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OF

FITZWILLIAM, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1886.

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The Superintending Committee, in presenting to the town their last annual report under the old school system, would say that their general observations will be very brief. Nothing unusual has occurred during the past year that requires an extended discussion at our hands.

About the usual degree of success and failure has attended the efforts of our teachers. A few of our schools have been excellent; the majority fairly successful, and one or two hardly up to the required standard of a favorable report.

It is needless for us to make any remarks on questions growing out of school management under the old law, because, whether for good or evil, that law has been superseded by the present one on our statute book, and any discussion, except as it may assist in future action, is a waste of time and labor.

We cannot allow the occasion to pass without bespeaking your favorable consideration for the new law, at least until it has been fairly tried, and found defective or impracticable.

We say this because a great deal of unfounded prejudice and misapprehension exists, as to the merits of the law and its operation.

For instance, we have been surprised to find how many entertain the idea that the law arbitrarily abolishes the schools in the several districts; whereas it merely gives authority to a central board of education to change the location of a school, or abolish it, if in their judgment the public interests demand it. It is extremely probable few changes will be made, at least for the present; and the other features of the law, which have not incurred as much adverse criticism, will have an opportunity of proving the wisdom of its enactment.

Of course a good deal depends on the energy and efficiency of the board of education to be chosen. But the sympathy and hearty co-operation of our citizens is all important; for without this success is not attainable. The character of the work done by the teachers has been fully noted in our comments on the different schools. From these you will judge the measure of success that has crowned our efforts the past year.

The statistics required by law are as follows :

The number of children in town between the ages of five and fifteen years, as returned by Selectmen, April 25, 1885, is :

Boys, 125 ; girls, 116 ; total, 241.

At the annual town meeting in March, 1885, the town voted to raise and appropriate—

For the support of schools,	\$2,000 00
To which was added the Literary Fund,	146 16
Town taxes on dogs, 1884,	42 50
Total,	\$2,188 66

Apportioned among the several districts as follows :

District No. 1, William Bent,	\$201 46
“ “ 2, Samuel Kendall,	97 46
“ “ 3, William Whipple,	148 35
“ “ 4, Anson G. Bebee,	125 16
“ “ 5, Nathan T. Byam,	591 66

District No. 6, Paid to Troy,	\$25 32
“ “ 7, Stephen W. Upham,	122 24
“ “ 8, Charles D. Bigelow,	500 99
“ “ 9, Henry A. Davis,	117 63
“ “ 10, David T. Moore,	114 12
“ “ 11, Hiram Derby,	57 47
“ “ 12, Oliver W. Smith,	86 80
Total,	<hr/> \$2,188 66

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

District.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Wages per month including board.	No. of weeks.	No. of Scholars.	Boys.	Girls.	Average attendance.	Not absent one-half day.	Tardiness.	Reading.	Spelling.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Drawing.	Physiology.	Book-keeping.	Algebra.	Philosophy.	Visits by S. S. Com.	† Visits by citizens and others.
1	Ida L. Jones,	\$32.00	10	19	11	8	16	3	0	19	19	11	14	7	5	2				1			1	32
2	Arlotte F. Goodale,	27.00	8	7	8	4	7	6	0	7	7	6	6	2	1	2				1			1	14
3	Grace M. Purney,	26.00	9	16	8	14	9	7	16	11	10	14	11	7	6								2	27
4	Anna L. Brooks,	23.00	8	15	9	6	14 ³	9	2	15	12	14	12	4	1	4							3	18
G	Fred E. Winn,	36.00	11	24	5	19	19	8	4	24	24	24	24	16	10	4					2		3	12
P	M. Agnes Cahill,	36.00	10	33	34	16	31	12	3	34	34	34	34	21	12	21	34	34	34				3	28
*6																								
7	Julia E. Wilson,	24.00	9	18	9	15	4	2	18	18	16	11	8	4	11					2			2	19
8	Myrtle I. Fletcher,	40.00	11	55	28	49	22	4	55	55	55	50	20	10	7	45	50						6	52
9	Winfield Chaplin,	32.00	8	17	11	6	16	3	6	17	17	9	9	3	1	1							2	25
10	Gertrude L. Burrill,	24.00	8	13	6	7	11	7	2	13	11	11	11	6	4	3							2	12
11	Emily M. Putnam,	26.00	10	5	2	3	5	5	0	5	5	5	5	5	4	1	3	5					1	6
12	Nellie D. Sheldon,	22.00	8	11	6	5	11	9	4	11	11	7	4	4	1	1	6				1		2	6

* Under supervision of Troy.

† Aside from final examination.

FALL AND WINTER SCHOOLS.

District.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Wages per month including board.	No. of weeks.	No. of Scholars.	Boys.	Girls.	Average attendance.	Not absent one-half day.	Tardiness.	Reading.	Spelling.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Drawing.	Physiology.	Book-keeping.	Algebra.	Philosophy.	Visits by S. S. Com.	Visits by citizens and others.	
1	Ida L. Jones,	\$30.00	12	21	14	7	18	3	0	21	21	16	4	6	1										
2	Mrs. Chas. D. Ellis,	27.00	12	11	5	6	10	6	8	11	11	7	5	1											36
3	Grace M. Putney,	30.00	12	15	8	7	14	7	7	15	12	14	15	14	6										20
4	Anna L. Brooks,	30.00	8	20	12	8	18	8	6	17	17	16	15	13	2										14
G	W. B. Flanders,	40.00	10	22	6	16	19	7	2	22	22	22	22	18	8										14
G	Myrtle I. Fletcher,	40.00	11	28	9	19	26	14	0	28	28	28	28		4										17
P	M. Agnes Cahill,	40.00	11.6	31	16	15	25	9	3	31	31	31	31	21	12	21	31	31	5	28	8	4			4
*6																									116
7	Julia E. Wilson,	26.00	12	19	10	9	16	7	0	19	19	15	14	11	4										52
8	Myrtle I. Fletcher,	46.00	13	51	28	23	45	17	5	51	51	51	50	20	12	6	25	51	6	2					22
9	Charles D. Ellis,																								44
10	Winfield Chaplin,	32.00	64	17	11	6	16	10	2	17	17	9	9	4	2										11
11	Minnie E. Stearns,	24.00	10.6	14	8	6	13	5	5	14	14	14	14	8	4										14
12	Anna L. Brooks,	25.00	6	13	8	5	12	9	4	13	13	12	10	1	1										5

* Under supervision of Troy. † In session. ‡ No school. § Aside from final examination.

LIST OF TEXT BOOKS.

The New Testament, Worcester's and Webster's Dictionaries.

READERS—The Franklin 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th.

SPELLERS—Swinton's Word Book Series.

WRITING BOOKS—Spencerian Series.

ARITHMETICS—Bradbury's Eaton's Elementary and Practical,
Eaton's High School, and Colburn's Mental.

GEOGRAPHIES—Harper's Introductory and School.

GRAMMAR—Quackenbos' English and Primary.

HISTORY—Higginson's "Young Folks."

ALGEBRAS—Davies' and Robinson's.

PHYSIOLOGY—Steele's.

BOOK-KEEPING—Mahew's.

DRAWING—Krusi's Series.

REPORT OF SCHOOLS IN DETAIL.

DISTRICT NUMBER ONE.

SUMMER TERM.—Ida L. Jones, teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 19; average attendance, 16; tardiness, 0; not absent or tardy, 3.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Arthur Foster, Edson G. Smith, Agnes Bent.

FALL TERM.—Same teacher. Length of school, 12 weeks; number of scholars, 21; average attendance, 18; tardiness, 0; not absent or tardy, 3.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Geo. S. Bent, Ethel Chaplin, Arthur Foster.

Both terms were under the instruction of the same teacher. The school seemed to be under good discipline. There was a manifest improvement in reading, which was very ordinary at the beginning of the summer term. The work of the first class in arithmetic was good, and that of the second class in spelling especially excellent. This school still maintains its superiority in writing; we doubt whether there is any district school, with the same number of weeks spent upon this branch, that can show a set of writing books evincing as much progress as those that were exhibited at the close of the fall term. We must make this criticism on the declamations: we noticed there was a disposition to select poetry instead of prose; this should be discouraged. It forms a sing-song style of delivery, very unpleasant to the ear. It is plain prose that we speak when in converse with others, and how to speak prose properly is one of the things scholars should learn at school.

DISTRICT NUMBER TWO.

SUMMER TERM.—Arlette F. Goodale, teacher. Length of school, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 7; average attendance, 7; tardiness, 0; not absent or tardy, 6.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Jennie M. Ellis, Zella J. Firman, Maud A. Clark, Lizzie E. Stone, Chas. A. Ellis, Robert A. Stone.

The distinguishing feature of this school was its discipline and good order. There had been some trouble two years before, but with the coming of this teacher a new order of things took place, and the scholars became as quiet and orderly as in the best of schools.

FALL TERM.—Mrs. Chas. D. Ellis, teacher. Length of school, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 10; tardiness, 8; not absent or tardy, 6.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Zella J. Firman, Maud A. Clark, Lizzie E. Stone, Chas. A. Ellis, Robert A. Stone, Wallace J. Stone.

This school was taught by an experienced teacher. The school is small and the term was short, but we saw at the commencement of the term that if good results were not attained it would not be the fault of the teacher. The member of the committee under whose immediate supervision the school was placed was unavoidably absent at the closing examination, but a member of the district who has had great experience in school matters was present, and assures us that it was very satisfactory.

DISTRICT NUMBER THREE.

SUMMER TERM.—Grace M. Putney, teacher. Length of school, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 14; tardiness, 7; not absent or tardy, 8.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Hiram E. K. Whitney, Herbert W. Dodge, Willie H. Whipple, Grace E. Holman, Flora B. Pope, Adelia E. Burbank, Avis E. Burbank, Gladdys H. Harrington.

FALL TERM.—Same teacher. Length of school, 12 weeks; number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 14; tardiness, 7; not absent or tardy, 7.

ROLL OF HONOR.—H. Eugene Coolidge, Willie H. Whipple, Grace E. Holman, Celia Hodgskins, Adelia E. Burbank, Avis E. Burbank, Gladdys Harrington.

Miss Putney has taught in this school during five successive terms, and the result is what might be expected when teacher and scholars have had such an opportunity to become thoroughly acquainted and in sympathy with each other. Excellent deportment, well learned lessons and good recitations have been the rule during the year, and the course of the school has truly been "onward and upward." Your committee hopes that Miss Putney's labors in this school are not yet ended.

DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR.

SUMMER TERM.—Adda L. Brooks, teacher. Length of school, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 14; tardiness, 2; not absent or tardy, 9.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Fanny M. Beebe, Cora B. Dunton, Mabel A. Magee, Amy R. Poole, Chas. A. Dunton, Oliver P. Poole, Perley W. Reed, Eddie W. Stone, Fred O. Whitney.

FALL TERM.—Same teacher. Length of school, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 20; average attendance, 17; tardiness, 6; not absent or tardy, 7.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Fanny M. Beebe, Cora B. Dunton, Nellie C. Read, Chas. A. Dunton, Delbert Dunton, Walter O. Dunton, Perley W. Reed.

At the final examination there was an unusually marked difference in the scholarship of the pupils; a few very bright and some very dull. An examination of the register explained this matter; the scholars whose conduct the teacher was obliged to mark unfavorably proved by their recitations that they had been employed about something else than studying their lessons. Miss Brooks did all she could in every instance to interest the scholars and make them orderly

and industrious, but in some cases her energies were wasted. The recitation in arithmetic was fairly good ; the reading, as a general thing, was poor. This school needs a thorough drilling in this fundamental branch. If the school is poor here we cannot expect much in other studies. A few of the writing books showed good work.

DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE—GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

SPRING TERM.—Fred. E. Winn, teacher. Length of term, 11 weeks ; number of scholars, 24 ; average attendance, 19 ; tardiness, 4 ; not absent or tardy, 8.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Addie L. Anger, Minnie B. Byam, Berthier R. Davis, Lester E. Flagg, Lucy W. Mitchell, Fred. A. Newton, Frank R. Parker, Lizzie Shay.

FALL TERM.—W. B. Flanders, teacher. Length of term, 10 weeks ; number of scholars, 22 ; average attendance, 19 ; tardiness, 2 ; not absent or tardy, 7.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Minnie B. Byam, Berthier R. Davis, Lucy W. Mitchell, Fred A. Newton, Lizzie Shay, Grace E. Thompson, Nellie Thompson.

The school, during the spring and fall terms, was not nearly as good as it should have been. There seemed to be an antagonism between the scholars and the teachers, which was not overcome, and the result was very apparent in the poor showing made at the examinations. We think a different state of affairs would have existed, had the scholars shown more disposition to treat the teachers fairly. As it was, we do not consider the two terms at all successful.

WINTER TERM.—Myrtie I. Fletcher, teacher. Length of term, 11 weeks ; number of scholars, 28 ; average attendance, 26 ; tardiness, 0 ; not absent or tardy, 14.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Zella J. Firman, Minnie B. Byam, Lucy W. Mitchell, Edith Richardson, Lizzie Shay, Grace E. Thompson, Nellie Thompson, Alice Annable, John Shay, John Brooks, Oren Brooks, Fred. A. Newton, Frank R. Parker, Walter Emerson.

Miss Fletcher took charge of this school under circumstances which might have discouraged a less successful teacher; but, by her earnest and energetic management, she aroused a degree of interest in the scholars, which had manifestly been lacking in the preceding terms, and the school made rapid progress from the first. The best of order was maintained, and the scholars were attentive and studious. The recitations at the closing examination, were so universally good, that it is difficult to specify any particular one. We can only say that the results achieved during this term, reflect great credit upon the teacher and the scholars.

DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE—PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

SUMMER TERM.—M. Agnes Cahill, teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 34; average attendance, 31; tardiness, 3; not absent or tardy, 12.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Clifford F. Bacon, Fred D. Hayden, Geo. R. Hayden, Bertram F. Hill, Harry J. Kimball, Walter H. Mitchell, Jamie L. Perry, Nellie M. Flagg, Louisa Z. Forristall, Etta M. Nutting, Lettie C. Poland, Luna F. Perry.

FALL TERM.—Same teacher. Length of school, 11 weeks; number of scholars, 31; average attendance, 29; tardiness, 3; not absent or tardy, 9.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Clifford F. Bacon, Wallace M. Flagg, Nellie M. Flagg, Etta M. Nutting, Luna F. Perry, Addie L. Thompson, May A. Thompson, Harry J. Kimball, John Shay.

We can report favorably of both terms. On all occasions when we visited the school, they seemed remarkably quiet and orderly for so young scholars, the result of their interest in what was taught. The important step is to secure their attention. And to gain that, and to awaken an interest afterwards, we sometimes think, requires more of the teaching faculty than to successfully teach higher branches to older scholars. Object teaching is the great factor relied

upon in the course of instruction ; and those who were present and witnessed the closing examination, must have been impressed with its excellent results.

DISTRICT NUMBER SEVEN.

SUMMER TERM.—Julia E. Wilson, teacher. Length of school, 9 weeks ; number of scholars, 18 ; average attendance, $15\frac{1}{2}$; tardiness, 2 ; not absent or tardy, 4.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Flora I. Upham, Anna Lavoie, Burton L. Upham, Eddie Lavoiee.

FALL TERM.—Same teacher. Length of school, 12 weeks ; number of scholars, 19 ; average attendance, 16 ; tardiness, 0 ; not absent or tardy, 7.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Grace G. Blodgett, Flora I. Upham, Anna Lavoie, Thos. M. Blodgett, Nathan B. Hayden, Burton L. Upham, James G. Savage.

This teacher worked faithfully and was rewarded with a good degree of success. The average attendance was diminished both terms by sickness. There was commendable progress made in reading, writing and arithmetic. Some maps, neatly drawn by the scholars, were shown at the examination. A large number of parents and citizens were present at the closing exercises which passed off with credit to teacher and scholars.

DISTRICT NUMBER EIGHT.

SUMMER TERM.—Myrtie I. Fletcher, teacher. Length of school, 11 weeks ; number of scholars, 55 ; average attendance, 49 ; tardiness, 4 ; not absent or tardy, 22.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Lizzie A. Godbeer, Edith C. Godbeer, Geo. H. Godbeer, Clifford F. Godbeer, Walter G. Perry, Willie F. Perry, Lillian F. Baldwin, Hattie L. Baldwin, Eva J. Ingell, Minnie Wilson, Nellie M. Handy, Arthur A. Handy, Edith M. Smalley, Albin T. Smalley, Atlo Marriani, Joseph Taylor, George Newton, Herbert W. Holman, Willie P. Davis, Fred. S. Bigelow, Walter Baldwin, Ossian Flagg.

FALL TERM.—Same teacher. Length of school, 13 weeks ; number of scholars, 51 ; average attendance, 45 ; tardiness, 5 ; not absent or tardy, 17.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Lillian Baldwin, Hattie Baldwin, Walter Baldwin, Edith Smalley, Albin Smalley, George Godbeer, Clifford Godbeer, Walter Perry, Willie Perry, Willie Lynch, Jos. Beauregard, Fred. S. Bigelow, Ossian Flagg, Earnest Flagg, George Newton, Joseph Taylor, John Bruno.

Your committee had confidence, that, under the direction of Miss Fletcher, this school would make a record of which the district might be proud ; and the expectation was more than realized. Teacher and scholars were in thorough accord, and steady advance was made in all the studies during both terms. The exercises on the last days were of an excellence seldom surpassed. We congratulate the district on securing the services of such a teacher and also on a school which ranks second to none in the town.

WINTER TERM.—Charles D. Ellis, teacher. At the time of making this report, the school is in session, and no details can be given. Mr. Ellis is an experienced and capable teacher, and under his tuition the school is maintaining its high standard.

DISTRICT NUMBER NINE.

SUMMER TERM.—Winfield Chaplin, teacher. Length of school, 8 weeks ; number of scholars, 17 ; average attendance, 16 ; tardiness, 6 ; not absent or tardy, 3.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Nellie Marshall, Patrick Cushing, Don Marshall.

FALL TERM.—Same teacher. Length of school, 6.4 weeks ; number of scholars, 17 ; average attendance, 16 ; tardiness, 2 ; not absent or tardy, 10.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Nancy Cushing, Katie Green, Nellie Marshall, Edward Cushing, Patrick Cushing, James Cushing, Ellie Foster, Eddie Foster, Earnest Howard, Leon Marshall.

Mr. Chaplin gained here his first experience in teaching, and acquitted himself in an excellent manner. Good order was kept; and, aided by the steady and earnest efforts of the teacher, the school made considerable progress, especially during the last term.

DISTRICT NUMBER TEN.

SUMMER TERM.—Gertrude L. Burrill, teacher. Length of school, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 13; average attendance, 12; tardiness, 2; not absent or tardy, 7.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Mary Daley, Josephine Dailey, Emma M. Evans, Jessie M. White, Nellie N. White, Walter E. Holman, Walter B. White.

This school, under the tuition of Miss Burrill, passed a quiet and profitable term. The school though small is a very interesting one. The examination at the close, showed the scholars had been diligent and well disposed, and that some progress had been made.

FALL TERM.—Minnie E. Stearns, teacher. Length of school, 10.6 weeks; number of scholars, 14; average attendance, 13; tardiness, 5; not absent or tardy, 5.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Emma M. Evans, Jessie M. White, Nellie N. White, Walter E. Holman, Eugene F. Turner.

The success achieved by Miss Stearns, in this, her first attempt at teaching, showed conclusively that she did not enter upon the task unwisely. Her manner of governing and teaching this school, evinced careful training, and as she gained the interest of the scholars from the first, a rapid and profitable advance was made. The recitations of the closing day deserve especial mention for their excellence. The deportment, as is usual in this school, was very good.

DISTRICT NUMBER ELEVEN.

SUMMER TERM.—Emily M. Putnam, teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 5; average attendance, 5; tardiness, 0; not absent or tardy, 5.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Edwin H. Derby, Alvah J. Derby, Lillia A. Derby, Mary E. Derby, Nellie C. Derby.

This district received less than one-half as much money as the year previous, consequently they had but one term of school. This was Miss Putnam's third term in this district. She labored faithfully and resorted to various expedients to interest her pupils. The recitations in arithmetic and history were especially good. This school had a clean record; not a tardy or absent mark during the term. Considerable attention was given to writing and drawing; more careful attention should be given to reading.

DISTRICT NUMBER TWELVE.

SUMMER TERM.—Nellie D. Sheldon, teacher. Length of school, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 11; tardiness, 4; not absent or tardy, 6.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Addie M. Grant, Charles S. Smith, Edwin Smith, Elwin Smith, Edith L. Whitcomb, Marshall P. Whitcomb.

Miss Sheldon is a teacher of rare excellence. She has large experience, and is eminently qualified to teach advanced scholars. She showed much tact and skill in keeping her pupils interested in their studies, and teaching them to think for themselves. At the closing examination, the exercises were varied and interesting. Recitations in algebra and grammar were very good.

FALL TERM.—Anna L. Brooks, teacher. Length of school, 6 weeks; number of scholars, 13; average attendance, 12; tardiness, 3; not absent or tardy, 5.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Emma E. Whitcomb, Edwin Smith, Elwin Smith, Charles S. Smith, Marshall P. Whitcomb.

This term of school was too short to expect great results. Miss Brooks was untiring in her efforts to benefit her pupils, and accomplished as much as could reasonably be expected. There was sickness that prevented two of the more advanced scholars being present at the final examination. The exer-

cises were interesting; there was marked improvement on the part of some in reading and writing.

The foregoing is respectfully submitted.

ELLIOT K. WHEELOCK,

JOHN M. PARKER,

HARRIET W. STEARNS,

Superintending School Committee.

Fitzwilliam, N. H., March 1, 1886.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWN LIBRARY,

MARCH 1, 1886.

CASH RECEIVED.

Town's appropriation,	\$100 00
Express,	1 70
Fines,	5 35
Catalogues,	1 20
Books by the day,	92
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	\$109 17

CASH PAID.

For 86 books,	\$99 92
Express on same,	1 95
Postage, stationery, &c.,	1 53
Cash on hand,	5 77
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	\$109 17

The circulation of our Library has increased during the year—the average being about 160 books a week—and some twenty names have been added to those who have formerly

drawn books. There is a constant call, among the readers of our library, for a new and better catalogue which shall assist them to select more intelligently their books. This seems to be very much needed, especially by the younger readers, that they may learn more generally *who* are standard writers and *what* are standard works, and to cultivate a desire for the best reading. We bring this subject to you, hoping early action will be taken on it.

Number of books in town library, March 1, 1886,	1864
“ “ Unitarian “ “ “	438
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Total,	2302

HARRIETT T. CARTER, *Librarian.*
 ELLIOT K. WHEELLOCK,
 SARAH A. CARTER,
Supervisors of Town Library.

LIST OF NEW BOOKS FROM MARCH 1, 1885,
TO MARCH 1, 1886.

1742. Young America Abroad. Oliver Optic.
 1743. An Honorable Surrender. Mary Adams.
 1744. A Family Flight Around Home. E. E. Hale.
 1745. Woman's Friendship. Grace Aguilar.
 1746. Granite Monthly.
 1747. Report of the Mint, 1876.
 1748. Educational Report.
 1749. Report of the Currency, 1884.
 1750. Agricultural Report, 1880.
 1751. Ninth Census of the U. S., 1870.
 1752. Provincial Papers. Vol. VII.
 1753. State Papers. Vol. VIII.
 1754. Town Papers, Vol. XI.
 1755. " " Vol. XII.
 1756. " " Vol. XIII.
 1757. Congressional Record. Vol. XIII. Part III.
 1758. " " " " IV.
 1759. " " " " V.
 1760. " " " " VI.
 1761. " " " " VII.
 1762. Tenth Census of the U. S., 1880. Vol. IX.
 1763. Educational Report No. 7, 1884.
 1764. " " No. 1, 1885.
 1765. War of the Rebellion. Vol. XII. Part I.
 1766. History of the United States. A. S. Barnes.

1767. Travels in Mexico. F. A. Ober.
1768. Indian History for Young Folks. Francis S. Drake.
1769. Our Boys in India. Henry French.
1770. The Rescue of Greely. Com. Schley, U. S. N.
1771. Tact, Push and Principle. Wm. H. Thayer.
1772. Life of Princess Alice. By her Sister.
1773. Esau Hardery. Wm. O. Stoddard.
1774. Where the Battle Was Fought. Chas. Egbert Craddock.
1775. In the Tennessee Mts. Chas. Egbert Craddock.
1776. Interrupted. Pansy.
1777. Ramona. Mrs. Jackson.
1778. Madam How and Lady Why. Chas. Kingsley.
1779. Boots and Saddles. Mrs. Gen. Custer.
1780. Life of Geo. Elliot. Vol. I. J. W. Cross.
1781. " " " Vol. II. " "
1782. " " " Vol. III. " "
1783. Bermuda. James H. Stark.
1784. John Knox. Rev. Wm. M. Taylor.
1785. Russians at the Gates of Herat. Chas. Marvin.
1786. Outbreak of the Rebellion. John G. Nicolay.
1787. From Fort Henry to Corinth. M. A. Force.
1788. Life of N. P. Willis. Henry A. Beers.
1789. Madam. Mrs. Oliphant.
1790. Ten Times One is Ten. Rev. E. E. Hale.
1791. Stories of Discovery. " " "
1792. What To Do Club. Helen Campbell.
1793. Tales from Many Sources. Vol. I.
1794. " " " " Vol. II.
1795. Ben Hur. Gen. Lew Wallace.
1796. Handbook of American Authors. Oscar Fay Adams.
1797. Handbook of English Authors. Oscar Fay Adams.
1798. A Country Doctor. Sarah O. Jewett.
1799. Jan Vedder's Wife. Amelia E. Barr.
1800. Spinning Wheel Stories. Louisa M. Alcott.
1801. Fruit Culture. Wm. C. Strong.

1802. United States History in Rhyme. Robt. C. Adams.
 1803. A Hedge Fence. Pansy.
 1804. The Theatre. J. W. Leeds.
 1805. Tenth Census of the U. S. Vol. X.
 1806. War of the Rebellion. Vol. XII. Part II.
 1807. Geology of New Hampshire. Vol. II.
 1808. " " " " Vol. III.
 1809. Educational Report No. 2, 1885.
 1810. Ed. Report of the City of New York, 1884.
 1811. Report of the Supt. of Instruction N. Y. State, 1885.
 1812. War of the Rebellion. Vol. XII. Part. III.
 1813. Census Report, 1880.
 1814. The Spirit of Prophecy.
 1815. War of the Rebellion. Vol. XIII.
 1816. Cheshire County Gazetter.
 1817. Her Majesty's Tower. Vol. I. W. Hepworth Dixon.
 1818. " " " " II. " " "
 1819. Gen. Gordon's Journal.
 1820. Dr. Grimshaw's Secret. Nathaniel Hawthorn.
 1821. Samantha at the Centennial. Josiah Allen's Wife.
 1822. A Century of Dishonor. Mrs. Jackson.
 1823. A Red Wall Flower. Miss Warner.
 1824. The Last Days of Pompeii. Bulwer Lytton.
 1825. Donal Grant. Geo. Macdonald.
 1826. Oats or Wild Oats. J. M. Buckley.
 1827. The Last of The Mohicans. J. F. Cooper.
 1828. The Pearl of Orr's Island. Mrs. H. B. Stowe.
 1829. Bigelow Papers. Vol. I. J. R. Lowell.
 1830. " " Vol. II. " "
 1831. Harriet Martineau. Mrs. Miller.
 1832. An Original Belle. E. P. Poe.
 1833. Donald and Dorothy. Mary Mapes Dodge.
 1834. Two Years Before the Mast. R. H. Dana.
 1835. Ester Reid yet Speaking. Pansy.
 1836. Willis, The Pilot.
 1837. Aulney Tower. Blanch Howard.

1838. A Carpet Knight. Harford Flemming.
 1839. A Marsh Island. Sarah O. Jewett.
 1840. Amy Fay in Germany.
 1841. Overhead. Laura A. Nichols.
 1842. Underfoot. " " "
 1843. How They Went to Europe. Margaret Sidney.
 1844. Chatterbox, 1884.
 1845. " 1885.
 1846. War of the Rebellion. Vol. XIV. Series I.
 1847. Congressional Record. Vol. XIII. Part II.
 1848. Personal Memoirs of Gen. Grant. Vol. I.
 1849. Memorial History of Boston. Vol. I.
 1850. " " " " Vol. II.
 1851. " " " " Vol. III.
 1852. " " " " Vol. IV.
 1853. Longfellow's Poems.
 1854. Bonnyborough. Mrs. Whitney.
 1855. A Mortal Antipathy. Oliver W. Holmes.
 1856. Vasser Girls in Italy. Lizzie W. Champney.
 1857. The Story of Margaret Kent. Henry Hayes.
 1858. Sweet Cicely. Josiah Allen's Wife.
 1859. Lulu's Library. Louisa M. Alcott.
 1860. Ten Boys Who Lived on the Road from Long Ago to
 Now. Jane Andrews.
 1861. Census Report, 1880. Vol. XIII.
 1862. State Reports, 1885.
 1863. Journal of Senate, 1885.
 1864. Laws of New Hampshire.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1885-86.

Town Clerk, Stephen Batcheller.

Town Treasurer, John M. Parker.

Selectmen, Amos J. Blake, Josiah K. Rand, Frank B. Frye.

Overseers of the Poor, Selectmen.

Auditors, Calvin B. Perry, Charles D. Bigelow.

Supervisors, Daniel H. Reed, Charles D. Bigelow, Charles F. Mitchell.

School Committee, Elliot K. Wheelock, John M. Parker, Harriet W. Stearns.

Librarian, Harriett T. Carter.

Supervisors of Town Library, Elliot K. Wheelock, Sarah A. Carter.

Fire Wards, John E. Fisher, Charles A. Smytherman, Henry P. Fairbanks, Charles D. Bigelow, Charles F. Pope.

Collector of Taxes, Elliot K. Wheelock.

Sexton, Daniel F. Hayden.

Surveyors of Lumber, William H. Shirley, Edwin N. Bowen, Jonas Damon, Edward L. Stone, Anson G. Bebee.

Measurers of Wood, William H. Shirley, William Lebourveau, Daniel H. Firmin, Edward L. Stone, Anson G. Bebee.

Police Officers, Edwin C. Baker, Benjamin F. Cummings.

Sealer of Weights and Measures, Milton W. Flagg.

Fence Viewers, Jonathan S. Adams, William Lebourveau, Daniel Burbank.

Health Officer, Aaron R. Gleason.

Truant Officer, Leander Richardson.
 Fish and Game Wardens, Francis Burke, Oliver K.
 Wheelock, James F. Stiles.
 Agent Town Hall, Nathan T. Byam.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN AS BY INVOICE
 TAKEN APRIL 1, 1885.

310 polls at \$100 each,	\$31,000 00
Resident real estate,	279,065 00
Non-resident real estate,	48,110 00
216 horses,	13,255 00
50 oxen,	3,315 00
332 cows,	10,316 00
97 other neat stock,	2,058 00
130 sheep,	504 00
12 hogs,	117 00
22 carriages,	1,740 00
Stock in public funds,	9,475 00
Stock in banks,	5,750 00
Money on hand at interest or on deposit,	26,150 00
Stock in trade,	27,342 00
Mills and machinery,	12,450 00
74 dogs.	
	\$470,647 00

The rate of taxation was \$1.27 on a hundred dollars of the valuation, including the highway tax, which was paid in money.

INVENTORY OF ASSETS OF THE TOWN NOT
 AVAILABLE.

	Estimated value.
Town house, bell, clock, stoves, pipe and furniture,	\$8,600 00
Engine house,	450 00
Engine and apparatus to same,	650 00

Town library books and fixtures,	\$1,500 00
Hay scales,	250 00
Paul Handy place,	75 00
Holman gravel pit,	150 00
Hayden gravel pit,	20 00
Hearse house,	100 00
Hearse and sexton's tools,	240 00
Town tomb,	500 00
Wood on hand at town house,	12 00
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Total estimated value,	\$12,547 00

AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED BY TAX FOR 1885.

State tax,	\$1,124 00
County tax,	778 57
Town charges,	100 00
Schools,	2,000 00
Highways, bridges and road machine,	1,600 00
Books for town library,	100 00
Rent of reservoir,	5 00
Surplusage on the above,	270 34
Tax on 74 dogs,	82 00
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Committed to E. K. Wheelock for collection, \$6,059 91

We have drawn 192 orders on the Town Treasurer, amounting to \$6,370 19, making payments as follows :

EXPENDED FOR SCHOOLS.

District No. 1,	\$201 46
“ “ 2,	97 46
“ “ 3,	148 35
“ “ 4,	125 16
“ “ 5,	591 66
“ “ 6,	25 32
“ “ 7,	122 24
“ “ 8,	500 99

District No. 9,	\$117 63
“ “ 10,	114 12
“ “ 11,	57 47
“ “ 12,	86 80
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	\$2,188 66
Included in the above amount raised by tax,	\$2,000 00
Literary fund,	146 16
From tax on dogs,	42 50
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	\$2,188 66

MISCELLANEOUS.

Printing Town Reports, 1885,	\$67 65
Paid C. A. Smytherman, clearing snow from reservoir, by vote of the town in 1885,	3 00
L. Richardson, expense of going after and keeping the Door children,	2 50
A. J. Blake, expense and cash paid out in the case of State v. J. Door,	7 70
W. H. Shirley, time and team in case of State v. J. Door,	1 00
W. H. Shirley, time and team on moving Jane A. Page to Westmoreland,	1 00
J. K. Rand, expenses and cash paid out on complaint State v. J. Door,	9 60
J. B. Sanborn, surveyor's and collector's books and stationery,	4 70
E. Cummings, freight on road machine and safe,	9 07
John Hadlock, Champion road machine,	250 00
Alfred Whitney, sheep killed by dogs,	3 00
S. Kendall, selling Handy and Emerson town prop- erty at auction,	2 00
Henry Purcell, 6 book cases for library;	36 00
J. K. Rand, postage and stationery,	38
J. K. Rand, freight on book cases for library,	1 25
J. K. Rand, repairs on road machine,	1 25

J. K. Rand, repairs on stove, lower hall,	\$ 25
J. K. Rand, two days and expenses at Keene trial of county pauper claim,	5 00
Paid bounty on 344 woodchucks,	34 40
A. J. Blake, two days and expenses at Keene on trial of pauper claim at court,	7 42
G. H. Tilden & Co., binding Town Reports from 1844 to 1886,	75
Batchelder & Faulkner, retainer,	6 00
O. K. Wheelock, going to W. H. Shirley's and telephoning,	2 05
A. J. Blake, one day to Keene and expenses to get book cases made for town library,	3 32
A. J. Blake, paid postage and stationery on town business,	1 83
A. J. Blake, express from Keene and Concord,	50
A. J. Blake, blank book,	07
F. B. Frye, for stationery and printing circulars,	1 25
F. B. Frye, paid for Paul Handy auction bills,	1 50
E. C. Baker, unloading and drawing road machine from depot,	1 00
W. H. Shirley, witness fees before the court on trial of pauper claim,	4 70
E. & C. Carter, repairing Mr. Burpee's carriage, damaged on Troy road,	8 50
Jonas Damon, committee, hanging doors of town house,	61 09
Express and freight on lever and new edge for road machine,	1 00
A. J. Blake, postage paid and postal cards,	43
A. J. Blake, for 500 printed letter heads for Selectmen,	1 75
A. J. Blake, postage on town business,	09
One 8-ft. step ladder for town house,	2 50
E. K. Wheelock, labels for library and teacher's certificates,	1 92

J. K. Rand, putting on new edge and repairing road machine,	\$ 90
Laying new floor, repairing stairs and bell deck of town house,	14 87
New treads for stairs of town house and freight on same,	2 75
Three padlocks for tombs,	75
Washing Selectmen's room and repairing chairs,	1 00
Painting guide board,	50
Paid postage on town business,	24
Harriett T. Carter, care of library room,	10 00
W. H. Spalter, repairing books for town library,	12 75
F. B. Frye, repairing chairs for town house,	75
F. B. Frye, perambulating town lines,	2 00
A. J. Blake, perambulating town lines,	2 00
Paid for 4 keys and fitting same for town house,	65
A. J. Blake, paid for team,	25
A. J. Blake, one day at Keene to settle pauper claim,	2 00
A. J. Blake, expenses to Keene and back,	1 45
A. J. Blake, taking affidavit in Polly Hodge pauper claim,	50
Frank Emore, tax remitted,	2 00
Batchelder & Faulkner, services on trial of pauper case before Court, April term, 1885,	5 00
J. S. Adams, committee on school district lines 3½ days at \$2 per day,	7 00
J. K. Rand, one day at Keene, Oct. term pauper claim,	2 00
J. K. Rand, expenses to Keene and back,	1 25
Chancey Davis, gravel for Templeton road,	4 00
C. F. Mitchell, damage on Rindge road in night, bridge up,	1 00
James Damon, one load splints for town hall,	1 50
Daniel Whitcomb, maintaining public watering trough,	3 00
Orin B. Brooks, ringing bell and bolts for bell,	15 25

Milton W. Flagg, care of town clock,	\$15 00
E. C. Baker, services as agent of gravel pit,	1 00
E. C. Baker, drawing lumber and bridge stringers,	2 30
Harriett T. Carter, repairing library books,	6 20
W. H. Spalter, pamphlet laws, 1885, blank warrants and paper,	1 75
A. J. Blake, taking affidavits on Troy pauper claim,	75
A. J. Blake, one day at Keene on Capron pauper claim,	2 00
A. J. Blake, expenses to Keene and back,	1 45
A. J. Blake, postage and stationery on town business,	48
A. J. Blake, one day at Keene to see about printing town reports and buying safe for town records,	2 00
A. J. Blake, expenses to Keene and back,	1 45
D. H. Reed, 33 loads stone chips put on road,	16 50
F. B. Frye, badges for police and janitor,	2 05
Henry Handy, making box for key to town house,	1 00
F. B. Frye, car fare to Keene and back,	75
F. B. Frye, team on town business,	8 75
J. M. Parker & Co, oil, wicks, can, locks, brooms, glass, etc., for town house,	24 26
P. S. & S. Batcheller, for blank books,	1 11
A. R. Gleason, certificates of births and deaths,	6 25
E. G. Annable, certificates of births and deaths,	4 25
J. K. Rand, team on town business,	4 50
J. K. Rand, boards for hay scales,	60
One Morris & Ireland safe for town records,	45 00
	\$792 18

HIGHWAY DISTRICTS OF 1885.

The amount of money raised and committed to the several Highway Surveyors for 1885 was as follows :

District No.			
1.	Jonas Damon,	\$64 00	Balance due, \$44 00
2.	Elisha M. Bent,	46 00	“ 14 00
3.	Harvey A. Clark,	34 00	“ 11 00

District No.			
4.	Samuel Kendall,	\$58 00	Balance due, \$8 63
5.	Edwin C. Baker,	78 00	“ None
6.	William H. Shirley,	54 00	“ 5 00
7.	Addison A. Marshall,	46 00	“ 6 80
8.	Edward A. Nutting,	25 00	“ 9 58
9.	Timothy Blodgett,	41 00	“ 10 00
10.	Lyman K. Wheeler, Resigned,	40 00	“ 5 95
11.	Oliver K. Wheelock,	71 00	“ 8 90
12.	Dustin A. Gee,	30 00	“ None
13.	James P. Matthews,	31 00	“ 11 76
14.	Edward L. Stone,	55 00	“ 20 53
15.	Norman U. Cahill,	62 00	“ 75
16.	Amos McGee,	34 00	“ None
17.	George O. Dunton,	20 00	“ 20 00
18.	Edwin C. Baker,	87 00	“ None
19.	Horatio N. Fairbanks,	33 00	“ 25 50
20.	Ira Prentice,	46 00	“ 9 95
21.	Charles F. Pope,	75 00	“ None
22.	Stephen A. Taylor,	20 00	“ None
23.	Frederick E. Pierce,	20 00	“ 3 64
24.	Thomas Holbrook,	5 00	“ 1 67
25.	Hiram Derby,	46 00	“ 17 15
26.	James Holman,	18 00	“ None
27.	Reuben L. Angier,	36 00	“ 9 00
28-29.	Moses A. Allen,	40 00	“ 10 00
30.	Zephaniah A. Boyce,	71 00	“ 23 50
31.	Oliver W. Smith,	32 00	“ 3 00
32.	Stephen W. Upham,	32 00	“ 5 00
	Amount committed,	\$1,350 00	Due, \$285 31
	Deduct amount due,	285 31	
	Amount paid,	\$1,064 69	

The new road machine has been worked 29½ days during the past season with satisfactory results.

HIGHWAY DISTRICTS—WARRANTS OF 1884.

District No.

1.	Jonas Damon, paid balance due,	\$46 25
2.	Henry T. Hall, “	17 81
3.	Albert L. Ellis, “	16 00
4.	Samuel Kendall, “	6 25
6.	William H. Shirley, “	7 00
7.	Addison A. Marshall, “	26 05
9.	Timothy Blodgett, “	12 00
11.	Charles Byam, “	52 98
14.	Charles H. Forristall, “	30
17.	George O. Dunton, “	73
18.	Edwin C. Baker, “	7 75
19.	Horatio N. Fairbanks, “	1 14
21.	Thomas B. Burns, “	7 85
23.	Hiram Derby, “	7 68
24.	Thomas Holbrook, “	1 67
25.	Hiram Derby, “	20 35
28-29.	Moses A. Allen, “	18 08
30.	William E. Holman, “	2 51
31.	Oliver W. Smith, “	4 75
32.	Hiram Derby, “	11 20
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		\$268 35

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS OF THE TOWN.

Paid Supervisors of Library for new books,	\$100 00
“ Samuel Whitney, rent of reservoir,	5 00
“ Town History Committee balance appropriation of 1882,	200 00
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	\$305 00

EXPENSE OF MAINTAINING FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid 38 engine men,	\$148 40
“ J. E. Fisher, 5 fire wards,	15 00
“ J. E. Fisher, cleaning snow from 3 tanks,	3 00

Paid George H. Fairbanks, repairing hose, tug chains and steward's work,	\$10 83
“ O. K. Wheelock, drawing engine to 2 fires,	3 00
“ James C. Baldwin, steward's bill,	5 38
“ E. & C. Carter, varnish for engine,	50
“ C. A. Smytherman, cleaning snow from 1 tank,	2 00
“ J. M. Parker & Co., for oil and can,	1 27
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	\$189 38

BRIDGES.

L. Richardson, labor and material putting in new stone bridge on Rindge road,	\$27 55
O. W. Smith, repairs of 2 bridges in Dist. No. 31,	4 00
Hiram Derby, repairs and railings for bridges,	8 00
H. N. Fairbanks, repairs on bridges,	6 75
S. S. Stone, stringers and plank for bridges,	21 23
Amos McGee, repairs on bridges Dist. No. 16,	6 00
E. L. Stone, stringers and plank for bridges,	29 09
Fisher & Newton, granite for bridges on Rindge road,	12 00
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	\$114 62

TOWN PAUPERS.

Daniel Burbank, care of Tama Davis, 56 weeks at 50 cts. a week,	\$28 00
Daniel Burbank, wood for Tama Davis, 7 cords fitted for the stove,	28 00
Daniel Burbank, potatoes for Tama Davis,	50
Daniel Burbank, one load shavings for Tama Davis,	50
F. B. Frye, goods for Tama Davis,	10 19
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	\$67 19
T. B. Burns, board and care of Paul Handy,	42 80
E. & C. Carter, coffin for Paul Handy,	10 00
A. R. Gleason, medical services for Paul Handy,	12 50

T. B. Burns, board and care of Ivers Emerson,	\$38 45
E. & C. Carter, coffin for Ivers Emerson,	10 00
A. R. Gleason, medical services for Ivers Emerson,	1 50
J. L. Stanley, burying Ivers Emerson at Troy,	2 50
E. G. Annable, medical services for Moses B. Felch,	2 40
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	\$187 34

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Expense of taking Jane A. Page to Almshouse at Westmoreland,	\$6 15
Expense of boxing and sending Jane A. Page's sewing machine to Westmoreland,	1 50
13 tramp affidavits at 15 cts. each,	1 95
O. K. Wheelock, keeping tramps,	11 50
Edwin L. Hodge, board of Polly Hodge 38 $\frac{2}{7}$ weeks,	76 57
Wood for B. F. Capron, fitted for stove,	10 50
Paid for shooting dog of B. F. Capron,	35
C. F. Mitchell, meat for B. F. Capron,	85
W. H. Kinsman, milk for B. F. Capron,	65
J. M. Parker & Co., goods for B. F. Capron,	10 53
A. R. Gleason, medical services and medicine for B. F. Capron,	21 65
E. G. Annable, medical services for Kingsley family,	5 00
E. G. Annable, " " for Polly Hodge,	5 40
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	\$152 60

HIGHWAYS — WORK AND BREAKING ROADS.

L. Richardson, breaking roads, 1884 and 1885,	\$10 00
Nahum Green, " " "	13 50
Samuel Kendall, " " "	14 55
Nahum Green, " " "	2 00
T. B. Burns, " " "	13 18
O. W. Smith, " " "	15 50
Stephen A. Taylor, " " "	7 05
D. A. Gee, " " "	4 37

William Lebourveau, breaking roads, 1884 and 1885,	\$2 00
H. C. White, " " "	5 08
Thomas Holbrook, " " "	2 00
Moses A. Allen, " " "	26 67
W. E. Holman, " " "	5 90
E. C. Baker, " " "	60
C. H. Forristall, " " "	9 76
Henry T. Hall, " " "	19
A. G. Beebe, " " "	22 00
L. Richardson, " " "	1 00
J. P. Matthews, " " "	8 70
H. N. Fairbanks, " " "	14
S. A. Taylor, work and breaking roads, '84 and '85,	4 50
C. F. Pope, work on road in 1885,	19 45
Amos McGee, " " "	2 65
E. C. Baker, " " "	6 90
James Holman, " " "	55
E. E. Roundy, work on roads in 1883,	2 25
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	\$200 49

TOWN OFFICERS.

A. J. Blake, Moderator, March 10, 1885,	\$2 00
Stephen Batcheller, Town Clerk,	28 06
Amos J. Blake, services as Selectman and one of the Overseers of the Poor from March 11, 1885, to March 1, 1886, 58 days at \$2 per day,	116 00
Josiah K. Rand, services as Selectman and one of the Overseers of the Poor from March 1, 1885, to March 1, 1886, 47 days at \$2 per day,	94 00
Frank B. Frye, services as Selectman and one of the Overseers of the Poor from March 10, 1885, to March 1, 1886, 53 days at \$2 per day,	106 00
John M. Parker, Treasurer,	20 00
Elliot K. Wheelock, } John M. Parker, } Supt. School Committee, Harriet W. Stearns, }	75 00

Daniel F. Hayden, Sexton,		\$35 00
Charles D. Bigelow,	} Auditors,	2 00
Calvin B. Perry,		
A. R. Gleason, Health Officer, 2 years,		8 50
Edwin C. Baker, Police,		2 00
Benjamin F. Cummings, Police,		2 00
Harriett T. Carter, Librarian,		25 00
Nathan T. Byam, Agent of Town House,		100 00
Daniel H. Reed,	} Supervisors,	24 90
Charles D. Bigelow,		
Charles F. Mitchell,		
Elliot K. Wheelock, Collector,		50 00
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		\$690 46

ABATEMENT OF TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE
YEAR 1883.

O. L. BROCK, COLLECTOR.

Alfred Laflam (poor),	\$1 67
Nelson Brock (left town),	1 30
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	\$2 97

ABATEMENT OF TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE
YEAR 1884.

F. B. FRYE, COLLECTOR.

Asahel W. Dunton (paid in Sullivan),	\$1 35
George M. Kingsley (poor),	1 35
Alfred Laflam (poor),	1 76
Charles Ladeau (left town),	2 03
John Manning (left town),	1 35
William H. Matthews (poor),	3 35
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	\$11 19

ABATEMENT OF TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE
YEAR 1885.

E. K. WHEELLOCK, COLLECTOR.

Walter H. Hall (paid in Shrewsbury, Mass.),	\$1 27
William Kuhn (poor),	3 18
William H. Blanchard (blind and poor),	11 43
Alfred Laflam (left town, poor),	1 27
Moses B. Felch (poor),	3 18
George Brassaw (poor),	1 52
Heirs of Chancey Davis; Tama Davis (poor),	2 54
Martin Fitzgerald (left town, poor),	1 27
John H. Gardner (paid in St. George, Me.),	1 27
Lewis Stone (left town, poor),	1 27
John C. Valz (minor),	1 27
Henry H. Davis (left town, poor),	1 27
Alonzo Whipple (paid in Worcester, Mass.),	1 27
Patrick Crowley (left town, poor),	1 27
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	\$33 28
Total abatements of taxes,	\$47 44

DISCOUNT ON TAXES OF 1885 PAID BEFORE
JULY 1.

E. K. Wheelock, Collector, \$168 98

SETTLEMENT WITH O. L. BROCK, COLLECTOR,
FOR 1883.

Balance due the town March 1, 1885,	\$26 61
Of this amount paid the town treasurer,	\$23 64
Abated,	2 97
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Balanced,	\$26 61
Interest collected and paid to town treasurer,	1 86

SETTLEMENT WITH FRANK B. FRYE, COLLECTOR,
FOR 1884.

Balance due the town, March 1, 1885,	\$512 11
Of this amount he has paid town treasurer, \$500 92	
Abated,	11 19
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Balanced,	\$512 11
Interest collected and paid to town treasurer,	33 22

SETTLEMENT WITH ELLIOT K. WHEELOCK, COL-
LECTOR, FOR 1885.

Assessed and committed for collection, May 5, 1885,	\$6059 91
Abatements,	\$ 33 28
Discounts,	168 98
Paid town treasurer,	5521 99
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	\$5724 25
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Balance due March 1, 1886,	\$335 66

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Due the several highway districts of 1885,	\$285 31
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ASSETS.

Balance in town treasury March 1, 1886,	\$656 16
Due from County on pauper claims,	75 85
Due from Collector of taxes, 1885,	335 66
Due rent of land (town gravel pit),	9 00
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	\$1,076 67
Amount of assets over liabilities,	\$791 36

RECAPITULATION.

Schools,	\$2,188 66
Miscellaneous,	792 18
Highway districts of 1885,	1,064 69

Highway districts of 1884,	\$268 35
Special appropriations of the town,	305 00
Expenses of fire department,	189 38
Bridges,	114 62
Town paupers,	187 34
County paupers,	152 60
Highways, work on and breaking roads,	200 49
Town officers,	690 46
Abatement of taxes 1883, 1884 and 1885,	47 44
Discount on taxes of 1885,	168 98
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	\$6,370 19

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS J. BLAKE,
 JOSIAH K. RAND,
 FRANK B. FRYE,

Selectmen of Fitzwilliam.

FITZWILLIAM, N. H., Feb. 27, 1886.

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing report of the Selectmen, certify that we find it properly vouched for and correctly cast.

CALVIN B. PERRY,
 CHARLES D. BIGELOW,

Auditors.

FIREWARDS' REPORT.

First alarm, March 28, caused by the burning of one of the railroad woodsheds at the depot; cause of fire, sparks from a locomotive; as the shed was empty the loss was not heavy; covered by insurance.

Second alarm, October 27, caused by the burning of the house and barn of Z. A. Boyce; origin of fire unknown; total loss; partially insured.

Third alarm, caused by a slight fire in the carriage shop of E. & C. Carter; no damage done.

The department has at all times been under good discipline and responded promptly to all alarms.

EXPENSES OF DEPARTMENT.

E. & C. Carter, for varnish,	\$0 50
G. H. Fairbanks, repairing hose and Steward's bill,	10 83
C. A. Smytherman, cleaning snow from tank,	2 00
J. E. Fisher, cleaning snow from three tanks,	3 00
Five Firewards,	15 00
J. M. Parker & Co., kerosene and can,	1 27
J. C. Baldwin, work, oil, waterpail and chimney,	5 38
O. K. Wheelock, drawing engine to two fires,	3 00
38 enginemen,	148 40
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	\$189 38

The engine and apparatus is in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. FISHER, *Chief.*

C. D. BIGELOW, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF TOWN HALL AGENT.

The Agent of the Town Hall respectfully presents to the town the following report from March 1, 1885, to March 1, 1886 :

Total number of times hall opened during the year	129.
Hall opened 53 times for the Fitzwilliam Cornet Band, Free.	
For the Post of the Grand Army, No. 72, 32 meetings,	“
2 Supervisors' meetings,	“
1 Republican caucus,	“
1 Democratic caucus,	“
1 Town meeting,	“
4 Rehearsals Dramatic Club, 1 Exhibition Dramatic Club, proceeds for a curtain for the stage,	“
1 Temperance lecture,	“
1 Social dance for the benefit of Wm. H. Blanchard,	“
1 Firemen's Ball,	“

RECEIPTS.

13 Unitarian meetings (summer), 1885.	\$13 00
March 20, Dance of dramatic club from 10 to 12 o'clock,	2 00
April 2, Orthodox fair, rehearsal,	1 00
“ 3, Orthodox fair,	3 00
“ 19, Catholic meeting (winter),	2 00
“ 27, Lecture by Rev. Mr. Kimball,	2 00
May 13, Lecture by Rev. Mr. Nelson,	2 00
“ 14, Dramatic rehearsal,	1 00
“ 15, Dramatic entertainment,	3 00

June	1,	Blind man's concert,	\$2 00
"	10,	Convention of Orthodox Society,	2 00
"	11,	Convention of Orthodox Society,	2 00
Aug.	7,	Blind man's concert,	2 00
"	13,	Unitarian levee and dance,	4 00
"	19,	Orthodox fair,	3 00
Sept.	4,	Social dance,	4 00
Oct.	15,	Magic lantern show,	4 50
Nov.	4,	Orthodox entertainment,	3 00
Dec.	25,	Christmas festival,	3 00
Total receipts,			<hr/> \$58 50

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN T. BYAM.

Agent of Town Hall.

FITZWILLIAM, N. H., March 1, 1886.

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER.

The Health Officer respectfully reports that during the past two years (no report was made in 1885) a number of complaints have been made principally on account of defective sewerage or neglected vaults. In all cases after notifying the parties whose duty it was, the premises were at once renovated and put in proper sanitary condition.

I have investigated only when complaints have been made. If the town wishes the Health Officer to do more would it not be well to so instruct him?

Respectfully submitted.

A. R. GLEASON, *Health Officer.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury February 28, 1885,	\$198 47
O. K. Wheelock, hay scales,	11 00
F. B. Frye, Paul Handy estate,	17 95
A. J. Blake, county pauper account,	150 49
Susan E. Allen. Executrix of estate of John J. Allen,	100 00
O. K. Wheelock, license pool table,	9 50
F. B. Frye, Handy & Emerson estates,	18 26
Jonas Damon, lumber sold,	2 25
A. J. Blake, bounty on woodchucks,	35 50
J. K. Rand, floor boards,	1 58
A. J. Blake, lumber sold,	25
J. L. Perry, license pool table,	9 50
Railroad tax dividend,	127 10
Literary fund,	164 09
Savings bank tax,	1,785 98
E. C. Baker, gravel pit,	20 70
N. T. Byam, town hall,	58 50
D. F. Hayden, lot sold in cemetery,	5 00
A. N. Hayden, hay scales,	14 75
O. L. Brock, Collector, 1883,	26 61
O. L. Brock, Collector, 1883, interest,	1 86
F. B. Frye, Collector, 1884,	512 11

F. B. Frye, Collector, 1884, interest,	\$33 22
E. K. Wheelock, Collector, 1885,	5,724 25
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	\$9,028 92

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid 192 orders of Selectmen,	\$6,370 19
County tax,	778 57
State tax,	1,124 00
Deposited in Fitzwilliam Savings Bank, Allen cemetery fund,	100 00
Cash on hand,	656 16
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	\$9,028 92
The amount the Collector was ordered to pay the Treasurer is	\$6,059 91
The amount he has paid is	5,724 25
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Due from the collector,	\$335 66

JOHN M. PARKER,

Treasurer.

FITZWILLIAM, N. H., Feb 27, 1886.

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing report of the Treasurer, certify that we find it properly vouched for and correctly cast.

CALVIN B. PERRY,

CHARLES D. BIGELOW,

Auditors.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the town of Fitzwilliam qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:—

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2.—To hear and act upon the reports of town officers.

ART. 3.—To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4.—To choose by ballot an Agent to have charge and control of the Town House, and determine the amount of his salary.

ART. 5.—To raise money to defray town charges and determine the amount.

ART. 6.—To raise money for schooling, to determine the amount, and also to make disposition of the literary fund.

ART. 7.—To raise money for repairs of highways and bridges, and fix a uniform price to be paid per hour for men, teams, and tools, for work and repairs on the same.

ART. 8.—Will the town choose by ballot a Superintendent of highways and bridges and determine his salary which shall be paid out of the annual appropriation for repairs of highways and bridges, who shall have full charge and management, hire and pay all the help which he may deem necessary, for repairs of all the highways and bridges in this town. Also have charge of the road machine and all road scrapers, owned by the town.

ART. 9.—To see if the town will vote to give the use of the upper and lower Town Halls for singing schools, and all temperance meetings free.

ART. 10.—Will the town vote to instruct the Firewards to construct a suitable cistern or reservoir near the school house and carriage shops of E. & C. Carter for the better protection of the buildings and property in that vicinity against fire.

ART. 11.—Will the town vote to purchase five of Brown's Patent Road Scrapers for the use of the town at a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, to be paid for out of the annual appropriation for repairs of highways and bridges.

ART. 12.—To see if the town will vote to sell the Paul Handy place at public auction or otherwise, and to choose and authorize an Agent to sell and convey the same and execute a valid conveyance for and in behalf of the town to the purchaser.

ART. 13.—To allow accounts against the town.

ART. 14.—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not exceeding two hundred dollars for the purpose of raising a portion of the Johnson road (so called,) situated Northerly of the Johnson Bridge, near the Scott Mill.

ART. 15.—To see if the town will vote to authorize and empower the Sexton to act as Superintendent of the Cemetery and have full charge and management of the same in seeing to the laying out of all lots, and in keeping the cemetery and lots properly and neatly mown, raked, and free from all brush, loose and refuse stone and dirt, and that his annual salary for such services shall be twenty-five dollars in addition to his fees as Sexton heretofore established.

ART. 16.—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars to defray the expenses of Decoration Day, to be used and applied under the direction of the G. A. R.

ART. 17.—To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to purchase a gravel pit on the Easterly side of the Templeton road, it being the first knoll nearly opposite the house of John W. Poole, belonging to Chancey Davis, containing two acres, at a sum not exceeding thirty dollars, reserving the wood to Chancey Davis.

ART. 18.—To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to appoint an Agent for the sale of spirituous liquors, agreeably to Sec. 6, Chap. 109 of the General Laws.

ART. 19.—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to be expended in purchasing new books for the town library.

ART. 20.—To see if the town will vote to fix the salary of the new Board of Education to be chosen at the first district meeting of the town or act thereon.

ART. 21.—To see if the town will vote to raise a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, to be used by the Selectmen from time to time, as they deem necessary, for the suppression of the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town.

ART. 22.—To see if the town will vote to sell the hay scales.

ART. 23.—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding fifty dollars to put in a stone bridge near the residence of John T. Bryant, or act anything thereon.

ART. 24.—Is it expedient that a convention be called to revise the constitution?

ART. 25.—To see if the town will vote to pay Henry M. Gilson a reasonable compensation for damage done to his horse, on the new Troy road, in Fitzwilliam, in January last.

ART. 26.—To see if the town will vote to discontinue any further work or expense on the town history for ten years.

ART. 27.—To act on the instructing of the selectmen by major vote, to lay out a public highway, beginning at the Southern terminus of the highway. next East and near the dwelling of Lucius B. Rice, thence Southerly on and over the old discontinued turnpike through land of Amos J. Blake, twenty-nine rods to the highway, running Westerly from the so called Templeton road to the Depot road (so called).

ART. 28.—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding fifty dollars for the purpose of cutting down the steep hill situated about one mile Westerly of the house of Edwin L. Hodge on the Page road, so called.

ART. 29.—To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money not exceeding five hundred dollars to bring a suit to test the constitutionality of all the the Sections in Chapter 43, as printed in pamphlet form as laws of the State of New Hampshire, passed June Session, 1885, and appoint a committee to prosecute said suit.

ART. 30.—To see if the town will authorize the Town History Committee to publish the history of Fitzwilliam as presented by them and raise a sum of money not exceeding five hundred dollars to pay the expense of the same.

ART. 31.—Will the town vote to instruct the firewards to procure a set of hub-runners for the fire engine and authorize the selectmen to pay for the same out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

ART. 32.—To see if the town will vote to exempt from taxation for ten years the mills at Howeville, formerly owned N. & J. Howe & Co., if purchased by Dana Bickford of New York city, and the machinery which he may put in, and the capital used in operating the same.

ART. 33.—Will the town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars for enlarging and rebuilding the culvert on the highway, between the house of Elbridge Cummings and the railroad crossing.

Given under our hands and seal this twentieth day of February, A. D. 1886.

AMOS J. BLAKE,
JOSIAH K. RAND,
FRANK B. FRYE,

Selectmen of Fitzwilliam.

A TRUE COPY OF WARRANT.—Attest :

AMOS J. BLAKE,
JOSIAH K. RAND,
FRANK B. FRYE,

Selectmen of Fitzwilliam.

