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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE TOWN OF

Durham, N. H.

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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

1918

SELECTMEN

Town Treasurer, School Treasurer, Trustees and
Treasurer of the Hamilton Smith Public Library
and the Board of Education

OF THE

TOWN OF DURHAM

FOR THE

Financial Year Ending January 31, 1919

WITH THE

Vital Statistics for 1918 as prepared by
the Town Clerk.

THE EVERETT PRINT
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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Durham, in the County of Strafford, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall in said Durham on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March 1919, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Town Clerk, three Selectmen, a Town Treasurer, a Collector of Taxes, two Auditors, and all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

2. To choose three Trustees of Trust Funds as required by chapter 162, laws of 1915.

3. To see what sums of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the improvement of town highways, for State aid construction, and for Trunk Line construction, and to pass any other votes with reference thereto.

4. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay necessary town charges.

5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of highways and bridges.

6. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for a fitting observance of "Old Home Day" during the week beginning Saturday, August 16, as per request of the N. H. Old Home Week Assoc.

7. To see if the town will vote to purchase a motor chemical truck with proper fire apparatus and raise and appropriate money therefor.

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8. To see if the town will vote to furnish a bond for the Tax Collector and for the District and Town Treasurer.

9. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-first day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

M. E. WILLEY,
C. E. HOITT,
F. W. TAYLOR,
Selectmen of Durham.

A true copy—attest;

M. E. WILLEY,
C. E. HOITT,
F. W. TAYLOR,
Selectmen of Durham.

ASSESSED VALUATION OF DURHAM.

Polls 234.	
Land and buildings.....	\$672,525
Horses, 180.....	25,875
Oxen, 8.....	1,180
Cows, 373.....	26,515
Neat stock, 65.....	3,360
Sheep, 113.....	1,220
Hogs, 9.....	495
Fowls, 1745.....	2,216
Vehicles, 40 carriages, 58 autos, 98	28,525
Portable mills, 5.....	1,700
Boats and launches, 3.....	600
Wood and lumber.....	21,100
Municipal bonds.....	49,400
Bank stock.....	11,659
Money on hand.....	4,827
Stock in trade.....	5,900
	<hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/>
Total tax list.....	\$16,750 94
Rate of taxation.....	1 90

\$856,9

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid John W. Plummer, state tax	\$1,392 00	
Frank N. French, county tax	1,415 08	
		\$2,807 08

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Newmarket Elec. Light Co.	\$742. 44	
		\$742 44

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid New Hampshire College	\$25 00	
		\$25 00

ABATEMENTS.

Paid James G. Smart, list of 1918	\$28 00	
		\$28 00

OVERTAX.

Paid James G. Smart, list of 1918	\$17 19	
		\$17 19

SOLDIERS' AID.

Paid C. S. Langley & Son, coal.....	\$13 63	
C. I. Smart, coal.....	23 16	
		\$36 79

HISTORY.

Paid Strafford National Bank, in- terest on notes.....	\$66 00	
		\$66 00

TAX REBATE.

Paid Edward Fairchild Est., error making out inventory blank	\$84 07	
Forrest S. Smith, auto taxed in Boston.....	28 50	
	<hr/>	\$112 57

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Strafford National Bank, notes and interest.....	\$6,190 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,190 00

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid A. E. Grant, M. D., salary and supplies.....	\$26 92	
	<hr/>	\$26 92

FIRE WARDEN.

Paid K. W. Woodward, time and expense.....	\$86 62	
	<hr/>	\$86 62

DOG DAMAGE.

Paid New Hampshire College, eighteen sheep killed.....	\$210 00	
F. B. Philbrick, four sheep killed.....	20 00	
C. H. Ellison, ten hens killed	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$240 00

CEMETERIES.

Paid J. B. Smith, care of Wilson, Mathes and Furness ceme- teries.....	\$12 00	
D. Albert Watson, care of Burnham cemetery, two years.....	6 00	
M. E. Willey, care of Simpson cemetery.....	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$22 00

GENERAL EXPENSE.

Paid C. E. Hoitt, services as selectman.....	\$40 00
F. W. Taylor, services as selectman.....	40 00
M. E. Willey, services as selectman.....	40 00
M. E. Willey, selectmen's postage, stationery and telephoning.....	18 50
M. E. Willey, services as police officer.....	20 00
M. E. Willey, services as truant officer.....	5 00
W. S. Edgerly, services as town treasurer.....	25 00
W. S. Edgerly, town treasurer's postage.....	7 70
James G. Smart, services as tax collector.....	100 00
James G. Smart, extra expense collecting poll taxes	25 00
James G. Smart, collector's postage, stationery and telephoning.....	22 58
H. E. Hodgdon Est., printing town reports.....	60 00
Charles Wentworth, services as town clerk.....	54 63
C. H. Pettee, services as auditor.....	2 00
E. P. Runlett, services as auditor.....	2 00
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	\$462 41

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Charles Wentworth, insuring town building.....	\$16 50
Charles Wentworth, treasurer and collector's bonds	24 00
George D. Stevens, G.F.T.A. dividends for two years.....	227 50
A. B. Hastings, state forrester, appropriation for suppression of white pine blister rust.....	125 00
Mill Crouse, blacksmith jobbing.....	21 95
C. A. Smart, services as election officer, primary and Nov. election.....	6 00
E. Cass Adams, services, election officer, Nov. election	3 00
E. C. Eastman, two tax books	3 30
C. H. Johnson, tax on Lee gravel bank.....	1 50
R. H. Porter, services as supervisor.....	6 00
Herman Hanscom, services as supervisor.....	9 00
G. A. Langmaid, services as supervisor.....	18 00
F. P. Morrison, team for F. W. Taylor, taking inventory	2 50
A. E. Grant, M. D., reporting births and deaths.....	4 25
F. W. Taylor, expense to Concord and Manchester	7 29
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	\$475 79

SNOW BILLS.

Paid F. P. Morrison, breaking roads, team.....	\$14 22
M. E. Willey, breaking road, team.....	32 00
H. E. Canney, breaking roads	8 50
E. K. Fogg, breaking roads	16 10
C. S. Langley, breaking roads	5 50
F. B. Philbrick, breaking roads, team.....	31 10
G. N. Corson, breaking roads	5 80
L. N. Fogg, breaking roads....	2 00
G. A. Langmaid, breaking roads.....	9 00
E. D. Chesley, breaking roads and sidewalks.....	62 50
Everett Smart, breaking roads	9 50
Forrest Smart, breaking roads	5 75
L. J. Batchelder, breaking roads.....	4 05
E. DeMerritt, breaking roads	5 00

 \$211 02

PERMANENT HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT.

Paid H. S. Tuttle, team.....	\$372 00
M. E. Willey, team.....	186 00
F. P. Morrison, team.....	37 50
F. E. Davis, team.....	12 00
Everett Smart, labor.....	5 25
Charles Cogliano, labor.....	36 00
John Keniston, labor.....	25 50
O. M. James, labor.....	84 50
E. D. Chesley, labor.....	90 00
Samuel Jones, labor.....	27 00
Hamilton Palmer, labor.....	1 50

Paid E. S. Colprit, gravel.....	\$ 13 50	
Penn Metal Co., culverts.....	34 24	
The Barrett Co., tarvia.....	19 50	
B. & M. Railroad, freight.....	45 38	
	<hr/>	\$989 87

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid George G. Hoitt, team.....	\$22 00
Ozro D. Page, team.....	89 75
F. B. Philbrick, team	56 38
C. S. Langley, team.....	148 05
L. L. Crouch, team.....	46 00
H. S. Tuttle, team.....	120 00
W. N. Hall, team.....	18 00
Millard Jones, team.....	24 00
M. E. Willey, team and men	297 50
Hamilton Palmer, labor.....	34 50
Herman Hanscom, labor.....	2 00
James Meader, labor.....	3 00
S. D. Pratt, labor.....	11 25
Frank Torr, labor.....	10 00
C. N. Burnham, labor.....	50 00
F. E. Jenkins, labor.....	4 50
Rocco Flamiletto, labor	7 00
E. D. Chesley, labor.....	224 75
Michael Riccio, labor.....	103 50
Charles Cogliano, labor.....	422 50
Percy Pratt, labor.....	39 00
M. N. Plummer, labor.....	90 00
Thomas Flammia, labor.....	147 00
Mike Ross, labor.....	8 50
Harold Crouss, labor.....	8 55
Edward Pendexter, plank.....	35 00
A. J. Turcotte, supplies	79 66
E. A. Prescott, supplies	18 94
W. S. Edgerly, supplies.....	51 98

Paid P. Sutherland & Co., supplies	\$ 28 00	
E. E. Blake, supplies.....	15 14	
Standard Oil Co., supplies....	46 59	
Itn'l. Harvester Co., supplies	154 34	
J. Herbert Seavey, supplies....	147 81	
D. Chesley & Co., use of der- rick.....	24 00	
S. P. Chesley, team.....	21 45	
E. J. York, supplies.....	46 72	
	<hr/>	\$2,657 36

STATE HIGHWAYS.

Paid H. S. Tuttle, team.....	\$504 50	
T. W. Phair & Son, team.....	329 00	
M. E. Willey, team.....	69 00	
E. D. Chesley, labor.....	591 50	
C. Cogliano, labor.....	42 00	
O. M. James, labor.....	108 50	
F. E. Jenkins, labor.....	45 00	
H. Palmer, labor.....	57 00	
John Keniston, labor.....	27 00	
H. E. Canney, labor.....	26 25	
L. B. Carpenter & Son, gravel	60 25	
Edward Farrell, gravel.....	23 85	
C. N. Ellison, grading.....	18 00	
F. E. Davis, grading.....	19 50	
E. J. York, lumber.....	298 44	
	<hr/>	\$2,219 79

SCHOOLS.

Paid W. S. Edgerly, school money	\$6,700 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,700 00

TUITION.

Paid W. S. Edgerly, tuition money	\$1,242 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,242 00

RECAPITULATION.

State and county tax.....	\$2,807 08
Street lights.....	742 44
Public library.....	25 00
Abatements.....	28 00
Soldiers' aid.....	36 79
History.....	66 00
Board of health.....	26 92
Fire warden.....	86 62
Dog damage.....	240 00
Tax rebate.....	112 57
Overtax.....	17 19
Notes and interest.....	6,190 00
Cemeteries.....	22 00
General expense.....	462 41
Miscellaneous.....	475 79
Snow bills.....	211 02
Permanent improvement.....	989 87
Highways and bridges.....	2,657 36
State highway.....	2,219 79
School money.....	6,700 00
Tuition.....	1,242 00
Cash in town treasury.....	3,195 60
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	\$28,554 45

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN OF DURHAM,
JANUARY 31, 1919.

LIABILITIES.

Town history notes.....	\$1,100 00
G. F. T. A. dividends.....	113 75

ASSETS.

Cash in town treasury.....	\$3,195 60
Due from F. W. Taylor, for use of drilling machine in 1917.....	76 00
Due from G. S. Caverno estate, dog damage.....	90 00

We, the undersigned, auditors of the town of Durham, certify we have examined the foregoing accounts of the selectmen and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. H. PETTEE,
E. P. RUNLETT,

Auditors.

M. E. WILLEY,
C. E. HOITT,
F. W. TAYLOR,

Selectmen of Durham.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR.

Dr.

To 1918 list in full.....	\$16,768 46	
To 1918 interest.....	6 55	
	\$16,775 01	

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By cash paid treasurer.....	\$16,645 75	
By rebate as per appended list.....	84 07	
By abatements as per appended list	28 00	
By overtax as per appended list....	17 19	
	\$16,775 01	

REBATE, 1918.

Edward T. Fairchild, estate.....	\$84 07	
	\$84 07	

LIST OF ABATEMENTS, 1918.

Polls.

Raymond J. Bean, in the Service	\$2 00
Vaughan Dabney, in the Service	2 00
Charles Marston, in the Service....	2 00
James Marston, in the Service.....	2 00
Lester Stevens, in the Service.....	2 00
Richard E. Coe, paid in Hyde Park, Mass.....	2 00
Joseph Casey, paid in Dover, N.H.	2 00
Emille J. Hamel, paid in Newing- ton, N. H.....	2 00
Joseph Kelley, paid in Brockton, Mass.....	2 00

Edward I. Langley, paid in Haverhill, Mass.....	\$ 2 00	
William Philbrick, paid in Newmarket, N. H.....	2 00	
Jesse Smith, paid in Nottingham, N. H.....	2 00	
R. H. Vining, paid in Dover, N. H.	2 00	
Chauncey Hayes, too old.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$28 00

LIST OF OVERTAX, 1918.

Israel Beauchaisne.....	\$7 69	
Daniel Sullivan.....	9 50	
	<hr/>	\$17 19

JAMES G. SMART, Collector of Taxes.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1919.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand.....	\$1,522 76
James G. Smart, tax collector, list, 1918.....	\$16,639 20
James G. Smart, tax collector, abatements, 1918.....	28 00
James G. Smart, tax collector, rebates, 1918.....	84 07
James G. Smart, tax collector, overtax, 1918.....	17 19
James G. Smart, tax collector, interest, 1918.....	6 55
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	16,775 01
Hired of Strafford National Bank.....	6,000 00
Boston & Albany R. R. dividends, G. F. T. A., 1918.....	113 75
State treasurer, railroad tax.....	1,119 17
State treasurer, savings bank tax.....	975 59
State treasurer, literary fund.....	91 65
State treasurer, proportion of school money..	855 21
State treasurer, proportion of tuition money..	148 95
State treasurer, forest fires.....	43 32
State treasurer, highway maintenance.....	267 45
State treasurer, highway construction.....	127 54
Mrs. L. Sullivan, use of drill.....	35 65
N. H. College, use of drill and dynamite.....	272 00
Charles Wentworth, town clerk, dog licenses	136 90
Charles Wentworth, town clerk, pool table licenses.....	19 00

Charles Wentworth, town clerk, bowling alley licenses.....	\$28 50
Withdrawn from bank, Simpson legacy.....	4 00
Withdrawn from bank, Wilson legacy.....	4 00
Withdrawn from bank, Furness legacy.....	4 00
Withdrawn from bank, Mathes legacy.....	4 00
Withdrawn from bank, Burnham legacy.....	6 00
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	\$28,554 45

CASH PAYMENTS.

Schools.....	\$6,700 00
Tuition.....	1,242 00
General expenses.....	462 41
Highways.....	2,657 36
State highways.....	2,219 79
Permanent highway improvement	989 87
Miscellaneous.....	475 79
Snow bills.....	211 02
Dog damage.....	240 00
Street lights.....	742 44
Fire warden.....	86 62
History.....	66 00
Cemeteries.....	22 00
Public library.....	25 00
Soldiers' aid.....	36 79
State tax.....	1,392 00
County tax.....	1,415 08
Notes and interest.....	6,190 00
Board of health.....	26 92
Rebates.....	112 57
Abatements.....	28 00
Overtax.....	17 19
Cash on hand.....	3,195 60
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	\$28,554 45

TRUST FUNDS HELD BY THE TOWN OF DURHAM.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

GEORGE FFROST LEGACY.

Dividends for 1917 on hand Jan.,		
31, 1918.....	\$113 75	
Dividends for 1918.....	113 75	
		\$227 50
Balance due G. F. T. A., dividends for 1918		113 75

WOODMAN LEGACY.

On deposit book A 16,175, Straf-		
ford Savings Bank.....	\$300 00	
Jan. 1, 1919, to accrued interest ...	26 44	
		\$326 44
Accrued interest not withdrawn ...		26 44

GRIFFITH'S LEGACY.

On deposit book A 16,176 Straf-		
ford Savings Bank.....	\$300 00	
Jan. 1, 1919, to accrued interest ...	237 37	
		\$537 37
Accrued interest not withdrawn ...		237 37

SIMPSON LEGACY.

On deposit, book A 6,088, Straf-		
ford Savings Bank.....	\$100 00	
Jan. 1, 1919, to accrued interest ...	4 49	
		\$104 49
Paid town for care of cemetery, 1918.....		4 00
		100 49
Accrued interest not withdrawn.....		49

FURNESS LEGACY.

On deposit, book A 12,478 Strafford Savings Bank.....	\$100 00	
Jan. 1, 1919, to accrued interest	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$104 00
Paid town for care of cemetery, 1918.....		4 00
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		\$100 00

WILSON LEGACY.

On deposit, book A 15,219, Strafford Savings Bank.....	\$100 00	
Jan. 1, 1919, to accrued interest	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$104 00
Paid town for care of cemetery, 1918.....		4 00
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		\$100 00

HAYES LEGACY.

On deposit, book A 19,183, Strafford Savings Bank.....	\$100 00	
Jan. 1, 1919, to accrued interest	46 15	146 15
Accrued interest not withdrawn		46 15

OLINTHUS DOE LEGACY.

On deposit book A 21,875, Strafford Savings Bank.....	\$4,000 00	
Jan. 1, 1919, to accrued interest	160 00	
Received of Newmarket Mfg. Co., flowage damage.....	17 20	
Received of Charles Provost, pasturing.....	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,192 20
Paid Durham school district.....		192 20
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		\$4,000 00

WIGGIN LEGACY.

On deposit book A, 22,294, Strafford Savings Bank.....	\$100 00	
Jan. 1, 1919, to accrued interest	42 11	
	<hr/>	\$142 11
Accrued interest not withdrawn.....		42 11

MATHES LEGACY.

On deposit book A, 23,458, Strafford Savings Bank.....	\$300 00	
Jan. 1, 1919, to accrued interest	56 26	
	<hr/>	\$356 26
Paid town for care of cemetery, 1918		4 00
		<hr/>
		\$352 26
Accrued interest not withdrawn.....		52 26

BURNHAM LEGACY.

On deposit book A, 26,398, Strafford Savings Bank.....	\$100 00	
Jan. 1, 1919, to accrued interest	10 79	
	<hr/>	\$110 79
Paid town for care of cemetery, 1917-18.....		6 00
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		\$104 79
Accrued interest not withdrawn.....		4 79

MOSES G. WOODMAN LEGACY.

On deposit book A, 28,558, Strafford Savings Bank.....	\$100 00	
Jan. 1, 1919, to accrued interest	6 41	
	<hr/>	\$106 41
Accrued interest not withdrawn.....		6 41

WALTER S. EDGERLY, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, auditors of the town of Durham certify that we have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the town treasurer, and find them correctly cast and all payments properly vouched.

C. H. PETTEE,
E. P. RUNLETT,
Auditors.

George Frost Temperance Association.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

From Jan. 31, 1918, to Jan. 31, 1919.

RECEIPTS.

In the treasury, Jan. 31, 1918	\$1,186	57	
Boston & Albany R. R. dividend, 1917 and 1918.....		227	50
		227	50
			\$1,414 07

PAYMENTS.

Benefits.....	\$60	00	
Incidentals.....		43	50
Liberty bond.....		100	00
		100	00
			\$203 50
			\$1,210 57

GEORGE D. STEVENS, Treasurer.

HAMILTON SMITH PUBLIC LIBRARY.

NEW HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE, DURHAM, N. H.

FEBRUARY 27, 1919.

To Mr. Charles Wentworth,
Clerk of the Town of Durham:

Following is the report of the Hamilton Smith Public Library covering thirteen months, from February 1, 1918 to March 1, 1919.

Twenty-five dollars appropriated by the town was received and expended upon the purchase of new books.

At intervals during the year the library has received from the Durham Library Association 299 volumes purchased from the Simpson fund at a cost of \$333.29. For subscriptions to periodicals, popular in character, \$49.90 has been spent from this fund, giving a total of \$383.91 spent from the Simpson fund. In addition to this amount, \$62.25 has been spent for books, popular in character, from \$93.00, representing an extra dividend deposited by Professor Scott, treasurer of the Simpson money, in May, 1918, this money to be spent within the year, at the discretion of the librarians, after studying the needs of the library. The money has been used principally to buy books to fill long-felt gaps in various classes of literature and to buy books especially requested by readers for which there have, not before been available funds.

No. of volumes in the library Feb. 1, 1918.....			34,558
Added during the year Feb. 1, 1918 to Mar. 1, 1919:			
	Purchase	Gift	
Town of Durham,	55	2	57
Durham Library Association,	299		299
N. H. College,	518	163	827
As U. S. Depository,		146	146
Total number books added in year.....			1,183
In the library, March 1, 1919			35,741
Circulation figures:			
For home use.....		14,181	
For use as reserved books in the building only.....		8,493	
Total circulation.....			22,674

The library as a whole subscribes for 214 periodicals. Six daily papers come to the library and twelve weekly papers, of which eleven are gifts.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA F. EMERSON,
Librarian.

Durham, N. H., March 1, 1919.

REPORT OF DURHAM TOWN HISTORY COMMITTEE.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1918.

Cash on hand, per last report.....	\$74 53
Received from sale of History.....	15 00
	\$89 53

EXPENDITURES.

March 1. Continental Fire Ins. Co., insur- ance on books.....	\$14 30
Present Financial Standing of T ^o wn History.	
Indebtedness per last report.....	\$1,100 00

RESOURCES.

Cash in Strafford National Bank.....	\$75 23
Balance to be raised by sale of books.....	\$1,024 77
Books on hand: 381 bound, 400 unbound.	

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES WENTWORTH,
Treasurer History Committee.

Durham, N. H., January 1, 1919.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

The annual report of the School Board for the year beginning with Feb. 15, 1917 and ending Feb. 15, 1918 was given in the last Town Report for 1917.

The law passed April 4, 1917, made it necessary to extend this school year to August 31, 1918, and money was appropriated at the last school meeting under Article 5 of the school warrant for this purpose.

This report, therefore, only covers the period from Feb. 15, 1918 to Aug. 31, 1918.

Contracts were made with the following teachers for the year beginning with Sept. 1st, 1918 and ending Aug. 31st, 1919:

Miss Sally Bean, eighth, ninth and tenth grades.

Miss Irene Huse, tenth grade, one-half time.

Miss Sarah Ladd, fifth and sixth grades.

Miss Catherine Morrison, third and fourth grades.

Miss Mary Webster, first and second grades.

Miss Dorothy Hogue, Durham Point.

Miss Lucy Marden, Packers Falls.

Miss Clara Hopkins, Music.

During the summer vacation all of the school houses were thoroughly cleaned, floors varnished, black-boards dressed, and everything placed in first class conditions.

The partition in the room occupied by the fifth and sixth grades, which was voted under Article 8 of the school warrant at the last school meeting, was put in by the Carpenters of the New Hampshire College, U. S. Army, Training Detachment. The district, therefore, had to pay only the cost of the materials. This made more money available, which was invested in additional equipment for the cooking and sewing work.

The following equipment was purchased and installed in this new room. A new Singer Sewing Machine, a three-burner oil stove, a two-burner oven, various cooking utensils, supplies, etc. A new sink was purchased and installed.

Owing to certain pending legislation pertaining to school money The Department of Public Instruction at Concord has requested that the annual meeting of the School District be delayed to as late a date as possible this year. The law requires that the annual meeting be held between March 1st and April 20th of each year. As April 20th falls on Sunday this year, the annual meeting will be held, without doubt, on Saturday, April 19th. Owing to this delay the school warrant is not printed in this report.

We submit the following estimate to cover the needs of the District from Sept. 1st, 1919 to Aug. 31st, 1920:

Teachers salaries.....	\$4,900 00
Superintendent's salary.....	360 00
District officers salaries.....	75 00
Truant officer.....	5 00
Enumeration of children.....	10 00
Janitor service.....	390 00
Fuel.....	350 00
Transportation.....	265 00
Tuition.....	900 00
Repairs.....	350 00
Insurance.....	60 00
Books and supplies.....	450 00
Flag and Appurtenances.....	10 00
To cover estimated deficit for year ending Aug. 31, 1919.....	400 00
Additional equipment for manual training	50 00
Additional equipment for sewing and cooking	30 00
Seats for new room	45 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
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	\$8,800 00

Of this total amount provision has been made for the following items:

Allowed by law.....	\$1,305 00
Tuition.....	900 00
Books and supplies.....	450 00
Flag and Appurtenances.....	10 00
Estimated from literary fund.....	90 00
Estimated for qualified teachers.....	300 00
Estimated for average attendance.....	125 00
Estimated for Doe legacy.....	125 00
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Total.....	\$3,305 00
Amount to be raised in school meeting	\$5,495 00

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. HEWITT,
CHARLES WENTWORTH,
WENDELL P. DAVIS,

Durham School Board.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF DURHAM:

I have the pleasure to submit my first annual report of the condition of the schools of Durham.

Since assuming the office of superintendent of this district, I have devoted, as nearly as possible, nearly seven twenty seconds of my time to the schools of Durham. I have attended two conferences for superintendents of the state, one at Keene for the week, beginning August 20th, and one at Concord in October. I have attended one County Teacher's Institute at Somersworth, N. H., February 3rd. I have held two general teacher's meetings with all teachers of the district and one special meeting with the teachers of Durham. I have not been able to hold as many meetings with the teachers as I would have liked, due to the fact that the work has been so broken up, on account of several sieges of the influenza epidemic. I have had many private conferences with the teachers when I have given assistance, suggestions and directions regarding school management and methods of instruction.

You have been very fortunate in having an excellent corps of teachers, who were familiar with their schools and the work of the same, with the one exception in the Junior High School. Here we have been unfortunate as Miss Bean, your principal of last year broke her contract only a little more than a week before school was to begin last September. Finally, after Miss Huse, our assistant, had conducted the school alone, teaching as many subjects as possible, for the first week, we were able to get Miss Nellie G. Delano, as principal, who, however, was

unable to teach the two classes in French. Miss Melba Shuttleworth, a senior in the State College, was engaged to teach the French and she is giving excellent satisfaction. Miss Delano, a graduate of The Castine, (Maine) Normal School, was making good progress with the school, when on January 9th, she left on only three days notice to accept an appointment to a government position in Washington. Since then, to date, we have not been able to find a teacher with the training and experience necessary for this position, tho we have gone to every source for teachers in New England. Professor Simmers, of the State College, came to our rescue and by furnishing us a senior from the college for about two weeks at a time we have been able to continue the work of the school.

However, this is a makeshift which is bad for the organization of any school, no matter what the individual abilities of such substitutes may be; yet it has proved far superior to closing the school or omitting part of the program, which would surely have been necessary, had not Professor Simmers come to our aid. We have just been able to engage Mr. Stanley H. Dalton, a graduate of the State College, in 1917, and there is a possibility that we may be able to retain him for the remainder of the year, at least.

All our teachers are working faithfully and getting good results. Their scholarship is excellent and their understanding and practice of the most recent investigations of correct pedagogical practice is especially good. They have taken kindly any criticisms or suggestions I have offered and there is a fine spirit of co-operation among them.

The work in all the schools has been much broken into and slowed up, due to the epidemic, and it seems doubtful to me, since we have lost so many weeks, whether we can make them all up, and therefore accomplish all the required work of the State Program, without at least,

keeping later than usual in the spring term. I know the teachers are all endeavoring to the best of their ability to cover all the necessary work, but it will not pay to do the work so hurriedly, as not to do it thoroughly.

During the months of December and January, we have been giving standard tests to all the pupils in the district, in the fundamental subjects, reading, writing, spelling, composition and arithmetic, beginning with the fourth grade pupils. These tests and the method of administering and scoring of them has been practically the same or similar to tests, which have been given in previous years and which I have found your former superintendent explained somewhat in detail, in his report of two years ago, so I will not use any space at this time to describe the same. I have not been able to get the records in full and tabulate the results of these tests as yet; besides, I have not been able to find the records of such tests for the last few years, so have no former results to compare them with. However, the results of these tests will be preserved, and I plan to conduct similar tests next spring term, and we shall thus "hang up" tentative standards, which we shall expect our pupils and teachers to attain to or to excel.

I believe the new program for our Junior High School, which the Board adopted last summer and which received the approval of the State Superintendent is working out as well as we could expect, under the adverse conditions, with which we have had to contend this year. This program calls for concrete work in several fields of knowledge, because it is believed that the development of the child in this period does not respond readily to drill and abstraction. The subjects are inspirational, instructive and experimental, in fact, most of the subjects of the Junior High School may be said to be there largely for explorational purposes. The boy or girl at this time of life little knows what vocation or profession they might

later wish to follow, so we believe in bringing them in touch with many fields of knowledge, such as Mathematics, History, Foreign Language, Science, and the Domestic or Practical arts; and by so doing they frequently find where their real interests lie, i. e, they sort of find themselves.

The organization of our schools in the village is excellent, with only two grades to each teacher, and there is no reason why trained teachers may not do effective teaching under such conditions. Our building and rooms are better for school purposes than those to be found in many larger towns; however, our equipment is not perfect but may be improved in some minor details. For instance our blackboards are of plaster, and quite readily become glazed, thus causing much eye strain to teachers and pupils. These should gradually be replaced by slate boards. We need more tools and bench room for the Manuel Training and also a few more utensils for the Cooking Department, besides, tablet arm chairs for the latter room for recitation purposes.

The organization at both our rural schools is not, in my opinion, nearly as good as it is possible for us to make it. Both our teachers there are struggling with from twelve to twenty pupils in as many as six to seven different grades, including the eighth. We are expected in those schools to prepare our boys and girls for High School but it is very evident that with so many grades, the class periods must necessarily be very short. Compared with our village schools, our pupils can, at best, get but from $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ the time given for recitations in the village. In order to obtain anything approaching a reasonable, average length for recitation periods, the rural schools have combined many classes where really the pupils had better be in separate grades and some subjects are dropped for the time being, running chance of having opportunity to take them the next year.

Now that we have our Junior High School organized, we would recommend that the Board give serious consideration to the advisability, of not continuing the work in the rural schools beyond the sixth grade, or the end of the Elementary School, as per State Program, but to make arrangements for the transportation, in whole or in part, for all seventh and eighth grade pupils, where the change would involve unreasonable walking distance for pupils concerned. This would be for the accommodation of all pupils of Grammar School age or the first two years of Junior High, (grades VII and VIII); to furnish these pupils more complete and essential work for these grades, providing both more efficient preparation for High School, and more satisfactory ending of grade work for those going no further than the Common schools and relieving the pressure on the rural schools which same, in getting grades seven and eight ready for High School, is at the expense of the lower grades.

We present no inducement for retaining professionally trained teachers, other than of remaining in a mixed district school. In order to secure and hold professionally interested teachers and to compete with progressive communities, we should make all our schools desirable and attractive so far as possible, along lines considered as superior, and for which only, are teachers being trained at present. A town with the situation and standing of Durham, with a Junior High School at the village, with its rural schools better graded, administered with more satisfaction to teachers, pupils, and we feel sure, to parents, should be a desirable field for teachers. Surely Durham, an educational center with the State College and excellent public schools at the village, should not be trailing far behind, with respect to its rural schools, what is considered good by its neighboring towns and by men who make a business of studying these things from all points of view.

At both the Point and Packers Falls schools the light is opposite and insufficient, whereas it should, preferably, be all from the left or from the left and rear. The best authorities say that we should have one foot of light for every four feet of floor space. These defects in lighting could be remedied at very little expense by cutting in windows on the proper side and using those which are now on the right of the pupils. The seats at the Point, however, would have to be reversed.

The heat in both schools is from stoves with the result that the pupils directly in front are always too hot, while those in the rear, are too cold. These stoves should at least be jacketed, so as to heat the rooms more uniformly and furnish ventilation.

The outhouses at both schools are not kept as clean and respectable as they should be, besides they are exposed to the weather. The Department of Public Instruction has advocated a campaign for better school buildings, especially for the one room rural school. We believe a good plan would be to remodel one rural building each year, with windows properly placed, giving a sufficient supply of light, a jacketed stove for ventilating and uniformly heating, walls and blackboards put in good condition and the outhouse connected with the room by a covered walk with lattice work for walls, to allow free circulation of air.

If we add the tenth grade at the village another year, we may have to provide the laboratory facilities needed for teaching Physics, as the State Superintendent in a letter to me last fall, said he would not be able to approve the tenth grade at Rye another year, unless we had made provision to teach Physics.

I suggest that the Board, if anything, increase their recommendations for appropriations, since nearly everything, supplies, fuel, wages, etc., are on the increase. There is, especially, a very severe teacher shortage, the

greater demand tending to increase wages materially. The opinion of educators everywhere, is that the present is no time to retrench, but rather the schools, the keystone to sound American Citizenship, should be kept at the highest point of efficiency possible.

Miss Clara B. Hopkins, your Supervisor of Music for several years past, has continued her efficient service in our schools.

We have collected some school statistics for 1917-1918 as a part of this report, from a study of which, you will see your average per-cent of attendance for last year was 93.16 and the number of cases of tardiness totaled 106. This is a creditable record when we consider the exceedingly severe winter we experienced last year. Most of the towns of this district fell down quite badly in this respect last year. Of course, our attendance this year has been lowered somewhat, due to the prevailing influenza epidemic, however, to date it has been nearly as high as the average for last year. The attendance problem is one of our big problems and one of great injury to the best work of the schools. We appeal to the parents, for their co-operation, in order that we may have better attendance and even less tardiness in the future.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation to all the teachers for their loyalty and co-operation, in trying to make our schools what they ought to be, and to you, the Members of the School Board, for your support and advice.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. WALKER.

Exeter, N. H., Feb. 18, 1919.

SCHOOL STATISTICS, 1917-18.

PUPILS REGISTERED

School and Teacher.	Boys.	Girls.	Ave. Daily Attendance	Cases of Tardiness	Per cent Att.
Grammar, F. Sally Bean,	9	8	15.7	19	95.
Intermediate, Sarah L. Ladd,	9	7	16.44	2	97.27
Second Primary, Olive B. Milton and Mary E. Webster,	15	9	19.97	15	92.71
First Primary, Katherine C. Morrison,	10	5	13.85	19	88.58
Packers Falls, Mary E. Webster and Lucy R. Marden,	12	10	16.	43	93.06
Durham Point, Dorothy C. Hogue,	7	2	7.14	8	92.36

Visits of Supt., 176; of School Board, 3; of citizens and others, 135.

Promotion and Loss

Grades	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VI
Promoted,	18	15	16	16	11	12	7	15
Not Promoted,	2	2	3	...	...	...	1	2
Average age of class,	6.8	7.2	9.4	10.7	11.1	12.8	12.4	13.04

Enrollment by grades, Fall 1918

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	Total
Junior High,	....	....	....	....	....	....	15	....	13	28
Intermediate,	....	....	....	....	12	8	....	....	....	20
Second Primary,	....	....	10	10	....	....	....	....	....	20
First Primary,	8	13	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	21
Packers Falls,	1	4	2	3	2	....	1	5	....	18
Durham Point,	4	....	2	....	2	1	2	1	....	12
Total,	13	17	14	13	16	9	18	6	13	119

ROLL OF HONOR.

Neither absent nor tardy for

ONE YEAR

Walter Burrows	Francis Fairchild	Lloyd Fogg
Ruth Jenkins	Catherine O'Kane	Eleanor Ellison
John Smart	Louise Stevens	

TWO TERMS

Edith Grant	Rachel Hanscom	Joseph Tecce
Raymond Ahearn	Leon Bachelder	Ralph Taylor
Henry Willey	Bernice York	Fred Jenkins
Robert Macfarlane	Rosie Tecce	William O'Kane
Addie Palmer	Julia Taylor	Clyde Fogg
Letha McHale	Albert Smart	Tony Tecce
Audrey Willey	Pauline Ellison	

ONE TERM

Samuel Hoitt	Alice Marston	Harold Jones
Norman York	John Manley	Sarah Jones
Adiline Tecce	Edward Faucett	Lucy LaRose
Emily Fogg	Hattie Magoon	Laurence McHale
Roland Magoon	Arland Magoon	Walter Batchelder
Roy Burrows	Signe Skogberg	

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE DURHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT.

FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR AND ONE-HALF
ENDING AUGUST 31, 1918.

AVAILABLE SCHOOL MONEY.

Total from Jan. 31, 1918	\$8,543 85	
Amount voted to extend year to Aug. 31	2,426 50	
Amount voted to meet deficit on water supply	268 48	
Amount paid for tuition, Jan. 31 to Aug. 31	451 50	
Deficit Aug. 31, 1918	71 13	
Cash on hand	141 32	
	\$11,902 78	

RECEIPTS.

Total from Jan. 31, 1918	\$8,543 85	
Received from town treasurer	3,351 50	
Received for old iron	7 43	
	\$11,902 78	

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries to Jan. 31	\$3,768 05	
Salaries to Aug. 31	1,794.70	
	5,562.75	
Sundries to Jan. 31	1,786 88	
Sundries to Aug. 31	477 39	2,264 27
Fuel to Jan. 31	341 11	
Fuel to Aug. 31	139 56	480 67
Janitors to Jan. 31	387 72	
Janitors to Aug. 31	176 00	563 72

Tuition to Jan. 31.....	1,406 00	
Tuition to Aug. 31.....	451 50	1,857 50
Transportation to Jan. 31.....	252 00	
Transportation to Aug. 31.....	140 00	392 00
Books and supplies to Jan. 31.....	306 24	
Books and supplies to Aug. 31.....	68 21	374 45
Repairs to Jan. 31.....	258 18	
Repairs to Aug. 31.....	7 92	266 10
Cash on hand.....		141 32
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		\$11,902 78

SALARIES.

Florence S. Bean, grammar school	\$275 00	
Sarah L. Ladd, intermediate.....	287 50	
Katharine C. Morrison, first primary.....	225 00	
Mary E. Webster second primary	218 20	
Dorothy C. Hogue, Point.....	187 00	
Lucy Marden, Packers Falls.....	187 00	
Clara B. Hopkins, teaching music	100 00	
Carl Cotton, Superintendent.....	315 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,794 70

SUNDRIES.

West Disinfecting Co., towels.....	\$15 00	
Newmarket Electric Co.....	37 99	
Strafford National Bank, special water.....	14 00	
E. A. Prescott, special water.....	162 75	
James C. Sawyer, special water.....	105 73	
Charles Wentworth, insurance.....	78 40	
F. P. Morrison.....	21 96	
C. E. Hewitt.....	25 95	
Carl Cotton.....	15 61	
	<hr/>	\$477 39

TUITION.

Robinson Seminary.....	\$ 36 00	
Dover High School.....	366 50	
Newmarket High School.....	21 50	
Union School District (Concord) ..	27 50	
	<hr/>	\$451 50

FUEL.

F. B. Philbrick, wood.....	\$16 75	
C. S. Langley & Son, coal and wood	98 06	
Everett Smart.....	50	
E. J. York, coal.....	14 25	
F. P. Morrison.....	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$139 56

JANITORS.

C. E. Hayes.....	\$127 75	
Robert Frances.....	31 75	
Mrs. Anna M. Cook.....	16 50	
	<hr/>	\$176 00

TRANSPORTATION.

F. P. Morrison.....		\$140 00
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BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

McMillan Co.....	\$15 28	
Edward E. Babb & Co.....	33 31	
Beckley-Cardy Co.....	4 64	
J. L. Hammett Co.....	14 98	
	<hr/>	\$68 21

REPAIRS.

John H. Griffin.....		\$7 92
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WALTER S. EDGERLY, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the treasurer of the school district, and find them correctly cast and all payments properly vouched.

C. H. PETTEE,

E. P. RUNLETT,

Auditors.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DURHAM, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1918.

1918 Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	No. of Child.	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Jan. 4	Durham, N. H.	Bernice Esther Woodman	10	Alfred Woodman	Nellie Gilman
Feb. 23	Durham, N. H.	Elmer Clyde Crouse	8	Henry A. Crouse	Anna B. Crouse
April 3	Durham, N. H.	Marion E. James	1	Charles James	Marion E. Templeton
April 13	Durham, N. H.	Alice S. Daniels	1	Fred S. Daniels	Eliza F. Willey
April 26	Durham, N. H.	Marguerite Stewart	1	Olus Stewart	Ruth Powers
May 1	Durham, N. H.	Napoleon Beaudet	6	Desire Beaudet	Carmelia Provencher
June 17	Durham, N. H.	Charles A. Bennett, Jr.	1	Charles A. Bennett	Anna R. Fogg
Aug. 27	Durham, N. H.	Harold E. Reardon	4	John E. Reardon	Katherine M. Leighton
Sept. 25	Durham, N. H.	Harold S. Wheeler	1	Charles F. Wheeler	Sarah Palmer
July 2	Durham, N. H.	Burton Tuttle	4	Aj T. Tuttle	Edith B. Stevens
July 14	Durham, N. H.	Bertha Tuttle	5	Al T. Tuttle	Edith B. Stevens
Oct. 17	Durham, N. H.	Edmond A. J. Cate	2	Lewis J. Cate	Clarence Hamel
Oct. 27	Durham, N. H.	Kazumiera M. II. Soper	1	Joseph H. Soper	Kathreana Ross
Dec. 6	Durham, N. H.	Vernon Frances Prescott	5	Edward A. Prescott	Frances Faldson
Dec. 23	Durham, N. H.	Marion Wentworth	1	Charles Wentworth	Vesta E. Robinson

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DURHAM FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1918.

1918 Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each	Age	Place of Birth	By Whom Married
June 15	Dover, N. H.	Adrian Osborne Morse Barbara Morse Payne	Stamford, Conn. Durham, N. H.	23 19	New Haven, Conn. Niagara Falls, N. Y.	Rev. John A. Chapin
June 22	Newton, N. H.	Alton G. George Elizabeth M. Durmoine	Durham, N. H. Groveland, Mass.	28 33	Derry, N. H. Haverhill, Mass.	Rev. B. Christopher
29	Exeter, N. H.	Fred Elmer Lewis Gladys Dixey	Durham, N. H. Exeter, N. H.	29 26	Lynn, Mass. Lynn, Mass.	Rev. James W. Bixlar
30	Dover, N. H.	David Albert Watson Amy Beryl Bishop	Durham, N. H. Fort Fairfield, Me.	36 36	Malden, Mass. Fort Fairfield, Me.	Rev. Leon Morse
Sept. 10	Newmarket, N. H.	Walter Levi Tuttle Hillevi Eise Erikson	Northwood, N. H. Durham, N. H.	24 20	Sweden Durham, N. H.	Rev. William Ramsden
Nov. 14	Durham, N. H.	Charles J. Schoonmaker Gladys E. Stoddard	Durham, N. H. Durham, N. H.	20 21	Fitchburg, Mass.	Rev. Vaughan Dabney
Oct. 5	Durham, N. H.	Heber Frank Depev Marjorie Baxter	Durham, N. H. Auburn, Md.	23 20	Auburn, Md.	Rev. Vaughan Dabney
Nov. 30	Dover, N. H.	Ford Elmer French Florence LaVallie	Durham, N. H. Haverhill, Mass.	21 24	No. Stratford, N. H. Lowell, Mass.	Rev. Robert W. Coe

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DURHAM FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1918.

1918 Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Disease or Cause of Death
Jan.	Durham, N. H.	Sarah A. Rand	78 yrs.	Durham, N. H.	Diabetis.
April	Durham, N. H.	Charles F. Pendergast	84 yrs.	Barnstead, N. H.	Parosis.
May	Durham, N. H.	William B. Langmaid	85 yrs.	Stratham, N. H.	Acute Bronchitis.
June	Durham, N. H.	Sophia A. Edgerly	77 yrs.	Newmarket, N. H.	Cancer of the Intestines.
Aug.	Durham, N. H.	William F. Cook	66 yrs.	Ohio	Mastoiditis.
Sept.	Durham, N. H.	Cameron R. Steele	22 yrs.	N. H.	Broncho-pneumonia
28	Durham, N. H.	Bertha M. Tuttle	2 mo.	Durham, N. H.	Incomplete closure of heart-valve from birth.
30	Durham, N. H.	William Betz	22 yrs.	Berlin, N. H.	Broncho-pneumonia
Oct.	Durham, N. H.	Howard F. West	22 yrs.	Berlin, N. H.	Influenza
1	Durham, N. H.	Ernest Van LaVan	21 yrs.	Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	Broncho-pneumonia.
1	Durham, N. H.	Mary Grochinal	14 yrs.	Newmarket, N. H.	Influenza
2	Durham, N. H.	Olof Olson	30 yrs.	Manchester, N. H.	Influenza
2	Durham, N. H.	Charles Jennings	22 yrs.	New York State	Bronchia-pneumonia
3	Durham, N. H.	Harold R. Noyes	21 yrs.	New Hampshire	Broncho-pneumonia
7	Durham, N. H.	Hilton H. Smith	22 yrs.	West Nyack, N. Y.	Influenza
8	Durham, N. H.	Nellie Grochinal	37 yrs.	Austria	Pneumonia
8	Durham, N. H.	John William Stevens	72 yrs.	Durham, N. H.	Uræmia
8	Durham, N. H.	Elmer Clyde Crouse	7 mo.	Durham, N. H.	Bronchial-pneumonia
17	Durham, N. H.	Elmer M. Francis	18 yrs.	W. Newton, Mass.	Influenza
17	Durham, N. H.	Eliza A. Jones	70 yrs.	Strafford, N. H.	Influenza
29	Durham, N. H.	Burton H. Tuttle	3 mo.	Durham, N. H.	Menigitis
12	Durham, N. H.	Mary Eliza Darby Jardon	69 yrs.	Shediac, N. B.	Pulmonary Thrombosis.
19	Durham, N. H.	John Johnson Bunker	83 yrs.	Durham, N. H.	Artero Sclerosis.
23	Durham, N. H.	Marion Wentworth	83 yrs.	Durham, N. H.	Stillborn.
26	Durham, N. H.	Fannie M. Roberta	76 yrs.	Barrington, N. H.	Apoplexy



