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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN APRIL 1, 1896.

Real estate,	\$351,330 00
210 polls,	21,000 00
339 horses,	18,890 00
54 oxen,	2,448 00
349 cows,	9,223 00
6 neat,	185 00
786 sheep,	1,527 00
3 hogs,	22 00
21 carriages,	2,115 00
Stock in public funds,	100 00
Stock in banks,	20,398 00
Stock in trade,	20,210 00
Money on hand and at interest,	20,725 00
Mills and machinery,	14,750 00
Total,	\$482 923 00

Rate of taxation, \$1.27 on \$1.00.

AMOUNT OF TAX REQUIRED BY LAW AND VOTE OF TOWN.

State tax,	\$1,235 00
County tax,	682 40
School tax,	1,600 00
Highway tax,	1,500 00
Ordinary town charges,	500 00
Town library,	74 10

Interest on Kingsbury fund,	\$36 36
Bonds and interest,	344 00
Percentage,	161 35
Total,	\$6,133 21

ORDERS DRAWN TO PAY TOWN OFFICERS.

H. W. Raymond, digging grave,	\$5 00
F. M. Forristall, services as selectman, 1895,	75 00
J. S. Prouty, services as selectman, 1895,	90 00
E. M. Smith, services as moderator,	3 00
A. J. Belden, services as selectman, 1895,	67 00
John Hodskins, digging grave,	3 00
John Hodskins, digging grave,	5 00
J. A. Linsley, digging grave,	3 00
E. M. Smith, services as moderator,	4 00
G. G. Banks, services as supervisor, (for two years),	15 00
F. A. Wright, services as supervisor,	10 00
C. M. Dodge, services as supervisor,	10 00
John Hodskins, digging grave,	2 00
E. M. Smith, retainer and counsel fees,	10 00
F. L. Prentiss, services as town clerk,	25 00
F. J. Marvin, services as town treasurer,	45 00
F. J. Marvin, services as treasurer school board,	10 00
F. B. Trow, digging six graves,	19 00
H. A. Clough, services as auditor,	2 00
Orr Wallace, services as hearse driver,	2 00
S. G. Anderson, services as taking care town clock,	12 75
G. M. Rogers, services as town and dog constable,	4 00
C. M. Dodge, services as police and constable,	4 00
C. H. Cooke, services as member school board,	25 00
C. H. Cooke, services as janitor, hall,	14 00
C. H. Cooke, services as election officer,	2 00
M. E. Knight, services as election officer,	2 00
James Davis, services as election officer,	2 00
F. D. Messer, services as election officer,	2 00
Geo. A. Mayo, services as member school board,	28 00

W. W. Dinsmore, services as tax collector,	\$75 00
W. W. Dinsmore, services as hearse driver,	18 50
John F. Dickey, services as auditor,	2 00
Mrs. Ina L. Putnam, services as member school board,	20 00
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	\$616 25

ORDERS DRAWN FOR ORDINARY TOWN
CHARGES.

Geo. I. Putnam, printing town reports,	\$25 00
R. E. Gates, abatement on watering trough, 1895,	2 00
L. K. Osborn, abatement on watering trough,	2 00
G. P. Kingsbury, painting signs,	1 25
G. I. Putnam, printing,	1 25
J. P. Kemp, abatement on watering trough,	2 00
Edson C. Eastman, two record books,	20 00
Geo. P. Kingsbury, painting fence, new cemetery,	4 58
F. J. Webster, painting fence, new cemetery,	4 73
W. H. Banfil, fire extinguisher,	15 00
F. E. Nesmith, one-half expenses running Alstead and Surry town line and two stone posts,	6 50
Chas. E. Ellis, abatement on watering trough,	2 00
E. A. Jones, one-half expense surveying Marlow and Alstead town line,	9 00
C. L. Barker, tuning piano,	2 00
J. A. Rawson, abatement on watering trough,	3 00
D. J. Bond, abatement for over tax,	64
J. S. Prouty, expense to Keene, five times and inci- dentals,	8 00
Ware & Kent, repairs on scraper and iron work, new cemetery,	12 15
J. D. Colony, printing town reports in 1891,	38 50
Andrew Chandler, abatement for watering trough,	2 00
J. F. Dickey, abatement for watering trough,	3 00
F. L. Prentiss, returning births, deaths and marriages,	6 40
F. L. Prentiss, blank books, stationery, etc.,	3 29
R. F. Oliver, returning births and deaths,	3 50

C. A. Milliken, abatement on watering trough,	\$2 00
J. W. Lyman, abatement on watering trough,	2 00
Edmund Cadarett, shingling Phillips place,	4 00
E. M. Smith, insurance town house,	20 00
J. F. Dickey, gates for new cemetery, and work on election booths,	6 00
J. Taylor, returning births,	75
S. G. Anderson, oil and chimneys, town hall,	4 41
I. A. Loveland, returning births and deaths,	1 25
W. H. Spalter, collector's book and blank bonds,	2 11
F. J. Marvin, wood and oil, town hall, paint for new cemetery, telephone messenger, and shingles for Phillips place,	40 27
F. J. Marvin, treasurer school board, literary fund,	146 16
S. H. Clement, abatement for overtax,	2 00
R. E. Gates, abatement for watering trough,	2 00
W. W. Dinsmore, abatement of taxes,	9 54
Marshall Perkins, returning births and deaths,	1 50
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	\$421 78

HIGHWAY AND BRIDGES.

A. A. Clark, labor and cash paid on highway in March,	\$35 79
A. A. Clark, labor and cash paid on highway in April,	70 51
A. A. Clark, labor and cash paid on highway in May,	543 17
A. A. Clark, labor and cash paid on highway in June,	423 13
A. A. Clark, labor and cash paid on highway in July and August,	272 25
G. J. Porter, labor on highway in 1895,	80
A. A. Clark, labor and cash paid on highway in September,	85 19
A. A. Clark, labor and cash paid on highway in October and November,	96 88

A. A. Clark, labor and cash paid on highway in December and January,	\$37 26
A. A. Clark, labor and cash paid on highway to February 15, 1897,	48 35
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	\$1,613 60

COUNTY PAUPERS.

James A. Brown, support Rosetta Keyes,	\$6 57
Martha Scott, support of self,	12 00
Martha Scott, support of self,	12 00
J. S. Prouty, board of Allen Thompson, Westmore- land,	3 38
Martha Scott, support of self,	6 00
Martha Scott, support of self,	12 00
Martha Scott, support of self,	6 00
James A. Brown, support of Rosetta Keyes,	29 00
Martha Scott, support of self,	5 35
J. F. Dickey, casket furnished George F. Kenney's child,	8 00
J. F. Dickey, casket furnished for Charles Houghton,	10 00
Martha Scott, support of self,	6 00
Martha Scott, support of self,	6 00
F. J. Marvin, goods furnished Eli Richardson,	6 37
James A. Brown, support Rosetta Keyes,	16 43
Martha Scott, support of self,	12 65
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	\$157 75

TOWN PAUPERS.

L. Wellington, support John Mead,	\$8 00
L. Wellington, support John Mead,	8 00
Nancy Smith, support Abigal Nash,	32 50
L. Wellington, support John Mead,	8 00
Edmund Dinsmore, board Francis Phillips,	22 50
L. Wellington, support John Mead,	8 00
L. Wellington, support John Mead,	8 00
Nancy Smith, support Abigal Nash,	32 50

L. Wellington, support John Mead,	\$8 43
L. Wellington, support John Mead,	9 00
H. A. Clough, board Francis Phillips,	60 00
J. F. Dickey, casket furnished Geo. M. Howard's child,	4 00
Nancy Smith, support Abigal Nash,	32 50
L. Wellington, support John Mead,	20 25
R. F. Oliver, medical attendance Francis Phillips,	6 33
L. Wellington, support John Mead,	9 96
John Hodskins, wood furnished Geo. M. Howard's family,	2 00
H. O. Webster, medicine for Abigal Nash,	1 00
F. J. Marvin, goods furnished Geo. M. Howard's family,	45 50
Nancy Smith, support Abigal Nash,	32 50
E. P. Fish, goods furnished Geo. M. Howard's family,	60 00
S. M. Dinsmore, medical attendance John Mead,	1 25
Clough Bros., board Francis Phillips,	48 21
L. Wellington, guardian, support John Mead,	14 79
Marshall Perkins, medical attendance Abigal Nash and Geo. M. Howard's family,	2 75
H. B. Chapin, keeping tramps,	3 25
L. Wellington, support John Mead,	8 00
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	\$497 22

FIRE PRECINCT.

A. A. Clark, work and lumber on reservoir,	\$5 40
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PUBLIC LIBRARY.

H. A. Lovell, trustee, money for library,	\$8 80
H. A. Lovell, trustee, money for library,	65 30
J. F. Dickey, two book cases for library,	4 00
H. A. Lovell, trustee, balance money appropriated for library in 1895,	9 02
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	\$87 12

DEPENDENT SOLDIER.

F. J. Marvin, goods furnished Charles Moultroup,	\$28 00
F. J. Marvin, goods furnished Charles Moultroup,	24 00
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	\$52 00

DAMAGE DONE BY DOGS.

W. E. Roy, sheep killed by dogs,	\$14 00
Orr Wallace, appraising damages,	1 00
J. W. Lyman, sheep killed by dogs,	2 00
F. D. Messer, sheep killed by dogs,	2 00
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	\$19 00

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

C. H. Cooke, school supplies,	\$34 59
C. H. Cooke, school supplies,	59 52
C. H. Cooke, school supplies,	4 68
C. H. Cooke, school supplies, as balance of dog license,	110 71
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	\$209 50

SULLIVAN CO. DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

H. P. Abbott, meat for Warren W. Howard,	\$10 00
H. A. Lovell, goods furnished Warren W. Howard,	22 00
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	\$32 00

BOUNTY ON HAWKS.

J. S. Prouty, cash paid bounty on hawks,	\$2 25
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RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, February 15, 1896,	\$1,832 64
Receipts during the year,	5,918 23
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Total,	\$7,750 87

DISBURSEMENTS.

Disbursements during the year,	\$6,075 27
Cash on hand February 15, 1897,	1,675 60
Total,	<u>\$7,750 87</u>

DEBT.

Liabilities February 15, 1896,	\$4,083 12
Assets February 15, 1896,	2,050 38
Balance indebtedness February 15, 1896,	<u>\$2,032 74</u>
Liabilities February 15, 1897,	\$3,836 58
Assets February 15, 1897,	1,840 82
Balance indebtedness February 15, 1897,	1,995 76
Decrease of indebtedness during year,	36 98

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1896,	\$1,832 64
Eunice Cheever, note,	100 00
Rent of Francis Phillips place,	23 00
Cash received from county, for county paupers,	154 16
Cash received from county, for dependent soldiers,	52 00
Cash received from G. A. R., rent of rooms,	100 00
Cash received from commissioners, Sullivan county,	32 00
Cash received from H. B. Chapin, license of pool table,	10 00
Savings bank tax,	630 35
Literary fund,	119 17
Railroad tax,	90
Cash for bounty on hawks,	2 25
Cash of C. H. Cooke, for rent of hall,	43 50
Amount of warrant for taxes, W. W. Dinsmore, collector,	4,496 85
Interest on taxes,	21 34
License on dogs,	129 71
Plank sold H. P. Ware,	3 00
	<u>\$7,750 87</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Eunice Cheever's note,	\$100 00
State tax,	1,235 00
County tax,	682 40
Orders drawn to pay town officers,	616 25
Orders drawn to pay for ordinary town charges,	421 78
Orders drawn to pay for highways and bridges,	1,613 60
Orders drawn to pay for county paupers,	157 75
Orders drawn to pay for town paupers,	497 22
Orders drawn to pay for public library,	87 12
Orders drawn to pay dependent soldiers,	52 00
Orders drawn to pay for damages by dogs,	19 00
Orders drawn to pay for fire precinct,	5 40
Orders drawn to pay for school supplies,	209 50
Orders drawn to pay for Sullivan Co. dependent soldiers,	32 00
Orders drawn to pay for bounty on hawks,	2 25
Bond paid,	200 00
Interest paid on bonds,	144 00
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	\$6,075 27
Excess of receipts over disbursements,	\$1,675 60

LIABILITIES.

Kingsbury fund in treasury,	\$606 06
Due school district for literary fund,	119 17
Due fire precinct,	43 90
Due repair cemeteries,	50 58
Town bonds,	3,000 00
Interest on town bonds,	16 87
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	\$3,836 58

ASSETS.

Due for county paupers,	\$42 12
Due for dependent soldiers,	16 85

Due for rent, G. A. R. Post,	\$6 25
Eunice Cheever's note,	100 00
Cash in treasury February 15, 1897,	1,675 60
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	\$1,840 82

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 1897.

State tax estimated,	\$1,250 00
County tax estimated,	1,000 00
Schools estimated,	1,600 00
Ordinary town charges,	700 00
Roads and bridges,	1,500 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. PROUTY,
F. M. FORRISTALL,
A. J. BELDEN,
Selectmen of Alstead.

The undersigned, a board of auditors chosen by the town of Alstead to examine the accounts of the officers of said town, hereby certify that we have attended to the duties assigned to us, and find the accounts of the selectmen properly cast and balanced, and with proper vouchers therefor.

H. D. DICKEY,
JOHN F. DICKEY,
Auditors of town of Alstead.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

Cash in treasury, Feb. 15, 1896,	\$1,832 64
Eunice Cheever's note,	100 00
Received of selectmen, county pauper and depend- ent soldier claims,	206 16
Selectmen, rent Grand Army hall to Jan. 1, 1897,	100 00
Selectmen, rent of Francis Phillips place,	23 00
Selectmen, from Sullivan county commissioners,	32 00
Selectmen, license pool table,	10 00
F. L. Prentiss, town clerk, license on dogs,	129 71
Selectmen, rent of town hall to Feb. 15, 1897,	43 50
Selectmen, bounty on hawks,	2 25
Selectmen, savings bank tax,	630 35
Selectmen, literary fund,	119 17
Selectmen, railroad tax,	90
W. W. Dinsmore, collector, tax for 1896,	4,496 85
W. W. Dinsmore, collector, interest on taxes,	21 34
Selectmen, sale of old bridge plank,	3 00
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	\$7,750 87

CASH PAID OUT OF TREASURY.

Paid orders of selectmen,	\$3,713 87
Eunice Cheever's note,	100 00
E. Porter, town bond,	200 00
E. Porter, coupons on bonds,	144 00
State tax,	1,235 00

County tax,	\$682 40
Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1897,	1,675 60
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	\$7,750 87

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. MARVIN,
Treasurer.

Alstead, N. H., Feb. 16, 1897.

The undersigned, a board of auditors chosen by the town of Alstead, to examine the accounts of the officers of said town, hereby certify that we have attended to the duties assigned to us, and we find the accounts of the treasurer correctly cast and with proper vouchers therefor.

JOHN F. DICKEY,
H. D. DICKEY,
Board of Auditors for the town of Alstead.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

LABOR AND CASH EXPENDED FOR REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS AND BREAKING ROADS.

Cash paid George Hodgkins,	\$6 97
A. A. Clark, labor,	5 45
Cash paid Richard Wilder,	2 00
Alvah Smith,	45
George Dinsmore,	75
A. A. Clark, labor,	5 05
Cash paid Henry Porter, breaking roads,	1 00
J. Nash, breaking roads,	5 72
Charles Cook,	25
Albert Mack,	1 12
Ira Fowler,	60
Lewis & Knight,	1 50
Bertrand Howard,	35
Henry Thayer, breaking roads,	1 55
E. P. Hatch, breaking roads,	3 00
Leslie Osborne, breaking roads,	1 75
George Lakin, breaking roads,	5 00
Clough Brothers, breaking roads,	5 10
Andrew Chandler, breaking roads,	3 15
George Long, breaking roads,	60
George Hodgkins, breaking roads,	3 90
Charles Garrity, breaking roads,	1 25
A. H. Clough, breaking roads,	1 00
Frank Carpenter, breaking roads,	1 00
Andrew Morrison, breaking roads,	4 75
A. A. Clark, labor,	11 15

Cash paid E. P. Hatch,	\$3 60
L. G. & C. E. Howard, picks and bars,	3 21
Bertrand Howard,	30
H. B. Chapin, express,	70
E. Demerse,	3 00
Fred Putnam,	1 50
E. Dinsmore,	1 80
J. G. Porter,	3 15
Charles Blodgett,	1 25
Lewis & Knight,	6 00
M. L. Richardson,	45
Thomas Dinsmore,	10 75
Frank Clark,	18 00
Henry Thayer,	1 00
George Pratt,	1 00
A. A. Clark, labor,	51 25
G. J. Porter,	30
Frank Clark,	21 00
Charles Blodgett,	10 00
Fred Putnam,	3 00
Lewis & Knight,	196 50
R. Brackett,	42 00
Eugene Hodgkins,	21 00
Jasper Smith,	17 50
Charles Smith,	3 75
E. Demerse,	15 75
H. Raymond,	7 39
Fred Wilson,	13 75
John Carroll,	7 00
George Newman,	6 00
Warren French,	3 75
Wesley Blake,	10 17
A. M. French,	13 27
Henry Osborne,	5 25
Henry Wellman,	5 00
Leslie Osborne,	5 11
Leslie Chandler,	10 95

J. W. Lyman,	\$1 00
E. Dinsmore,	6 25
Will Dinsmore,	3 00
Ernest Burroughs,	10 63
Walter Wilson,	63
George Burroughs,	63
Jerry St. John,	7 35
S. Savory, labor, gravel,	6 50
H. B. Chapin, team,	1 50
Western Wheel Scraper Co., repairs,	16 50
Leslie Forristall,	1 87
Fred Marvin, powder and fuse,	1 42
A. H. Burge,	3 45
George Lakin,	1 25
Frank Forristall,	16 50
A. A. Clark, labor,	46 00
Lewis & Knight,	131 00
R. Brackett,	42 87
E. Demerse,	18 45
Henry Thayer,	75
Eugene Hodgkins,	13 30
J. D. Smith,	7 15
J. C. Dunham,	6 75
Andrew Chandler,	7 50
George S. Wilder,	17 62
Harlie Pratt,	3 75
Sidney Pratt,	3 75
H. Raymond,	4 63
Fred Wilson,	1 25
Ernest Burroughs,	7 50
Frank Forristall,	3 00
Charles Smith,	7 25
Jasper Smith,	6 25
Charles Wilder,	5 00
George Long,	7 80
H. B. Chapin, (team),	1 50
Lewis & Knight, (freight),	53
A. M. French,	3 45

Frank Copeland,	\$6 25
Frank Clark,	9 00
A. E. Wilder,	4 87
Leland Still,	1 31
Frank Carpenter,	2 50
Dana Wilder,	9 00
Andrew Morrison,	14 20
E. P. Hatch,	2 55
Levi Cady,	2 15
Fred Trow,	2 55
A. H. Burge,	1 65
Albert Mack,	56
David Royce,	11 00
Wesley Blake,	3 00
A. A. Clark, labor,	6 60
Lewis & Knight,	16 00
Frank Copeland,	68
Frank Messer, plank,	7 22
Frank Cummings,	3 00
W. Grant,	3 00
A. Dean,	3 00
Silas Dean,	2 25
George Holmes, bridge timber and plank,	75 40
A. Chandler,	4 50
George Hatch,	3 00
Arthur Shepherd,	3 37
R. Bracket,	5 25
Roscoe Long,	1 35
E. P. Hatch,	6 10
G. I. Porter,	50
A. A. Clark, labor,	15 00
Fred Carr,	9 75
A. Mack,	12 03
Charles Wilder,	9 00
Cleon Demerse,	9 00
E. Demerse,	6 00
Henry Porter,	18 00
Lewis Demerse,	18 00

George Cater,	\$9 00
Frank Forrestall,	6 00
Charles Timothy,	2 37
Levi Cady,	2 37
Brad Whipple,	4 50
T. Tufts, powder and fuse,	60
Fred Wilson,	75
Henry Clough,	1 13
Charles Garrity,	1 12
Henry Lovell, spikes,	4 81
Henry Tuttle,	1 00
H. Raymond,	2 70
Henry Ball, gravel,	1 40
Carpenter & Harvey, gravel,	1 00
John Burroughs,	7 87
A. H. Burge,	4 27
Roscoe Gates,	4 50
G. I. Porter,	1 62
C. E. Barlow,	6 00
A. A. Clark, labor,	17 70
Cash paid J. Nash,	8 70
G. I. Porter,	1 65
Brad Whipple,	9 00
Fred Carr,	7 50
Frank Bolio,	3 00
William Howard,	3 00
Charlie Blodgett,	75
J. Green,	75
J. C. Dunham,	1 50
C. F. Pierce, lumber,	6 71
E. Demerse,	1 95
Jasper Smith,	1 13
Charles Smith,	1 12
S. G. Anderson, tile pipe,	16 96
George Pratt,	1 65
E. Pratt,	1 05
Roscoe Gates,	1 50
A. M. French,	4 26

Andrew Morrison,	\$4 80
A. A. Clark, labor,	8 30
E. Demerse,	5 20
H. B. Chapin, team,	1 00
Julius Porter, bridge timber,	3 00
A. M. French,	10 50
A. A. Clark, labor,	10 50
Lewis & Knight,	3 30
J. Nichols,	2 85
A. M. Bragg,	2 80
George Cater,	2 25
E. Demerse,	52
C. F. Pierce, lumber,	1 84
Fred W. Clark, lumber,	3 81
Henry Clough,	2 77
Charles Garrity,	2 00
A. M. French,	10 14
George Lakin,	5 00
A. A. Clark, labor,	1 50
H. Raymond,	11 15
George Rogers, making grates,	1 75
A. A. Clark, labor, breaking roads,	5 40
Charles Barlow, breaking roads,	6 07
A. M. French, breaking roads,	3 00
Clough Bros., breaking roads,	2 10
George Lakin, breaking roads,	1 25
E. P. Hatch, breaking roads,	5 52
Andrew Morrison,	2 00
A. A. Clark, labor,	2 40
Cash paid Clough Bros.,	2 32

\$1,611 80

Amount raised by vote of town for repairs, highway,	\$1,500 00
Amount paid for work done in 1895,	6 97
Amount paid for breaking roads,	64 11
Amount used more than appropriated by vote of town,	40 72

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. CLARK,

Road Commissioner for the town of Alstead.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF LIBRARY.

At the annual town meeting in March, 1896, the following persons were chosen trustees of the Alstead public library: H. A. Lovell, F. J. Marvin, for three years; Rev. W. E. Locke, Mrs. Sarah J. Fish, for two years; Dr. R. F. Oliver, Mrs. Ina Putnam, for one year.

The trustees have holden four meetings during the year, viz: April 8, July 1, September 8 and February 13. At the first meeting H. A. Lovell was chosen chairman and Sarah J. Fish, secretary. At the same meeting a number of books were found in a dilapidated condition. Eighteen of these have been repaired and the remainder laid aside as unfit for use. In a few cases new copies were purchased to replace discarded books. The total number of books now in the library is 516, besides a large number of reports and other books, received from the state and national capitals, which have not been numbered, but will be before a new catalogue is made. Forty-two new books have been purchased during the year and one has been received as a gift from the publisher. The numbers on the books in the library reach 570. This discrepancy is owing to 96 volumes having been lost and discarded from the library since its formation, more than twenty years ago, by a reading club made up of ladies in Alstead village. The library was presented to the town by the club, about eighteen years ago. Several volumes were lost before the present numbering of the books was made about ten years ago. A new catalogue will be made early in the coming year.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash remaining in treasury, from last year,	\$9 02
Cash received from town,	74 10
Cash received from fines on books,	1 17
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Total,	\$84 29

EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid Mrs. H. A. Wilder for services as librarian and covering books,	\$21 00
W. H. Spalter, for repairing books,	8 70
W. H. Spalter, for books,	41 00
F. L. Prentiss, for record book,	50
Express on book,	35
F. J. Marvin, silesia and mucilage,	35
H. A. Lovell, silesia and wood for library,	2 75
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	\$74 65
Balance on hand February, 15,	9 64
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	\$84 29

Two book cases have been purchased, but they were paid for by the selectmen from cash appropriated for the library which remained in the treasury from last year; hence that item does not appear in either receipts or expenditures. The books purchased during the past year have been largely standard—biography, history, travels and others. This has been done to make up for the lack of such books in the library, of which complaint has been made by some of its patrons. The trustees request that all persons having a list of books which they wish purchased for the library will hand in such list early in the year, so that selections may be made to suit all classes of readers.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. LOVELL,
 F. J. MARVIN,
 REV. W. E. LOCKE,
 MRS. SARAH J. FISH,
 DR. R. F. OLIVER,
 MRS. INA PUTNAM,

Trustees.

February 15, 1897.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

Under the present law the school year begins with the first of August, but it is thought best to make the usual reports at this time. The year has not been free from unpleasant incidents, yet there has been a good degree of progress. A few schools have suffered from sickness, but not to an unusual degree. Some opportunities have been lost beyond recall, but most have been carefully improved, and there has been much earnest work. Map drawing has received considerable attention, and the specimens that have adorned the walls of some school rooms were worthy of commendation. Special attention has also been given to original and reproduction work, and the progress made by the pupils has been highly satisfactory and encouraging, teaching them not only to express thoughts correctly, but spelling and penmanship as well. Supplementary reading from the best authors has been given a prominent place in school work, thus acquainting the young with the style of successful writers. Year by year the children manifest an increased desire for general reading. A course of study has been prepared by a committee of the county school boards and is now ready for distribution. We feel confident that it will prove a decided help to the cause of education. It reduces the school work to a uniform system, which has been greatly needed.

Teachers should be interested not only in their schools, but in the individual members; assisting and encouraging each in their different aspirations; exercising this interest out of school as well as in, and being especially careful by word and deportment to deserve and hold the respect and confidence of their pupils.

Citizens should remember that a good school has an elevating and refining influence in a community, and that they should coöperate with parents and teachers for the success of every effort there made in behalf of the young.

In general the people of Alstead have liberally supported their schools, not only in appropriations, but in friendly support of the means used. A small per cent. only of the towns of the state have longer schools.

Our work must be measured by results ; its silent influence will permeate the future far beyond our present line of vision. To pass hasty judgment is often to judge amiss ; external views are frequently deceptive ; logical conclusions are not drawn from a single premise. The work of our schools cannot be fully measured in the present. The unit of measure should be years, not hours. How many are willing and eager to draw unfavorable conclusions from a single outward circumstance ? It may be self interest ; it may be prejudice ; it may be misunderstanding. How much injury is thus done our common schools, and through them the children of our homes, is a question which may well claim the attention of the thoughtful.

In view of the fact that "the welfare of the whole country is at stake in the education of its children" and that "this government must stand or fall with free schools ;" in view of the fact that "upon their education may depend the future success or failure of our children ;" and that "there is nothing better done in these United States of America than this work of the teachers among the children," may we not confidently rely upon that steady progress which makes the foundations broader and firmer from year to year.

TRANSPORTATION.

The matter of transportation has probably caused more adverse criticism during the past year than all things else connected with our schools, and it is thought best to make a full statement of the facts.

The law in relation to transportation is in these words,—
 "They" (the school board) "may use a portion of the school money not exceeding twenty-five per cent. for the purpose of

conveying scholars to and from the schools." The amount used for this purpose is evidently left to the discretion of the school board, as the law specifies no distance, no amount to be used in any given case, and, fortunately,—when we consider our schools and their many needs,—does not *require* twenty-five per cent. to be used in any case. At the meeting of the school board in April, the matter of transportation was considered, and it was deemed best to adjust the rate,—as nearly as possible,—so that all those conveyed should receive proportionately the same. Children must necessarily live at different distances from school and no rule can be adopted by which exact equality can be secured.

After full consideration it was voted to pay those who carry their own children, only, as follows :

J. L. Nash, three scholars ; J. P. Kemp, two scholars ; and Frank LaFountain, three scholars ; each living about $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles from school, \$1.00 each per week ; and Mr. Barlow, five scholars, living $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from school, was paid an average of \$1.62 $\frac{1}{2}$ per week.

Mrs. Messer was employed to take the children from No. 8, or the "Mill" district, for \$2.00 per week ; from the family of Geo. Kenney, $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles, one scholar ; D. H. Still, $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles, two scholars ; E. P. Kidder, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, one scholar. Of course the two girls living with Mrs. Messer, $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles, were also carried, but the contract was only for those living $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles or more. All scholars transported from this district were girls.

It has been charged by some that the school board did not act fairly in paying more for carrying the "Mill" district scholars than was paid individuals for conveying their own children. It will be evident to all that it requires more time and effort to collect the scholars from different families than to take one's children from their own door. Furthermore, had each family, living a mile and a half or more from school, been paid separately, the cost could not have been less, nothing would have been saved to individuals or the town. The arrangement was as nearly equal as it could be made.

Again it has been claimed by some that the amount allowed does not pay for the time required to carry their children. The manifest intention of the law is to assist the parents rather than to pay in full; since full payment would discriminate in favor of the child living two miles away, who is carried and against the child living one mile away, who must walk. In view of the evident intent of the law, and feeling that parents should do something for the child, when the towns are doing so much,—the Cheshire County Association of School Boards, after considering the matter at several meetings, adopted the following rule as a recommendation to the several towns.

That no mileage should be paid for scholars living less than one and one-half miles from school, and that others should be paid ten cents per mile for the distance they live beyond that limit. This rule had previously been in successful operation in one of our towns under the direction of one of the leading educators of the state.

The school board have somewhat exceeded these figures, yet they have endeavored to expend the appropriation in a manner equitable to the individual and the public. Why all this discord about minor matters when it only serves to detract from the one great object—the future good of our children. In years to come how trivial will appear those opinions and and prejudices that now bar the way to the best interests of the young. There is a better course than this; there are nobler incentives, and higher plans of action.

We often hear it said that schools do not accomplish what they used to; this tends to discourage pupils. Ex-Minister Phelps says: "For the ordinary work of the world I prefer modern methods to the old." The School Journal says: "The teaching throughout the country is fully twenty-five per cent higher than it was ten years ago." We are brought face to face with new conditions and we must look forward, not backward, in adjusting educational methods to the work in hand. The changed condition of society calls for a change of methods. An education should best serve the time in

which it is to be used. It is true that methods of instruction differ from those of half a century ago—so do the methods in every branch of human industry. All those educated in former generations did not succeed, those educated now may do as well, even better, time only will determine it. It is the opinion of leading educators that the common school was never doing so great a work as at present, and despite all defects, it has done and is doing more for civil and religious liberty than all other forces combined.

GEO. A. MAYO,
C. H. COOKE,
INA L. PUTNAM,
School Board of Alstead.

ROLL OF HONOR.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR THREE TERMS.

Ada M. Nash, Agnes E. Porter, Irwin E. Page, May S. Page, Alice G. Mayo, Vera I. Clarke.

FOR TWO TERMS.

Florence Forristall, Ralph Forristall, Inez L. Nash, Constance J. Porter, Beatrice M. Porter, Carrie Wilder, Dora Wilder, Susie Porter, Lottie Porter, Frances Putnam, Ernest Hatch, Ruby E. French, Myrtie J. Kidder, Bernice Smith, Pearl E. Clark, Hazel F. Clarke, Clyde Cooke, Guy Dodge, Guy Webster, George Webster, Leon Trow, Mabel Hatch.

FOR ONE TERM.

Albert J. Porter, Fred Hodgkins, Walter Porter, Harold Putnam, Florence Putnam, Edward Cater, Carroll Hatch, Eddie G. Carroll, Lizzie D. Carroll, Mertie M. Griffith, Lottie A. Kemp, Neil B. Kemp, Leon B. Lindsay, Frank Foss, Ethel Milliken, Roy Milliken, Charlie Royce, Harry Abbott, Ernest Foster, Guy Moultroupe, Ida Clarke, Minnie Clarke, Louvisa Moultroupe, Etta E. Cooke, Frank Kingsbury, Inez Foster, Bessie Webster, Ezra Lufkin, Willie Abbott, Ina Cater.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

SCHOOL.	NAME OF TEACHER.	No. of weeks.	No. of pupils.	No. pupils over 15 years.	Av. attendance.	Reading.	Spelling.	Pennanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Physiology.	Higher branches.	Vocal music.	Drawing.	Wages per mo. including board.	Cost of pupil per month.
SUMMER TERM.																			
No. 2.	Bertha L. Wellington,	10.	11		10	11	11	11	9	9	5	4		1				\$21.00	\$1.00
No. 4 *G.	Mamie J. Dickey,	10	26	4	24	26	26	26	26	23	14	2	14		3			28	1.07
No. 4 †P.	Lena E. Cooke,	10	21		19	21	21	5	13	5	9	4	17	1	2	21		26.00	1.23
No. 5.	Louise E. Rawson,	10	21	3	20	21	21	14	12	10	3	3	11	1	2	14		24.00	1.71
No. 6.	M. Adelaide Morse,	10	14	2	13	14	14	8	7	5	2	2						20.00	2.50
No. 7.	Bessie L. Nash,	10	8	6	6	8	8	6	6	5	2	2				6		19.00	3.16
No. 10.	Elsie M. Elliott,	9	6	6	5	6	6	6	6	11	11	4	5	5	15	19	9	29.00	1.52
No. 12.	J. Maude Taylor,	10	19	2	18	19	19	19	17	11	11	4	5	5	15	19	6	19.00	2.71
No. 13.	Harriett M. Turner,	9	7		6	7	6	6	7	5		2					9	19.00	
FALL TERM.																			
No. 2.	Lucia Turner,	16	10	1	9	10	8	10	10	26	5	3	8	1				21.00	2.10
No. 4 *G.	Marshall Currier,	9,8	29	3	24	28	28	28	28	20	10	1	29		8			32.00	1.10
No. 4 †P.	Lena E. Cooke,	10	20	18	20	20	20	20	20	11	8	4	8	4			10	26.00	1.39
No. 5.	Louise E. Rawson,	10	19	18	18	14	18	18	18	13	8	4	8	4			19	26.00	1.35
No. 5.	M. Adelaide Morse,	10	15	1	13	15	15	15	13	11	3	3	11	13	2		15	24.00	1.60
No. 7.	Bessie L. Nash,	10	11	2	9	11	11	10	10	6	2	1						21.00	1.99
No. 10.	Lora A. Washburn,	10,6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	2	1							19.00	3.16
No. 12.	Gertrude E. Morgan,	10	25	3	23	25	25	25	21	17	14	4	14		6			30.00	1.29
No. 13.	Harriett M. Turner,	10	10	1	8	10	10	10	10	6	2	2	14		6			20.00	2.00
WINTER TERM.																			
No. 4 *G.	Marshall Currier,	11	24	2	19	24	24	24	23	13	13		19	6	7			36.00	1.50
No. 4 †P.	Jena E. Cooke,	10	17	16	17	15	17	11	11	11	8	2	8	2				26.00	1.53
No. 5.	Lena P. Russell,	10	15	14	15	15	15	13	11	11	8	2	8	2				26.00	1.73
No. 6.	M. Adelaide Morse,	10	16	2	15	16	16	16	16	14	4	4	11	16	3		16	24.00	1.50
No. 10.	Lora A. Washburn,	8,8	6	1	5	6	6	6	6	6	2	1						20.00	3.33
No. 12.	Helen Sanborn,	10	13	2	11	12	12	12	12	7	8	1	8	2	3			26.00	2.00
No. 13.	{ Emma Bingham, } { Bessie L. Nash, }	8	10	2	8	10	10	9	9	8	2	2	8	2				21.00	2.10

* Grammar.

† Primary.

TABLE.

DIVISION.	FIRST TERM.					SECOND TERM.					THIRD TERM.				
	Absences half-days.	Instances tardiness.	Visitors.	Visits by board.	Perfect attendance.	Absences half-days.	Instances tardiness.	Visitors.	Visits by board.	Perfect attendance.	Absences half-days.	Instances tardiness.	Visitors.	Visits by board.	Perfect attendance.
No. 2,	67	14	15	3		116	22	8	2						
No. 4 Grammar,	150	16	88	2	2	117	19	23	1	3	288	31	18	2	1
No. 4 Primary,	83	4	48	2	5	30	6	44	2	10	95	9	21	2	2
No. 5,	34	27	21	3	5	36		23	2	11	83	7	18	2	2
No. 6,	29		12	2	9	49		23	2	10	43		11	2	8
No. 7,	18	10	23	4	1	59	38	14	3	1					
No. 10,	7	4	20	3	1	14		8	2		18		9	2	3
No. 12,	163	7	27	4	3	253	3	18	3	5	116	9	24	4	2
No. 13,	14		10	2	3	20	2	15	3	4	14		16	3	4

TOWN SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT.

EXPENDITURES.

Orders issued by C. H. Cooke, member of school board:

Mrs. M. S. Buxton, cleaning school room in No. 4,	\$4 00
S. A. Mitchell, four cords wood for No. 4,	12 00
C. H. Wilder, sawing and housing 3½ cords wood, No. 5,	2 98
W. M. Richardson, chair and express for No. 7,	1 50
S. A. Mitchell, 2 cords wood at No. 4,	6 00
Mamie J. Dickey, teaching 10 weeks in No. 4, including board,	70 00
Mrs. A. T. Dinsmore, transportation, Agnes Dinsmore to No. 4,	5 00
Lena E. Cooke, teaching 10 weeks in No. 4, including board,	65 00
Willie Abbott, building fire and care of house No. 4,	1 50
Lewis & Knight, freight on books and supplies,	1 98

M. J. Clark, sawing and housing 6 cords wood No. 4,	\$4 50
Bertha L. Wellington, teaching 10 weeks at No. 2,	30 00
Frank Copeland, board of teacher and rent of room,	32 50
H. C. Rawson, express on school supplies,	90
Frank Copeland, moving school furniture,	1 75
Mr. Barlow, transportation of scholars,	7 00
Lucie E. F. Turner, part payment, teaching in No. 2,	25 00
Frank Copeland, part payment for board, teacher in No. 2,	20 25
Andrew Chandler, 1 cord wood for No. 2,	4 00
Lena E. Cooke, teaching 10 weeks in No. 4, primary school,	65 00
H. C. Rawson, express on books,	40
Mr. Barlow, transportation of scholars to No. 2,	19 00
Frank Copeland, balance payment of board of teacher in No. 2,	16 00
Marshall Currier, teaching 10 weeks, fall term No. 4 and care of house,	81 40
Lucie E. F. Turner, balance payment for teaching 16 weeks in No. 2 and care of house,	24 50
C. F. Pierce, slab wood for No. 4,	1 00
F. J. Marvin, brooms, glass, locks, etc.,	2 61
H. O. Webster, ink powder,	1 67
Geo. A. Mayo, blank books, express and incidentals for 3 years,	3 50
H. A. Lovell, pen holders,	24
F. L. Prentiss, school supplies,	2 35
S. G. Anderson, repairs on furnace at No. 4 and supplies,	10 49
Town of Surry, 19 weeks' schooling for Mabel Webster,	4 75
Lena E. Cooke, teaching 10 weeks in No. 4, includ- ing board,	65 00
M. A. Currier, teaching 11 weeks at No. 4 and care of house,	104 50
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	\$698 27

Orders issued by Geo. A. Mayo, member of school board :

E. P. Fish, incidentals furnished schools,	\$1 61
Frank LaFountain, transportation of his children,	14 75
Mrs. W. S. Brown, cleaning school house in No. 12,	1 50
G. G. Banks, lumber and repairs,	2 00
J. T. Mayo, wood furnished schools, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord in 1895,	13 12
B. R. Taylor, building fires in No. 12,	1 75
Elsie Elliott, teaching 9 weeks in No. 10 and building fire,	23 00
M. J. Kidder, boarding teacher 9 weeks, No. 10,	20 25
J. Maud Taylor, transportation in part,	2 75
J. Maud Taylor, teaching 10 weeks in No. 12, including board,	72 50
Hattie Turner, teaching 9 weeks in No. 13, including board,	42 75
J. P. Kemp, transportation of his children,	14 70
Mrs. Nettie Messer, transportation of scholars from No. 8 to No. 12,	19 60
M. J. Kidder, wood furnished school in No. 10,	9 38
C. A. Milliken, wood furnished school in No. 13,	5 63
Ned Taylor, building fire and care of house, No. 12,	1 25
Gertrude E. Morgan, teaching in No. 12, part payment,	20 00
Gertrude E. Morgan, teaching in No. 12,	5 00
Hattie Turner, teaching 10 weeks in No. 13,	50 00
Ralph Robbins, building fire, fall term, No. 13,	1 00
Ned Taylor, building fire, fall term, No. 12,	1 00
Stanley Osborn, building fire, fall term, No. 10,	1 00
Lora A. Washburn, teaching 11 weeks in No. 10, including board,	52 25
Gertrude Morgan, teaching in No. 12, including board, balance,	50 00
J. P. Kemp, transportation of his children,	10 00
Mrs. Nettie Messer, transportation from No. 8 to No. 12,	20 00
Lillia W. Clark, building fire, No. 13,	75
Emma Bingham, teaching 3 weeks in No. 13,	9 00

Helen J. Sanborn, teaching in No. 12 10 weeks, including board,	\$65 00
Mrs. Nettie Messer, transportation of scholars from No. 8 to No. 12,	19 20
Bessie Nash, teaching 5 weeks in No. 13, including board,	26 25
C. A. Milliken, building fire part of winter term,	75
Lora Washburn, teaching 9 weeks in No. 10, including board,	45 00
Eddie Carroll, building fires in No. 10,	1 35
Ned Taylor, building fires in No. 12,	1 50
Ralph Robbins, building fires in No. 13,	45
C. C. Colburn, boarding 3 weeks in No. 13,	6 00
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Orders issued by Mrs. Ina L. Putnam, member of school board :

Jennie Whipple, cleaning school house, No. 5,	\$1 50
Mrs. Ruth Cady, cleaning school house, No. 7,	1 00
Mrs. Charles Wilder, cleaning school house and work,	1 75
Mrs. J. H. Porter, board of teacher, No. 7,	19 00
Miss Bessie Nash, services as teacher, No. 7,	31 00
J. L. Nash, transportation of scholars, No. 6,	10 00
M. A. Morse services as teacher, No. 6,	60 00
Louise Rawson, services as teacher, No. 5, 10 weeks,	65 00
M. A. Morse, services as teacher, No. 6, 10 weeks,	60 00
J. L. Nash, transportation of pupils, No. 6,	10 00
Louise E. Rawson, services as teacher, No. 5,	65 00
Florence Forristall, building fires, No. 6,	1 00
C. D. Smith, work on school house, No. 6,	3 00
Arthur Putnam, work on school house, No. 6,	2 25
Bessie L. Nash, services as teacher, No. 7,	56 40
Mrs. Julius Porter, board of teacher, No. 7,	27 60
Bessie L. Nash, building fires, No. 7,	2 00
Herold Putnam, building fires, No. 5,	2 00
Lena P. Russell, services as teacher, No. 5, including board,	65 00

J. L. Nash, transportation of pupils, No. 6,	\$10 00
Miss Florence Forristall, building fires, No. 6,	2 00
M. A. Morse, services as teacher, No. 6,	60 00
F. M. Forristall, wood in districts No. 5 and 6,	10 87
Frank Bolio, wood in district No. 6,	5 00
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	\$571 37
Total amount of expenditures,	<hr/> \$1,901 68

 RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand February 15, 1896,	\$35 27
Cash received of W. W. Dinsmore, collector,	1,636 36
Received of George A. Mayo, grass sold,	50
Received of George A. Mayo, old books sold,	23
Received of selectmen, literary fund,	146 16
Received of selectmen, balance of dog license,	110 71
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	\$1,929 23
Total amount received,	\$1,929 23
Expenditures,	1,901 68
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Cash on hand February 15, 1897,	\$27 55

F. J. MARVIN,
Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, a board of auditors, chosen by the town of Alstead to examine the accounts of the said town, have attended to the duties assigned us, and find the accounts of treasurer of the town school district properly cast and balanced and with proper vouchers therefor.

JOHN F. DICKEY,
H. D. DICKEY,

Board of Auditors of the town of Alstead.
Alstead, N. H., February 16, 1897.

VITAL STATISTICS.

To the Selectmen:

In compliance with an act of the legislature passed June Session, 1887, requiring clerks of towns to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths for publication in the Annual Report, I hereby submit the following:

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any).	Sex and Condition.			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Par- ents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
		Male.	Female.	Living or Stillborn.									
Jan. 1		M		L	W	W	Alstead.	Teamster.	Athens, Vt.	Rockingham Vt			
Apr. 3		M		"	Silas E. Edwards.	Angie A. Albee	"	Farmer.	Barnston, P. Q.	Alstead.			
" 11		M		"	John H. Allen.	Lena L. Smith.	"	Laborer.	Gils-sum.	Ticon'roga, N Y			
" 13		M		"	George Kenney.	Marion Leskey.	"	Farmer.	Walpole.	Pr. Ed. Island.			
May 21	Hugh Deane.	M		"	William W. Clarke.	Helen E. Lates.	"	Mechanic.	Marlow.	Charlestown.			
June 1		M		"	George D. Clarke.	Louisa Millikin	"	Laborer.	Alstead.	Marlow.			
" 3		M		"	Walter E. Wilson.	Jenni' Winham	"	Painter.	Athens, Vt.	Chester, Vt.			
" 5		M		"	Orrie Ball.	Ella Barnes.	"	Farmer.	Concord, Vt.	[R. I.]			
" 15	Henry Oliver.	M		"	Hiram E. Page.	Annie Whipple	"	Druggist.	Alstead.	E. Providence,			
" 15		M		"	Herman O. Webster.	Maude Evans.	"	Laborer.	"	Springfield, Vt.			
July 24	Helen May.	M	F	"	Fred M. Wilson.	Rosa Blodgett.	"	Farmer.	Lyndeboro.	Alstead.			
Sept. 21		F	F	"	Henry Wellman.	Carrie French.	"	"	Surry.	Whitefield, Vt			
Sept. 21		F	F	"	Henry M. Blake.	Myrtle A.	"	Laborer.	Gils-sum.	Whitefield, Vt			
Oct. 22	Mertie F.	F	F	"	George M. Howard.	Eunice Rumrill	"	Farmer.	Wallingsf'd, Vt	Rockingham Vt			
Oct. 11		F	F	"	Dana D. Wilder.	Stella Sexton.	"						

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.

Date of Mar.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Condition.*	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Apr. 19	Alstead.	Edward Blodgett.	Alstead.	23	W	Laborer.	Charlestown	Jos'h Blodgett.				Rev. I. B. Stuart, Alstead.
"	"	Annie McLaughlin	"	22	"		Boston, Ms.					Rev. I. B. Stuart, Alstead.
"	"	Wm. Moulthrop.	"	45	"	Farmer.	Newark, Vt.	E. Moulthrop.				Rev. I. B. Stuart, Alstead.
May 8	"	Isadora Woodw'rd	Athens, Vt.	21	"	"	Athens, Vt.	R. Woodard.				Rev. I. B. Stuart, Alstead.
	"	Harlan J. Pratt.	Alstead.	24	"	"	Alstead.	George Pratt.				Rev. I. B. Stuart, Alstead.
June 17	Charlestown	Jennie G. Whipple.	"	22	"	"	S. River, Vt.	Edw. Emerson.				Rev. T. D. Howard Charlestown.
	"	Joseph Nichols.	Lempster.	23	"	"	Unity.	John Nichols.				Rev. T. D. Howard Charlestown.
Sept. 5	"	Ethel M. Dodge.	Alstead.	18	"	"	Acworth.	Ceylon Dodge.				Rev. T. D. Howard Charlestown.
	"	Charles H. Green.	"	25	"	"	Gilsun.	Rufus Green.				Rev. T. D. Howard Charlestown.
Oct. 3	Alstead.	Nellie L. Fiske.	Charlestown.	28	"	"	Charlestown	Orrin Fiske.				Rev. I. B. Stuart, Alstead.
	"	Fred C. Hall.	Keene.	30	"	"	Chesterfield.	M. V. B. Hall.				Rev. I. B. Stuart, Alstead.
Dec. 6	"	Eva M. Nash.	Alstead.	25	"	"	Walpole.	James L. Nash.				Rev. I. B. Stuart, Alstead.
	"	Clinton J. Gates.	"	24	"	"	Keene.	Roscoe Gates				Rev. I. B. Stuart, Alstead.
	"	Nettie S. Morrison.	"	31	"	"	Alstead.	A. Morrison.				Rev. I. B. Stuart, Alstead.

* Whether single or widowed. What marriage—whether 1st, 2d, etc.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex and Conditi'n				Occupation.	Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male.	Female.	Color.	S, M, W*		Father.	Mother.		
Jan. 13	G. M. Howard, 2d.	71	10	13	Boothbay, Me.	M	F	W	M	Farmer.		Eden Howard.	Theresa Currier.	
" 17	Georgia Stuart.	39	3	7	Walpole.	M	F	"	M	Housewife.		Wm. Greenleaf.	Martha Pinkham	
" 22	Mary M. Long.	37	10	11	Lempster.	M	F	"	M	Farmer.		John E. Mitchell.	Nancy O'Brien.	
Feb. 9	Charles E. Porter.	56	7	7	Alstead.	M	F	"	M	Housewife.		J. F. Porter.	E. Glover.	
" 13	Louisa Chamb'lain	77	2	14	"	M	F	"	M	Housewife.		Charles Huntley.	Sallie Miller.	
Mar. 4	Mary P. Mayo.	77	2	14	"	M	F	"	M	Housewife.		Andrew Banks.	Fanny Liv'more.	
Apr. 11	Ellen M. Howard.	55	9	17	Alstead.	M	F	"	M	Housewife.		George Kenney.	Maria Lasker.	
June 2	Sophia L. Wood.	76	2	6	"	M	F	"	M	Housewife.		Isaac Kent.	Susan Ware.	
" 14	Stephen Kimball.	88	2	8	"	M	F	"	M	Housewife.		Allen Slade.	— Kingsbury.	
July 18	Rebecca Green.	80	2	21	Alstead.	M	F	"	M	Farmer.		William Ball.	Jane Hayward.	
" 26	Chas. H. Houghton	60	2	14	Sunderland, Ms.	M	F	"	S	Housewife.		George Kenney.	Maria Lasker.	
Aug. 4	Richard Kenney.	43	3	13	Johnson, Vt.	M	F	"	S	Housewife.		Sam'l Bradford.	Sarah Holmes.	
Sept. 2	Addie B. Kemp.	68	9	30	Langdon.	M	F	"	S	Housewife.		I. Smith.	Clarrisa Wilcox.	
" 6	Elvira Smith.	76	1	4	Alstead.	M	F	"	S	Housewife.		Samuel Egerton.	Clarrisa King.	
Oct. 19	Clarrisa Dismore.	68	9	26	New Hampton.	M	F	"	M	Laborer.		Geo. M. Howard.	Eunice Rumrill.	
" 22	Mertie J. Howard.	35	4	6		M	F	"	M	Laborer.		Geo. W. Fisher.	Mary Gordon.	
Dec. 2	Jennie M. Elliott.	60	4	6		M	F	"	M	Laborer.		J. D. Kelley.		

* Single, married or widowed.

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