

ANNUAL REPORT

•• OF THE ••

TOWN OF LACONIA

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1ST, 1888.

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ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

TOWN OFFICERS

—OF THE—

TOWN OF LACONIA,

COMPRISING THOSE OF THE

Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor
and School Committee, Etc.,

—FOR THE—

Year Ending March 1, 1888.

LACONIA, N. H.:
LEWIS, VAUGHAN & CO., PRINTERS.
1888.

State of New Hampshire.

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To the inhabitants of the town of Laconia qualified to vote in town affairs, you are hereby notified to meet at Folsom hall in said Laconia, on the second Tuesday of March next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose three selectmen, town clerk, town treasurer, overseer of the poor, health officer, fish and game warden, for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To choose two trustees for the Public Library to serve for the term of three years.

ART. 4. To choose all other necessary town officers and agents for the year ensuing.

ART. 5. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the support and increase of the Public Library.

ART. 6. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the support of the poor for the year ensuing.

ART. 7. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for support of schools for the year ensuing.

ART. 8. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the laying out, building, and repairing highways and bridges for the year ensuing.

ART. 9. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for current expenses for the year ensuing.

ART. 10. To see how much money the town will vote to raise to defray the current expenses of the fire department for the year ensuing.

ART. 11. To see how much money the town will vote to raise to pay the firemen for the year ensuing.

ART. 12. To see how much money the town will vote to raise to defray the expenses of decorating the graves of the soldiers who lost their lives in the war of the Rebellion.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to make the highway tax payable in money, and if so, how the same shall be collected and expended.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to erect and maintain at the public expense one or more public drinking fountains in the business portions of said town; viz.: one near the present postoffice and one near Watson & Co's. meat market, or Tru-land Bros. printing office, and see how much money the town will vote to appropriate to defray the expense of the same. By petition.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to erect and maintain at the public expense a public water closet under the Main-st. bridge and to see how much money the town will vote to appropriate to defray the expense of the same. By petition.

ART. 16. To see what amount of money the town will vote to raise to build sidewalks and improve existing highways at the Weirs. By request.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to contract with the Laconia Electric Lighting Co., to light the village with from ten to twenty-five arc lights, at a cost of not exceeding \$125 per light per year. By request.

ART. 18. To see what action the town will take in regard to building a police station, and what sums of money shall be appropriated for the same. By request.

ART. 19. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for concreting, the ensuing year. By request.

ART. 20. To hear the report of committee on sewerage, and see what action the town will take thereon.

ART. 21. To see what action the town will take with reference to constructing sewers and providing a water supply for fire purposes at the Weirs, and what sum shall be appropriated for that purpose, and how the same shall be expended. By request.

ART. 22. To see what the town will vote to pay for the same privileges in the year 1888 they had in the year 1887 on and around Dixon's Point (so called) at the outlet of Winnipiseogee river and the shores of Winnisquam lake, on condition if the property changes ownership the money is to be refunded to the town and the town gains no right thereby. By request.

Given under our hands and seal this 27th day of February, 1888.

J. L. MOORE, } Selectmen
C. W. DURRELL. } of Laconia.

A true copy of warrant.

Attest:

J. L. MOORE, } Selectmen
C. W. DURRELL. } of Laconia.

Valuation.

Polls, (1454)	\$145,400 00
Buildings and land,	1,398,944 00
Horses, (317)	33,104 00
Oxen, (108)	4,866 00
Cows, (344)	9,148 00
Other neat stock (124)	2,156 00
Sheep, (113)	436 00
Hogs, (34)	312 00
Carriages, (72)	5,844 00
Stock in public funds,	4,640 00
Stock in banks and other corporations,	116,400 00
Money on hand at interest or on deposit	72,080 00
Stock in trade,	165,314 00
Factories and machinery,	210,350 00
Steamboats,	4,650 00
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	\$2,173,644 00
Scholars, boys, 404.	
" girls, 393.	
Soldiers, 656.	
Dogs, 327.	

Appropriations.

State tax,	\$4,548 00	
County tax,	6,463 16	
School money,	4,979 50	
Highway and bridges,	5,000 00	
Current expenses,	4,500 00	
Precinct current expenses,	600 00	
Firemen's pay,	1,150 00	
Support of poor,	300 00	
Public library,	600 00	
Decorating soldiers' graves,	125 00	
New hose,	350 00	
	<hr style="width: 100%;"/>	\$28,615 66
School house tax Dist. No. 1,		6,000 00
" town, Dist.,		150 00
Rate of tax for state, county, town, school and highway (per thousand) \$13.80.		
School house, Dist. No. 1 (per thousand) \$3.15.		
" town District, .85.		

Treasurer's Report,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1888.

ORRAN W. TIBBETTS, Treasurer, in account with the town of Laconia :

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury March 1, 1887,		\$12,480 08
Cash from Insurance tax, State,		89 25
Railroad tax, “		1,109 75
Savings bank tax, State,		6,069 60
Literary fund, “		418 10
G. A. Hatch, lamp post,		11 00
Licenses and old furniture sold,		38 60
J. L. Moore, licenses,		46 00
G. B. Lane, “		75 00
F. N. Blaisdell, collector's list, 1886,		536 54
S. J. Lamprey, “ “		1,518 35
H. M. Sargent, “ 1887,		2,410 93
S. J. Lamprey, “ “		31,225 00
		\$56,028 20

EXPENDITURES.

Paid county tax for 1887,		\$6,463 16
State “		4,548 00
Library “		600 00
Overseer of Poor, for 1887,		100 00
Decorating soldiers' graves, 1887,		125 00
New school-house tax, Dist. No. 1,		6,000 00
School-house tax in town district,		150 00
School orders, Dist. No. 1,		5,019 77
School orders, town district,		589 73
		\$23,595 66

INTEREST PAID ON NOTES.

Rhoda Smith,		\$20 83
Nathaniel Edwards (estate of)		60 00
Sarah J. Shepard,		40 00
John Smith,		16 07
		\$136 90

NOTES PAID,

Rhoda Smith,	\$525 72	
John Smith,	500 00	
	<u> </u>	\$1,025 72

BREAKING ROADS, SPRING 1887.

Dist. 1, C.B.S. Watson, surveyor, (see his report.)	\$552 74	
7, J. F. Crockett, "	68 00	
8, C. F. Sanborn, "	80 28	
9, S. J. P. Hadley, "	31 95	
10, J. P. Pitman, "	91 58	
11, J. H. Robinson, "	73 73	
12, F. L. Cawley, "	103 20	
13, B. L. Batchelder, "	41 85	
14, C. E. McCartney, "	53 40	
15, C. D. Brown, "	24 60	
16, C. H. True, "	50 39	
	<u> </u>	\$1,171 72

WINTER 1887-88.

Dist. 1, C.B.S. Watson, surveyor, (see his report)	\$779 04	
7, J. F. Crockett, "	70 53	
8, C. F. Sanborn, "	119 32	
9, J. C. Folsom, "	54 60	
10, J. P. Pitman, "	93 49	
11, J. M. L. Swain, "	145 57	
12, F. H. Blaisdell, "	112 31	
13, B. L. Batchelder, "	67 80	
14, J. Filgate, "	84 93	
15, C. D. Brown, "	44 10	
16, C. H. True, "	63 42	
	<u> </u>	\$1,635 11

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

G. Cook & Son, bridge timber,	\$581 32
L. S. Perley, "	620 93
Hull, Gorrell & Co., bridge railing,	48 50
Sanders Bros., drain pipe,	635 25
A. Barney, bridge plank,	7 18
Durrell & Corliss, building extension of Baldwin st.,	304 00
" " Prospect st.,	208 00
" " Batchelder st.,	757 89
W. L. Melcher, land damage,	500 00
J. Jameson, "	40 00
Mrs. Betsey Tilton, "	15 00
J. Gilbert, "	250 75

Geo. B. Cox, land damage,	\$ 93 75
E. C. Hatch, "	25 00
Brown & Philbrook "	1 00
M. A. Berry, "	7 00
J. B. Jewett, "	125 00
J. L. Dixon, agent, "	1 00
	————— \$4,221 57

HIGHWAYS, SUMMER 1887.

Dist. 1, C. B. S. Watson, surveyor, (see his report),	\$5,792 94
7, J. F. Crockett, "	42 40
8, C. F. Sanborn, "	44 25
9, J. C. Folsom, "	21 23
10, J. P. Pitman, "	81 45
11, J. M. L. Swain, "	59 25
12, F. H. Blaisdell, "	107 11
13, B. L. Batchelder, "	52 60
14, J. Filgate, "	32 10
15, C. D. Brown, "	26 70
16, C. H. True, "	168 08
	————— \$6,428 11

CURRENT EXPENSES OF PRECINCT.

C. E. Frye, services as chief engineer,	\$34 50
J. P. Pitman & Co., supplies,	8 51
J. A. Mitchell, duster and funnel,	6 94
M. Scott, labor,	5 40
Truland Bros., printing,	2 00
Fred Stone, shoveling snow,	3 00
N. P. Burnham, care of force pump,	10 00
M. Scott, labor,	2 10
Laconia Gas Light Co., gas for engine houses,	17 10
S. W. Sanders, hose bibb,	1 25
J. A. Wilcox, labor and cash paid out,	13 37
F. H. Champlin, services and cash paid on Fire Alarm,	29 46
Electric Gaslight Company, supplies,	29 28
Fred B. Busiel, services as Steward, Steamer Co.,	15 00
Fred Stone, drying hose,	3 00
Truland Bros., printing reports,	21 00
Alexandra Boyd, hose,	280 00
Abel Machine company, supplies,	23 17
A. C. Leavitt & Son, coal,	12 00
C. E. Frye, expenses to Manchester,	6 96
Geo. H. Clark, services as steward, Steamer,	15 00

Meserve & Thompson, repairs,	\$ 4 50	
Geo. H. Clark, services as steward, steamer,	15 00	
E. J. Dinsmore, harnesses,	150 00	
Laconia Gaslight Co., gas for engine houses,	9 45	
J. McN. Baker, labor, hose carriage,	1 40	
C. H. Watson, supplies,	2 75	
F. H. Champlin, music, firemen's parade,	25 00	
George H. Clark, services as engineer, steamer,	15 75	
F. H. Champlin, labor and care of fire alarm,	36 50	
George H. Clark, repairing steamer heater,	3 60	
O'Shea Bros., rubber coats,	48 00	
Edward Webb, marking coats, etc.,	4 00	
Fred Stone, drying hose, etc.	5 00	
G. Cook & Son, wood.	1 50	
Abel Machine company, supplies and repairs,	26 55	
Geo. H. Clark, services as steward, steamer.	15 00	
N. D. Russell, piping,	1 95	
D. W. Corliss, hauling off snow,	2 00	
Geo. H. Clark, shoveling snow,	4 20	
J. P. Pitman & Co, supplies,	3 96	
Fred Stone, shoveling snow,	4 20	
C. H. Watson, use of horses at firemen's parade,	3 85	
O. L. Andrews, labor at engine house,	3 00	
Boston Dyewood & Chem. Co., blue vitrol,	18 34	
G. Cook & Son, wood and coal,	14 40	
A. C. Leavitt & Son, coal,	19 75	
Geo. F. Mallard,	1 50	
		\$980 19

PAID FIREMEN.

O. L. Andrews, fireman's pay, 1886,	\$23 00	
Reliance Hose Co.,	346 65	
Hook & Ladder Co.,	460 00	
Steamer Co.,	345 00	
		\$1,174 65

CURRENT EXPENSES OF TOWN.

Geo. E. Waring, plans for sewers, 1886,	\$524 63
E. B. Beaman, binding inventory books,	4 00
Truland Bros., printing check-list,	24 16
D. W. Corliss, lighting street lights,	22 00
Lewis, Vaughan & Co., printing reports,	66 00
Hull, Gorrell & Co., furniture for selectmen's office,	15 25
J. Gilbert, glass for street lamps,	1 25
Lewis, Vaughan & Co., printing report of committee on sewers, 1886,	27 50

Board of Education, services 1 year,	\$ 60 00
Mrs. E. J. Beaman, rent of selectmen's office,	8 00
J. Hadlock, road machine,	250 00
J. Hadlock, edge for road machine,	8 00
O'Shea Bros., supplies for lobby,	3 65
" oil cloth,	3 00
Covell & Carter, winding and care of town clock,	60 00
J. C. N. Davis, repairs on lobby,	8 30
Laconia and Lake Village Water Co., water for hydrants and water-troughs,	588 76
Mary O'Laughlin, damage,	80 00
F. W. Ladd, oil and chimneys for street lamps,	5 08
Advocate Publishing Co., printing notices for health officer,	5 00
Knight & Robinson, furniture for selectmen's office,	24 05
" quilts for the lobby,	6 50
R. W. Swain, cleaning lobby,	2 00
Truland Bros., printing tax-list,	9 00
Lyman Avery, damage on highway,	8 00
E. E. Thompson, blacksmith work,	3 20
John Edwards, moving safe,	5 00
Rufus Swain, cleaning lobby,	3 00
E. C. Eastman, books,	22 37
Belknap Co., rent of room for Police Court,	30 00
S. B. Smith, rent of Selectmen's office,	75 00
J. B. Corliss, paid for witness fees in Cawley case,	29 00
Meserve & Wilkins, iron and labor,	1 75
L. S. Perley, surveying,	27 00
G. Cook & Son, wood for lobby,	3 50
L. W. Lovett, for town school board,	25 00
J. F. Harriman, school books,	29 93
C. E. Morgan, use of watering trough,	3 00
Laconia Gas Lt. Co., gas for street lights,	766 14
Laconia Gas Lt. Co., lighting and care of st. lights,	250 00
Sanders Bros., oil and supplies for street lights,	80 88
A. G. Folsom, rent of hall,	60 00
F. H. Blaisdell, use of watering trough,	3 00
J. L. Moore & Son, glass and setting for st. lamps,	10 50
Jewell & Stone, legal services,	121 00

Return of Births and Deaths as follows :

	BIRTHS.	DEATHS.	
A. W. Abbott,	6	20	\$ 6 50
T. S. Foster,	2	10	3 00
Stephen Vittum,	13	17	7 50

	BIRTHS.	DEATHS.	
D. B. Nelson,	1	10	\$ 2 75
H. C. Wells,	9	14	5 75
Mrs. Dr. Wiley,	48	16	16 00
O. Goss,	2	5	1 75
O. W. Goss,	4	4	2 00
N. L. True,	13	6	4 74
C. F. Clerk,	34	6	10 00
F. H. Coffin, printing blanks,			4 50
Novelty Job Print, printing inventory blanks,			1 50
J. L. Moore, cash paid out,			20 12
C. W. Durrell, “			7 16
J. B. Corliss, “			5 30
Laconia & Lake Village Water Co., water for hydrants, etc.,			595 00
J. L. Dixon, over tax,			4 50
			<hr/> \$4,061 23

TOWN OFFICERS.

N. J. Dyer, services as supervisor, 1887,	22 50
F. W. Truland, “	22 50
C. W. Tyler, auditor,	2 00
J. W. Ashman, auditor,	2 00
T. F. Ford, services as police,	3 85
J. H. Robinson, services as supervisor, 1887,	22 50
F. W. Ladd, services as selectman,	6 00
James Judkins, night watchman and police,	542 00
John W. Wells, “	450 00
Rufus Bean, police at Weirs,	25 00
J. C. N. Davis, special police,	15 75
Geo. B. Lane, services as town clerk,	153 76
T. F. Ford, services as health officer, and cash paid,	101 46
John B. Dow, special police,	5 00
J. C. N. Davis, truant officer,	55 50
J. L. Moore, services as selectman,	306 75
J. B. Corliss, “	207 50
Geo. H. Tebbetts, fish and game warden,	35 00
O. W. Tibbetts, services as town treasurer,	100 00
J. C. Shannon, “ overseer of poor,	75 00
S. J. Iamprey, “ collector,	300 00
Harvey M. Sargent “ “	50 00
C. W. Durrell, “ selectman,	250 00
	<hr/> \$2,754 07

J. C. SHANNON, Overseer of Poor, in account with town of Laconia :		
To cash received from county of Belknap for sup- port of county paupers,		\$1,956 40
Paid for support of county paupers,		1,956 40
To cash received from town treasurer,	\$100 00	
“ on hand as per last report,	92 33	
	<u> </u>	\$192 33
Which is accounted for as follows :		
Aid to Mary A. Severance,	130 00	
Cash on hand,	62 33	
	<u> </u>	\$192 33

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. SHANNON, Overseer of Poor.

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts,	\$56,028 20
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DISBURSEMENTS.

State tax,	\$4,548 00
County tax,	6,463 16
Library tax,	600 00
Decorating soldier's graves,	125 00
Pauper's bills, (see report),	100 00
New school house tax, Dist. No. 1,	6,000 00
School house tax in town district,	150 00
School orders, Dist. No. 1,	5,019 77
School orders, town district,	589 73
Notes paid,	1,025 72
Interest on notes,	136 90
Firemen,	1,174 65
Breaking roads,	2,806 83
Roads and bridges,	4,221 57
Repairing highways,	6,428 11
Current expenses, precinct,	980 19
Current expenses, town,	4,061 23
Town officers,	2,754 07
Cash in hands of treasurer,	8,843 27
	<u> </u>
	\$56,028 20

O. W. TIBBETTS, Treasurer.

Laconia, February 29, 1888.

Financial Condition of Town.

March 1, 1888.

LIABILITIES—NOTES OUTSTANDING.

		Amt.	Int.
No. 5, Nellie Whicher,	March 2, 1883,	\$1,000 00	\$216 62
6, Mary S. Whicher,	“	1,000 00	216 62
9, Eben L. Dow,	“ 20 “	1,500 00	320 99
10, Nathl. Edwards,	“ 24 “	500 00	18 66
11, Collimer J. Smith,	“ 30 “	150 00	31 86
12, Eben L. Dow,	“ 30 “	1,000 00	212 72
13, B. M. Sanborn,	April 18 “	700 00	147 26
14, Andrew J. Varney	June 27 “	2,102 49	423 70
17, M. Florence Smith,	May 8, 1884,	400 00	76 70
20, John Edwards,	Dec. 5, “	1,000 00	135 22
22, Eliza B. Morrison,	June 20, 1885,	1,600 00	178 60
23, Sarah J. Shepard,	July 1, “	1,000 00	26 66
24, Jona. G. Dow,	“ “ “	485 11	53 54
25, Ella A. Swasey,	“ “ “	123 50	13 59
26, Nathl. Edwards,	“ “ “	1,000 00	26 66
27, Mary W. Young,	“ “ “	400 00	18 76
		<hr/> \$13,961 10	<hr/> \$2,118 16
Due on notes and interest,		\$16,079 26	
For soldier's monument in hands of the treasurer, appropriated in 1884,		2,000 00	
Mrs. M. A. Kelley, land damage,		1 00	
A. G. Young,	“	77 83	
D. C. Batchelder,	“	50 00	
J. R. Champlin,	“	50 00	
Ann E. Belford,	“	50 00	
Morrill Ames,	“	5 00	
J. H. Swain,	“	5 00	
J. W. Follett,	“	10 00	
Abbie P. Hadley,	“	10 00	
Geo. L. Folsom,	“	80 00	
J. H. Burns,	“	87 00	
J. J. Boyle,	“	60 00	
L. B. W. Avery,	“	115 00	
Mrs. Thomas Durrell,	“	100 00	
		<hr/> \$18,780 09	

ASSETS.

Due from A. Thompson as per last report,		\$ 54 59	
“ D. B. Story for rent of room,		16 00	
57 shares B. C. & M. R. R.,		570 00	
Stable and shed on Water street,		525 00	
Land on Water street,		800 00	
Four horses,		1,000 00	
Carts, harnesses, blankets, etc.,		400 00	
Stone lifter,		25 00	
Two road machines,		400 00	
		<u> </u>	\$3,790 59
S. J. Lamprey, tax list 1887,	\$34,031 21		
Interest collected,	43 68		
Taxes added,	246 32		
	<u> </u>	\$34,321 21	
Less abatements,	390 74		
Paid treasurer,	31,225 00		
	<u> </u>	31,615 74	
Balance due from collector,			2,705 47
Harvey M. Sargent, tax list 1887,	2,708 28		
Interest collected,	10 35		
Taxes added,	2 90		
	<u> </u>	2,721 53	
Less abatements,	9 85		
Paid treasurer,	2,410 93		
	<u> </u>	2,420 78	
Balance due from collector,			300 75
Cash in hands of overseer of poor,			62 33
“ treasurer,			8,843 27
			<u> </u>
			\$15,702 41
Total liabilities March 1, 1888,			18,780 09
Assets			15,720 41
			<u> </u>
Liabilities, in excess of assets,			3,077 68

J. L. MOORE,	} Selectmen of Laconia.
C. W. DURRELL,	
J. B. CORLISS,	

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

C. W. TYLER,	} Auditors.
GEO. B. LANE.	

Highway Surveyor's Report.

REPORT OF C. B. S. WATSON, SURVEYOR OF HIGHWAYS, DISTRICT
NO. 1, LACONIA, N. H.

Received from town treasurer,	\$7,124 72	
sale of old plank,	35 50	
“ manure,	15 00	
“ street waste,	10 00	
“ tile pipe,	14 75	
“ old brick,	2 88	
	\$7,202 85	

Paid out as follows for breaking roads in Spring of 1887 :

C, B. S. Watson,	\$84 00	
Aaron Connor,	84 00	
Benj. Rand,	53 25	
George H. Edwards,	36 00	
Lyman Dippey,	29 25	
Joseph Sampson,	22 50	
Lewis Tatro,	12 00	
Joseph Tatro,	5 25	
D. L. Chapman,	8 55	
J. Davis,	6 75	
Samuel Clement,	5 55	
F. J. Byron	2 25	
Tuffield Lamont,	4 50	
Octave Bassie,	10 80	
Henry Sampson,	2 25	
Napoleon Carter,	12 00	
Thomas Foster,	10 35	
Napoleon Genach,	1 20	
George Hennessy,	3 00	
Chas. Shabbot,	5 25	
C. L. Follansbee,	8 70	
J. B. Folley,	5 25	
George A. Smith,	1 50	
Napoleon Clement,	3 75	
George Boulley,	3 30	
Harmon J. Lee,	2 62	

Paid Lewis Leplant,	\$ 75	
Joseph Bennett,	3 90	
John Chatney,	3 15	
Harlie Rubbadue,	3 00	
Frank Landry,	4 50	
Napoleon Liberty,	4 50	
Joseph Lemont,	75	
Alfred Langevine,	21 37	
Joseph Fortier,	2 40	
Victor Bright,	2 40	
Henry Demson,	5 40	
Peter Lemot,	1 50	
J. A Crapo,	1 50	
Frank'Byron,	3 00	
William Sculley,	3 75	
John Sanborn,	1 50	
Francois Landry,	1 50	
David Dapa,	1 50	
Philip Foster,	4 35	
C. L. Vaughan,	2 67	
Lewis Clement,	1 50	
Joseph Rushey,	1 50	
James Foster,	1 50	
J. H. Merrill,	75	
Warren Ames,	75	
Meda Bassie,	75	
David Kane,	75	
Horace W. Chase,	2 00	
John C. Ladd,	8 25	
John Nichols,	37 78	
	<hr/>	\$552 74

BREAKING ROADS, WINTER 1887-88.

Paid C. B. S. Watson,	\$135 00
Aaron Connor,	108 00
Ben Rand,	54 00
John W. Ames,	6 42
J. L. Pearson,	6 75
Lyman Dippy,	15 30
Joseph Dippy,	3 45
Joseph Tatro,	10 25
George H. Edwards,	27 75
Octave Guay,	22 50
Alfred Langevine,	23 50
Frank H. Evans,	12 75

Paid Peter Landry,	\$14 25
George Bulley,	9 00
Joseph Lasau,	9 00
Silas Vancour,	7 80
Henry Glover,	75
Emil Gonyer,	75
Paul Gumash,	1 20
Edmond Perry,	1 20
Napoleon Guay,	4 50
James O'Shea,	75
Peter Bucha,	2 25
Ernest Drover,	3 00
Moses Healt,	3 00
James Foster,	3 75
Tuffield Lamont,	75
John Sweeney,	2 25
Joseph Greenwood,	1 50
Peter Carivoo,	3 75
Thomas S. Gay,	3 00
Martin Foley,	2 25
James Cate,	3 75
Fred Gay,	3 75
Joseph Sawyer,	3 00
Peter Lamott,	4 50
Joseph Lamott,	3 00
Fred Gongga,	3 00
Henry Gongga,	3 75
Noah Gay,	4 12
Albert Dow,	2 25
Joseph Gay,	4 50
J. Lacour,	3 00
Joseph Depine,	3 00
Edward Bulduc,	2 25
Philip Foster,	3 00
C. W. Winn,	3 75
Edmon Perry,	7 05
John B. Foley,	4 50
Lewis Laplant,	3 00
Lewis Laplant, Jr.,	3 00
Paul Demic,	2 25
John Billando,	3 00
Lewis Selway,	1 50
John Twombly,	3 00
J. H. Price,	1 35
Michael Long,	3 08

Paid John C. Heath,	\$3 75
Patrick Corrigan,	3 00
Louie Davison,	3 75
Frank Merchant,	3 75
Joseph Fortier,	3 00
Lyman Davis,	3 75
George Delill,	2 25
J. C. Randlett,	2 25
David Amell,	2 25
Napoleon Liberty,	3 75
Joseph Butler,	3 75
Henry Barrett,	2 25
Joseph H. Gay,	3 75
Henry Gay,	3 75
Peter Twombly,	2 25
J. L. Robinson,	12 00
C. H. Fellows,	7 30
Charles H. Horne,	2 25
William Sculley,	2 25
Villbau Small,	2 25
Dominic Woodrow,	2 25
George A. Smith,	1 50
John Sanborn,	1 25
Freeman J. Horne,	1 50
J. T. Durham,	3 00
Patrick O'Neil,	3 30
Ruthvin T. Wilkins,	3 30
Napoleon Genach,	3 30
Napoleon Carter,	4 50
Joseph Lamott,	3 75
John Nichols,	62 07
John C. Ladd,	15 00
C. L. Vaughan,	4 95
A. M. Thyng,	11 85
John Williams,	1 50
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	\$779 04

Expenditures of highway Dist. No. 1, summer of 1887

Paid C. B. S. Watson as per vouchers for labor,	\$ 531 00
Aaron Conner,	432 00
Benj. Rand,	352 75
George H. Edwards,	260 05
Joseph Tatro,	318 35
Lyman Dippy,	282 75
Alfred Langevine,	195 00

Paid Lewis Tatro, as per vouchers for labor,	\$240 30	
Octave Guay,	“	173 80
Peter Laundry,	“	206 00
Joseph Merchant,	“	174 50
Joseph Sampson,	“	51 25
Lewis Perry,	“	1 50
Phillipp Foster,	“	1 50
Charles Winn,	“	1 50
Octave Bassie,	“	1 50
Charles Shabbott,	“	1 50
J. H. Merrill,	“	1 50
Fred Coffin,	“	1 50
Patrick Sullivan,	“	7 50
A. J. Farrar,	“	1 50
A. C. Webster,	“	7 00
John E. Page,	“	21 00
George Perry,	“	25 50
David Ormabb,	“	10 50
John Fernier,	“	13 50
Lewis Gonyer,	“	12 75
George Bouley,	“	3 00
Lewis Rowen,	“	4 50
Joseph Lasaw,	“	9 00
John Sweeney,	“	29 36
Lewis Delmar,	“	4 50
Joseph Fortier,	“	3 00
L. M. Pike, concreting,		1,400 31
		<u> </u> \$4,781 37

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Laconia Grist Mill, grain,	\$252 67
H. J. Crooker, blacksmithing,	149 54
J. P. Pitman & Co., supplies,	50 72
Levensaler & Smart, “	7 88
L. E. Lindsay & Co., “	19 24
A. V. Smith, sewer caps,	17 44
H. E. Brawn, tile pipe,	5 04
E. P. Osgood, repairs,	3 50
A. M. Cotton, hay,	42 25
A. C. Leavitt & Son, coal,	43 72
George W. Riley, supplies,	85
E. J. Dinsmoore, repairs,	27 40
W. H. Phillbrook, repairing road machine,	12 00
A. W. Parker, supplies,	8 00
E. P. Jewell, grain,	10 70

Paid G. Cook & Son, lumber,	\$134 36
George H. Everett, hay,	34 98
Benj. Jewett, straw,	9 50
William Severance, hay,	18 32
A. C. Taylor, “	65 44
R. A. Knowles, “	33 52
Geo. W. Griffin, “	8 32
E. E. Maxfield, “	31 91
G. F. Mallard, med. for horse,	2 05
John Edwards, stone cab,	8 25
J. H. Tilton, supplies,	54 35
J. A. Mitchell, pipe,	6 60
Laconia Car Co., lumber,	25 20
J. Henry Story, medicine for horses,	2 05
D. C. Batchelder, storage,	1 50
C. F. Plumer, grade,	2 40
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	\$1,089 70
Total,	<hr/>
	\$7,202 85

SCHEDULE OF TOOLS BELONGING TO HIGHWAY DISTRICT NUMBER 1,
MARCH 1, 1888.

One sled and cart, 1 stone drag, 5 iron bars, 15 drills, 1 striking hammer, 1 hand hammer, 5 picks, 6 hoes, 1 plow, 1 desk, 1 lamp, 1 set fall blocks, 1 water pot, 2 scythes and snaths, 1 bit stock, 1 chisel, 2 hand saws, 1 coal hod, 2 oil cans, 1 harrow, 1 wheelbarrow, 25 tar barrels, 1 manure fork, 30 wooden snow shovels, 12 iron shovels, 2 scoop shovels, 2 stoves, 1 concrete roller, 3 lanterns, 4 pails, 1 set pruning shears, 18 bits, 2 planes, 2 augurs, 1 mallet, 1 nail hammer, 1 level, 1 pr. saw-horses, 1 tea kettle, 1 tape line, 2 monkey wrenches, 2 dirt scrapers, 6 snow plows, 1 concrete kettle, 2 tool boxes, 6 chains, 1 dung puller, 1 stone lifter.

C. B. S. WATSON, Surveyor.

Public Library.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF LACONIA :

The following table will show at a glance the continued growth of our Library. No additional word from your trustees is necessary to satisfy anyone of its usefulness and great benefit. The present quarters are very much crowded, as was stated in our report of last year, and the question of better accommodations, suited to the needs of our town, and to make safe the valuable collection of books which we possess, is still before us.

	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888
Whole number of books.....	1931	2208	2428	2651	3371	3891	4196	4377	4668	4959
Juvenile.....	325	339	350	375	438	438	469	486	541	607
Fiction.....	595	725	834	887	1046	1040	1233	1292	1416	1531
History, Travels, Biography, etc.,	1011	1144	1244	1389	1881	2413	2494	2509	2711	2821
Whole No. cards issued.....	.....	1260	1569	1838	2125	2369	2607	2897	3194	3517
No. issued during the year.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	287	244	239	290	297	323
Greatest No. taken in one day.....	.....	491	364	336	404	346	382	400	348	400
Average each day.....	.....	593	188	191	208	218	189	224	239	236
Greatest No. out at one time.....	.....	.....	695	633	792	711	640	689	649	715
Average No. out.....	.....	.....	472	478	477	479	491	519	503	537
Total during year.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21842	20965	19785	23327	24846	24779
Average of Juvenile each day....	.....	48	32	30	36	36	28	35	62	48
Average of Fiction each day.....	.....	134	114	117	122	132	116	148	132	146
Average of all others each day....	.....	64	43	42	46	50	45	41	43	42
No. added during year.....	.....	277	440	223	720	547	305	181	288	291

JAMES H. TILTON,
 JOHN T. BUSIEL,
 CHAS. F. PITMAN,
 JOHN W. ASHMAN,
 WM. F. KNIGHT,
 W. D. MIDDLETON, } Trustees.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Laconia Public Library in account with WM. F. KNIGHT, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS—GENERAL FUND.

1887.

Feb. 26.	Balance on hand as per last report,	\$ 2 86
	Cash received from fines for year,	74 56
	“ catalogues and supplements,	20 45
	“ books lost,	2 75
	“ town appropriation, current yr.,	600 00

\$700 62

EXPENDITURES.

Melcher & Prescott, insurance, 1886 and 1887,	\$34 95	
“ “ 1887 and 1888,	37 50	
Edgar F. Reeves, services as librarian, 9 months,	94 00	
Julia A. Busiel, “ “ 3 “	31 25	
Edgar F. Reeves, expenses to Boston, for new books,	5 80	
“ freight on new books,	1 51	
“ for 1 vol. Granite Monthly,	2 00	
“ service on supplement new books,	8 87	
“ postal cards, printing and sundry items,	10 05	
Lewis, Vaughan & Co., printing catalogues and numbers,	21 50	
A. G. Folsom, rent of rooms one yr., to Dec 1, '87,	100 00	
E. B. Beaman, re-binding books,	36 00	
W. F. Knight, 1 stool,	62	
Laconia Gas Lt. Co., for gas,	15 30	
Julia A. Busiel, for cash paid for postal cards and sundry items,	7 20	
J. L. Moore & Son, hanging map,	75	
Freight on books and express,	2 19	
Estes & Lauriat for new books,	280 53	
Cash on hand,	10 60	
	—	\$700 62

AVERY FUND RECEIPTS.

1887.

Feb. 26. Balance on hand as per last report,	\$21 01	
Cash from interest on Helen A. Avery fund,	70 00	
	—	\$91 01

EXPENDITURES.

Estes & Laurial for 4 vols. Bancroft works,	\$22 00	
Geo. E. Littlefield, for History of Mexico, 3 vols., and express,	7 65	
Cash on hand to balance,	61 36	
	—	\$91 01

WM. F. KNIGHT, Treas.

Laconia, N. H., Feb. 29, 1888.

March 1, 1888.

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

C. W. TYLER, }
GEO. B. LANE, } Auditors.

Vital Statistics.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF LACONIA :

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 deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report," I hereby submit the report on the following pages and certify that it is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE B. LANE, Town Clerk.

Births Registered in the Town of Laconia, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1887.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any.)	Sex and Condition.			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		Male.	Female.	Living or Stillborn.							
Jan. 4		M		Living.	Israel Guertin.	White.	Laconia	Machinist.	Canada.	Canada.	
7					David Dippie.	"	"	Operative.	"	"	
17		F			Bladeau.	"	"	Laborer.	Charlestown, Mass.	Quincy, Mass.	
21		"			Benj. T. Rand.	"	"	"	Canada.	Canada.	
27		"			Lue Dollisla.	"	"	Hotel Keeper.	Littleton.	Plymouth.	
24	Samuel S.	"			Freeman C. Willis.	"	"	Laborer.	Canada.	Canada.	
30		"			Michl. Lanschlagrine.	"	"	"	Ireland.	Ireland.	
Feb. 4	Johanna Elizabeth.	"			John Fitzgerald.	"	"	Operative.	Franklin.	Manchester.	
9		"			Abram L. Davis.	"	"	Laborer.	Woodstock, Vt.	Woodstock, Vt.	
8		"			Herbert Horne.	"	"	Spinner.	Canada.	Canada.	
10		"			Joseph Foster.	"	"	"	"	"	
10		"			"	"	"	Laborer.	"	"	
11		"			Pierro Landry.	"	"	"	"	"	
16		"			Pierro Valliers.	"	"	"	"	"	
20		"			James Belford.	"	"	"	"	Andover.	
20		"			Wm. H. Barlow.	"	"	"	"	Canada.	
22		"		Stillborn.	Joseph F. Lord.	"	"	"	"	"	
25		"		Living.	Charles Baker.	"	"	"	"	"	
Mar. 2		"			Joseph H. Guay.	"	"	"	"	"	
2		"			Pierro Tardif.	"	"	"	"	"	
5		"			Thomas Clare.	"	"	"	"	"	
5		"			N. Guay.	"	"	"	"	"	
7	Delia.	"			Celia M. Duferre.	"	"	Operative.	"	"	
12		"			Bridget Fitchpatrick.	"	"	R. R. Hand.	Ireland.	Ireland.	
13	Charles.	"			Zelia Belair.	"	"	Laborer.	Canada.	Canada.	
21	Louis.	"			Phelomenia Bolur.	"	"	"	"	"	
24	Albert.	"			Cedulia Martin.	"	"	"	"	"	
25		"			Victoria Fortier.	"	"	"	"	"	
27		"			Georgiana Guay.	"	"	"	"	"	
28		"			Sophie Marceau.	"	"	"	"	"	
28		"			Lucey Morin.	"	"	"	"	"	
31		"			Delmie Guay.	"	"	"	"	"	
Apr. 4		"			Ellen French.	"	"	Moulder.	"	Northfield.	
17	Joseph.	"			Zoe Gosselin.	"	"	Housekeeper.	Canterbury.	Canterbury.	
		"			Jean Chatigny.	"	"	Laborer.	Canada.	Canada.	

BIRTHS CONTINUED.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any.)	Sex and Condition.			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		Male.	Female.	Living or Stillborn.								No. of Child 1st, 2d, &c.	Color.
Aug. 17					Mother says John L. Woodward.	White.	Laconia				Laconia.
20	Julia Maud.				Batchelder.	"	"	Laborer.	Ireland.	Ireland.	
26	Thomas W.	M			Thomas Kilroy.	"	"	Shoemaker.	Canada.	Franklin.	
29					Fred Dufrene.	"	"	Boxmaker.	Boston, Mass.	Wentworth.	
30					Frank G. Beaman.	"	"	Moulder.	Dorchester.	"	
Sept. 1					Curtis T. Weeks.	"	"	Barber.	"	"	
8					Dan E. Holland.	"	"	Farmer.	Gilford.	Canada.	
15					Frank P. Wilkinson.	"	"	"	Meredith Centre.	Wehrs.	
16					Charles L. Tilton.	"	"	"	Gilford.	Hoderness.	
17					Lyman Marsh.	"	"	"	Lebanon.	Newport.	
23					Will Mann.	"	"	Overseer.	Lawrence, Mass.	Sandwich.	
26					Wash Constantine.	"	"	Knitter.	Canada.	Canada.	
27					D. Vathor.	"	"	Machinist.	Beverly, Mass.	Sweeden.	
30					Julian F. Trask.	"	"	Painter.	Canada.	"	
Oct. 1					Alfred Picard.	"	"	Operative.	"	"	
4					J. Jacques.	"	"	"	"	"	
4					Frank Shabbott.	"	"	Laborer.	"	"	
6					Morrill Gagne.	"	"	"	"	"	
7					Frank N. Fage.	"	"	"	"	"	
7					John Foster.	"	"	"	"	"	
12					Joseph Bearlien	"	"	"	"	"	
20					Max Grossman	"	"	"	"	"	
22					Willis E. Howe	"	"	"	"	"	
23					David King.	"	"	"	"	"	
27					John Morey.	"	"	"	"	"	
27					John L. Foster.	"	"	"	"	"	
27					Franklin A. James.	"	"	"	"	"	
29					Joe Chabel.	"	"	"	"	"	
29					Franklin A. James.	"	"	"	"	"	
31					Mary Abel.	"	"	"	"	"	
31					Mary Huzzy.	"	"	"	"	"	
31					Matildo Naddo.	"	"	"	"	"	
Nov. 2					Mary Ann.	"	"	"	"	"	
4	Madaline.				Bertha G.	"	"	"	"	"	
9					Frank P. Gove.	"	"	"	"	"	

Deaths Registered in the Town of Laconia, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1887.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.		Place of Birth.	Sex.	Color.	Single, Married, Widowed.	Occupation.	Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Days.						Father.	Mother.		
Jan. 3	Mrs. Sam'l E. Young.	63	3	Laconia.	F	W	M	Operative.	Canada.	Canada.	Isaac Parker. Phillip Foster.	Abigail Parsons. Alta Gilbert.
6	Mary A. Foster.	13		"	"	"	"	"	Keyesville, N. Y.	Keyesville, N. Y.	Joseph Rusha.	Eliza J. Larime.
13	Mary J. Perkins.	42		Plattsburg, N. Y.	"	"	"	"	Canada.	Canada.	Nicholas Angor.	Georgianna Guay.
15	Maud Auger.	6 11	28	Laconia.	"	"	"	Shoemaker.	Barrington, Vt.	Canada.	J. J. Lane.	
21	William B. Caverly.	15		Stratford.	M	"	"	"	Candia.	Ossipee.	Job Watson.	
22	Cleon M. Lane.	63	10	Tilton.	"	"	"	Preacher.	Meredith.	Newbury, Mass.	Fred Merrill.	
22	John E. Watson.	60	7	Gilford.	"	"	"	Housewife.	Laconia.	Laconia.	Jacob Smith.	Elizabeth Fisk.
27	Roscoe L. Merrill.	54	7	Laconia.	"	"	"	"	"	Meredith.		Ann B. Ranlett.
29	Susan M. Nash.	24		"	F	"	"	"	Nova Scotia.			Louisa Robinson.
30	Agnes Jewett.	24		Nova Scotia.	"	"	"	"	Sanbornton.	New York.	Joseph W. Morrison.	
30	Mrs. F. F. Johnson.	43	7	Bangor, Me.	"	"	"	Dress Maker.	New York.	New York.	Joseph Rusha.	Eliza J. Larimer.
30	Mary Rusha.	3	3	Laconia.	"	"	"	"	Bristol.	Laconia.	Charles Chase.	Annie Ranlett.
30	John Chase.	6	6	New York.	M	"	"	"	"			
10	Mrs. Clifford.	38	11	Merrimack.	M	"	"	Laborer.	Scotland.	Scotland.	William Young.	Mary Shaw.
14	Alex S. Young.	68	11	Meredith.	"	"	"	Farmer.	Meredith.	Meredith.	Asabel Sanborn.	
17	Asabel Sanborn.	1	4	Laconia.	"	"	"	"	Canada.	Canada.	Joseph Lavoy.	Lucy Morin.
18	Albertine Lavoy.	1	12	"	F	"	"	"	"	Andover.	James Belford.	Maggie Sullivan.
20	George W. Swain.	74	7	Meredith.	M	"	"	Mason.	Meredith.	Canada.	Benj. Swain.	Polly Davis.
24	Delia Lavers.	2	2	Laconia.	"	"	"	"	Italy.	Keyesville, N. Y.	Benj. Lavers.	Mary Larimer.
25	Elizabeth S. Kimball.	70	7	Bristol.	"	"	"	"	Canada.	Canada.	Joseph F. Lord.	Delia M. Vallaur.
1	Engene H. Cutting.	18	6	Piermont.	M	"	"	Box-Maker.	Sandown.	Warren.	Hezekiah Cutting.	Lydia A. Gale.
3	Philbrick R. Lovett.	90	3	Gilford.	"	"	"	Basket-Maker.	Lyme.		Levi Lovett.	
4	Mrs. Richard Protercal	37	3	"	F	"	"	"	Canada.	Canada.	Marcel Vachou.	Hermeria Ruseau.
5	Olive A. Buxton.	60	4	Gilford.	"	"	"	"	Moultonboro.	Gilford.	John Dockham.	Polly Davidson.
6	Elizabeth D. Folsom.	13	6	Gilmanton.	"	"	"	House-keeper.	Sanbornton.	Sanbornton.	James Durgin.	Hulda Sanborn.
7	Elizabeth R. Willis.	31	5	Campton.	"	"	"	Landlady.	Campton.	Thornton.	Frank Chase.	Abbie Chase.
10	Delia Reil.	80	2	Laconia.	"	"	"	"	Canada.	Canada.	Geo. N. Riel.	Celia M. Dufranc.
10	Margaret A. Bowman.	80	8	Newburyport, Mass	"	"	"	"	Wolfeboro.		Joseph Swasy.	Sarah Brookhans.
11	Benj. E. Thurston.	74		Wolfeboro.	M	"	"	Merchant.			Josiah Thurston.	Abigail Emerson.

DEATHS CONTINUED.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.		Age.		Place of Birth.		Sex.	Color.	Mar. Widowed.	Occupation.	Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
	Years.	Mos.	Days.	Father.	Mother.									
Aug.	10	Benjamin Gagnon.	60	2	Canada.	M	W			Farmer.	Laonia.	New Hampton, Reading.	Henry C. Shaw. Fred S. Jewett.	Myra Pike. Lizzie S. Tibbetts.
	13	Lizzie M. Shaw.	13	2	West Quincy, Mass.	F	W				Gilford.	Laonia.	John M. Lovett.	Ellen Buxton.
	17	Stephen Nelson.	71	9	Gilmanon.	M	S				Gilford.	Laonia.	Fred S. Jewett.	Lizzie S. Tibbetts.
	19	J. M. Lovett.	1	1	Laonia.	F	W					Tuftonboro.	Wm. H. Shackley.	Sarah Goss.
	23	Fred F. Jewett.	30	6	Auburn, Me.	M	W			Housekeeper.	Tuftonboro.	Newmarket.	E. Smith.	Mary J. Leavitt.
	25	Susie J. Ellis.	63	7		F	W			Carpenter.	Laonia.	Lunenburg, Vt.	Jacob Jewell.	Elizabeth Hastings.
	25	Charlotte Doe.	68	11	Sandwich.	M	W					Waterbury, Mass.	Thomas Bray.	Nancy J. Brown.
	29	Jacob Jewell.	83	10	Watertown, Mass.	F	W					Manchester.	Chas. H. Richardson.	Sarah Barnard.
	30	Sarah B. Fullerton.	13	9	Laonia.	M	W			Housekeeper.	Gilmanon.	Moultonboro.	Jesse Moulton.	Mehitable Smith.
	30	Walter E. Richardson.	55	4	Gilmanon.	M	W			Horsecar driver	Durham.	Portsmouth.	William Lewis.	Hannah Pickering.
Sept.	1	Mary P. Moulton.	80	3	Durham.	F	W			Laborer.	Germany.	Milford.	Max Grossman.	Ada Stone.
	2	Mary W. Young.	48	6	Gilmanon.	M	W				Gilmanon.	Haverhill.	Geo. B. Emdett.	Julia A. Pillsbury.
	6	Darius H. Lewis.	2	3	1 Meredith.	F	W				Chelsea, Vt.	New Brunswick.	Daniel Fifield.	Mary Harris.
	11	Bertha E. Grossman.	36	6	Gilsum.	F	W				Canada.	Canada.	Joe Foster.	Mary Lapage.
	13	Frank Randlett.	16	4	Gilford.	M	W				Ossipee.	Campton.	Jos. C. Burleigh.	Catherine Cheney.
	17	Wm. W. Fifield.	24	11	Plymouth.	M	W				Tuftonboro.	New Hampton.	O. L. Merrow.	Cordelia M. Dearborn.
	17	Thomas Cunningham.	24	11	11 New Brunswick.	M	W				P. E. Island.	Brentwood.	Daniel P. Grant.	Mary A. Stevens.
	18	Jo Foster.	24	7	Laonia.	M	W					New Hampton.	John Prescott.	Sarah Phillip.
	22	Edwin H. Burleigh.	27	21	Northfield.	F	W				Canada.	Canada.	Samuel Otis.	Folly Nichol.
	25	Harrict G. Merrow.	35	1	Fremont.	M	W				Gilmanon.	Gilmanon.	Samuel Stone.	Jane C. Allen.
Oct.	29	Daniel W. Grant.	22	8	P. E. Island.	F	W				Gilmanon.	Gilmanon.	— Stone.	Abigail Stone.
	1	Agnes Palmer.	78	8	New Hampton.	F	W				Canada.	Canada.	Seth Glidden.	
	2	Jemima T. Robinson.	2	2	Gilmanon.	M	W				Gilmanon.	Gilmanon.	H. W. Nutter.	Alice A. Faetram
	11	S. G. Dow.	78	8	Barrre, Vt.	F	W						Ezekiel Collins.	Charlotte Crosby.
	24	Nellie Leonard.	85	7	Boston.	F	W							
Nov.	25	Abigail Pitman.	64	5	Northwood.	M	W				Gilmanon.	Canada.	H. W. Nutter.	Alice A. Faetram
	25	Willie E. Glidden.	12	12	Meredith Centre.	F	W				Gilford.	Gilford.	Ezekiel Collins.	Charlotte Crosby.
	5	Bessie Nutter.	43	8	Gilford.	F	W							

Nov. 12	Henry L. Smith,	44	Littleton.	M	W	S	Laborer.	Alexandria.	Springfield.	Nathan S. Wisser.	Sarah A. Blodgett.
24	William Allen.	55	Moultonboro.	"	"	W	Carpenter.	Laconia.	Epping.	John R. Smith.	Rhoda Blaisdell.
27	Abbie Simonds.	30	"	F	"	M	Housewife.				
27	John H. Wisser.	19	Laconia.	M	"	S	Laborer.				
Dec. 1	John Smith.	93	"	"	"	W	Farmer.				
1	Chara B. Gilman.	30	Salisbury.	F	"	S	Housewife.				
23	Bessey D. Edwards.	69	Benton.	"	"	M					
26	Merrick A. Noble.	9		M	"	S		Canada.	Canada,	Robert Page.	Rachael Pope.
		6								James Noble.	

Marriages Registered in the Town of Laconia, N. H.; for the Year Ending December 31, 1887.

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Jan. 5	Laconia.	John T. Thompson.	Cambridgeport Mass.	26	W	Printer.	Bedham, Mass.	John H. Thompson.	Scotland.		1st	Rev. L. Malvern, Laconia
		Gertrude M. Prescott.	Laconia.	24	"		Laconia.	Lydia Lewis.	Laconia.	Farmer.	"	
16	"	Michael J. Smith.	"	23	"	Knitter.	Canada.	Sarah Tucker.	"		"	"
		Mary C. Baker.	"	23	"		"	James Smith.	Canada.		"	" J. L. Schakers, Laconia
25	"	Arthur M. Smith.	"	32	"	Teamster.	New Hampton.	Mary St. John.	"	Farmer.	"	"
		Mrs. Mary M. Shaw.	"	36	"		Tamworth.	Thomas P. Smith.	New Hampton.		"	Rev. L. Malvern, Laconia
29	"	Charles B. Lee.	"	23	"	Grocer.	Manchester.	Harriet George.	"		3d	
		Etta Hurl.	Hartland.	23	"		Hartland.	George W. Robinson.	Boston.		1st	"
Feb. 5	"	Lewis Clement.	Laconia.	21	"	Laborer.	Canada.	Mary J. Jones.	"		"	"
		Victoria Truckey.	"	14	"		Laconia	John Lee.	"		"	"
9	"	Jonathan Tilton.	"	50	"	Mason.	Fremont.	Elizabeth Faulkner.	"		"	"
		Susan Knowlton.	"	42	"		Sanbornton.	John Hurl.	Canada.	Stonecutter.	"	"
16	"	Joseph Jameson.	"	51	"	Carpenter.	Canada.	Hannah Ham.	"		3d	Rev. J. P. Atkinson Laconia
		Mary L. Weair.	"	35	"		"	Jerry Clement.	"	Farmer.	1st	"
16	"	Jere C. Holland.	"	30	"	Barber	Ireland.	Joseph Truckey.	Canada.		"	"
		Annie Sullivan.	Ashland.	30	"		Gilford.	Lauri Calarait.	"		"	"
								Jonathan Tilton.	"		"	"
								Elizabeth Foster.	"		"	"
								Joseph Clark.	"		"	"
								John Jameson.	"		"	"
								Nancy Armstrong.	"		"	"
								Alex Weair.	"		"	"
								Daniel Holland.	"		"	"
								Ellen Sullivan.	"		"	"
								Jerry Sullivan.	"		"	"
								Kate O'Neil.	"		"	"

Feb. 21	Laconia.	Hazen H. Clough.	Laconia.	25	W. Laborer.	Dorchester.	Joseph Clough, Harriet A. Beckford, Mitchel Huot.	Wentworth, Dorchester.	Farmer.	1st	Rev. J. L. Schakers, Laconia
	"	Mary V. Huot.	"	24	"	Gilford.	John G. Jewett, Caroline E. Shannon, James Le Barron.	Meredith, Grafton.	Merchant.	"	Rev. C. A. Thurston Laconia
Apr. 6	"	John B. Jewett.	"	23	Merchant.	St. Albans, Vt.	T. G. Metcalf, C. R. Parker, Chas. Harmon.	Manchester, Littleton, Iresburg.	Paymaster R.R. Farmer.	"	"
1	"	Ella F. Le Barron.	Iresburg.	22	"	Iresburg.	Louisa Ranger, Charles A. Cushing, Sarah McFarland, George L. Sanborn.			2d	L. Malvern, Laconia
	"	P. S. Metcalf.	Laconia.	28	Farmer.	Ceventry, Vt.	Mary Knowlton, John Twombly, Ida Brusau.		Farmer.	1st	H. G. Hubbard Sanbornton
2	Sanbornton	Mrs. Rosa M. Dolbier.	"	21	Photo.	East Lebanon.	Mary Sheean, Curtis Gates, Julia A. Morton, Arthur Mazurette, Lucinda Gorin.	Canada.		"	"
	"	William M. Cushing.	"	19	"	Sanbornton.	Leman Depierre, Abee Truckey, Frank Verrett.			"	"
	"	Grace M. Sanborn.	"	19	"	Canada.	Ezra Foster, Olive Gouyer, Paul Morin,			"	"
14	Laconia.	Alex Twombly.	"	17	Clerk.	Athol, Mass.	John Emery, S. A. Collins, Benj. F. Smith.	Thornton.	Farmer.	"	Rev. L. Malvern, Laconia
	"	Annie Barrett.	"	17	"	West Concord, Vt.	J. B. Mercier, Josephine Joliet, Joseph Dubrulle, Josephine Valler.	Canada.		"	"
20	"	Carroll W. Gates.	"	24	Miller.	Melbourne, Canada.				"	"
	"	Jesse F. Mazurette.	"	24	"	Canada.				"	"
25	"	Alfred Depierre.	"	20	Carder.	"			Laborer.	"	J. L. Schakers, Laconia
	"	Jennie Verritt	"	21	"	"			"	"	"
26	"	John Foster.	"	20	Teamster.	"			"	"	"
	"	Olivine Morin.	"	18	"	"			Moulder.	"	"
27	"	Rufus T. Emery.	"	26	"	Gilford.			Painter.	"	"
	"	Grace M. Smith.	Thornton.	21	"	Thornton.			Farmer.	"	"
May 9	"	Louis A. Mercier.	Fall River, Ms.	29	"	Canada.				"	"
	"	Cornelia Dubrulle.	Laconia.	34	"	"				"	"

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May 11	Laconia.	Edward Dow.	Laconia.	21	W	Tinman.	Gilford.	A. C. Dow. Jane Nichols. William Johnson.	Henniker.	Tinman.	1st	Rev. J. L. Schakers, Laconia
		Lizzie M. Johnson.	Concord.	20	"		Pennacook.		Ireland.		"	
14	"	Inman H. Merrill.	Laconia.	36	"	Stonecutter	Bow.	Hazen W. Merrill. Rachel Hoyt. John Staples.				Rev. L. Malvern, Laconia
		Addie C. Staples.	"	24	"		Laconia.					
15	Belmont.	Walter S. Peaslee.	"	32	"	Lawyer.	Wilmot.	Mary E. W. Peaslee. Caroline T. Burbank.	Sutton.	Overseer.	3d	" R. W. Churchill, Belmont
		Capitola C. Pierson.	"	27	"			Harlow W. Peirson. Helen M. Ingram.	Piermont, N.Y. Wadington, "	Mechanic.	1st	
18	Laconia.	Walter B. Martin.	"	32	"	Stonecutter	Grafton.	John Martin. Elvira Avery.	Rumney. New Hampton.	Farmer.	2d	" J. P. Atkinson, Laconia
		Nellie J. Harper.	"	29	"		New Hampton.		"		"	
18	"	C. E. Bruce.	"	27	"	Machinist.	Branton, Vt.	L. E. Bruce. E. J. Sargent.	"	Farmer.	1st	" C. A. Thurston, Laconia
		Josie Marston.	"	18	"		Loudon.	Frank Marston. Atvilla Sargent.		Shoemaker.	"	
17	"	Harry W. Smith.	"	23	"	Painter.	Sandwich.	Jacob F. Smith. Mary S. Glines.	Monktonboro. Sandwich.	Farmer.	"	" L. Malvern, Laconia
		Lula P. Estes.	"	23	"		"	Joseph Estes. Sophia M. Mason.			"	
23	"	John Merchant.	"	20	"	Laborer.	Canada.	Liza Grandau. Paul Morin.	Canada.	Moulder.	"	" J. L. Schakers, Laconia
		Addie Morin.	"	20	"		"	Philomena Bejeau. Uriah Mandigo.	"		"	
29	Francesct'n.	Ellsworth M. Mandigo.	"	21	"	Clerk.	"	Edith Salls. Charles A. Quegley.	"	Farmer.	"	" W. R. Cochran, Antrim
		Ellen F. Quegley.	Francesctown.	18	"		Francesctown.	A. M. Burk.	Auburn.		"	

May 29	Belmont.	Oscar J. Avery.	Laconia.	22	W	Maehinist.	Runney.	Stephen Avery. Mary E. Straw. Sylvester Abbott. S. Merrill.	Runney.	Ladders.	1st
June 2	Laconia.	Amelia H. Abbott.	"	22	"	Merchant.	"	Warren, Concord, Belmont.	"	Black smith	"
		Daniel M. Rowe.	"	24	"	Merchant.	Belmont.	Chas. H. Rowe. M. P. Ladd.	"	Merchant.	"
		Florence N. Bray.	"	30	"	Shoemaker.	England.	George Bray. Ann Moody.	England.	Dresser.	"
23	Milford, Ms.	George W. Campbell.	"	29	"	Shoemaker.	St. Louis, Mo.	Samuel H. Campbell. Eliza J. Blodgett.	New York.	Salesman.	"
		Etta M. Veasey.	Milford, Mass.	29	"	Barber.	Milford, Mass.	William B. Veasey. Mary M. Ware.	"	Shoemaker.	"
25	Laconia.	Daniel E. Holland	Laconia.	22	"	Barber.	Mich.	Daniel Holland. Ellen Sullivan.	"	Shoemaker.	"
		Julia Dufrane.	"	17	"	Cook.	Canada.	David Dufrane. Celia Freetts.	Canada.	Baker,	"
July 3	"	Fred W. Smith.	"	22	"	Cook.	London.	Alfred Smith. Louisa Gaulten.	England.	Laborer.	"
		Matilda Langevain.	"	19	"	Clerk.	Canada.	Alfred Langevain.	Canada.	Carpenter.	"
4	"	Frank E. Morin.	"	21	"	Clerk.	"	Joseph Morin. Margaret Parides.	"	Baker.	"
		Bessie A. Smith.	"	19	"	Carpenter.	Lawrence.	Alfred Smith. Louisa Gaulton.	England.	Teamster.	"
4	"	Chester A. Dearth.	"	26	"	Carpenter.	E. Sangerville.	L. L. Dearth. Olive Flanders.	"	Cook.	"
		Nellie K. Young.	"	20	"	Merchant.	Chatham.	Charles Young. Russell.	Vermont.	Farmer.	"
12	"	Stdney E. Eldridge.	"	27	"	Clerk.	Meredith.	Amos K. Eldridge. Kaziah Rodgers.	Chatham.	Machinist.	"
		Ida M. Nicholson.	"	19	"	Clerk.	Gilford.	Frank Nicholson. Frank J. Osgood.	Meredith.	Jeweler.	"
18	"	Willie H. Osgood.	"	26	"	Carpenter.	Milford, Mass.	Martha D. Hall. R. P. Goodspeed.	Belmont. Lisbon.	Basket Mfr.	"
		Florence I. Goodspeed.	"	25	"	Carpenter.	Sandwich.	Susan M. Venten. Albert C. Fogg.	Philliston, Mas. Cornish.	Carpenter.	"
21	"	Herbert C. Fogg.	"	25	"	Carpenter.	Laconia.	R. C. Carter. E. K. Cook.	Sandwich.	"	"
		Sadie B. Cook.	"	24	"	Carpenter.	Laconia.	E. K. Cook.	"	"	"

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July 16	Laconia.	William W. Saunders.	Laconia.	22	W	Machinist.	Nova Scotia.	Lorenzo Saunders, Catharine Gidney.	Nova Scotia.	Farmer.	1st	Rev. G. McLaughlin Laconia
	"	Amarct Morehouse.	"	21	"	"	"	C. E. Morehouse. Sarah J. Dukhi.	"	Farmer.	"	"
20	"	Herbert W. Hayford.	"	27	"	"	Tamworth.	David Hayford. Elizabeth Ames.	Tamworth.	Farmer.	"	"
	"	L. M. Moulton.	"	20	"	"	Canada.	James A. Moulton. Susan Hayford.	Worcester. Tamworth.	Machinist.	"	"
26	"	Engene Senville.	"	26	"	Bottler.	Canada.	Joseph Senville. Margaret Cuyt.	Canada.	Laborer.	"	"
	"	Rosa A. Rooney.	"	25	"	"	Worcester, Mas.	John Rooney. Ellen Mitchell.	"	"	"	J. L. Schakers, Laconia
26	"	Henry Champaign.	"	21	"	Section man	Canada.	Lewis Champaign.	Canada.	Farmer.	"	"
	"	Dell Octo.	"	18	"	"	"	Peter Octo. Ellen Octo.	"	Sect. Man.	"	"
28	"	George C. Short.	"	22	"	Mechanic.	Sherbrook, P. Q.	John Short, Jr. Arabella Hyndman.	Three Rivers.	"	"	Rev. G. McLaughlin Laconia
	"	Louise Ladamme.	Worcester, Mas.	26	"	"	Waterville, "	Samuel Ladamme.	Waterville.	"	"	"
Aug. 6	"	Charles H. Fellows.	Laconia.	28	"	Teamster.	Webster.	Franklin Fellows. Martha Macurdy.	Webster.	Farmer.	"	Rev. L. Malvern, Laconia
	"	Henrietta Scaley.	"	23	"	"	St. Johnsbury.	"	"	"	"	"
9	"	Frank Morrill.	Vermont.	30	"	Farmer.	Canada.	Albert Morrill. Mary Duboy.	Canada.	"	"	Rev. J. L. Schakers Laconia
	"	Mary Burleigh.	Laconia.	23	"	"	"	John Burleigh.	Canada.	"	"	"
10	Franklin.	Peter Rousha.	"	18	"	Carder.	New York.	Joseph Rousha. Jane Lariny.	Canada. New York.	Mason.	"	"
	"	Mary Shabbott.	"	21	"	"	Canada.	Joseph Shabbott. Laplant.	Canada. Canada.	Laborer.	"	M. F. Galvin, Laconia

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Sept. 20	Laconia.	Charles Beaupro.	Lake Village.	18	W	Knitter.	Canada.	Eli Beaupre. Clara Gingrass.	Canada.	Shoemaker.	1st	Rev. J. L. Schakera, Laconia
		Zelia Oceau.	Laconia.	19	"	"	"	Peter Oceau. Malvina Gay.	"	Sect. Man.	"	"
24	Gilford.	George A. Gardner.	"	38	"	Painter.	Salem, Mass.	W. H. Gardner. Eleanor Gardner.	Gilmanston.	Laborer.	"	Wm. Woods, Gilford.
		Sadie E. Cook.	"	36	"	"	West Lebanon.	R. M. Smith. C. A. Downs.	Barnstead.	"	"	"
25	Laconia.	George L. Davis.	"	21	"	Shoemaker.	Laconia.	Lyman W. Davis. Mary Piper.	Laconia.	Carder.	1st	C. A. Thurston, Laconia
		Florence A. Kenyon.	"	20	"	"	Canaan.	Edward Kenyon.	"	Hotel Kpr.	"	"
21	"	Abbott W. Lawrence.	Chelsea, Mass.	29	"	Sawyer.	Boston.	Josiah Lawrence. Caroline Waldron.	Epping.	Retired.	"	"
		Francis A. Ladd.	Laconia.	30	"	"	Laconia.	Lucian A. Ladd. M. J. Smith.	Meredith.	Farmer.	"	"
Nov. 3	Rumney.	Howard J. Farrar.	"	22	"	Carpenter.	Belmont.	Rutus L. Farrar. L. Dirkey.	Gilmanston.	Farmer.	"	"
		Kate J. Burpee.	Dorchester.	23	"	"	Dorchester.	Marshall Burpee. Sophia Kidder.	"	"	"	Rev. Wm. Filz. Rumney.
24	Laconia.	Frank H. Chase.	Laconia.	31	"	Farmer.	Bristol.	N. F. Chase. Jonathan Batchelder.	Dorchester.	Farmer.	"	"
		Mabel A. Batchelder.	Wentworth.	18	"	"	Wentworth.	Olive A. Huckins. Jonathan Batchelder.	Sambornton.	"	"	L. Malvern, Laconia
24	"	Frank W. Sanborn.	Paltimore, Md.	40	"	Grocer.	Meredith Vil.	Brackett L. Sanborn. Martha Dearborn.	Gilford.	Farmer.	"	"
		Eliza A. Kenison.	Laconia.	35	"	"	Gilford.	Daniel Glidden. Mary Bennett.	"	"	"	"
24	"	Alden D. Ellsworth.	"	25	"	Blacksmith	Gilmanston.	James P. Ellsworth. Irons Lamprey.	Gilmanston.	Farmer.	1st	"
		Athalia Lockhart.	"	23	"	"	Nova Scotia.	"	Nova Scotia.	"	"	"

Nov.	26	Laconia.	Lincoln H. Phillips.	Laconia.	26	W	Cutter.	Parkman, Me.	Turner, Me.	Mechanic.	1st
		"	Clara N. Cobb.	"	23	"	Portland, Mé.	Marshall L. Phillips.	Canada.	Mechanic.	Rev. L. Malvern, Laconia
24	"	"	Peter Orteau.	"	21	"	Canada.	Charles Cobb.	"	Section man	"
		"	Lydia Willet.	"	18	"	"	Peter Orteau.	"	"	"
Dec. 3	"	Winchenden, Mass.	George F. Plummer.	Winchenden, Mass.	29	"	Hotel Clerk	Malvina Gay. Willet.	"	"	"
		Laconia.	Nellie J. Cary.	Laconia.	23	"	Canada.	Mary Orteau.	"	"	"
24	"	"	George A. Berry.	"	21	"	Loudon.	Geo E. Plummer.	"	Farmer.	"
		"	Emma I. Langervine.	"	21	"	Canada.	John Cary.	"	"	"
25	"	"	Felix Cliche.	"	20	"	"	Mary Powell.	"	"	"
		"	Josephene Lamotte.	"	16	"	"	James Berry.	"	"	"
		"		"			"	Mary J. Wilson.	"	"	"
		"		"			"	Alfred Langervine.	Canada.	Laborer.	Rev. G. McLaughlin Laconia
		"		"			"	Louis Cliche.	"	"	"
		"		"			"	Selvie Nadan.	"	"	"
		"		"			"	T. Lamotte.	"	"	"
		"		"			"	Olive Vallier.	"	"	"

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School Report.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF LACONIA :

The board of education of school district number one herewith submits its thirteenth annual report.

The most notable event of the school year has been the completion and occupation of the new high-school building. It contains the high school and the grammar schools of the whole district, with one unfurnished room for future needs, and seems to be adequate and well adapted to the wants of the district for many years to come, and a credit to those who have superintended its erection and to the district. The cost of the building itself exceeds the amount of the appropriations of \$26,000 by only a few dollars, but the expense of grading the grounds and the compensation of the building committee and of the business agent is to be added to this amount in computing the entire cost. There may also be a few hundred dollars needed for putting in gas fixtures and for fitting up a room as a laboratory, according to the suggestions which will be found in the accompanying report of the superintendent. Probably few if any school buildings have been built in this state or anywhere else at so low expense and with so good results. The district is indebted to the trustees of the academy for a 99-year lease of the ground on which the building stands, and for a gift of the old academy building.

The board has employed the principal of the high school as superintendent of schools for the district in connection with his duties as principal. This involved the employment of an assistant in the high school thus making the whole number of teachers now employed eleven, instead of ten as it was before the change. It seems probable that another primary school may be needed before long, the primary schools being now crowded to nearly their full capacity and likely to increase rapidly if the growth of the town continues.

The board after much hesitation and deliberation has made an attempt to secure a fuller enforcement of the laws regarding attendance of children of school age. Truant officers have been appointed by the selectmen, and the result of their labors under the supervision of the board has been a much improved attendance of those children that

have pretended to go to school, together with some additions of children of school age that had not attended school. Several of the schools were, however, greatly interfered with by illness during the last part of the winter term. Some difficulty has been found in the enforcement of the truant law, since some families are in part dependant on their children's labor for their support, especially at a time when many persons are thrown out of employment by the stopping of the mills, as has been the case during a part of this year. It may on this account be necessary to establish an evening school in the near future, as well as for the benefit of those that have passed the school age, but have not had the advantage of schooling when young.

The increase of expense caused by an increase of facilities for education will require a larger amount of money than has been heretofore appropriated; but it is thought that there is no expense which the people in general bear so cheerfully, and that they will be found generous in the future as always in the past.

A matter that is worthy of consideration is whether it would not be wise for the district and the rest of the town to unite under the new law. The present system works very well and a consolidation might not make much change for the better, either in this district or in the rest of the town, but there would be some saving in the machinery required, and the high school would then be open to the whole town.

The whole number of scholars attending the public schools of the district two weeks or more during the year has been 565, of whom 286 were boys and 279 were girls. Of those reported, 32 were under six years of age and 41 were over sixteen. The whole number of children in the district between five and fifteen years of age, as enumerated by the selectmen, was 759, of whom 386 were boys and 373 were girls.

The report of the Superintendent of Schools follows.

W. L. MELCHER,	} Board of Education.
J. F. MERRILL,	
D. B. NELSON,	
J. G. JEWETT,	
C. B. HIBBARD,	
C. F. STONE,	

TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

In accordance with your instruction I herewith submit the following report:

On the whole the past year has seemed to be very profitable to the schools of the district. But little need be said except on a few special topics.

In the lower grades much good work has been done, and much yet remains to be done. At the beginning of the year the pupils of these

grades were found to be very deficient in writing and language work. At the same time many in the higher grades were found to be much hindered in their work by the lack of elementary training in the use of language. Strong efforts have been made to remedy these defects and these efforts have been productive of much good. But the writing is not yet what it should be.

One of the special features in these grades during the past two terms has been vocal music. Although this branch has not been required, instruction has been given in most of the schools, and good advancement has been made. Vocal music is rapidly becoming one of the most popular studies in the schools of our country. I would recommend that it be placed on the list of required studies, and that as soon as possible a competent director of music be employed to take charge of the department in all the schools.

Drawing, another branch that has heretofore been optional, has received attention in all the schools below the High School, but in the absence of any authorized system each teacher has been obliged in a measure to work independently of the others. By the adoption of a system of drawing to go into effect at the beginning of the next term, this defect will be obviated.

In the Grammar schools commendable progress has been made in all the classes. In the Lower Grammar grade much interest has been awakened in the study of the common minerals, and of many of the lower forms of animal life. This is a step in the right direction.

One of the pressing needs of these schools is in the line of reading. A Grammar school class will soon master the contents of the ordinary reading book. I mean by this that they soon became masters of the stories and sketches presented to them, and by a glance at the title will remember the substance of the selection. The charm of novelty is then gone, and much of the interest is gone with it. It is then hard to hold the attention on the work and to secure the best results. Hence many cities and towns are furnishing series of supplementary readers, to be kept in the school library, and to be used by the different classes. Thus a large range of reading can be secured with but little expense to pupil or town. Good results are said to follow such a course. I would recommend that a similar plan be adopted in the Grammar Schools.

In the High School the work has been as satisfactory as could be reasonably expected.

A four years English and Classical course was begun in the fall. Two classes are now at work in Latin. Through the efforts of the scholars and the generosity of the citizens we have purchased a valuable cabinet of minerals, said to be second to no High School cabinet in the state. This gives a great impetus to the study of geology and mineralogy.

The imperative need of the High School is physical and chemical apparatus. Under the present conditions the work in natural philoso-

phy and chemistry is, one might almost say, a farce. As well try to build a house without tools as to try to teach these subjects without apparatus. Such a course is an injury to the pupil and a thorn in the flesh to the teacher. One hundred dollars are needed at once to place the work in philosophy on a good basis; and as soon as possible a good chemical laboratory should be provided and fitted with appliances for individual work. In no other way can these studies be made of much value.

In conclusion I would recommend that the length of the school year be increased to thirty-six weeks in the Grammar schools, to thirty-three weeks in the Primary schools; that the Primary course be limited to four years; and that the High-school course be increased to four years.

Lack of space forbids my giving reasons.

W. H. HARTSHORN.

DISTRICT NO. 3. The closing examination of this school showed marked improvement both in the deportment and scholarship of the pupils. The school was somewhat broken up by the measles. We consider Miss Glidden one of our best teachers.

DIST. 4.—This school has not the advantage of the others in good buildings. The school house is very old, even to shabbiness; it is without proper ventilation, and cheerless in every respect. The teachers were earnest and dilligent, and the pupils made good improvement. A better school house would show a great improvement, with the same amount of labor.

DIST. 5.—This school was taught through the year by the same teacher, and your committee found in the improved deportment and scholarship the good result of retaining a faithful teacher as long as possible in the same school.

Whole number of scholars not less than 5 years, who have attended school not less than two weeks, 49; number of persons between 14 and 21 unable to read and write, 0; number of children reported by selectmen or assessors, 51; number of children between 5 and 15 not attending school, 2 girls.

JACOB SANBORN,
FRANK N. BLAISDELL, } School Board.
LORENZO W. LOVETT, }

Statistical Table.

GRADED SCHOOL.—DIST. NO. 1.

Terms.	Grade of school.	Name of Teacher.	Wages per Month.	Length of School in Weeks.	Whole No. of Scholars.	No. pupils attending to the following studies:														
						Average Attendance.	Reading.	Spelling.	Pennmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Drawing.	Vocal Music.				
Spring.	High School....	W. H. Hartshorn.....	\$88 88	12	37	32	37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	No. Grammar...	Rev. F. C. Libby.....	56	11	47	41	47	47	47	47	47	19	47	28	47
	So. Grammar...	Belle F. Small.....	48	11	43	37	43	43	43	43	43	23	43	20	43
	No. Intermediate	Mrs F. C. Watson.....	40	11	38	31	38	38	38	38	38
	So. Intermediate.	{ Annie E. Trafton... Laura A. Franklin...}	40
	No. 1st Primary..	Sarah D. Knowlton....	40	10	61	42	61	61	61	61	61
	No. 2nd Primary.	Florence M. Ellis.....	40	10	75	50	75	75	75	75	75
	So. 1st Primary..	Mrs. M. B. Knowlton..	40	10	52	45	52	52	52	52	52	52	52
	So. 2nd Primary.	Florence Goodspeed...}	40	10	54	46	54	54	54	54	54
	So. 3d Primary..	J. Annie Robinson....}	40	10	58	49	58	58	58	58	58
Fall.	High School....	{ W. H. Hartshorn... Mary Gale.....}	111.11	11	40	38	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Upper Grammar.	Belle F. Small.....	48	10	51	38	51	51	51	51	..	..	..	51	51	..	..	..	..
	Lower Grammar.	Alice M. Nelson.....	48	10	44	40	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	..	44	44	44	44	44	
	No. Intermediate	Mary C. Jones.....	40	11	34	31	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	..	..	..	..	..	..
	So. Intermediate.	Annie P. Channell....}	40	11	44	35	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	15	..	..	..	..	..
	No. 1st Primary..	Mrs. M. B. Knowlton..	40	10	54	48	54	54	54	54	54	23	54	23	54	54	..	..	..
	No. 2nd Primary.	J. Annie Robinson....}	40	10	52	45	52	52	52	52	52	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	So. 1st Primary..	Susan M. Turner.....}	40	10	42	37	42	42	42	42	42	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	So. 2nd Primary.	Susan M. Gale.....}	40	10	47	38	47	47	47	47	47	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	So. 3rd Primary..	Fannie O. Bartlett....}	40	10	65	57	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	
Winter.	High School....	{ W. H. Hartshorn... Mary Gale.....}	111.11	13	42	38	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Upper Grammar.	Belle F. Small.....	48	12	53	48	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	
	Lower Grammar.	Alice M. Nelson.....	48	12	44	40	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	..	44	44	44	44		
	No. Intermediate	Mary C. Jones.....	40	10	32	29	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	..	..	..	..	..	..
	So. Intermediate	Mrs. Minnie L. Jackson	40	11	52	45	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	..	..	..	..	..	..
	No. 1st Primary..	Mrs. M. B. Knowlton..	40	10	53	47	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	..	53	53	53	53		
	No. 2nd Primary.	J. Annie Robinson....}	40	9	49	40	49	49	49	49	49	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	So. 1st Primary..	Susan M. Turner.....}	40	10	50	41	50	50	50	50	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	So. 2nd Primary.	Susan M. Gale.....}	40	10	42	36	42	42	42	42	42	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	So. 3rd Primary.	Fannie O. Bartlett....}	40	10	51	46	51	51	51	51	51	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

UNGRADED SCHOOLS.

Dist.	Term.	Teacher.	Wages	8	14	13	14	14	7	13	4	7	..	7
3	Spring Term.	Clara B. Gove.....	\$30	8	14	13	14	14	7	13	4	7	..	7
	Fall "	Myrtle E. Glidden....	30	13	10	7	10	10	7	9	6	4	..	3
7	Spring "	" " " " " " " " " "	30	9	23	22	23	23	14	14	6	5	5	..
	Summer "	Mary L. Hill.....	30	5	24	20	24	24	4	14	3	8	5	..
5	Fall "	" " " " " " " " " "	30	7	25	21	25	25	4	14	3	9	7	5
	Spring "	Julia A. Eaton.....	28	8	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	..	..
5	Summer "	" " " " " " " " " "	28	7	8	7	8	8	8	8	6	5	1	2
	Fall "	" " " " " " " " " "	30	7	10	8	9	10	8	9	6	5	1	3

In the last column of Ungraded School Table read Higher Branches (Book-keeping and Compositions) in place of corresponding headings above.

In the High School, during the year, those studying the higher branches were as follows: Physical Geography, 25; Algebra, 32; Geometry, 19; Natural Philosophy, 14; Chemistry, 7; Astronomy, 9; Botany, 15; Natural History, 15; Geology, 24; Civil Government, 24; Rhetoric, 9; English Literature, 24; Latin, 13.

