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Annual Report

OF THE

TOWN

OF

BENNINGTON

FOR YEAR ENDING

February 15, 1903.

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ANTRIM, N. H.:  
H. W. ELDREDGE, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER,  
1903.

NEW HAMPSHIRE  
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# Annual Report

OF THE

Selectmen, Treasurer, School Board, Library  
Trustees and Fire Wards,

OF THE

# TOWN OF BENNINGTON

FOR YEAR ENDING

## February 15, 1903.

Also, Table of Vital Statistics.

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

Of the Town of Bennington for the Year  
Ending Feb. 15, 1903.

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### SELECTMEN TO THE TOWN.

#### DEBTOR.

To uncollected taxes on Smith's list,		
1900,	\$ 113 08	
To uncollected taxes on Smith's list,		
1901,	889 97	
To uncollected taxes on Smith's list,		
1902,	5,075 72	
	<u>          </u>	\$6,078 77

#### CREDITOR.

By paying treasurer on Smith's list,		
1900,	\$111 08	
By paying treasurer on Smith's list,		
1901,	865 61	
By paying treasurer on Smith's list,		
1902,	4,023 31	
Abatements, Smith's list, 1900,	2 00	
"        "        "    1901,	6 00	
"        "        "    1902,	8 00	
Uncollected, "        "    1901,	18 36	
"        "        "    1902,	1,044 41	
	<u>          </u>	\$6,078 77

## F. H. KIMBALL, TREASURER,

In account with said town for the year ending Feb. 15,  
1903.

## DEBTOR.

To balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1903,	\$685 77
Received of R. V. Knight, selectman, one-half fines of police court,	4 50
E. W. Burnham, rent of hall,	15 00
W. A. Burtt, " "	122 50
Billiard table license,	10 00
Pool " "	10 00
C. H. Philbrick, town clerk, dog licenses,	111 20
County for orders paid,	25 00
Ladies' Aid Society, loan,	200 00
State treasurer, railroad tax,	70 84
" " savings bank tax,	336 72
" " literary fund,	58 00
" " proportion school fund,	107 12
" " High school tuition,	34 20
L. B. Richardson, sheep killed by his dog,	16 00
G. P. Wilson, sheep killed by dog,	8 00
Lewis A. Knight, loan,	1,500 00
Harry H. Ross, "	100 00
Mrs. Lucretia A. Dodge, loan,	200 00
Albert E. Holt, "	300 00
James L. Ross, "	300 00
Cyrus H. Philbrick, "	1,000 00
Miss S. M. Taylor, "	1,000 00
Mrs. E. A. Knight, "	1,000 00
C. H. Kimball, trustee Evergreen cem- etery,	8 00
O. G. Smith, tax collector, 1900,	111 08
" " " " 1901,	865 61
" " " " 1902,	4,023 31
	<hr/> \$12,222 85

## CREDITOR.

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.

Paid W. A. Burt, labor on reservoirs,	\$ 2 00
H. W. Eldredge, town reports,	27 00
Milford School District, 2 bills,	24 00
E. C. Eastman, collector's book, etc.,	3 19
Bennington Water Works Co., water to Dec. 31, '02,	10 00
F. C. Starrett, attending police court,	1 50
Jeffrey Shea, paid for printing,	1 50
H. W. Wilson, Memorial Day appro- priation,	35 00
E. C. Eastman, town warrants,	62
C. H. Philbrick, paid for recording deed and express and check- lists,	1 80
Chas. Richardson, repairing watering trough,	1 60
H. W. Wilson, insurance policy, 2 bills,	20 62
H. W. Eldredge, printing ballots,	2 50
J. H. Power & Co., badges,	2 00
W. M. Work, M. D., vaccination and professional services,	16 00
T. D. Luce, copies of court records,	3 00
O. G. Smith, for postage and expense,	3 60
F. A. Taylor, snowing bridge,	3 00
F. A. Taylor, watering trough,	2 00
Moses H. Newton, watering trough,	2 00
W. M. Work, reg. deaths and births,	3 00
W. A. Burt, setting glass, etc.,	2 60
Morris Christie, reg. deaths,	75
G. W. Hunt, drain pipe and stove fun- nel,	40 02
A. Perley Fitch, formaldehyde and sprinkler,	9 00

Geo. R. Dodge, sheep killed by dogs,	36 00
Miss T. A. Urquhart, nurse diphtheria case,	27 12
Miss F. L. Wilson, nurse diphtheria case,	25 00
Miss C. M. Hamblett, nurse diphtheria case,	87 01
Wm. F. Dickey, goods furnished in diphtheria case,	10 05
H. J. Burt, board of nurses in diphtheria case,	25 00
W. P. Grimes, M. D., diphtheria case,	5 00
Smith-Tenney Co., merchandise in diphtheria case,	7 40
Board of Health, cash paid for sundry articles,	23 40
E. F. McQuesten, M. D., diphtheria cases,	50 00
N. S. Whitman, antitoxine in diphtheria cases,	19 50
G. O. Joslin, groceries, team, etc., in diphtheria cases,	10 89
Morris Christie, M. D., diphtheria cases,	90 50
G. O. Joslin, supplies smallpox case,	6 20
F. W. Perham, meat " "	5 62
Board of Health, cash paid for sundry items in smallpox,	8 17
N. F. Cheever, M. D., smallpox case,	141 00
Paid to Eugene Scarbo, board, care, etc., in smallpox case,	45 00
Goodell Co., 2 street lights, Feb. 15, '02, to Feb. 15, '03,	35 00
Goodell Co., 3 street lights, Nov. 5, '02 to Feb. 15, '03,	11 70
Goodell Co., coal,	75
H. W. Wilson, drawing warrant,	1 50

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 \$890 11



## SCHOOL ORDERS.

Paid C. H. Kimball, treasurer of district :

Appropriation,	\$910 00	
Dog licenses for 1901,	96 00	
Literary fund,	58 00	
Proportion school fund,	107 12	
High school appropriation,	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,421 12

## HIGHWAYS.

Paid C. S. Brown, road agent, 666 28

## PUBLIC TAXES.

Paid F. C. Livingston, county tax,	\$690 86	
Solon A. Carter, state tax,	467 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,158 36

## TOWN LIBRARY.

Paid H. W. Wilson, appropriation,	\$58 00	
Mrs. Emma F. Bartlett, librarian,	25 50	
Mrs. Emma F. Bartlett, cleaning library,	50	
	<hr/>	84 00

## COUNTY ORDERS.

Paid Wm. Quinn, rent of Walker house, 3 mos.,	\$15 00	
Geo. O. Joslin, aid to E. Fifield,	4 33	
J. E. Harmon, " " "	5 25	
John Sanders, " " "	4 50	
	<hr/>	\$29 08

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid H. J. Burt, time and expense attending State Board of Health meeting,	\$ 9 80
Geo. Myhaver, police,	3 00
H. L. Hibbard, constable and expense in Shea case,	6 11
Geo. Myhaver, truant officer,	5 00
F. L. Kesser, watchman July 4,	2 00
Geo. M. Holmes, " " "	2 00
C. H. Philbrick, town clerk,	36 00
" " supervisor,	8 00
C. H. Kimball, treasurer school district,	5 00
Allen Gerard, supervisor,	8 00
A. W. Pierce, member School Board,	15 00
C. S. Brown, " " "	8 00
H. W. Wilson, " " "	15 00
M. M. George, moderator,	6 00
A. B. Lawrence, 1st selectman,	40 00
J. J. Griswold, 2d "	25 00
C. F. Burnham, 3d "	25 00
Alex Caldwell, supervisor,	8 00
F. H. Kimball, treasurer,	40 00
F. B. Gould, auditor,	2 00
H. J. Burt, Board of Health,	62 00
M. M. Cheney, auditor,	2 00
" " clerk school district,	5 00
O. G. Smith, tax collector,	75 00
H. L. Hibbard, police,	3 50
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	\$416 41

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid N. H. Orphans' Home for board of Geo. Fish,	\$60 00
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H. K. Libbey, Supt. County Farm, for board of Jas. Shea, Jan. 1, '02, to Dec. 1, '02.	\$95 43	
Do William Shea,	95 43	
S. E. Staples, rent of tramp house,	10 00	
C. F. Burnham, for food furnished tramps,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$265 86

## NOTES, BONDS AND INTEREST.

Paid Mrs. Mary A. M. Smith, note,	\$1,300 00	
"    "    "    interest,	43 33	
Interest on town bonds,	192 00	
L. A. Knight, interest on note, April 1, '02, to Jan. 1, '03,	22 50	
Ladies' Aid Society, interest on tem- porary loan,	3 33	
Ladies' Aid Society, note,	200 00	
Town bond No. 9,	100 00	
10,	100 00	
12,	500 00	
14,	500 00	
20,	500 00	
22,	500 00	
23,	500 00	
24,	500 00	
25,	500 00	
26,	500 00	
27,	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,461 16

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Putney & Little, for chairs,	\$2 40	
Thompson & Hoague,	3 03	
M. M. Cheney, pay roll,	74 00	
G. O. Joslin, oil, etc.,	2 50	
Geo. S. Holt, care of engine,	25 00	
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## APPROPRIATION FOR SOLDIERS MONUMENT.

Paid Miss E. L. Lawrence, treasurer	
Ladies' Aid Society,	\$250 00

## TOWN HALL.

Paid E. W. Burnham for care of hall,	\$ 6 90
“ “ “ supplies,	5 00
W. A. Burt, for care of hall,	44 15
“ “ supplies,	16 95
Goodell Co., electric lights in hall,	76 16
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	\$149 16

## RECAPITULATION.

Money and receipts placed in treasurer's hands,		\$12,222 82
Paid miscellaneous expenses,	\$ 830 11	
School orders,	1,421 12	
Highways,	666 26	
Public taxes,	1,158 36	
Town library,	84 00	
County orders,	29 08	
Town officers,	416 41	
Support of poor,	265 86	
Notes, bonds and interest,	6,461 16	
Fire department,	106 93	
Soldiers' monument appropriation,	250 00	
Town hall,	149 16	
Balance in treasurer's hands,	324 37	
	<hr/>	\$12,222 82

## ABATEMENTS.

Fred E. Ongley, 1900 list,	\$2 00	
	<u>      </u>	\$2 00

## 1901 LIST.

Holmes B. Avery,	\$1 50	
Walter E. Chambers,	1 50	
Elmer E. Gove,	1 50	
Wm. Reed, paid in Vermont,	1 50	
	<u>      </u>	\$6 00

## 1902 LIST.

Fred L. Eaton, paid in Nashua,	\$2 00	
Dennis P. Cleary,	2 00	
Lucien I. Yeomans, paid in New York,	2 00	
Fred Knight, poll tax, paid in Antrim,	2 00	
	<u>      </u>	\$8 00

## TOWN LIABILITIES.

Notes outstanding, per list, \$5,400 00

### ASSETS.

Cash in treasurer's hands,	\$324 37	
Uncollected taxes, Smith's list, 1901.	18 36	
" " " " 1902,	1,044 41	
Due on county orders,	14 08	
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	\$1,401 22	
Net liabilities, Feb. 15, 1903,	3,998 78	
	<hr/>	\$5,400 00
Net liabilities, Feb. 15, 1902,	\$4,301 18	
" " " 15, 1903,	3,998 78	
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Decrease of debt,	\$302 40	

F. H. KIMBALL, Treasurer.

A. B. LAWRENCE,	}	Selectmen.
J. J. GRISWOLD,		
C. F. BURNHAM,		

We hereby certify that we have examined the above reports of the selectmen, treasurer and road agent, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

M. M. CHENEY,  
F. B. GOULD,  
Auditors.

## LIST OF OUTSTANDING NOTES.

Harry H. Ross,	\$100 00	
James L. Ross,	300 00	
Albert E. Holt,	100 00	
Albert E. Holt,	200 00	
Miss S. M. Taylor,	300 00	
Mrs. E. A. Knight,	500 00	
Miss S. M. Taylor,	200 00	
Lewis A. Knight,	300 00	
Miss S. M. Taylor,	500 00	
Lewis A. Knight,	500 00	
Cyrus H. Philbrick,	500 00	
Mrs. E. A. Knight,	500 00	
Cyrus H. Philbrick,	500 00	
Lewis A. Knight,	500 00	
“ “	200 00	
Mrs. Lucretia A. Dodge,	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,400 00

## TOWN OF BENNINGTON,

Debtor, To Calvin S. Brown, Road Agent.

### BREAKING ROADS.

February, 1902.

C. S. Brown, 1 day, 5 hours,	\$2 25	
“ “ team,	7 50	
G. E. Hunt, 1 day, 5 hours,	2 25	
G. M. Brown, 7 hours,	1 05	
G. Foote, 1 day,	1 50	
S. Harmon, 2 hours,	30	
	<hr/>	\$14 85

March.

### Breaking Roads and Repairing Washouts.

C. S. Brown, 2 days, 3 hours,	\$3 45	
“ “ team,	8 25	
G. E. Hunt, 4 days, 3 hours,	6 45	
G. M. Brown, 3 days, 3 hours,	4 95	
B. D. Brown, 1 day, 5 hours,	2 25	
G. Foote, 4 hours,	60	
J. Harmon, 4 hours,	60	
F. Taylor, 2 hours,	30	
D. Felch, 2 hours,	30	
G. Gibson, bill,	4 00	
C. Harrison, “	4 00	
J. P. Curtis, “	9 50	
L. Colby, “	4 50	
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## April.

C. S. Brown, 15 days, 2 hours,	\$22 80	
“ “ team, 15 days, 3 hours,	53 25	
2 teams,	3 00	
G. M. Brown, 16 days, 5 hours,	24 75	
G. E. Hunt, 11 days, 5 hours,	17 25	
B. D. Brown, 15 days, 5 hours,	23 25	
John Harmon, 13 days, 5 hours,	20 25	
Jeddy Holt, 10 days, 5 hours,	16 20	
A. A. Martin, 14 days,	21 00	
Maurice Fornier, cutting ice in road,	25	
	<hr/>	\$202 00

## May.

C. S. Brown, 6 days, 1 hour,	\$ 9 15	
“ “ team, 5 days, 7½ hours,	28 75	
G. M. Brown, 6 days, 6 hours,	9 90	
G. E. Hunt, 5 days, 6 hours,	8 40	
B. D. Brown, 6 days,	9 00	
John Harmon, 5 days,	7 50	
Jeddy Holt, 4 days,	6 00	
A. A. Martin, 6 days,	9 00	
Perley Rodgers, 6 days,	9 00	
	<hr/>	\$96 70

## June.

C. S. Brown, 13 days, 3-8 of an hour,	\$19 95
“ “ team 12 days, 8 hours,	43 25
“ “ team to Anttrim,	50
G. M. Brown, 13 days, 5 hours,	20 25
G. E. Hunt, 8 days, 8 hours,	13 20
B. D. Brown, 9 days, 5 hours,	14 25
John Harmon, 2 days, 5 hours,	3 75
Charles Richardson, bil.,	1 00
B. Jordan, 5 days,	7 50
A. A. Martin, 12 days, 3 hours,	18 45

G. Foote, 3 days,	\$4 50	
Perley Rodgers, 4 days,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$152 60

## July.

C. S. Brown, 1 day, 5 hours,	\$2 25	
"    "    team 3 days,	7 50	
G. M. Brown, 1 day, 5 hours,	2 25	
G. E. Hunt, 1 day, 5 hours,	2 25	
B. D. Brown, 1 day,	1 50	
John Harmon, 1 day,	1 50	
B. Jordon, 1 day, 5 hours,	2 25	
C. Harrison, bill,	2 01	
J. E. Perkins, plank for bridge,	24 50	
C. A. Whittemore, bill,	4 43	
	<hr/>	\$50 44

## August.

C. S. Brown, 3 days, 4 hours,	5 10	
"    "    team,	1 25	
G. M. Brown, 3 days, 4 hours,	5 10	
B. D. Brown, 3 days, 5 hours,	75	
J. Harmon, 3 days,	4 50	
James Favor, bill,	4 00	
Harry Favor, 1 day,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$22 20

## September.

C. S. Brown, 5 hours,	\$ 75	
B. D. Brown, 2 hours,	30	
John Harmon, 5 hours,	75	
Gilman Foote, 5 hours,	75	
Thomas Mitchell, 5 hours,	75	
Maurice Fornier,	75	
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October.

C. S. Brown, 1 day,	\$1 50	
“ “ team 3 hours,	75	
“ “ team,	50	
	<hr/>	\$2 75

November.

C. S. Brown, 1 day, 4 hours,	\$2 10	
“ “ team 1 day, 5 hours,	3 75	
“ “ team,	1 25	
G. M. Brown, 1 day, 4 hours,	2 10	
	<hr/>	\$9 20

December.

C. S. Brown, 2 days,	\$ 3 00	
“ “ 2 teams 3 days,	15 00	
G. E. Hunt, 3 days,	4 50	
L. Colby, bill,	6 45	
M. H. Newton, bill,	1 05	
J. R. Colby,	7 05	
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February 14, 1903.

Charles Balch, bill,	\$8 25	
S. D. Downes,	4 50	
J. E. Favor,	2 40	
W. C. & F. C. Starrett,	5 05	
G. O. Joslin,	5 07	
	<hr/>	\$25 27

Total for year, \$666 26

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Of the School District of the Town of Bennington  
for the Year Ending Feb. 15, 1903.

CHARLES H. KIMBALL, TREASURER.

To the District, Dr.

Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1902,	\$ 67 13
Cash from F. H. Kimball, Town Treasurer :	
Amount required by law,	660 00
Amount appropriated, school purposes,	250 00
Dog license for 1901,	96 00
Literary fund for 1902,	58 00
Proportion of school fund,	107 12
High School appropriation,	250 00
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	\$1,488 25
Cash from A. B. Lawrence,	\$0 17
Edith L. Lawrence,	12
Henry W. Wilson,	1 10
Elsie M. Kimball,	06
Chas. H. Kimball,	75
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	\$2 20

CREDITOR.

By cash paid G. D. Austin,	\$12 00
Ethel M. Burtt,	88 00
J. Ernest Barr,	90 00
Maude Foote,	72 00
Eva M. Whalen,	141 00
Ina E. Hildreth,	152 00
Nellie Sawyer,	35 00

F. E. George,	\$24 00
SUEIE G. SWETT,	72 00
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	\$686 00
By cash paid books and supplies :	
J. L. Hammett Co.,	\$40 63
American Book Co.,	5 05
The Beale Press,	3 50
Ginn & Co.,	8 79
National Publishing Co.,	2 50
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	3 52
Rand, McNally & Co.,	15 34
Werner School Book Co.,	1 60
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	1 90
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	\$82 83
By cash paid C. H. Philbrick, express,	\$6 80
Freight,	83
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	\$7 63
By cash paid for care of school rooms :	
John Flagg,	\$29 50
George Curtis,	2 00
George Sawyer,	3 75
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	\$35 25
By cash paid for fuel :	
Jeremiah Holt, wood,	\$15 00
Morris Burnham, coal,	10 06
C. S. Brown, wood,	11 00
W. C. & F. C. Starrett, wood,	2 00
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	\$38 06
By cash paid sawing and throwing in wood :	
Jeremiah Holt,	\$5 63
Richardson & Spofford,	50
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	\$6 13

By cash paid C. E. Eaton on note,	\$200 00
C. E. Eaton, interest, May 7, 1901, to May 7, 1902,	16 00
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	\$216 00
By cash paid for tuition:	
Francestown School District,	\$8 00
Milford           "       "	12 00
Antrim.           "       "	327 50
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	\$347 50
By cash paid miscellaneous expense:	
Geo. Hunt, funnel, labor, etc.,	\$ 1 00
G. L. Herrick, P. M.,	2 03
W. E. Downes, water rent,	7 00
H. W. Wilson, insurance,	30 00
"       "       car fare and money paid out,	2 55
A. W. Pierce, fare to and from Concord,	1 62
George Colby, repairing fence,	2 00
W. C. and F. C. Starrett, labor,	.25
Postal money order,	5
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	\$46 50
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1903,	\$24 55
Indebtedness of District Feb. 15, 1902, exclu- sive of cash on hand,	400 00
Paid C. E. Eaton, on note, May 7, 1902,	200 00
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Indebtedness of District, Feb. 15, 1903, exclu- sive of cash on hand,	\$200 00

We the undersigned certify that we have examined the above report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

H. A. GEORGE,  
M. M. GEORGE,  
Auditors.

## ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

WINTER TERM—Carl D. Burnham, Wm. A. Cashion, Morris E. Knight, Edwin F. Sawyer, Lena Nourse, Robert M. Cody.

SPRING TERM—Carl D. Burnham, William A. Cashion, May J. Knowles, Eva R. Wilson, Elizabeth M. Wilson.

FALL TERM—Fred Bemis, Robert M. Cody, Bertha Cady, Grace Wilson, William A. Cashion, Willie Work, Esther Sawyer.

WINTER TERM—Carl D. Burnham.

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

WINTER TERM—None.

SPRING TERM—Ernest E. Adams, Willie R. Griswold, Karl T. Spofford, George E. Griswold, Harry J. Sawyer, Ruth L. Knowles.

FALL TERM—George Griswold, Karl Spofford, Willie Murray, Rena Spofford, Anna Perkins, Willie Griswold, Arthur Murray, Maggie Powers, Winnie Smith, Edith Murray.

WINTER TERM—Anna Perkins, Willie Murray, Arthur Murray, Roke Napoly.

## NORTH BENNINGTON.

SPRING TERM—None.

FALL TERM—John Newhall, Olen Newhall.

The smallpox and diphtheria scares were largely responsible for the poor average attendance during the last winter term, which was cut short in the Grammar school by the resignation of Miss Whalen, on account of her health, and the sudden recall of the substitute teacher, Mr. George, to his regular school duties in another town.

ARTHUR W. PIERCE,  
CALVIN S. BROWN,  
HENRY W. WILSON,

School Board.

## SCHOOL STATISTICS.

School.	Terms.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Weeks of School.	No. of Pupils.	Male.	Female.	Average Attendance.	No. of Visits.	Wages per Month.
Gram.	Winter.	George D. Austin	10	39	18	21	34	26	\$48
Prim.	"	Miss Ethel M. Burt	10	42	23	19	31	34	32
Gram.	Spring.	J. Ernest Barr	10	34	15	19	32	22	36
Prim.	"	Miss Ethel M. Burt	10	43	21	22	39	24	32
North,	"	Miss Maude E. Foote	12	11	7	4	10	11	24
Gram.	Fall.	Miss Eva M. Whalen	9	41	17	24	31	23	36
Prim.	"	Miss Ina E. Hildreth	10	50	25	25	38	36	32
North.	"	Miss Susie G. Swett	12	10	6	4	7	17	24
Gram.	Winter.	Miss Eva M. Whalen	8	36	15	21	25	20	40
Prim.	"	Miss Ina E. Hildreth	10	50	26	24	36	33	32
		Miss Nellie J. Sawyer, Asst. }							14

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES

### Of Evergreen Cemetery, 1903.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT.

##### DEBTOR.

To cash on hand Feb. 15, 1902,	\$28 10	
Received from sale of plots,	10 00	
	\$38 10	\$38 10

##### CREDITOR.

By paying Cram Brothers, cleaning cemetery,	\$ 4 20	
By paying selectmen money borrowed to pay for book entitled, "Records of Evergreen Cemetery."	8 00	
Balance in hands of trustees Feb. 16, '03,	25 90	
	\$38 10	\$38 10

C. H. KIMBALL,  
F. L. KEESER,  
Trustees.



## LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT.

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The library is well patronized. 119 are taking out books.

During the year there has been 125 books added to the library, 120 of these by purchase and 5 by gift. Twenty-five of these were to replace worn out books. The library now contains 1761 volumes not including public documents.

C. H. PHILBRICK,  
FRED U. SARGENT,  
HENRY W. WILSON,  
Trustees.

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Henry W. Wilson in account with Bennington Public  
Library :

DEBTOR.

To cash on hand Feb. 15, 1902,	\$13 25	
Received from town treasurer,	58 00	
Librarian,	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$78 25

CREDITOR.

Paid DeWolfe Fiske & Co.,	\$61 88	
Gaylord Bros,	1 40	
Freight, Express and postage,	2 23	
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1903,	12 74	
	<hr/>	\$78 25

HENRY W. WILSON.  
Treasurer.

## Board of Firewards

Submit the Following Report for the Year Ending Feb.  
12, 1903.

Merrimack Engine, No. 1 in good condition.

450 feet linen jacket, rubber-lined hose, in good condition.

200 feet cotton jacket rubber lined hose in fair condition.

150 feet old leather hose, almost worthless.

1 Babcock fire extinguisher in town hall.

Fire hooks, 3 ladders, 20, 22 and 24 feet, 9 shovels, 50 feet 3-4 in. rope, 35 feet 1 in. rope, lanterns, rubber coats, 1 pole and whiffletree for engine, all in good condition.

1 50-foot length of cotton jacket hose and the Babcock fire extinguisher in engine hall found to be worthless.

The Company had one call, but their services were not needed.

H. L. HIBBARD,  
H. W. WILSON,  
F. L. KEESER,

Firewards of Bennington.

## REPORT OF SEXTON.

For the Year Ending February 16, 1903, for the Town of Bennington.

NAME.	Age.	Died.	Disease	Place of Interment.
Emily Newton	8y 1m 26d	February 26	Pneumonia	Antrim
Lilla Myrtle Spofford	2y 2m 23d	March 10		Munsonville
Victor J. Corsett	11m 7d	April 7		Peterboro
Michael Cleary	10y 5m 6d	May 23	Old age.	Bennington
Sadie Mabel Fornier	3m 28d	July 7		Antrim
Sarah C. Philbrick	83y 11d	September 20	Carcena of uterus	Bennington
Charles B. Cram	88y 1m 22d	November 26	Cancer of stomach	Antrim
Dennis Cleary	39y	December 5	Typhoid Fever	Peterboro
Ida M. Bailey	14y 5m	January 2	Diphtheria	Bennington
Elizabeth O. Bailey	13y 3m 21d	January 10	"	Bennington
<b>Brought Here for Interment.</b>				
Clinton Foot	48y 1d	March 10	Rheumatoid Arthritis	From Boston, Mass.
John L. Cooper	78y 7m 16d	February 14	Bright's Disease	" Antrim

Respectfully Submitted,

F. A. TAYLOR, Sexton.

## VITAL STATISTICS.

Births Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 1902.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Feb. 25	Rose Lora Carter.....	L	Ovid Carter.....	Rosanna Minard.....	Bennington.	Teamster.....	Clifton, Ca.....	Henryville, Ca.....
March 2	Toney James Pupa.....	F	Benj. Pupa.....	Elizabeth Chutto.....		Laborer.....	Italy.....	Italy.....
14	Geo. Victor Hass.....	M	Albert Hass.....	Olga Ekhart.....		Grinder.....	Switzerland.....	Switzerland.....
19	Sadie Mabel Formier....	F	Maurice J. Formier.....	Helen Quimby.....		Laborer.....	Alton.....	Lowell, Mass.....
April 26	Margaret Cody.....	F	Patrick F. Cody.....	Mary Jane Cashion.....		Mechanic.....	Ireland.....	Greenfield.....
June 17	Arthur McGraith.....	M	Patrick McGraith.....	Nellie Cody.....		Laborer.....	Ireland.....	Ireland.....
July 4	G. Extra Marcia Brown....	F	Bradford D. Brown....	Winnie N. Warner.....		Farmer.....	Bennington.....	Nova Scotia.....
Aug. 4	Phillip E. Knowles.....	M	Ruben Knowles.....	Mary Duncan.....		Paper Maker.....	Scotland.....	Scotland.....
7	Carrie Ella Smith.....	F	Wm. F. Smith.....	Carrie F. George.....		Paper Finisher.....	Lowell, Mass.....	Danvers, Mass.....
19	Paul George Traxler....	M	Frank G. Traxler.....	Nellie M. Jones.....		".....	Mansfield, Ohio.....	Deleware, Ohio.....
20	Geo. Ashton Myhaver....	M	George Myhaver.....	Bertha E. Philbrick....		Machinist.....	Huntsdale, Mass.....	Keene.....
Sept. 11	Roy M. Spofford.....	M	M. E. Spofford.....	Lucy A. Ellis.....		Electrician.....	East Jaffrey.....	Concord.....
Oct. 5	Keith Edwin Pierce....	M	Arthur W. Pierce.....	Jennie A. Smart.....		Mechanic.....	Turkey.....	Concord.....
25	Raymond C. Keeser....	M	Frank L. Keeser.....	Minnie Wilson.....		".....	Deleware, Ohio.....	Windsor, Ca.....

## Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year ending December 31, 1902.

Date and Place of marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age—Years	Occupat'n of Groom & Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.		Birthplace of Parents.	Occupat'n.	Name, Residence, and Official Station of Person by whom married.
						Father.	Mother.			
November 26	Jeremiah M. Holt.....	Bennington...	25	Mechanic...	Greenfield....	Jeremiah Holt.....	Josephine A. Holt....			Henry W. Wilson, Justice of the Peace, Bennington.
	Goddie Wilbur.....	Surrey.....	19		Surry.....	Everet E. Wilbur....				
December 15	Harry L. Hibbard.....	Bennington...	45	Mechanic...	Haverhill....	E. B. Hibbard.....	Julia A. Brown.....			M. M. Cheney, Justice of the Peace, Bennington.
	Belle Esterbrook.....	Nashua.....	39		Pepperell....	Henry J. Esterbrook..	H. Williams.....			

## Deaths Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 1902.

Date of death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Occupation.	Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Disease or Cause of Death.
		Years	Months	Days			Father.	Mother.			
Jan 18	Elmer E. Gove.....	41	1	18	Deering.....	M	East Weare...	Allenstown...	Olis W. Gove.....	Mary E. Thompson...	Meningitis.....
Feb 26	Emily Newton.....	81	1	16	Lyndeboro.....	F	Lyndeboro.....	Vermont.....	Crosby Blanchard...	Henrie Kennison....	Pneumonia.....
Mch 10	Lillian Myrtle Spofford	2	2	23	Stoddard.....	F	E. Jaffrey.....	Keene.....	Marcellus E. Spofford	Lucy A. Ellis.....	Meningitis.....
Apr 5	Victor J. Cossitt.....	11	7	Hancock.....	M	S	Canada.....	Switzerland...	Victor Cossitt.....	Rosa Diemond.....	Pneumonia.....
May 23	Michael Cleary.....	102	5	6	Ireland.....	M	Ireland.....	Ireland.....	Timothy Cleary....	Margaret O'Neil....	Old age.....
July 7	Sadie Mabel Fournier.	3	18	Bennington...	F	S	Alton.....	Ireland.....	Maurice J. Fournier	Helen Quimby.....	Acute cerebral.....
Sept. 20	Sarah C. Philbrick....	43	11	Hancock.....	F	M	Westford, Mas	Hopkinton.....	Luther C. Dutton...	Josephine Bruce....	Carcema of uterus
Nov. 26	Charles B. Cram.....	85	122	Antrim.....	M	W	Antrim.....	Windsor.....	Abner Cram.....	Nancy Jones.....	Cancer of stomach
Dec. 6	Dennis P. Cleary.....	39	1	1	Turners Falls...	M	Ireland.....	Ireland.....	Micceal Cleary....		Typhoid fever.....

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief, CYRUS H. PHILBRICK, Town Clerk.





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