established, by authority of law, a house of correction, at Wilton, for this class of persons. There have been sent to the house of correction this year, five men and one woman, all of whom were able to work, and have fully earned their board during the time they were sentenced.

Full details of the sanitary condition of the almshouse will be found in another place in this report,— in the report of Dr. H. Trevitt, county physician, who has been very faithful and attentive to those requiring medical attendance.

It will be noticed in the report of Rev. S. C. Fletcher, in another place hereinafter, that "the poor have the gospel preached to them" in the institution, and have enjoyed many religious privileges during the year just closed, mainly through the self-sacrificing efforts of Mr. Fletcher, who has devoted much time and rendered very important

services in behalf and for the good of those in the institution, during the whole time it has been in Wilton, by many kindly acts and tender words of hope and encouragement to the disconsolate and those overwhelmed with sorrow and sadness, inspiring good resolutions and a stronger faith that our Heavenly Father will smooth their pathway down the remaining steep declivity of human life. We desire to tender our warmest thanks to Mr. Fletcher for the deep interest he has taken to promote the spiritual welfare and happiness of the inmates in the institution.

We again express our renewed confidence in George G. Bumpus, Esq., Superintendent, and Mrs. Bumpus, Matron, both of whom have been at the head of the institution, as superintendent and matron, more than eight years, anxieties, cares and perplexities surrounding them continually, oftentimes trying their utmost patience to a degree which no person unacquainted with the duties and responsibilities devolving upon them could accurately comprehend or realize. Whenever we have had occasion to send persons to our almshouse who could no longer support themselves, of all ages and conditions, from infancy to four score years or more, it has been a great relief for us to know that this unfortunate class of the poor were to have a home where ample provision is made for their comfort and welfare in sickness and health — indeed, a better home than most of them ever had before — where humane treatment and kind and tender care is ever predominant. Mr. and Mrs. Bumpus have discharged their respective duties and trusts with great fidelity and integrity, during this long period in the public service, which entitle them to our highest commendation and encouragement. We also tender our kindest acknowledgments to the employees of the institution, for the faithful discharge of their respective duties.

GILMAN SCRIPTURE,
J. F. JAMES,
WILLIAM W. JOHNSON,
County Commissioners.

COUNTY FARM REPORT.

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY AT COUNTY FARM, JANUARY 1, 1870.

33 cows	$1,980 00
2 yoke oxen	440 00
1 bull	25 00
14 pigs	126 00
9 shoats	162 00
3 hogs	135 00
1 boar	30 00
3 horses	475 00
40 hens ($0.75)	30 00
62 tons No. 1 hay ($20.00)	1,240 00
5 tons stock hay	50 00
2 tons stover	14 00
13 tons straw	130 00
3 ducks	3 00
6 tons shorts ($30.00)	180 00
184 bushels Southern corn	220 80
240 " Northern corn	300 00
458 " barley	512 96
12 " beans	30 00
6 bags rye meal	18 00
1,400 bushels potatoes	910 00
150 " turnips	25 00
10 " beets	7 50
20 " carrots	6 00
243 heads cabbage	14 58
20 barrels apples	60 00
70 pounds dried apples	10 50
50 " butter	20 00
175 " lard	35 00

167 pounds tallow	$15 03
2 gallons tomatoes	1 00
2½ barrels vinegar	20 00
2 " cider	12 00
1½ " salted cucumbers	7 50
101 " flour	707 00
4 " flour	42 50
20 pounds candles	3 33
117 gallons molasses	73 71
205 pounds ground sugar	32 80
40 " broken sugar	4 80
320 " ground coffee	32 00
75 " black tea	56 25
234 " saleratus	15 21
28 " ground pepper	8 40
24 " ground ginger	6 00
20 " green tea	37 40
1 " nutmegs	1 40
1 " cream tartar	50
10 " ground coffee	3 33
27 " starch	1 76
23 barrels salt beef	414 00
14 " salt pork	448 00
3 " hams and shoulders	66 00
393 pounds fresh beef	47 16
210 " fresh pork	33 60
215 " mutton	6 45
700 " salt fish	24 50
2 bedsteads	8 00
1 bedstead and bedding	17 00
3 under-ticks	9 00
3 cotton mattresses	15 00
1 bureau	5 00
1 curtain	50
1 wash-stand	50
1 ewer and basin	1 25
1 mirror	1 25
1 chest drawers	5 00
1 bed and bedding	25 00
1 bureau	5 00
1 mirror	3 00
2 rocking-chairs	1 00

1 stove	$2 50
1 table	1 50
1 wood chair	25
2 curtains	50
Wash-stand, ewer and basin	1 75
1 carpet	3 00
1 bed, bedding and 2 mattresses	25 00
2 chambers	70
1 chair	25
1 bureau	5 00
1 chair	25
1 tobacco-cutter	1 00
2 bedsteads, beds and bedding	26 00
2 chambers	70
1 chest drawers	5 00
1 mirror	2 00
2 chairs	50
1 light-stand	50
1 clock	3 50
2 rugs	50
1 wash-stand	50
1 bedstead, bed and bedding	15 00
1 chamber	35
1 curtain	25
1 chair	25
1 bedstead, bed and bedding	15 00
2 chairs	50
Wash-stand, ewer and basin	1 75
2 window-curtains	50
1 chamber	35
1,500 feet pine and spruce boards	37 50
3,387 feet oak boards and plank	84 68
500 feet hemlock plank	8 00
40 cords wood at the house	116 00
20 cords wood in the woods	60 00
1 carpet, 51 yards	50 00
1 centre-table	5 00
6 curtains	12 00
1 stair-carpet	2 50
1 painted carpet	10 00
1 chamber	50
3 curtains	1 50

2 bureaus	$12 00
2 bedsteads, beds and bedding	56 00
Washstand, ewer and basin	1 75
2 chairs	2 00
1 rocking-chair	1 75
1 table and cover	2 50
1 mirror	1 50
22 pairs sheets	33 00
22 pairs pillow-cases	5 50
5 dozen towels	12 50
1 bed and bedding	20 00
6 cane-seat chairs	5 00
2 cane-seat rocking-chairs	4 00
Wash-stand, ewer and basin	1 75
3 chambers	1 50
4 curtains	3 00
1 mirror	2 00
1 rug	75
1 sofa	5 00
1 stove	4 00
6 towels	2 00
2 hanging lamps	2 50
1 table and cover	6 00
1 carpet	20 00
5 rugs	5 00
2 cane-seat rocking-chairs	4 00
4 cane-seat chairs	4 00
1 stove	8 00
1 lightstand	50
1 mirror	2 00
1 spittoon	50
3 curtains	1 50
1 ottoman and dust-brush	50
1 sofa	5 00
2 fire-extinguishers	119 00
1 county map	1 50
1 carpet	5 00
1 sofa	5 00
1 stove	3 00
Bedstead, bed and bedding	26 00
1 bureau	2 50
Wash-stand, ewer and basin	1 75

1 mirror	$0 75
2 brushes	50
2 curtains	50
1 chamber	35
2 cane-seat chairs	2 00
1 wood rocking-chair	75
1 dust-brush	30
1 bedstead, bed and bedding	26 00
1 carpet	5 00
1 chair	1 00
Wash-stand, ewer and basin	1 75
1 light-stand	50
1 mirror	1 25
1 chamber	35
1 curtain	25
Firkins, buckets, jugs, and tin, iron and stone ware	40 00
Dried fruit	1 50
1 cook-stove and furniture	60 00
2 tables	3 00
1 mirror	1 50
3 curtains	75
1 table-cover	50
16 pounds hops	1 92
30 pounds sulphur	2 10
2 2-3 barrels soap stock	57 34
4 barrels soft-soap	18 00
40 lbs. castile soap	5 00
290 " bar soap	20 30
1 box variety soap	4 00
3-4 box bristol brick	1 00
80 pounds tobacco	36 00
2 gross matches	4 00
17 overcoats	42 50
12 blouses	18 00
3 jackets	13 50
24 pairs pants	60 00
15 " "	26 25
10 dressing gowns	10 00
15 undershirts	10 00
79 pairs overalls	59 25
11 pairs men's buck mittens	16 50

5 pairs men's wool mittens	$3 12
7 pairs boys' buck mittens	3 50
26 cloth caps	8 67
26 wool hats	19 50
8 men's jackets	8 00
5 knit jackets	8 75
9 men's frocks	15 75
24 straw hats	5 80
12 suits boys' clothing	63 24
18 pairs women's hose	7 20
22 pairs children's hose	5 50
4 woolen blankets	6 00
7½ dozen men's half hose	30 00
25 yards frocking	13 75
20 " cassimere	18 00
85 " cotton jean	24 65
32 " brown mixed twist	11 20
55 " cotton-and-wool flannel	15 40
36 " sheeting	5 40
5 pounds white sewing cotton	5 00
2 " colored sewing cotton	2 00
4 " linen thread	5 00
1 gross gilt buttons	30
3 " pant buttons	60
7 pairs men's boots	28 00
8 " " shoes	11 20
6 " " slippers	6 60
3 " " arctic shoes	7 20
4 " boys' boots	9 00
9 " " shoes	10 08
11 " children's boots	8 25
10 " " "	2 50
22 " women's boots	35 75
5 " " shoes	2 50
9 " " slippers	4 50
59 bowls	7 38
18 "	1 44
24 tin bowls	4 00
114 plates	7 98
6 tin plates	72
12 nappies	1 68
19 sets knives and forks	19 00

11 sets knives and forks	$4 12
5 dozen forks	2 50
2 bread knives	1 50
127 table spoons	7 62
4 butcher knives	1 00
5 tin dippers	2 50
6 pint tin dippers	42
25 quart tin dippers	4 17
9 tin ladles	1 50
1 skimmer	25
2 chopping knives	1 00
1 large iron fork	25
1 steel fork	62
1 teapot	75
2 tea pails	1 00
6 coffee pails	4 50
50 bread pans	15 00
10 wash basins	1 67
6 dustpans	3 00
2 dust brushes	50
22 tin pans	3 67
4 milk-cans	4 00
21 bean-pots	3 50
18 sad-irons	7 56
1 cook-stove and furniture	25 00
6 hanging-lamps	7 50
10 small lamps	10 00
12 pepper-cruets and castor	96
7 tables (in hall)	35 00
4 three-feet tables	4 00
3 mirrors	2 00
1 clock	2 50
1 iron fire-proof safe	25 00
13 feather-beds	91 00
17 iron bedsteads and bedding	148 75
3 wood " " "	30 00
16 iron " " "	140 00
7 wood " " "	63 00
9 " " " "	99 00
11 " " " "	115 50
12 " " " "	126 00
16 " " " "	184 00

19 iron bedsteads and bedding	$95 00
4 wood " " "	28 00
3 tables	7 50
105 chambers	26 25
130 wood-seat chairs	52 00
10 wood-seat rocking chairs	10 00
5 chairs for the sick	7 50
1 washstand	50
10 settees	25 00
10 benches	10 00
14 wood stools	2 17
121 sheets (wide)	75 02
156 pillow-cases	26 00
31 sheets (narrow)	15 50
38 straw-ticks (wide)	66 50
24 straw-ticks (narrow)	36 00
9 wash-tubs	10 50
1 portable oven	166 00
2 bathing-tubs	56 00
2 jacket-kettles	250 00
3 clothes-wringers	33 00
2½ dozen corn brooms	15 00
5 mops and handles	1 50
24 water-pails	12 00
1 house-bell	50
2 dozen bushel baskets	10 00
1 " small baskets	3 00
½ " clothes-baskets	4 00
½ " dish-baskets	4 00
7 dining tables	14 00
4 three-feet tables	3 00
1 hand-sled	2 00
1 pung sleigh	60 00
1 two-seated sleigh	25 00
1 single sleigh	25 00
3 ox-carts	150 00
1 stone-cart	40 00
1 hay-rack	3 00
4 ox-sleds	24 00
2 ox-wagons	150 00
1 two-horse sled	32 00
1 night wagon	75 00

1 lumber-wagon	$35 00
1 express-wagon	75 00
1 two-seated wagon	60 00
1 covered wagon	75 00
1 set double harnesses	25 00
3 single harnesses	45 00
16 plow points	12 00
3 horse-blankets	6 00
2 buffalo robes	15 00
3 harrows	16 50
7 plows	50 00
2 cultivators	15 00
1 iron scraper	5 00
25 shovels	22 50
4 spades	4 00
24 hoes	12 00
13 manure-forks	13 00
7 pickaxes	7 00
8 iron bars	12 00
4 stone-hammers	7 00
3 iron rakes	1 50
4 bush-hooks	8 00
6 sod-hoes	5 00
1 jackscrew	6 00
4 manure-hooks	3 50
2 beetles	2 00
5 iron wedges	5 00
Ice hooks and tongs	4 00
16 pitchforks	14 00
22 rakes	5 50
2 drag-rakes	1 75
1 seed-sower	5 00
1 corn-sheller	6 00
18 draft-chains	27 00
11 stake-chains	6 00
3 grain-cradles	5 00
2 hay-cutters	35 00
1 winnowing-mill	6 00
3 half-bushel measures	1 50
1 root-cutter	5 00
3 grindstones	10 00
16 scythes and snaths	17 00

8 bush-scythes and snaths	$11 75
6 corn-cutters	3 00
4 wood-saws	6 00
6 sickles	3 00
5 ox-yokes	21 00
260 feet ladders	26 00
300 pounds cut nails	16 50
2 knife-boxes	1 00
2 brushes	1 50
2 curry-combs	50
2 whips	1 00
1 saddle	3 00
2 bridles	2 00
107 meal-bags	26 75
5 produce boxes	2 50
1 meat-bench, ax and saw	10 00
Cattle-ties and trace-chain	2 00
9 whiffletrees	5 00
9 wheelbarrows	18 00
2 bushels grass seed	8 50
1 bushel mixed seed	3 00
1 dinner-bell	1 50
2 bags coarse salt	4 00
2 bags coarse-fine salt	5 50
2 bags fine salt	5 70
6 beef-barrels	3 00
1 hay-knife	2 00
1 mowing-machine	75 00
2 large steam boxes	25 00
2 cords ashes	36 00
175 cords manure	1,050 00
1 extra stove for patent oven	13 50
2 barrels phosphate	19 20
2 barrels plaster	3 00
1 cask lime	2 00
1 set stone tools	6 00
2,000 bricks	20 00
2 whitewash brushes	4 00
48 sap buckets	16 80
10 pounds clover seed	1 40
80 pounds rags	4 00
1 door-mat	2 00

1 patent cider-mill and press	$76 00
4 joints cement pipe	8 00
4 chairs	2 00
1 clock	5 00
1 hanging lamp	1 25
Brush and dustpan	25
Shovel and tongs	25
2 mats	25
Amount of crockery ware	60 00
1 extension-table	18 00
1 three-feet table	2 00
12 arm-chairs	24 00
1 stove	2 50
2 hanging lamps	2 50
1 lamp	75
2 lamps	1 00
4 "	1 33
1 high chair	50
3 curtains	75
1 dust brush	25
12 ax-helves	3 00
1 box stove	5 00
1 lathe and apparatus for same	20 00
Lot carpenters' tools, bench, etc.	15 00
Lot trimmings, screws, nails, etc.	10 00
Lot steam-pipe fittings	15 00
3 steam gauges	9 00
10 steam valves	30 00
1 boring machine	9 00
1 spirit level	1 00
2 copper pumps	8 00
Lot lead pipe	4 00
1 box stove	10 00
1 " "	5 00
1 sheet-iron stove	1 50
Lot lumber in shop	1 50
5 cords wood in shed	22 50
9 cords dry wood in lot	40 50
2 tin cans	1 00
1 crosscut saw	6 00
2 die-plates and one set dies	30 00
2 steam-pipe cutters	10 00

10 pair pipe tongs	$15 00
1 anvil	2 00
1 vise and lot wrenches	17 00
1 clock	2 50
10 feet rubber hose	7 50
1 watering-pot	50
10 pounds hemp packing	5 00
8 pounds rubber packing	8 00
1 lantern	50
8 washboards	1 00
1 clothes-horse	75
1 bread-trough	8 00
1 copper boiler	9 00
1 box stove (broken)	3 00
1 iron steamer	15 00
1 iron boiler	7 00
1 iron boiler and stove	8 00
4 butcher-knives	1 40
2 skimmers	80
3 steak-knives	3 00
1 writing-desk	5 00
Books and stationery	10 00
1 barometer	5 00
2 thermometers	2 00
3 stone-drags	10 00
5 sets drag plank	10 00
150 hay-caps	54 00
130 vine-boxes	20 00
155 flour-barrels	19 37
2 sets ropes and pulley block	16 00
Wheel and ropes (slaughter-house)	25 00
15 hand axes	11 25
10 lanterns	12 50
30 feed-boxes	15 00
4 grain-boxes	20 00
1 platform hayscales	165 00
1 office chair and cushion	1 50
5,500 feet hemlock boards	77 00
33 posts	16 50
60 feet lead pipe	8 00
Lot steam pipe	10 00
2 M. shingles	10 00
7 pairs window blinds	7 00

6 bundles window cord	$4 50
1 door and lot old windows	10 00
2 coffins	8 00
6 coffins (small)	12 00
4 tin milk-pails	3 00
3 tin strainer pails	3 00
1 milk-cooler	9 00
1 set steps	5 00
2 pairs fire-dogs	2 00
Stone pipe and collars	3 00
2 churns	11 00
1 coal-oil can	25
100 pounds ground lead	14 50
5½ gallons linseed oil	5 77
1 gallon neatsfoot oil	2 00
7 bushels hair	2 80
Total amount of personal property	$17,696 09
Real estate at cost	26,162 00
Total amount of real and personal	$43,858 09

COUNTY FARM RECEIPTS

FOR ARTICLES SOLD FROM THE FARM, THE SAME HAVING BEEN PAID TO THE COUNTY TREASURER.

Cash received for stock	$1,589 63
milk	1,878 16
beef	97 93
hides	103 91
grain	113 11
board	1,054 57
lumber	14 00
wood	12 38
rags and bones	24 44
tallow	58 10
labor	177 51
clothing	13 01
Cash overdrawn	9 00
	$5,145 75

CONNTY FARM EXPENDITURES.

May Term, 1869.

Paid	F. & F. Rice & Co., bill for groceries	$330 10
	McQueston & Co., meal and corn	324 07
	Hardy, Brown, Goss & Co., dry goods	323 00
	A. A. Ramsey, boots and hardware	48 87
	A. A. Ramsey, 1 yoke oxen	227 50
	H. H. Pratt, yoke of oxen	240 00
	H. H. Pratt, 1 joint of hay	32 00
	J. L. Chamberlin, 1 pair of oxen	270 00
	D. Whiting & Sons, phosphate and lumber,	185 27
	J. W. Stiles, 1 yoke of oxen	180 00
	Barr & Co., hardware and phosphate	168 61
	S. D. Chandler, meat, shorts and oats	145 75
	S. H. Dunbar, beef	244 06
	A. E. Jaques, groceries	125 35
	Elias Colburn, fresh fish	85 07
	Damon & Co., boots and shoes	85 10
	N. D. Foster & Co., tin ware and oil	84 41
	G. G. Bumpus, expenses	88 50
	C. K. Burns, labor	104 00
	William B. Hunkins, labor	104 00
	William H. Craige, "	41 00
	Mrs. H. H. Craige, "	42 85
	H. Trevitt, M. D., medical attendance	66 66
	D. Gregg & Co., corn and meal	75 15
	John Giddings, 3 tons hay (18.00)	70 45
	Henry Holt, bed-clothing	75 00
	J. A. Devereaux, 2 die-plates, pipe-cutters and repairs on steam pipes and boiler	64 61
	G. S. Winslow & Co., clothing	62 15
	H. O. Draper, lot of hay	60 00
	L. & D. Lovejoy, 1 bull	55 00
	Lane & Dorr, 9½ bushels beans	38 00
	Runnels & Chase, clothing	36 50
	Augustus Cragin, 3 tons 63 pounds hay, ($10.00)	30 95
	Transportation on railroad	28 06
	G. F. Barker, blacksmithing	24 64
	Thos. Kidder, repairs on boots and shoes,	13 25

Paid	A. S. Thayer, 2 2-3 barrels crackers .	$12 00
	C. B. Burtt, blacksmithing . . .	10 27
	Lewis Tingley, repairs on harness . .	10 00
	John Bragg, labor	9 65
	Flint & Clarke, newspapers . . .	5 50
	C. H. Nutt, 28 feet belting . . .	5 23
	E. P. Brown & Co., iron ware . .	5 10
	Patrick Hannaford, labor . . .	4 25
	Joseph Dascomb, skim-milk . . .	2 33
	Orren Smith, 368 lbs. beef . . .	40 48

SEPTEMBER TERM, 1869.

Paid	Town of Wilton, state, county, town and school tax	251 52
	S. H. Dunbar, meats	424 22
	Hardy, Brown & Goss, dry goods . .	375 14
	David Whiting & Sons, 1 cow . .	68 00
	David Whiting & Sons, shorts, phosphate, screenings	175 23
	David Whiting & Sons, 500 lbs. meat .	50 00
	S. D. Chandler, grain and flour . .	220 73
	A. W. Raymond, 3 cows	195 00
	F. & F. Rice & Co., groceries . . .	180 92
	McQueston & Co., flour, shorts and grass seed	170 69
	Alfred E. Jaques, groceries and flour .	160 70
	W. F. Robinson, 3 barrels mess pork .	103 50
	W. F. Robinson, 3 barrels extra mess beef,	54 60
	A. A. Ramsey, flour and groceries . .	132 87
	G. G. Bumpus, expenses and interest .	115 01
	William B. Hunkins, labor . . .	120 00
	William H. Craige, labor . . .	104 00
	Mrs. H. H. Craige, labor . . .	43 93
	Dr. H. Trevitt, services and medicine .	74 53
	E. Colburn, fresh fish	86 89
	D. Gregg & Co., corn and meal . .	58 30
	Ebenezer Nickerson & Co., salt fish .	56 75
	P. M. Rossiter, 1 cow	52 25
	N. D. Foster & Co., hard and hollow ware,	49 62
	James F. Barker, blacksmithing . .	49 60
	L. W. Hough, beans	40 21
	Daniel Hanaford, labor	44 00
	Scripture & Parker, 4 pigs . . .	40 00

Paid	J. R. Palmer, soap	$36 53
	D. B. Eastman, agricultural tools	35 88
	E. F. Preston, 1,092 feet clothes-line	35 49
	John F. Martin & son, labor	35 00
	G. W. Marden, labor	34 12
	P. J. Crowell, labor	33 92
	Jonathan Marden, labor	24 50
	Railroad transportation	24 14
	Charles Tarbell, shoes and hats	23 32
	Francis Whiting, 1 hog	20 00
	John B. Varick, hardware	17 00
	J. O. Fish, hardware and overalls	16 84
	McCane & Osgood, labor	16 00
	Thomas J. Draper, 238 lbs. beef	14 28
	Damon & Co., rubber shoes	12 25
	Elliot Whitford, mowing machine tools	11 95
	Porter & Wheeler, labor	11 00
	S. Clagston, 1 prize churn	11 00
	C. B. Burtt, shoeing and repairs	10 53
	Warren Stiles, share of school-teaching	9 00
	C. K. Burns, labor	7 00
	O. W. Bartlett & Co., 1 barrel flour	6 75
	H. N. Gray, blacksmithing	5 05
	Paul Otis, paints and oil	5 00
	N. Flint, newspapers	4 70
	A. Childs, baskets	4 04
	Lewis Tingley, repairs on harnesses	3 75
	James Scott, trusses	3 75
	J. B. Kidder, repairs on boots and shoes	3 05
	Luther A. Tarbell, flour	12 75
	G. W. Eaton, repairing wagon	7 25
	Preston & Emory, hemlock boards	17 50

JANUARY TERM, 1870.

Paid	Hardy, Brown, Goss & Co., 2 dozen pairs buck mittens	$36 00
	Barr & Co., hardware	34 26
	H. Hopkins, sawing lumber	33 07
	Manchester Locomotive Works, 602 lbs. grates and 31 lbs. refined iron	31 65
	Damon & Co., boots and shoes	30 10
	William E. Rideout, coffins	30 00

Paid H. M. Goodrich, repairs on oven . .	$28 75
John Harriman, 28 days' labor . .	28 00
John Bragg, labor	19 50
John Bragg, 2½ bushels beans . . .	6 25
James O. Fisk, hardware . . .	23 00
McQueston & Co., flour and meal . .	67 75
S. N. Center, hardware	19 52
E. Nickerson & Co., 5 quintals codfish .	16 50
Mrs. H. H. Craige, 6 1-6 weeks' labor .	15 41
T. B. Kidder, repairs on boots and shoes,	13 16
Lizzie McColey, 6 weeks' labor . .	12 00
C. B. Burtt, horse-shoeing . . .	9 34
E. P. Brown & Co., lamps and burners .	9 12
Nathan Flint, school-books . . .	7 63
A. W. Snow, meat	52 01
J. R Palmer, soap	14 50
J. W. Stiles, 1,708 feet lumber ($17.00)	29 03
J. W. Stiles, 242 lbs. beef (10c) . .	24 20
Francis Whiting, beef	102 92
David Whiting & Sons, shorts, lumber, grinding and pasturing . . .	210 59
A. E. Jaques, groceries	140 52
F. E. P. & D. S. Chase, 23 M. shingles .	92 00
D. Gregg & Co., groceries . . .	74 50
N. D. Foster & Co..	70 01
William W. Johnson, 1 cow and 1 bull .	69 00
Boston & Lowell and Nashua & Lowell Railroad Corporations, transportation .	63 62
Runnells & Chase, clothing . . .	58 19
John A. Devereaux, labor and material on boiler	59 58
Jones & Dascomb, men's boots . .	52 00
G. G. Bumpus, car fare and expenses .	80 57
Dr. H. Trevitt, county physician, 4 mos., ending Dec. 31, 1869	66 67
Dr. H. Trevitt, visit to Hancock and medicine	5 17
William B. Hunkins, labor 2½ months .	75 00
G. F. Barker, blacksmithing . . .	37 27
A. S. Thayer, crackers	49 50
A. Ramsey, clothing	48 94
Daniel Hanaford, services 4 months .	44 00
Thomas Scott, 18 days' labor . . .	40 50

Paid S. Spaulding & Co., 20 barrels flour ($7)	$140 00
17,000 lbs. shorts ($25)	212 50
52 barrels flour ($7)	364 00
30 " " ($6.75)	202 50
375 bu. corn ($1.26)	472 50
S. H. Dunbar, meat	406 75
F. F. Rice & Co., groceries . . .	313 42
L. A. Tarbell, 1 barrel flour . . .	11 00
2 barrels flour ($10.50) .	21 00
6 " " ($7.25) .	43 50
4 " " ($10) .	40 00
20 " " ($7.25) .	145 00
H. H. Pratt's estate, 11 96-100 tons hay, ($18.81)	216 08
H. H. Pratt's estate, 11 chairs (10c) .	1 10
H. H. Pratt's estate, 1 map Hillsborough county	1 25
Daniel C. Porter, 4 cows ($40) . .	160 00
Daniel C. Porter, 21 days' labor ($2.50) .	52 50
Foster & Brother, 6 98-100 tons hay ($20)	139 69
Foster & Brother, 15 cords wood ($4) .	60 00
Daniel Porter, 35 days' labor, carpenter .	105 00
Samuel Wheeler, 35 days' labor, carpenter,	83 13
E. Colburn, fresh fish	67 71
F. W. Preston, lumber	91 14
John Putnam, 2 ox-yokes . . .	6 00
Stephen C. Fletcher, chaplain . . .	20 00
W. H. Craige, labor	104 00
G. G. Bumpus and wife, services 1 year, to Jan. 1, 1870	800 00
G. G. Bumpus, cash paid for County Farm,	213 75
A J. Hunkins and wife, services 1 year to Jan. 1, 1870	442 35
G. G. Bumpus, extra services for the two years, 1867–68	200 00
John B. Varick, cider-mill . . .	51 14
	$15,514 71
Deduct amount for produce sold from farm, the same having been paid to County Treasurer .	5,145 75
Amount actually drawn from county treasury, excluding the earnings of the farm . .	$10,368 96

It will be seen elsewhere in this report that $1,000.00 were expended in erecting the new building, to which reference has hereinbefore been made, which sum deducted from $10,368.96, leaves $9,368.96 as the exact amount drawn from the county treasury for support of paupers at the farm this year.

RECAPITULATION.

Amount of cash paid out for all purposes at farm		$15,514 71
Deduct cost of building 20×87 erected this year for granary, storage and carriages . .		1000 00
Total amount expended for support of paupers		$14.514 71
Interest on real estate at cost ($26,162 00)		1,569 72
Inventory of personal property Jan. 1, 1869 . . .	$18,261 59	
Inventory of personal property Jan. 1, 1870 . . .	17,696 09	
Excess in 1869 over 1870		$565 50
Commissioners' expenses		$300 00
		$16,949 93
Deduct produce and stock sold from the farm the same having been paid to the county treasurer		$5,145 75
Total amount expended, including interest on real estate, for support of paupers . .		$11,804 19

Dividing by 115 1–2, the average weekly number, we have as the cost of each inmate one year, $102.20.

Dividing by 52, the number of weeks, we have as the average weekly cost of each inmate $1.96 53–100 (one dollar ninety-six and fifty-three hundredths cents.

The expense for supporting each pauper at the farm this year is 25 47–100 cents per week less than last year. It will be observed that the weekly average number in 1868 was 96, making 19 1–2 more in 1869 than there were in 1868.

In our last annual report we referred to the passage of the law in June, 1863, abolishing all town settlements gained prior to January 1, 1840. The practical effect of this law has transferred most of the paupers from the town farms in the county to the county almshouse, as we anticicipated at the time the law passed, and accordingly made suitable provision for the same. Most of the towns in the county have already sold their town poor-farms, and some of the town paupers are boarding at the county almshouse, at a cost far less than the towns can support them elsewhere. The county has received for boarding paupers for several towns in the county this year, $840.82 and from the county of Rockingham, $213.75, making in all $1054.57.

The Treasurer's report shows an increase of the county debt for the year ending December 31, 1869, of $5.048.40. This increase of expenditure is accounted for by the erection of a house for the insane, at Wilton, at a cost of $1639.19. Steam-heating apparatus in the jail at a cost of $931.00. This outlay was indispensable, and could no longer be postponed or delayed without entire disregard of the best interest of the county. We have at the almshouse, as before stated, forty insane and partially insane, who have been supported there at a cost of $102.20 for each person one year, making the sum of $4,088.00 for supporting forty one year. It will cost to support the same number at the Asylum for the Insane at $4.80 per week for each person, the sum of $9,984.00, a sum nearly equal to the cost of supporting 115 1–2 this year. The court expenses are considerable more this year than they were in 1868, which, together with the sum paid for the purposes above named, accounts for the increase of the county debt this year.

It may appear to some of our tax-payers, that our county expenses are large compared with the expenses of other counties in this state, and with our population and valuation. But upon a careful examination and comparison, we find the facts to be quite the reverse. The population of Hillsborough county in 1860 was 62,242. It is estimated that we now have 70,000. Valuation in 1864, $29,180,047. Valuation in 1868, $35,430,425. Valuation increased during four years ending 1868, $6,250,378. It will be remembered that the county sustained considerable loss by fire November 14, 1866, when all the almshouse buildings in

Goffstown were burned. Yet the county expenses have not increased in proportion to the increase of population and valuation. We desire to make a brief statement of facts only, and do not intend to make any invidious comparison elsewhere. Upon inquiry we find that the expenses in most of the counties in this state are considerably larger than ours in proportion to valuation and population, and, so far as we are advised, our expenses are less than any other county in the state, on the basis of population and valuation. We have made most ample provision for the support and maintenance of the poor and dependent, chargeable to the county; at the same time we have insisted that wise and judicious economy should be used in the disbursement of the large sums necessary for this purpose.

The following statement shows the amount paid for supporting county paupers each year, at the farm and off the farm, for six years ending January term 1870, inclusive, excluding all sums paid for buildings and permanent improvements upon the farm and buildings, interest on real estate included.

	Average weekly number at farm.	Amount paid for paupers at farm.	Amount paid for paupers off farm.	Totals.
Paid in 1864.	138 2-13	$9,455.53	$4,606.32	$14,061.85
Paid in 1865.	133 1-2	10,662.64	4,253.49	14,916.13
Paid in 1866.	129 1-2	10,419.75	4,118.68	14,538.43
Paid in 1867.	91 1-2	9,827.40	4,408.86	14,236.26
Paid in 1868.	96	11,122.89	3,817.97	14,940.86
Paid in 1869.	115 1-2	11,804.18	4,463.80	16,267.98

PAUPERS BELONGING TO OTHER COUNTIES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

County of Rockingham paid for supporting Phillip Leaf, his wife and three children at county farm	$213 75
County of Rockingham for expense on account of Leaf family	14 50
County of Rockingham for support of O. Sanderson's family in Hudson	22 36
Paid to the County Treasurer . . .	$250 61
County of Grafton assumed and paid N. H. Asylum for the Insane for supporting A. B. Spenser (taken sick at Manchester) . .	$73 47
County of Merrimack assumed and paid Warren Green for supporting N. W. Green, a pauper belonging to Merrimack county, (sick in Manchester)	92 65

The bills were paid directly to the parties who supported the two persons last named by the respective counties, Hillsborough county having incurred no expenses on their account.

EXPENSE OF COUNTY PAUPERS NOT AT THE FARM, FOR EIGHT YEARS, ENDING JANUARY TERM, 1870.

Towns.	1862.	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.
Amherst	$307.52	$144.22	$183.51	$106.25	$217.73	$67.20	$94.25	$131.00
Antrim	121.27	79.40	118.78	37.13	46.25	.....	45.14	89.05
Bedford	154.91	157.35	18.20	30.50	.....	18.02	94.80	17.00
Bennington	60.92	100.50	12[illegible].00	158.65	156.38	39.75	24.87	.....
Brookline	.....	.....	34.80	.....	66.56	13.00	13.00	89.68
Deering	164.50	200.16	205.62	92 75	109.77	111.90	94.00	151.70
Francestown	184.39	99.24	54.20	128.37	145.35	267.25	61.76	65.92
Goffstown	232.42	144.92	102.62	87.78	112.12	163.90	85.00	249.89
Greenfield	313.33	140.05	68.47	176.87	256.51	336.44	231.81	149.00
Hancock	188.88	61.00	59.25	52.00	52.00	99.76	108.33	292.11
Hillsborough	244.10	185.26	66.50	92.00	168.35	44.32	100.75	192.18
Hollis	33.12	13.00	33.67	8.50	2.00	26.50	23 84	39.62
Hudson	175.78	88.30	18.00	15.00	5.00	27.75	13.50	76.52
Lyndeborough	148.26	113.00	33.00	9.00	12.00	55.83	59.14	119.59
Litchfield	.....	16.50	.....	.....	7.00	.....	.....	102.50
Manchester	2,577.75	1,806.09	2,1[illegible]6.63	1,555.64	1,147.97	1,219.24	968.28	1,094.90
Mason	143.18	170.99	.....	175.02	326.25	130.93	87.78	129.89
Merrimack	57.51	86.92	53.85	20.00	33.59	35.50	89.39	41.36
Mont Vernon	201.34	79 80	41.37	26.00	26.05	8.50	86.80	40.[illegible]5
Milford	430.52	149.75	41.45	108.00	124.30	55.25	99.45	193.94
Nashua	1,683.51	1,319.28	870.27	766.59	473.23	678.60	608.30	463.77
New Boston	156.19	93.16	89.86	300.00	66.47	106.66	189.76	99.65
New Ipswich	706.10	566.44	43.30	57.45	105.81	396.40	50.85	20.00
Pelham	108.72	20.00	.....	35.50	42.42	78.01	24.70	11.50
Peterborough	448.30	182.04	37.75	54.65	149.73	161.20	151.35	212.90
Sharon	3.32	8.78	.....	4.48	.....	.....	.....	.....
Temple	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24.28	152.14
Wilton	64.00	80.79	61.05	115.94	52.99	.....	.....	99.39
Windsor	.....	.....	.....	.....	147.50	.....	.....	4.50
Weare	196.75	167.29	211.21	172.80	173.35	266.95	386.84	133.85
	$9,125.86	$6,283.32	$4,606.32	$4,253.49	$4,118.68	$4,408.86	$3,817.97	$4,463.80

For support of paupers not at almshouse	$4,463.80
For support of paupers at almshouse	11,804.18
Total amount paid for supporting paupers the last year	$16,267.98

STATISTICS OF INMATES.

Number in the almshouse Jan. 1, 1869	110
Admitted during the year	110
Discharged during the year	104
Supported " "	210
Births " "	2
Deaths " "	27
Weekly average	115 1–2
Number in the almshouse Jan. 1, 1870	116
Number of children provided with homes during the year 1869	2

*Of 110 admitted during the year there were

from Manchester	54
Nashua	12
Weare	1
Peterboro'	4
Wilton	2
Amherst	4
Goffstown	3
Hudson	2
Bedford	2
Mason	5
Milford	5
Merrimack	1
Deering	3
Francestown	1
Hancock	1
Born at farm	2
Transient	8
Total	110

Americans	36
Irish	57
French	6

* Five of those sent from Manchester belonged to Rockingham county, and were at the almshouse only for a limited time, until their residence could be established. Six were recommitted, and three others were at the almshouse but a few days.

German	1
English	9
Scotch	1
	110

Number at almshouse Jan. 1, 1870, 5 years old and under	4
Number between 5 and 10 years	7
" " 10 and 20 "	14
" " 20 and 30 "	8
" " 30 and 40 "	17
" " 40 and 50 "	12
" " 50 and 60 "	13
" " 60 and 70 "	21
" " 70 and 80 "	15
" " 80 and 90 "	4
" " 90 and 100 "	1
Total	116

Insane and partially insane	40	
Idiotic	21	
Males		46
Females		70
Total		116

ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF PRODUCE RAISED.

English hay	75 tons.
Run hay	8 "
Corn fodder	20 "
Barley straw	16 "
Oats	4 "
Potatoes	1845 bush.
Beets	15 "
Carrots	40 "
Turnips	210 "
Corn	250 "
Barley	505 "

Oats	40 bush.
Apples	280 "
Beans	10 "
Sweet corn	15 "
Cucumbers	10 "
Tomatoes	8 "
Milk	7,676 cans.
Pork raised	4,683 p'ds.
Beef	5,066 "
Cabbages	1,125 h'ds.
Squashes	250 lbs.
Manure	175 cords.

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Commissioners of Hillsborough County:

Gentlemen, — I again have the honor to present to you an annual report of the sanitary condition of the county almshouse.

The whole number of persons provided for in the institution during the year has been two hundred and ten, nearly all of whom have been invalids. Nor could we expect it to be otherwise, when we take into consideration the fact that they were those, who, by old age, sickness, insanity and other misfortunes, or, as is too often the case, by lives of intemperance and debauchery, had been rendered unable to provide for themselves, and many of them laboring under chronic diseases in some form which must sooner or later prove fatal.

The health of the inmates, under the above mentioned circumstances, has been comparatively good. No severe epidemic has invaded the institution, and but few cases of severe illness have had their origin there.

The whole number of deaths during the year, as will be seen by reference to the accompanying table, has been twenty-seven. All except two were the result of old age, chronic disease or insanity. There were two deaths from typhoid fever in a severe form. One of the patients was delirious from the time he was attacked until he died. The

other, a lad of thirteen, naturally of feeble constitution, became convalescent, but had a relapse and died.

Much credit is due to the Superintendent and his most worthy lady, for the strict enforcement of the sanitary regulations of the institution, and to their care and watchfulness over the health of the inmates, to which, in a great measure, may be attributed their freedom from acute and epidemic diseases, especially among the children.

There have been but two births in the institution during the year.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
H. TREVITT, M. D.

DEATHS.

1869.	Names.	Age.	Cause of Death.
Jan. 28	Arthur Alexander . .	7	Consumption.
Mar. 4	Daniel Jewell	79	"
13	Margaret Emerson . .	46	Insanity.
30	Mary B. McConnell. .	19	"
April 6	Margaret Boyce . . .	81	Old age.
16	Isaac Cochran	81	"
May 20	Sally Truel	70	"
June 10	Martha Carter.	80	"
27	Leonard McAlister. .	48	Insanity.
July 4	Nahum Burk	80	Broken-down constitution
21	Mary Hadlock.	56	Insanity.
21	Mary Downs	52	"
25	Bridget Coughlin. . .	28	"
Aug. 1	Owen McCabe	72	Cancer of tongue.
10	James Gordon.	86	Old age.
Sept. 15	Sally Hadley	78	"
24	Daniel Merrill.	79	Broken-down constitution
Oct. 9	Nelson Straw	60	" "
19	Olive Sweet	62	Paralysis.
21	Eddie Hartshorn . . .	16	Typhoid fever.
Nov. 3	Calvin R. Hall	13	" "
3	Daniel Hill	77	Broken-down constitution
7	Daniel Sheldon	72	Insanity.
8	Mary Coffee	70	Cancer of stomach.
Dec. 6	Leonard Goodin . . .	70	Organic disease of heart.
14	Charles Smith.	64	Organic disease, with
18	Patrick Manning . . .	45	Consumption. [dropsy.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

To the Commissioners of Hillsborough County:

Sirs, — I have the honor to submit the following report. The duty of imparting religious instruction at a place such as this, while very pleasant, is very perplexing and in results uncertain.

The large number of idiotic, partially deranged and weak-minded persons afford soil of very little depth for sowing the good seed, and one is often at his wit's end in seeking methods suited to their capacity. The large number of unfortunate persons brought to poverty in old age, and in some cases unjustly, and under circumstances to embitter their whole being, give an opportunity to sow among thorns. The occasional prisoner, with a mind full of crime, the Catholic, with a full determination to receive no truth from a Protestant, give a choice for wayside sowing, as some truth, despite their crime and prejudice, sinks into their hearts. The children, and some of the aged persons whom misfortune could not sour, afford the good ground on which the truth of God's word takes root, and we trust shall bring forth fruit to His glory and the benefit of mankind. Hence, in imitation of the Master, who went forth to sow, and a sign of whose kingdom was "The poor have the gospel preached unto them," together with the superintendent and matron and most of the employees, we have done what we could to afford the inmates an opportunity to attend religious services at least once a month, and also socially to encourage, sympathize and instruct.

Compared with past years, we think a better tone of religious interest has been manifest the last year than before since the removal of the county farm to Wilton. This is attributed principally to the ample chapel room of the new building and a better acquaintance with the inmates.

The increasing numbers of children and youth, in connection with the Institution, claim that all possible shall be done for their spiritual development in the ways of truth.

Yours very respectfully,
S. C. FLETCHER.

JAILER'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners for the County of Hillsborough, the Jailer would make the following report:

Number of prisoners in jail Jan. 1, 1869 . .	40
Committed during the year	134
	174
Discharged	121
In jail Jan. 1, 1870	53
Weekly average number of prisoners from Jan. to May, 1869	33.00
Weekly average number of prisoners from May to Sept., 1869.	41.10
Weekly average number of prisoners from Sept. to January, 1870	35.95
Average number during the year ending Jan. 1, 1870	36-68
Paid County Treasurer for labor of prisoners for one year, ending Jan. 10, 1870 . .	$600 00
Paid County Treasurer for fines and costs collected	656 84
	$1,256 84

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

A. G. FAIRBANKS, *Jailer.*

In 1866, a building was erected on the east end of the jail and adjoining thereto. The first story is used for the storage of wood, and a place for carriages. The second story has been used since Nov. 10, 1866, for a work-shop for the prisoners, or such of them as prefer to work, rather than close confinement in the jail, leaving it optional for the prisoners to choose for themselves either to work or be confined. Most of the prisoners prefer to work. The principal business carried on in the shop is chair bottoming. This branch of business is very clean and easy, not requiring very long practice and experience for those who are capable and tractable to become sufficiently skilled to do this kind of work acceptably. We cannot carry on any mechanical business here which requires skillful and experienced workmen, as most of those sent to jail come there with but little knowledge of any useful trade, and generally on short sentence, not sufficient length of time to learn any trade requiring skill and experience and become accomplished workmen; in consequence of which the county cannot realize so much for their services for the kind of work done here, as could be realized from some other branches of business more profitable, but needing more experience, skill and ingenuity.

It is a noticeable fact that the prisoners are more quiet, better contented and more orderly since they commenced working. Under the judicious management of A. G. Fairbanks, Esq., jailer, the best of order and discipline is observed in every department of the institution.

From Nov. 10, 1866, to January 10, 1870, the sum of seventeen hundred dollars ($1700.00) was paid to the county treasurer for labor of the prisoners. From January term, 1866, to January term, 1870, the sum of thirteen thousand seven hundred sixty-four dollars and thirty-five cents ($13,764.35) was paid to the county treasurer, being money collected for forfeitures of bonds, fines and costs; added to the amount for labor of prisoners, is fifteen thousand four hundred sixty-four dollars and thirty-five cents ($15,464.35).

JAIL EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY TERM, 1870.

May Term, 1869.

Paid Wm. D. Buck, physician	$25 00
Charles A. Holt, for repairs . . .	6 50
D. B. Eastman, for repairs . . .	5 25
Manchester Gas-Light Co., for coke . .	11 62
C. S. Fisher, funeral expenses of prisoner	10 00
Hartshorn & Pike, for repairs . . .	4 50
A. G. Fairbanks, for board of prisoners from January 4, to May 2, 1869 . .	1,464 03
A. G. Fairbanks, clothing for prisoners Jan. 4, to May 2, 1869	47 25
A. G. Fairbanks, repairs and stationery .	25 35
Henry Moulton, & Co., for 46 feet ladders	9 20
E. P. Johnson, & Co., for 20,700 lbs coal .	134 55

September Term, 1869.

Paid Wm. D. Buck, medical attendance . .	$20 00
John Q. A. Sargent, for bathing apparatus	51 68
S. C. Forsaith, repairs	125 72
John B. Varick, hardware . . .	6 42
Hartshorn & Pike, repairs on pumps .	4 75
Daniels & Co., 11 padlocks and keys .	33 75
A. G. Fairbanks, board of prisoners, May 3, to Sept. 5, 1869	1,933 71
A. G. Fairbanks, material and labor . .	80 95
E. P. Johnson, & Co., 22 tons Bro. coal .	269 50

January Term, 1870.

Paid Wm. D. Buck, for medical attendance .	15 00
A. G. Fairbanks, for board of prisoners from Sept. 6, 1869, to January 2, 1870 .	1,621 09
A. G. Fairbanks, for clothing provided for prisoners from Sept. term, 1869, to Jan., 1870	111 05
A. G. Fairbanks, for wood, repairs and labor	34 42

Paid A. G. Fairbanks, blank books and repairs	46 36
Herman Foster and L. B. Clough, for insurance	78 76
	$6,176 41

MISCELLANEOUS.

May Term, 1869.

Paid John B. Clarke, printing one thousand Commissioners' Reports . . .		$90 00
John B. Clarke, printing blanks . .		18 00
Eugene Lewis, State vs. Janetta Lindsey .		24 57
Samuel Upton, State vs. Berry and als. .		24 50
Wm. Wetherbee, services at Court-House		11 00
J. O. Teel, services and expenses . .		28 43

September Term, 1869.

Paid Herman Foster and L. B. Clough, insurance		12 50
Moore & Langley, printing Treasurer's reports, etc., ...		29 00
C. A. Sulloway, costs in Hamley case .		17 00
Dana W. King, examining records, Haselton case		2 00
A. S. Smith, committing Patrick McConner, and costs		10 43
D. Pattee, sheriff costs, Melinda Day case,		7 00
Chas. M. Robinson, committing to House of correction		15 00
E. P. Emerson, justice fees and witnesses, viz.		
State vs. Vickory & Garey	$12 05	
State vs. John Smith .	12 05	
State vs. P. O. Keef . .	11 55	
State vs. H. E. Woodham, 2 cases	16 10	
State vs. John Macklay .	12 05	
		$63 80

Paid Joseph Langdell, horse hire for representatives	$16 00
A. G. Fairbanks, conveying J. Boyle to County Farm	9 17
Joseph B. Clark, services, etc., in civil suits	32 03
L. H. Blood, horse hire at Wilton . .	14 85
Wm. W. Johnson, to send paupers out of State	18 25
David Whiting & Sons, dinners for representatives	39 00
E. P. Johnson & Co., eight tons lump coal for Court-House	96 00

JANUARY TERM, 1870.

Paid Samuel Upton, case vs. Green . .	9 57
John B. Clarke, printing circulars for County Treasurer	2 50
E. P. Johnson & Co., coal for Court-House	29 25
L. B. Bodwell, wood and sawing, for Court House	11 00
Wm. B. Patten, fees for carrying to county farm, police fees, etc.	15 95
	$646 80

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

MAY TERM, 1869.

Paid James Scott	$153 90	
J. F. James	346 01	
Gilman Scripture . . .	361 95	
		$861 86

SEPTEMBER TERM, 1869.

Jacob F. James . . .	$351 50	
Gilman Scripture . . .	166 30	
William W. Johnson . .	158 79	
		$676 59

JANUARY TERM, 1870.

Paid Gilman Scripture . . .	$211 05	
Jacob F. James . . .	375 80	
William W. Johnson . .	172 03	
		$758 88
		$2,297 33

STATIONERY.

MAY TERM, 1869.

Paid C. V. Dearborn, for Probate office . .	16 25
N. P. Green, " " . .	11 92
Moore & Langley, " " . .	29 50
N. P. Green, for Registry of Deeds . .	30 80
N. P. Green, for Clerk of Court . .	105 69
G. A. Ramsdell, stationery and water, Co. buildings	15 37

SEPTEMBER TERM, 1869.

Paid H. C. Tilton, stationery for Probate office	$7 25
Moore & Langley, stationery for Probate office	16 50
N. P. Green, stationery for Probate office .	11 61
H. B. Atherton, Co. Treasurer, stationery	17 71
N. P. Green, stationery for Register of Deeds' office	38 52
N. P. Green, stationery for Clerk of Court	68 38

JANUARY TERM, 1870.

Paid N. P. Green, stationery for Register of Deeds' office	$31 80
N. P. Green, stationery for Probate office	$9 50
N. P. Green, stationery for Court . .	91 08
Moore & Langley, stationery for Probate office	12 00
C. V. Dearborn, stationery for Probate office	4 99
F. B. Eaton, " " " .	8 35

Paid Wm. H. Fisk, stationery for Court and County offices	$43 83
R. W. Berry, stationery for Probate office	24 00
	$595 05

HOUSE OF REFORMATION.

Paid for support of inmates in the House of Reformation	$1,620 34

NEW HAMPSHIRE ASYLUM FOR INSANE.

Paid for the support of Emma E. Haselton, in the N. H. Insane Asylum . . .	$119 99

COUNTY BUILDINGS, NASHUA.

Paid S. S. Jackman, lamps and shade, Probate office	$2 25
S. S. Jackman, bracket, labor, Register of Deeds' office	7 45
Nashua Gas-light Company, Register of Deeds' office	19 98
Nashua Gas-light Co., County Records .	25 65
H. M. Goodrich, repairs on stoves, Probate office	10 15
C. V. Dearborn, washing, postage stamps,	6 25
Pennichuck Water Works, Registry of Deeds	3 00
G. A. Ramsdell, wood, sawing and water,	13 50
H. O. Proctor, 4 cords of wood, Clerk's office	33 00
W. M. Beebe, lumber and labor, Registry of Deeds	5 87
	$127 10

INVENTORY

OF REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH.

Land and buildings in Wilton	$26,162 00
Personal property	17,696 09
Land and jail buildings at Manchester	35,000 00
Oil-cloth in buildings	50 00
2 stoves and pipe	50 00
1 cook-stove and pipe	20 00
3 McGee stoves	55 00
2 copper boilers	25 00
2 tables	8 00
Total	$79,066 09

ESTIMATE

OF THE AMOUNT OF MONEY NECESSARY TO BE RAISED BY TAXES THE ENSUING YEAR.

For state pay-roll	$5,000 00
for jail	6,000 00
jury pay-rolls	7,000 00
county farm	10,400 00
county paupers off farm	4,500 00
N. H. Asylum for Insane	200 00
Reform School	1,700 00
interest on county debt	4,760 00
books and stationery	710 00
sheriffs	2,000 00
Solicitor's and Treasurer's salaries	730 00
Miscellaneous	2,000 00
Total	$45,000 00

GILMAN SCRIPTURE,
J. F. JAMES,
WILLIAM W. JOHNSON,
County Commissioners.

COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Court and Board of Commissioners for the County of Hillsborough:

The following is a true statement of the financial condition of the county for the year ending December 31, 1869:

RECEIPTS.

January to May 31, 1869.

Balance in treasury Jan. 1, 1869, as per Treasurer's book . . .		$15,951 57
Rec'd of A. G. Fairbanks, fines and costs collected . .	$62 55	
A. G. Fairbanks, labor of prisoners, Jan. 10, '69 .	200 00	
J. F. James, money rec'd of Mary J. Stevens, a county pauper at county farm	37 46	
Alexander Robinson, board at county farm . .	20 00	
G. A. Ramsdell, peddlers' licenses . . .	20 00	
Amoskeag National Bank, on note . . .	5,500 00	
Co. Commissioners, sales from county farm .	1,438 12	
G. G. Bumpus, superintendent county farm, produce sold	1,976 94	
J. F. James, fine received of David Steel . .	15 00	

Rec'd of A. G. Fairbanks, jailer, for labor of prisoners 6 mos. ending May 10, 1869 .	$200 00	
A. G. Fairbanks, jailer, fines and costs collected,	244 42	
J. R. Miller, fine state vs. Hanaford . . .	1 00	
William Wetherbee, rent of rooms in court house to May 1, 1869 . .	45 00	
Amoskeag National Bank, on note . . .	10,000 00	
Amoskeag National Bank, on note . . .	2,000 00	
		$21,760 49
Total to May 31, 1869 . . .		$37,712 06

DISBURSEMENTS.

January to May 31, 1869.

Paid on jury pay-roll, January and May terms . . .	$4,333 89	
state pay-roll, January and May terms . . .	2,323 36	
pauper expense at county farm	6,033 33	
pauper expense off county farm	4,036 41	
jail expense . . .	4,603 69	
county farm expense . .	6,580 45	
stationery and printing .	604 13	
coupons	1,254 00	
interest	637 00	
salaries	2,978 70	
miscellaneous expense .	1,097 96	
		$34,482 93
Amount received		$37,712 06
paid out		34,482 93
Balance in treasury May 31, 1869 . .		$3,229 13

RECEIPTS.

June 1, 1869.

Rec'd of H. B. Atherton, cash in treasury		$3,219 13
for taxes, 1869 . . .	$40,000 00	
of J. F. James, for J. O. Teele,	56 94	
A. G. Fairbanks, jailer, cost and fines collected .	292 61	
A. G. Fairbanks, jailer, for labor of prisoners .	200 00	
G. A. Ramsdell, peddlers' licenses . . .	50 00	
G. A. Ramsdell, costs and fines collected . .	99 56	
city of Nashua, board of J. Jackman at jail . .	52 47	
Rockingham county, board of Phillip Leaf and family at almshouse . .	213 75	
Rockingham county, board of Phillip Leaf and family at Manchester .	14 50	
Rockingham county, board of Orrison Sanderson and family at Hudson .	22 36	
G. G. Bumpus, superintendent county farm, provision sold . . .	1,338 84	
		$42,341 03
Total from June 1 to Dec. 31, 1869		$45,570 16

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid on notes	$18,300 00
interest	375 71
coupons	3,240 00

Paid on jury pay-roll, Sept. term	$1,046 66	
state pay-roll, " "	1,323 38	
pauper expense at farm	4,495 54	
pauper expense off farm	2,093 20	
jail expense	2,622 68	
salaries	1,720 68	
miscellaneous expense	1,164 12	
		$36,381 97
Balance in treasury Dec. 31, 1869		$9,188 19

The following is a true statement of the debt of the county, December 31, 1869, as per books:

Bonds, first	$30,000 00	
Bonds, second issue	48,000 00	
Interest on bonds	1,110 00	
Note to Harry H. Bragg for $2,121, dated Sept. 19, 1867	2,423 66	
Notes to William Woodbury for $3,000.00, dated Jan. 17, 1865,	4,003 93	
Note, Peterborough Savings Bank, for $8,000.00, dated April 16, 1867, interest paid to April 24, 1870	8,000 00	
		$93,537 59
Balance in treasury		9,188 19
		$84,349 40
Total indebtedness diminished by funds on hand Dec. 31, 1869		$84,349 40
Indebtedness Dec. 31, 1868		79,301 00
Increase of county debt, 1869		$5,048 40

HENRY C. MERRILL,

County Treasurer.