



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF PELHAM, N. H.,

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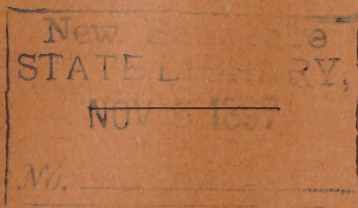
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TOWN WARRANT.

L. S.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*To the inhabitants of the Town of Pelham qualified to vote
in Town Affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Town, on the Eighth day of March next, at One of the clock in the afternoon, to act on the following subjects :

- Art. 1. To choose a moderator for the unexpired term.
- Art. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
- Art. 3. To see how much money the town will vote to raise to defray town charges for the year ensuing.
- Art. 4. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the repair of highways for the year ensuing.
- Art. 5. To see how much of the highway tax the town will vote to pay in money the ensuing year.
- Art. 6. To see how much of the literary fund the town will vote to expend for schooling for the year ensuing.
- Art. 7. To see what disposition the town will vote to make of the dog fund for the year ensuing.
- Art. 8. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for school purposes for the year ensuing.
- Art. 9. To hear and act upon the report of any committee heretofore chosen.
- Art. 10. To see if the town will elect a board of library trustees, and appropriate the money necessary to secure the gift of one hundred dollars' worth of books from the state.
- Art. 11. To see how much money the town will vote to expend on its cemeteries.

Given under our hands and seal this twentieth day of February, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-two.

LUTHER C. RICHARDSON,
CHARLES W. HOBBS,
EZEKIEL C. GAGE,

Selectmen of the Town of Pelham.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1891.

SELECTMEN.

LUTHER C. RICHARDSON, CHARLES W. HOBBS,
* NELSON WEBSTER, † EZEKIEL C. GAGE.

TOWN CLERK.

CHARLES W. HOBBS.

TOWN TREASURER.

JOHN WOODBURY.

FISH AND GAME WARDENS.

WILLIS H. ATWOOD, HENRY LEWIS,
WILLIAM D. PAXTON.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

AMOS BATCHELDER, M. D.

AUDITORS.

GEORGE S. BUTLER, FREDERIC A. CUTTER,
DANIEL MARSHALL.

FENCE VIEWERS.

GEORGE E. STEVENS, ELLSWORTH EMERY,
STEPHEN B. DONOVAN.

SURVEYORS AND CORDERS OF WOOD AND MEASURERS OF LUMBER.

DANIEL MARSHALL,	CHARLES L. SEAVEY,
GEORGE H. CURRIER,	FREDERIC A. CUTTER,
RICHARD B. HILLMAN,	GEORGE S. BUTLER,
CHARLES W. HOBBS,	JONA. N. WOODMAN,
LUTHER C. RICHARDSON,	WILLIAM G. BUTLER.

* Deceased.

† Appointed to fill vacancy.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

PATRICK J. COGGER, CHARLES M. HARDY,
ORLANDO W. SPAULDING, DANIEL M. WEBSTER,
GEORGE H. CURRIER, WARREN SHERBURNE.

SCHOOL BOARD.

HENRY S. RUSS, GEORGE S. BUTLER,
AUGUSTUS BERRY.

SEXTON.

KIMBALL J. CHAPLIN.

TAX COLLECTOR.

FRANK M. WOODBURY.

SUPERVISORS.

DANIEL N. ATWOOD, GEORGE H. CURRIER,
D. G. B. BURNS.

Selectmen's Report.

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM, TAKEN APRIL 1, 1891.

Polls, 202.....	\$20,200 00
Real estate.....	383,245 00
Horses, 273.....	18,700 00
Oxen, 12.....	600 00
Cows, 985.....	20,141 00
Other neat stock, 149.....	2,010 00
Sheep, 17.....	50 00
Hogs, 71.....	481 00
Fowls, 1,440.....	695 00
Carriages, 17.....	1,095 00
Bank stock.....	2,800 00
Money at interest.....	17,306 00
Stock in trade.....	14,239 00
Mills and machinery.....	10,800 00
Total.....	<u>\$492,362 00</u>

TAXES ASSESSED IN THE YEAR 1891.

State tax.....	\$1,295 00
County tax.....	939 73
For schools.....	906 50
repairing school-houses.....	200 00
highways.....	2,000 00
overlay.....	75 23
Total.....	<u>\$5,416 46</u>
Highway tax for the year 1890, returned by highway surveyors.....	26 36
Making a total committed to the collector for collection for the year 1891.....	<u>\$5,442 82</u>

Rate of taxation: \$11.00 on \$1,000.

PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.**SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.**

Paid Luther C. Richardson, for the year ending March, 1891.....	\$70 00
Charles W. Hobbs, for the year ending March, 1891.	60 00
Wm. H. Peabody, for the year ending March, 1891.	35 00

TOWN CLERK.

Paid Daniel P. Atwood, for the year ending March, 1891.	30 00
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TOWN TREASURER.

Paid Enoch M. Marsh, for the year ending March, 1891..	40 00
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SCHOOL BOARD.

Paid Augustus Berry, for the year ending March, 1891..	40 00
Frederic A. Cutter, for the year ending March, 1891.	20 00

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK.

Paid Nathan S. Sleeper, for the year ending March, 1892.	10 00
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COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Paid Frank M. Woodbury, for the year 1890.....	70 00
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SEXTON.

Paid Kimball J. Chaplin, for the year ending March, 1892.....	60 50
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\$435 50

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid George S. Butler, Treasurer of School Board, town appropriation for schools for 1891.....	\$906 50
Literary fund of 1890.....	151 94
Dog fund of 1890.....	113 00

\$1,171 44

SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Paid J. N. Woodman, chairman of committee, for repair of school-house on Gage Hill, balance of bill of 1890.....	\$12 61
George S. Butler, Treasurer of School Board, balance of appropriation of 1890.....	12 31
George S. Butler, appropriation of 1891.....	200 00

\$224 92

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid State Treasurer, amount of state tax.	\$1,295 00
County Treasurer, amount of county tax.	939 73
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	\$2,234 73

TOWN HALL.

Paid Woodbury and Atwood for articles furnished Town Hall for the year ending March 1, 1892.	\$6 46
Frank Stickney, for services as janitor of Town Hall for the year ending March 1, 1892.	19 60
for washing articles used in hall and for wax used in hall.	3 00
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	\$29 06

COST OF CHANDELIER.

Paid Wheeler Reflector Co., for lamps and fixtures, including two bracket lamps, delivered at Lowell.	\$50 00
for bringing from Lowell and putting the same in position in hall, including lumber and iron used.	5 58
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	\$55 58

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid David W. Kent, surveyor of District No. 1, for 1890, for labor on highways above appropriation.	\$16 00
Charles M. Hardy, surveyor of District No. 2, for 1890, for labor on highway in May, 1891.	10 50
William J. Livingston, surveyor of District No. 5, for 1890, for labor on highway in May, 1891.	1 65
L. C. Richardson, for labor repairing Hutchinson Bridge and lumber for the same.	1 50

BEAVER BROOK BRIDGE ON MONMOUTH ROAD AT WINDHAM LINE.

Paid for lumber.	\$57 35
teaming the same from Nashua.	7 24
spikes.	1 35
labor.	13 25
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Whole amount expended.	\$79 19
One-half of this amount paid by Pelham.	39 60
Paid P. J. Cogger, surveyor of District No. 1, part of appropriation for 1891.	250 00
C. M. Hardy, surveyor of District No. 2, part of appropriation for 1891.	250 00
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<i>Amount carried forward.</i>	\$569 25

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$569 25
Paid O. W. Spaulding, surveyor of District No. 3, part of appropriation for 1891.....	100 00
D. M. Webster, surveyor of District No. 4, appropriation for 1891.....	300 00
G. H. Currier, surveyor of District No. 5, part of appropriation for 1891.....	285 00
Warren Sherburne, surveyor of District No. 6, part of appropriation for 1891.....	60 00
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	\$1,314 25

AID TO DEPENDENT SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Paid James A. Foster, for goods furnished J. S. Manning from February 26, to October 6, 1891....	\$43 03
Daniel Marshall, for wood furnished said Manning.	2 00
H. O. Smith, M. D., for professional services.....	8 00
L. C. Richardson, for provisions and money furnished said Manning.....	8 80
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	\$61 83

This amount has been repaid by the town of Derry.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Wesley Sawyer, M. D., for reporting births and deaths for the years 1889 and 1890.....	\$5 25
Morning Mail Co., for printing town reports.....	27 44
D. P. Atwood, for recording births and deaths.....	3 60
Jonas Keyes, for keeping public watering place for the year ending March 1, 1891.....	3 00
Estate of J. E. Butler, for keeping public watering place for two years ending March 1, 1892.....	6 00
P. J. Cogger, for keeping public watering place part of year ending March 1, 1892.....	2 00
M. V. B. Green, for record book.....	5 00
M. V. B. Green, for collector's book and blanks....	1 55
Geo. Tyler, for casting for road machine.....	1 50
J. Hadlock, for casting for road machine.....	1 65
American Express Co., for express on castings....	40
Rei Hills, for work-in cemetery.....	1 00
L. C. Richardson, for keeping fifteen tramps.....	7 50
L. C. Richardson, for cash paid for warrants, stationary and postage.....	68
K. J. Chaplin, for care of Gorrell lot.....	5 00
L. C. Richardson, for 5 M shingles delivered at the cemetery.....	13 50
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	\$85 07

SNOW BILLS.

Paid Chas. Brown, for work in March, 1891	\$2 00
A. K. Tallant, " " "	50
D. E. Simpson, " " "	2 23
Jos. Richardson, " " "	1 83
C. M. Hardy, " " "	4 05
J. A. Hobbs, " " "	2 25
O. W. Spaulding, " " "	2 00
C. H. Wyman, " " "	78
Samuel Kelley, " " "	6 95
Young & Lawson, " " "	6 00
Geo. Brown, " " "	75
I. W. Holt, " " "	30
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	\$29 64

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Zacheus Coburn, highway tax of 1889	\$1 95
John F. Johnston, dog tax of 1890	3 00
Chas. de Chantal, tax of 1890	69
Chas. de Chantal, tax of 1891	1 10
Amos Jackson, tax of 1890	2 66
Warren Balch, tax of 1891	1 10
John Carr, highway tax for 1891	5 52
J. T. Farmer, highway tax for 1891	5 90
W. H. Helm, highway tax for 1891	4 08
Oscar Reisman, highway tax for 1891	3 28
Daniel L. Colburn, highway tax for 1891	1 76
Asa Clough, tax for 1891	1 10
John F. Johnston, tax for 1891	1 10
Herbert Kendall, tax for 1891	1 10
Wili B. Lewis, tax for 1891	1 10
N. B. Witherell, tax for 1891	1 10
Daniel Gage, part of tax for 1891	5 50
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	\$42 04

The selectmen have abated the entire dog tax of 1891.

RECAPITULATION.

Paid town officers	\$435 50
school money	1,171 44
school-houses	224 92
state and county tax	2,234 73
town hall	29 06
cost of chandelier	55 58
roads and bridges	1,314 25
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$5,455 48

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$5,465 48
Paid dependent soldiers	61 83
miscellaneous	85 07
snow bills	29 64
abatement of taxes	42 04
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	\$5,634 06

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1892 ..	\$2,173 49
Balance in collector's hands	787 37
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	\$2,960 86

LIABILITIES.

Literary fund for 1891	\$180 00
Balance due the highway districts	755 00
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	935 00
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Balance in favor of the town	\$2,025 86

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER C. RICHARDSON,
CHARLES W. HOBBS,
EZEKIEL C. GAGE,

Selectmen of Pelham.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer respectfully submits the following report for the year ending March 1, 1892 :

DR.

To amount of cash received from E. M. Marsh, former treasurer, including \$151.94 literary fund and \$113.00 dog fund.....	\$1,352 10
Received of Frank Stickney for use of hall.....	52 80
K. J. Chaplin, for three cemetery lots.....	3 00
State Treasurer, savings bank tax.....	729 56
“ “ railroad tax.....	125 77
“ “ literary fund.....	180 00
F. M. Woodbury, taxes of 1890 list.....	455 25
“ “ “ “ 1891 list.....	4,684 67
Town of Derry, for paupers.....	61 83
Charles W. Hobbs, for dog licenses.....	187 27
Selectmen. interest on Gorrell fund.....	25 30
	\$7,857 55

CR.

By cash paid on sundry orders issued by the selectmen .	5,684 06
Leaving amount of cash in treasury, March 1, 1892, including \$180.00 literary fund, \$187 27 of dog fund and \$20.30 Gorrell fund, so called.....	\$2,173 49

JOHN WOODBURY,
Town Treasurer.

The undersigned, Auditor of the town of Pelham, find the Selectmen have issued orders to the amount of \$5,684.06, and that said orders are properly receipted. I also find that the Treasurer has received \$7,857.55, and has paid orders above mentioned, leaving a balance in the treasury to the amount of \$2,173.49.

FREDERIC A. CUTTER,
Auditor.

VITAL STATISTICS.

In compliance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, I hereby submit the following report:

Marriages Registered in the Town of Pelham, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1891.

Date of Marriage, 1891.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in Years.	Color.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Number of Marriages.	Name, Residence, and Official Station of person by whom married.
Feb. 14	Pelham.	Willie B. Lewis....	Pelham.....	22		Shoemaker	Pelham.....	Henry Lewis	Dracut, Mass.....	1st	Augustus Berry, Clergyman, Pelham.
		Lizzie M. Coburn....	Pelham.....	20		Housek'pr	Pelham.....	Ann E.	Pelham.....	1st	
Sept. 2	"	Milton Burtl.....	Lowell, Mass	41	All white.	Jeweler...	Pelham.....	William Coburn.....	Dracut, Mass.....	1st	
		Sustie E. Snow.....	Lowell, Mass	36		Dress-mkr.	St. Johns'by, Vt	Kate L.	Chelmsford, Mass.....	1st	Augustus Berry, Clergyman, Pelham.
Sept. 7	"	George W. Tebbetts	Chelsea, Ms.	24		Lawyer....	Ossipee, N. H.	Nancy E.	Pelham.....	1st	
		Mary Wilbur.....	Chelsea, Ms.	26		Housek'pr	P. E. Island...	James Snow.....	2nd	Charles W. Hobbs, Justice, Pelham.
								Dora.....	2nd	
								Geo. W. Tebbetts		
								Ada.....	Limerick, Me.....		
								Thomas Morrison...	P. E. Island.....		
								Sarah.....	P. E. Island.....		

Births Registered in the Town of Pelham, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1891.

Name of Child.	Date of Birth, 1891.	Living or Still-born.	Sex of Child.	Color.	No. of Birth.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Residence of Parents.	Color of Parents.	Occupation of Parents.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Wyman.....	Feb. 27	L.	F.		6th	Clarence M. Wyman	Jennie Trett.....	Pelham..	All white	Farmer.....	Pelham.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
Johnston.....	Mar. 1	S.	"		4th	John F. Johnston...	Sarah J. Murray...	"		Farmer.....	Sebec, Me.....	Bridgewater, Mass.
Emery.....	Mar. 12	L.	M.		2nd	Ellsworth Emery...	Ada L. Blanchard...	"		Laborer.....	Newfield, Me.....	Greenfield, N. H.
Manning.....	Apr. 14	"	"		5th	Joseph S. Manning...	Eva Withereil.....	"		Painter.....	Chelsea, Mass.....	Jerico, Vt.
Searles.....	Apr. 23	"	"		6th	Albert F. Searles...	Sarah T. Fletcher...	"		Laborer.....	Pelham.....	Newbury, N. H.
Hillman.....	Apr. 27	"	"		4th	Frank H. Hillman...	Alice M. Greeley...	"		Carpenter...	Pelham.....	Pelham.
Mary Sarah Greenwood.....	May 29	"	F.		7th	Joseph Greenwood...	Mary S. Brassiere...	"		Laborer.....	Canada.....	Canada.
Green.....	June 6	"	M.		1st	Edward Hyde.....	Mary E. Green.....	"		Physician...	Hyde, England...	Lowell, Mass.
Beryl Gladys Hyde.....	Sept. 10	"	F.		2nd	Chas. H. Alexander...	Estelle Proper.....	"		Farmer.....	Manchester, N. H.	Waterville, N. H.
Alexander.....	Sept. 20	"	"		1st	Charles W. Hobbs...	Jennie M. Young...	"		Carpenter...	Pelham.....	Manchester, N. H.
Hobbs.....	Oct. 5	"	M.		9th	Andrew K. Tallant...	Abbie J. Sleeper...	"		Farmer.....	Pelham.....	Lowell, Mass.
Tallant.....	Oct. 6	"	"		8th		Angie L. Roby.....	"		Farmer.....	Meredith, N. H....	Lawrence, Mass.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Pelham, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1891.

Name of Deceased.	Date of Death, 1891.	Sex of Deceased.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Age.			Occupation.	Place of Birth.	Disease or Cause of Death.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
					Years.	Months.	Days.							
James E. Butler.....	Jan. 20 M.	M.			47	10	24	Farmer.....	Pelham.....	Pneumonia.....	Asa Butler.....	Phoebe Roby.....	Pelham.....	Nashua, N. H.
Mary G. Butler.....	Feb. 21 F.	W.			81			Housewife.....	Windham, N. H.	Apoplexy.....	David Gregg.....	Anderson.....	Windham, N. H.	Londond'y, N. H.
Alfred S. Smith.....	Mar. 1 M.	W.			73		22	Wheelerwright	Pelham.....	Pneumonia.....	John F. Johnston	Sarah J. Murray	Sebec, Me.....	Bridgewater, Ms.
Moses Johnson.....	Mar. 19 M.	M.			70	6	—	Farmer.....	Dunbart'n, N. H.	Pneumonia.....	Timothy Johnson	Hannah Hoyt...	Derry, N. H.....	Dunbarton, N. H.
Mary Farmer.....	Mar. 25 F.	W.			90	7	—	Housewife.....	Pelham.....	Old age.....	Simeon Farmer...	Mary Noyes.....	Chelmsford, Ms.	Audover, Mass.
Alfred K. Smith.....	May 8 M.	M.			35	1	4	Farmer.....	Pelham.....	Pneumonia.....	Alfred S. Smith	Caroline Gibson.	Hudson, N. H.....	Pelham.
Eliza J. Whitehouse	May 30 F.	M.			81	9	—	Housewife.....	Pelham.....	Pneumonia.....	Thomas Spofford	Enos Hardy.....	Pelham.....	Hudson, N. H.
Sarah A. Sleeper.....	June 4 F.	W.			75	8	16	Housewife.....	Pelham.....	Heart Disease...	Enos Hardy.....	Philom'ne Seward	Pelham.....	Canada.
Archille Masse.....	July 21 M.	M.			79	2	17	Housewife.....	Lowell, Mass.	Cholera Infantum.	Ambrois Masse...	Philom'ne Seward	Pelham.....	Canada.
Nancy E. Burt.....	Aug. 10 F.	W.			79	7	10	Housewife.....	Pelham.....	Heart Disease...	Eben Ellenwood	Sarah T. Fletcher	Pelham.....	Newbury, N. H.
Wesley S. Searles.....	Sept. 27 M.	S.			52	1	9	Farmer.....	Pelham.....	Congest'n of Brain	Albert F. Searles	Sally T. Baker.....	Pelham.....	Manchester, N. H.
Nelson Webster.....	Oct. 7 M.	W.			52	4	22	Farmer.....	Pelham.....	Typhoid Fever...	Mark H. Webster	Betsy Palmer...	Pelham.....	Methuen, Mass.
Joseph C. Heath.....	Nov. 9 M.	W.			84	6	—	Farmer.....	Methuen, Mass.	Fever.....	Jesse Heath.....	Betsy Palmer...	Salem, N. H.....	Methuen, Mass.

* Stillborn.

The following persons, former residents of this town, were brought here for burial: Charles C. Mann, aged 42 years, died in Chicago, Ill., April 22, 1891; Moses Gibson, aged 60 years, died in Lowell, Mass., August 27, 1891.

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHARLES W. HOBBS, Town Clerk.

DOG LICENSES, 1891.

No. of dogs licensed.....		93
Males.....	85	
Females.....	8	
Received for dog licenses.....		\$209 67
Fees.....	\$18 60	
Paid for record book, licenses, and express charges.....	3 80	
	<hr/>	22 40
Balance paid town treasurer.....		<hr/> \$187 27

CHARLES W. HOBBS, *Town Clerk.*

REPORT

OF

THE SCHOOL BOARD

OF THE

TOWN OF PELHAM,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1892.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

HENRY S. RUSS, -	-	Term Expires March, 1892.
GEORGE S. BUTLER,	-	Term Expires March, 1893.
AUGUSTUS BERRY, -	-	Term Expires March, 1894.

R E P O R T .

The Board of Education in presenting the statistics that the law requires, offer a few remarks on the condition of the schools, the work of the year, and the needs of the cause of education.

THE WORK OF THE SCHOOLS.

There has been excellent work in the schools the past year. There are some fine scholars, so much advanced that it is difficult to find teachers of sufficient attainments to teach them, even among those of much experience in the common school. The Board of Education have kept constantly in mind the kind and character of the work the teachers were doing and have watched the foundation they were laying, for there has been much laying of foundations the past year. In each of the schools there has been fine classes of beginners, and the more advanced classes have labored to correct the defects of their elementary studies. The work of the schools has been much hindered by irregular attendance consequent upon the sickness that has been so prevalent.

TEACHERS.

The teacher is the prime factor in education. Given a teacher that loves the work and engages in it with all his soul, who has true scholarship and some stores of knowledge that he increases every day, who understands something of children's minds, sympathizes with them, takes them into his own heart and life, and the work of the school is secure. But the work of the teacher is not altogether instruction in the studies of school. Education must have character as its foundation or it is of little worth to either the individual or

community. The amount of education needful for the necessities of mere living is small; but the amount of character necessary is large. All kinds of wrong habits and tendencies, such as rudeness, frivolity, idleness, and even vice, are wont to be contracted at school; and the suppression of everything of this nature is of far more importance than the studies of school. There is need of a better idea of the teacher's work and qualifications for it. His scholarship should be thorough. He should have the ability to inspire his pupils to high attainments and a heart that embraces them with a tender and restraining moral force.

It is difficult to secure teachers of the right stamp for our schools. This comes in part from the wages we pay and the difficulty in obtaining board near the school-house. The number of teachers of the right qualification is comparatively small, and such readily find positions superior in compensation and privileges to the schools of our town. The problem of how to secure teachers of the right standard for our schools is a serious one.

SOME MISTAKEN NOTIONS IN REGARD TO BOTH THE TEACHERS AND THE SCHOOLS.

Often times a teacher and school of much merit is rated low, while another of little merit is rated high. There is a certain kind of literary veneering and varnish that passes for the solid wood, a kind of counterfeit character that is current with the genuine. There are no absolute standards in judging teachers and schools. Everything must be relative. A school may have many conspicuous faults and still be worth more than another that has no apparent defects. A teacher may be unsatisfactory in many particulars and still it may be very unwise to make a change. There are merits that outweigh the faults, merits that it would be difficult to find in a teacher of a more symmetrical make-up. It is better to endure trying, perhaps exasperating, things for the good that could not otherwise be obtained. There are conditions when

it is absolutely necessary to take inexperience—indeed inexperience must have its opportunity or soon there will be no experience for any place. It is sometimes necessary to take a stranger with the chance that he may fall far below the recommendations that he brings. It does not follow that because a teacher has been successful in one school that he will be in another, or because he has been unsuccessful in one that he will be in others. The Board of Education have not been able to equip each of the schools as they wished, but they did the best that they could under the conditions. There has been good and faithful work in each of the schools, and in the comparison of the results the inequality is not great.

THE NEED OF THE CAUSE OF EDUCATION.

This is an enlightened and active public sentiment. The public need to understand that the same laws pertain to the cause of education as to other causes. In all other interests of society there is a demand for progress, a belief in improvements, a faith in the future that leaves behind that which the age has out-lived and welcomes that which the new age and changed conditions in society demand. Consequently, in the conduct of the general affairs of life, there has been a complete change from the time of the organization of the towns of our state to the present day. Institutions abide, are permanent, but their usefulness enlarges, the mode of their conduct changes.

PUBLIC INTEREST IN EDUCATION.

This involves thinking, speaking, patient investigation and generous action. There is an interest that is constructive and another that is destructive. There is an interest that literally paralyzes everything it touches; and another that infuses life into everything contiguous. There is much of the former in connection with the cause of public school education. This is born of a prejudice that springs from a

want of knowledge. As a general fact, the public gives no candid, earnest thought to the cause of education. There is no study of educational systems, no reading of educational journals, no attending educational conventions, not enough visiting of the schools to know their methods, or even to understand if they have any. There is a slang phrase, "*Sit down upon it,*" which expresses very clearly the attitude of the public to this cause, which cause may be likened to a noble ship stranded in the mud by the out-going tide—and the great public sits down upon it, and uses no means and makes no effort to float it into the deep waters of an enlightened public sentiment. There is no subject of such importance to the public welfare as public education. The school-house should be revered and sacredly kept from everything that will tarnish or pollute. There should be a strong desire, a thoughtful curiosity to see and understand the work of the school-room. New methods should be hailed with the acclamation that meets all the improvements in art and the business of life. Progress should be expected here. There should be a looking for and studying for better methods and systems. Each good citizen should assist in giving efficiency to all advance in modes of administration; and such modes as are gray and damp with the mold of three quarters of a century upon them, should give place to those born of the fresh thought and new life of a later time. The friends of education should not be looking backward to the past but onward to the future. They should not be grieving for and clinging to the setting sun and the gray of the evening, but looking onward to the rising sun and the crimson freshness of the morning of a new day.

THE DIVERSION AND DISSIPATING OF SCHOOL INTEREST.

The public has a responsibility here. Ought that diverts from the interest of the school, damages the school, brings sickness and disease upon the intellectual character and real life of the pupils, and undermines not only the individual life,

but the life of the state and the nation. Diversions of every kind should be estimated from the standpoint of how the interest of the young in solid improvement will be affected by them. There can be no compensation for the loss of the interest of a single young person in solid improvement.

SCHOOL-HOUSES.

The town may be proud of her school houses. They increase the value of the property of the town many fold beyond their cost. It is true economy to keep them in perfect repair. Two were painted and put in perfect repair last year and another should be this year, and voluntary effort should lend a cheerful hand in cleaning school-house yards and grading when it is needed.

FREE TEXT-BOOKS.

They have greatly increased the efficiency of the schools. Generally they have been well kept, but public sentiment can greatly assist in the care of them.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SCHOOLS.

In the past this town has been generous in these appropriations. This year it should not be less than \$1,200, and if there is any diminution in the amount of the literary fund and dog tax, it should be more.

ROLL OF HONOR.

This, though not exactly fair in some cases, has an importance in stimulating to constancy and punctuality in attendance.

The following have attended each day the past year and had no tardy marks: Georgie L. Hobbs, Clarence A. Stickney, Frank P. Gage, Albert J. Richardson, Ina G. Kelley, Jerry Smith, Newton W. Smith, Nettie G. Butler, Susie M. Cutter, Armine H. Marsh, Freddie A. Cutter.

Russell D. Butler and Joe L. Marsh were absent one day in the year on account of sickness.

Clarence A. Stickney and Georgie L. Hobbs have not been absent or tardy for six years, Frank P. Gage for four years.

The following have a perfect record for two terms: Max C. Richardson, Milan C. Stickney, Ethel H. Webster.

George Eastman had a perfect record for the two first terms and into the sixth week of the third term, when he was taken sick.

The following have a perfect record for a single term: Asa Carlton, Daniel Carlton, Guy Lewis, John Peabody, Carrie Carlton, Ella Currier, Nettie Currier, Lizzie Clough, Bessie B. Tallant, Frank E. Marsh, Florence A. Cutter, Maria Greenwood, Nathan Greenwood, Otis Titcomb, Cummings Titcomb, Addie Titcomb, Flossie Titcomb, Freddie Worcester, Oscar Reissman, Clarence Muldoon, Mary C. Atwood, Mabel A. Richardson, Marion L. Richardson, Sadie E. Hobbs, Carrie M. Stickney, Chester A. Richardson, Arthur P. Atwood, Frank Cogger.

STATISTICS.

The Board of Education designed that five of the schools should be 31 weeks each, but on account of sickness No. 1 had only 29, No. 4 had 30, and No. 6 had 19. The terms were designed to be 9, 10, and 12 weeks respectively.

SCHOOL No. 1.—Miss Julia A. Bixby, of Lowell, Mass., teacher. Number of different scholars the first and second terms, 23; the third term, 22; for the year, 24; boys, 11; girls, 13; average daily attendance for the year, 20. All attended to reading, spelling, writing, arithmetic, and geography; 19 to grammar and composition, 18 to drawing and history, 16 to vocal music, 1 to book-keeping and 4 to algebra. Wages of teacher, \$256.50. Miscellaneous expenses, \$31.03.

SCHOOL No. 2.—Miss Katie F. Lee, teacher. Number of different scholars the first term, 32; the second and third terms, 36; for the year, 37; boys, 17; girls, 20; average daily attendance for the year, 29. All attended to reading, spelling, writing, arithmetic, and vocal music; 18 to geography, 29 to grammar, 9 to history, 19 to composition, 8 to algebra, and 1 to geometry. Wages of teacher, \$248. Miscellaneous expenses, \$50.10.

SCHOOL No. 3.—Mrs. Lizzie L. Eastman, teacher. Number of different scholars the first and third terms, 17; the second term, 15; for the year, 22; boys, 10; girls, 12; average daily attendance for the year, 14. All attended to reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic and vocal music; 7 to geography, 12 to grammar, 2 to history and composition, and 1 to book-keeping and algebra. Wages of teacher, \$248. Miscellaneous expenses, \$24.64.

SCHOOL No. 4.—Miss Ella F. Cogger, teacher. Number of different scholars the first term, 21; the second term, 28; the third term, 24; for the year, 28; boys, 16; girls, 12; average daily attendance for the year, 17. All attended to reading, spelling, writing, arithmetic and vocal music; 13 to composition, 5 to physiology and history, and 2 to algebra. Wages of teacher, \$240. Miscellaneous expenses, \$26.23.

SCHOOL No. 5.—Miss Clara J. M. Gage, of Hudson, Miss Annie F. Davis, of Haverhill, Mass., and Mr. Henry A. Wood, teachers. Number of different scholars the first and second terms, 27; the third term, 23; for the year, 33; boys, 17; girls, 16; average daily attendance for the year, 21. All attended to reading, spelling, writing, arithmetic and vocal music; 14 to geography, 17 to grammar, 3 to composition, 3 to book-keeping, and 5 to algebra. Wages of teachers, \$248. Miscellaneous expenses, \$12.53.

SCHOOL No. 6.—Mrs. Jennie K. Sherburne, teacher. First term 4 scholars; second, 3; average attendance, 3; number of different scholars, 4; boys, 2; girls, 2. All attended to reading, spelling, writing and arithmetic, and 1 to grammar and geography. Wages of teacher, \$95. Three scholars from Tyngsborough attended this school, making the number of pupils 7.

The amount expended for teachers and miscellaneous expenses, \$1,480.03. Number of scholars attending school during the year, 148; boys, 73; girls, 78. Expense per scholar \$10. Amount expended for text books and school supplies, \$63.86. The amount per scholar, \$0.431.

AUGUSTUS BERRY,

For the Board of Education.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Of the Board of Education for the Year ending March 1, 1892.

The Treasurer of the Board charges himself as follows:

DR.

To cash received of treasurer of School Board of 1891..	\$901 38
interest received of treasurer of School Board of 1891.....	10 00
received of H. S. Russ, unexpended balance of order No. 1.....	6 38
received of Mrs. Jennie K. Sherburne, at sundry times, for tuition of Tyngsborough scholars..	8 00
received of selectmen, town appropriation for 1891.....	906 50
received of selectmen, "literary fund," 1890...	151 94
received of selectmen, "dog fund," 1890.....	113 00
received of H. S. Russ, for apples sold from school-house yard of District No. 4.....	5 50
received of selectmen, town appropriation for repair of school-houses, 1891.....	200 00
received of selectmen, unexpended balance of town appropriation for repair of school-houses, 1890.....	12 31
Total received	<u>\$2,315 01</u>

CR.

By sundry orders, drawn by chairman of School Board, amounting to.....	<u>\$1,733 96</u>
Leaving cash on hand March 1, 1892.....	\$581 05

BOOK ACCOUNT FOR 1891.

DR.

To cash received of treasurer of School Board, 1890. \$155 08

CR.

By sundry orders, drawn by chairman of School Board,
amounting to \$63 86

Leaving a balance in the treasury March 1, 1892, of \$91 22

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. S. BUTLER,

Treasurer School Board.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the School Board of the town of Pelham, for the year ending March 1st, 1892, find the chairman of the School Board has issued orders on the treasurer to the amount of \$1,797.82, and we find that the treasurer of the School Board has received \$2,470.09, and has paid orders above mentioned, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$672.27.

FRANK M. WOODBURY,
GEO. H. CURRIER,

Auditors.

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