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BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE, COMMITTEE ON
BY-LAWS, SELECTMEN, TREASURER, WATER
WORKS AND SEWER COMMISSION,
LIBRARY TRUSTEES, JUDGE OF THE
MUNICIPAL COURT, AUDITORS
AND CLERK.

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Town Officers, 1915-16

Selectmen.

W. B. GATES,

C. B. NORTON,

E. H. BARRETT.

Treasurer.

A. E. LEAVITT.

Collector.

D. C. HAMLIN.

Clerk.

M. M. WILLIS.

Road Agent.

W. W. JEWELL.

Library Trustees.

E. H. CADY,

HARRIET MARBLE,

G. L. PRESSEY.

Health Officer.

HENRY MARBLE.

Police Officer.

MURDICK GRAHAM.

Firewards.

H. J. FANCY,

A. L. BURBANK,

S. S. BENNETT.

Auditors.

E. H. CADY,

F. R. JENNINGS.

Supervisors of Check Lists.

J. A. FRASER,

P. K. ROSS,

A. G. WELSH.

Moderator.

T. L. MARBLE.

Police Justice.

HARRY G. NOYES.

Attorney.

ALFRED R. EVANS.

Water and Sewer Commission.

T. H. McHUGH, C. C. LIBBY, A. L. BURBANK.

Budget Committee.J. F. LIBBY, W. C. LIBBY, T. E. MALLOY,
C. G. HAMLIN, I. W. FOGG, W. B. GATES,
C. B. NORTON, E. H. BARRETT.**Committee on By-Laws.**CHARLES C. LIBBY, ELISHA H. CADY,
BERTRAM C. SMITH, FREDERICK R. JENNINGS,
HENRY M. BERWICK.

State of New Hampshire



To the inhabitants of the town of Gorham, in the county of Coos, in said state, qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at Town hall, Park street, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the ensuing year, and appropriate money for the same.
3. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for street lights.
4. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to distribute the inventory blanks when taking the inventory.
5. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the public library.
6. To see what action the town will take in regard to appropriating money to sprinkle the streets.
7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the building of permanent sidewalks.
8. To see what amount the town will vote to raise for the retirement of town water bonds, or a sinking fund, and appropriate money therefor.
9. To see what action the town will take in regard to raising and appropriating money for a night watchman for the ensuing year.
10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate seven hundred and fifty dollars to apply on steam roller.
11. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the construction of the state trunk line road.
12. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of trunk line.
13. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of state road.
14. To see if the town will vote to install a sewer at Cascade, starting at the junction of the road leading on to the hill near waiting room of electric road, and continuing along state road toward

Tinker brook, so as to accommodate all houses and lots on said road; providing the Berlin Water Company will be at one-half the expense of excavating and filling, and raise and appropriate money for same.

15. To see if the town will vote to install a water system on Gorham Hill and appropriate money for same.

16. To hear the report of the committee on by-laws for management of prudential affairs, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

17. To see if the town will vote to furnish outdoor band concerts during the summer season of nineteen sixteen and appropriate money for the same.

18. To hear reports of town officers, agents and committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

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

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-sixth day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixteen.

W. B. GATES,
C. B. NORTON,
E. H. BARRETT,

Selectmen of Gorham.

A true copy of warrant—attest:

W. B. GATES,
C. B. NORTON,
E. H. BARRETT.

Selectmen of Gorham.

Report of Budget Committee

To the Voters of the Town of Gorham:

The budget committee, appointed by vote of the town at its last annual meeting, respectfully make the following report and recommendations:

The committee this year began its meetings on September 22nd, and have held in all eleven sessions. A general notice, through the news columns of *The Mountaineer*, was given to the people of the town of the commencement of its sessions and an invitation was extended to all citizens to attend the committee's meetings for the purpose of suggesting work and improvements that might be thought desirable for the next year. But few availed themselves of this opportunity and the committee, for the most part, have been obliged to depend on their own judgment as to what work and improvements were most urgently needed and to make their recommendations accordingly. In deciding what appropriations to recommend they have been obliged to select from a great many things that all would like to see done, but all of which cannot be done in one year's time without producing an abnormally high tax rate. Nothing will deter the home builder, the business man or the manufacturer from investing their money and locating in a town so effectually as a high tax rate. It has been, therefore, the policy of the committee to make the sum total of its recommendations for appropriations such that the tax rate will not exceed that of last year, and if possible to reduce it somewhat. But the committee can only recommend, while the power to execute and bind the town can only be exercised by the voters at the annual town meeting. Inasmuch, however, as it is the special province of the committee to carefully examine and consider the different subjects of their recommendations, voters should give due weight to this fact when the various subjects of their recommendations are considered at the annual meeting. It will be remembered that at the last annual meeting so much money was appropriated beyond the recommendations of the committee that in order to keep our tax rate down to a figure that would appear reasonable it became necessary to call a special town meeting to authorize the selectmen to hire several thousand dollars. It is to be hoped that voters will take this into consideration, as well as the fact that our state and county tax is now higher than it ever was before, and that we receive much less money from

the state accruing from the railroad and savings bank taxes. The amount required to be raised for schools is also nearly double what it used to be because of our increased valuation, and we received no state aid for schools this last year because we have an equalized valuation of more than \$9500 per pupil of average attendance for the year preceeding. The voters should also take into consideration the fact that since the establishment of the tax commission the assessed values of all property have been, in many instances, nearly doubled, so that a rate today of \$1.50 would be equal to a rate of nearly \$3.00 on values as formerly assessed. As we said in our report last year, our citizens must remember that there is another year coming when some of the things can be done that cannot be done this year.

The committee have voted to recommend the following appropriations:

Highways and bridges	\$2,000 00
Constructing state trunk line	2,500 00
Repairs and maintenance of trunk line.....	1,237 00
Repairs and maintenance of state aid roads	200 00
For purchase of scarifier for use in repairing permanent roads	250 00
State tax	6,300 00
County tax, estimated on basis of last year's tax.....	5,113 00
Schools, as required by law.....	6,300 00
Town charges.....	5,000 00
Town lighting.....	2,000 00
Night watchman	800 00
Steam roller.....	750 00
Public library	750 00
Sewer and water commission	500 00
Building Gorham Hill road.....	350 00
Oiling permanently built roads.....	250 00
Sidewalks.....	2,000 00
Improvement of common	500 00
Band concerts.....	100 00
New streets.....	1,000 00
Sewers at Cascade	4,000 00
Sinking fund.....	7,000 00
Overlay.....	1,700 00
Total appropriations recommended.....	\$50,600 00
Add to this sum the probable requirements of the school district.....	8,044 00
And it gives a total amount of recommended appropriations.....	\$58,644 00

Estimating the number of polls on the basis of 1915, we would derive from this source	\$1,382 00
Leaving the amount to be assessed upon property as a property tax	\$57,262 00
The total valuation of real and personal estate on April 1, 1915, was.....	\$3,655,989 00
From which should be deducted soldier's exemption ...	6,800 00
Leaving net value for taxing purposes.....	\$3,649,189 00

If all of the recommendations of the committee are adopted it will give us a tax rate of \$1.57 on a hundred on the basis of last year's valuation.

DETAILED EXPLANATION OF APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

Highways and Bridges---\$2000.00.

This is the same amount recommended and appropriated last year. It is to be expended for repairs and maintenance of all roads except the state trunk line and the state aid road, and for such painting and repairing of bridges as may be found necessary. The committee believe that eventually all of our streets and roads should be permanently built of macadam, or of some other solid and compact material, and oiled, building what we can afford to each year until all are so built, and in the meantime appropriating only a sufficient sum to keep present unimproved roads in passable condition each year until they can be so permanently constructed.

Constructing State Trunk Line---\$2500.00.

By appropriating this amount the state will contribute a further amount of \$7500.00, thus giving us a fund of \$10,000.00 to be expended in this work.

Repairs and Maintenance of State Trunk Line---\$1237.00.

We have three classes of roads in town, viz., state trunk line, state aid roads and roads which are solely under the jurisdiction of the town, which latter constitute all other roads that do not come under either of the first mentioned classes. It is incumbent on the town to maintain all three classes of these roads, but by appropriating certain sums, specified by the state authorities, toward the maintenance of the first two classes the state will contribute a further sum. This year if the town raises the above amount for maintenance of state trunk line the state will contribute \$2474.00 additional, giving a fund of \$3711.00 for this purpose.

Repairs and Maintenance of State Aid Road---\$200.00.

What has been said in regard to repairs and maintenance of state trunk line is true also as to repairs and maintenance of state aid

roads. By appropriating the sum of \$200.00 for this purpose the state contributes \$200.00 more. The only state aid road which we have is the Lancaster road, so called.

Purchase of Scarifier---\$250.00.

Voters will take notice that this word is derived from the word scar and not from the word scare. There is, therefor, no occasion to be frightened. A scarifier is a machine especially designed to aid in the repair of macadam and other permanently constructed roadways. When a macadam or other solid and compact road becomes uneven and full of hollows and ruts it can only be smoothed up and made compact again by digging up the surface and rolling it again. Heretofore this has been accomplished by sending men out into the road with picks, a very slow and expensive way of doing the work. A scarifier will do this work much more effectually in much less time and at much less expense. It is thought by the committee that it would be a most economical thing to do if the town should purchase such a machine.

State Tax---\$6300.00.

This is the same amount as last year.

County Tax (Estimated)---\$5113.00.

The committee have no figures as yet from the county treasurer as to what Gorham's portion of the county tax will be. The above is the same as last year's tax.

Schools as Required by Law---\$6300.00.

This is the same amount as was required last year. It may be well, at this point, to call the voters' attention to the fact that the last three items—state and county taxes and amount required to be raised for schools—is more than double, and in the case of the county tax, nearly three times, what was required before our valuation became so largely increased. While on the other hand our burdens of taxation are further increased by the fact that we now receive much less from the state on account of the railroad and savings bank taxes. Neither do we receive, as formerly, anything from the state aid fund for schools because, as before stated, we have an equalized valuation of more than \$9500.00 per pupil of average attendance. If the average school attendance can show about twenty-four or twenty-five more pupils than last year, and the parents send their children to school regularly so as to bring up the average attendance, we may again be entitled to a portion of the state aid fund. It is hoped that all of these facts will be taken into consideration in making appropriations this year.

Town Lighting---\$2000.00.

This includes all street lighting, the lighting of the town house,

selectmen's office, hose house, etc. It is necessary and desirable that street lights be furnished on the hill at Cascade, and this sum is estimated to be nearly sufficient to provide such lights in addition to paying for those already installed.

Steam Roller--\$750.00.

We are required to raise this amount under our contract when the steam roller was purchased.

For Sewer and Water Commission--\$500.00.

The commission think they will need more money than receipts from the water and sewer system will produce, to be used in maintenance and repairs and the installation of new services, and this sum is recommended for these purposes.

For Building Gorham Hill Road--\$350.00.

There is only a very short piece of this road to build and it is thought that this will be sufficient to complete it.

For Oiling Permanently Built Roads--\$250.00.

The committee believe that the oiling of our permanently constructed roads is in the line of sound economy. It makes them more durable and, when properly oiled, they do not require sprinkling. It is desirable to oil the remainder of the state trunk line, the state aid road, Exchange street and such other permanent roads as shall be built during the next year. The oiling of the state trunk line will be paid for out of the funds furnished, mutually, by the state and town. The expense of oiling all other permanent roads will have to be paid by the town. It is estimated that this sum will be sufficient for that purpose.

Granolithic or Cement Sidewalks--\$2000.00.

This sum, according to the engineer's estimates, will be sufficient to rebuild Exchange street sidewalks six and one-half (6½) feet wide, including curbing, Railroad street along by Noyes block five (5) feet wide, with curb, Main street on the north side from W. B. Gates' east fence to the corner of Androscoggin and Main streets five and one-half (5½) feet wide, with curbing, including the steps at Fraser's corner and steps at Leavitt's corner, and also for resurfacing with cement the Park street sidewalk and the completion of the Macfarlane street sidewalk.

For Improvements of Common--\$500.00.

This sum can be profitably used in the purchase of fertilizers and the setting out of shrubbery and in the care and improvement of the common generally.

Out-door Band Concerts---\$100.00.

Nearly everybody enjoys good music. Its effect is elevating and refining. But few of our citizens can afford to attend musical conventions and grand opera, while public outdoor band concerts can be enjoyed by all. The religious and moral world recognize music as one of the great instrumentalities by which devotion is inspired and morals are benefited. We have a band in town—at Cascade—composed of young men whose native country has long been the home of music. Every Italian is a natural musician and they interpret instinctively, with beautiful expression, the thoughts of the composer. By making this small appropriation we will afford to our people genuine enjoyment and encourage in a worthy cause the young strangers from sunny Italy, who have made their home amongst us. We do not know how many band concerts this sum will pay for, but it was thought by the committee that the sum might be added to by individual subscriptions, so as to give us a band concert once a week during the summer months if this sum would prove insufficient.

New Streets---\$1000.00.

This sum is designed for the permanent construction of Railroad street. Next to Main and Exchange streets this street is the most used of any in town by teams and automobiles. It is in a very rough and bad condition and, while it was never laid out as a highway by the town, it is now on property leased by the town and should be improved in connection with improvements of other parts of the common.

Sewers at Cascade---\$4000.00.

This appropriation is in line with the course inaugurated last year to furnish the village at Cascade with all desirable and necessary improvements. It is contemplated to expend this sum in laying a sewer from the road leading to the hill down through the River road. This road is a part of the state trunk line and will undoubtedly be permanently constructed during the coming summer and for obvious reasons it is important that this sewer be laid before this road is built. It will save expense and injury to the road after it is constructed. It is hoped that arrangements can be made with the Berlin Water company to bear half of the expense of digging and back filling the trench for this sewer by laying both the water pipes and sewer pipes in the same trench, and this estimate is based on such contingency.

Sinking Fund---\$7000.00.

By appropriating this amount the bonded indebtedness of the

town will be reduced to one-half of its original amount, viz., to \$30,000.00.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. LIBBY,
W. C. LIBBY,
T. E. MALLOY,
C. G. HAMLIN,
I. W. FOGG,
W. B. GATES,
C. B. NORTON,
E. H. BARRETT,

Budget Committee.

Report of Committee on By-Laws for the Management of Prudential Affairs.

To the Voters of the Town of Gorham:

At the last annual town meeting the moderator was instructed to appoint a committee of five to prepare a suitable set of by-laws for the management of the prudential affairs of the town.

It is well understood that our town officials are governed in their general duties by state laws. It is also well understood that any and all laws governing the duties of our town officials have a direct bearing upon the prudential affairs of the town. But, should this committee attempt to formulate a complete set of by-laws governing the prudential affairs of the town, many of them would necessarily have to be repetitions of existing state laws. Therefore we consider that we are following out the true intent of our order by recommending such changes in our methods and systems as will not conflict with existing state laws, but will, in our opinion, tend toward a better condition with regard to our prudential affairs.

This committee has investigated the existing conditions that appertain to the prudential affairs of the town, and, after investigating other conditions that might be applied, we have prepared for your consideration certain recommendations which, if put into effect, we believe would be of great benefit to the town and certainly a great improvement over existing conditions.

We wish it to be clearly understood that this committee was not appointed, as has been intimated to us, for the purpose of investigating the possible wrong doing of our town officials. Our investigations of their conduct have led only to the point of ascertaining their methods of conducting the town business and their system of accounting.

Absolutely no suspicion of wrong doing on the part of our officials enters into this report. However, we consider it our duty to give publicity to the fact that, in our opinion, which is based upon our investigations, the existing methods offer tempting opportunities for dishonesty should they happen to be placed under the direction of unscrupulous officials. We offer this opinion as one of our strong reasons why you should consider our recommendations favorably.

This committee, during the process of its investigations, found out that the state tax commission is directly interested in the subject of this report. We were particularly fortunate in securing the personal interest of Mr. Edward C. Mabie of the state tax commission. Their interest and its effect upon this report is explained as follows:

(a) The state tax commission was authorized by the last legislature to investigate the matter of prudential affairs of towns in the state, with the object of bettering conditions by recommendations and legislation.

(b) The state tax commission will recommend to the next legislature a uniform system of accounting that will be applied to all towns; this will include a revised form of town report.

(c) Mr. Edward C. Mabie of the state tax commission came to Gorham and went into this matter thoroughly with this committee, and it is upon facts which he gave us that we have largely based our recommendations.

(d) The state tax commission are interested to the extent that they desire, at their own expense, to send an expert accountant here who will, under their direction and in co-operation with the town officials, institute a system of accounting that will serve as a model which they will use in connection with their proposed recommendations to the legislature. The only expense to the town for this will be the cost of the necessary books and forms.

We respectfully submit for your consideration the following recommendations:

Recommendation I.

ACCOUNTING SYSTEM.

We recommend that the state tax commission's offer to send an expert accountant here for the purpose of installing an accounting system be accepted. This system to be installed under the direction of the state tax commission and in co-operation with the town officials. The expense of installing this system to be paid by the state tax commission excepting only the cost of necessary books and forms to be used in connection with the system; this expense to be paid out of money appropriated for town charges.

An accounting system such as we propose cannot well be explained in detail by this committee; such detail can only be arrived at by the expert accountant during the process of formulating the system. We can, however, detail a few of the many good features of such a system, such as are not found in the present method of accounting:

- (a) A clear and precise record of all bonds, notes, etc.
- (b) A system of orders and ordering that will enable all money paid out to be posted to the debit of the department for which the money was paid.
- (c) An accurate knowledge at any time during the year of just how much of each appropriation has been expended, and, therefore, how much of each appropriation is left to be expended.
- (d) A monthly report from the heads of departments to the selectmen.
- (e) All town money to be handled by the town treasurer.
- (f) Paying lump sums to the heads of departments for further distribution by them to be discontinued.
- (g) The tax rate for school charges to be made separate from tax rate for other charges.
- (h) A systematic and business like method of accounting such as you would demand if you were conducting a business of your own, such as every successful business enterprise has, such as every town, which is purely a business enterprise, should have.

Recommendation II.

TOWN REPORT.

We recommend that the form of town report as approved by the state tax commission be accepted.

This form of report differs from the old only in the manner in which the statements, classifications and general town business is presented to the voters. It is a form worked out by experts with the object of giving the voters a clearer understanding of the condition of the town business and more definite information concerning the expenditure of town money. The tax commission suggests that we eliminate much of the detail that appears in our old form of report; their argument being that there is much detail inserted, requiring considerable extra work and added expense of printing, that interests only a few, and, inasmuch as anyone particularly interested has the privilege of examining the town books, such detail may be well left out of the town report. However, this recommendation refers particularly to the general form of the approved report and is not to be construed as eliminating any detail that public opinion may demand.

Recommendation III.

SELECTMEN.

- (a) We recommend that invoices and all forms of bills

against the town be first approved by the head of the department incurring the charge, passed to the selectmen and approved by at least two members, and then passed by the selectmen to the treasurer for payment.

It will be understood in connection with this recommendation, and as a part of the proposed accounting system, that all invoices and other charges against the town, in so far as practical, be presented to the selectmen for approval in the original and not copies of same made by heads of departments. Just what may be eliminated as impractical can be readily ascertained by those formulating the accounting system.

(b) We recommend that the selectmen be instructed to meet at their office at least once a week, at a convenient hour, for the purpose of auditing bills, keeping up the books and transacting any other business that may be necessary. The day and hour of their meeting to remain fixed as far as possible and notice of same made public; this to enable those having business with the selectmen to know when and where they can conveniently meet them.

(c) We recommend that the selectmen be instructed to comply fully with the existing state law governing the duties of selectmen in the particular of being responsible for the judicious management of all town departments, with authority over all town officers with relation to their duties as officers in the various departments.

Inasmuch as the recommendations and suggestions contained in this report would, if adopted, cause the board of selectmen extra work and responsibility, this committee would approve of any action that may be taken that would cause a corresponding increase in salary to the members of the board. We would suggest that the budget committee, if it has not already done so, take this matter into consideration while formulating its 1916 report.

Recommendation IV.

BUDGET COMMITTEE.

We consider that a committee of this kind is a very important factor as a means of bettering the prudential affairs of the town. In our opinion the work of this committee may be made more effective and satisfactory if it were appointed as noted in the following recommendations:

(a) That the moderator be instructed to appoint seven qualified men, none of whom are town officials, to act as a budget committee.

(b) The members of this committee to be appointed, as far as possible, in a manner that will give a representation from the various sections of the town.

(c) This committee to consult with the officers and citizens of the town, as has been the custom, but to be given the opportunity of discussing and making their recommendations in the privacy of their own council.

(d) That all officers of the town and of the school district be instructed to co-operate with the budget committee, and particularly in the detail of furnishing the committee with any and all information that may be required by the committee for the purpose of intelligently formulating its recommendations.

(e) That the budget committee be instructed to give the suggestions and desires of the town officials every consideration, and endeavor in every judicious way to promote co-operation and harmony between themselves and the town officials.

This committee does not intend that you should consider the foregoing recommendations as being the only ones that might be made that would purpose better prudential conditions. Matters of this kind require careful investigation and deliberation. On account of our somewhat limited time we have only called to your attention, in the form of recommendations, those subjects which we were able to investigate fully and recommend conscientiously.

We offer you in these recommendations only the foundation of better conditions; but, should you be content with only this foundation, we would feel that the true purpose of our work on this committee had not been accomplished. A business like method of conducting the town affairs is absolutely necessary as a beginning of the purpose of all of us to advance the welfare and attractiveness of Gorham. From this point it rests with our individual interest and the interest and ability of our town officers, especially our board of selectmen, whether we will make an effort to progress toward better conditions or whether we will allow only those benefits to come to us which come with a minimum amount of effort and attention.

Committees appointed for the purpose of investigating and reporting on certain affairs are very commendable and the practice should be continued; but we must realize that for investigating and reporting on general prudential affairs we should have in our board of selectmen the best possible committee. The members of this board, because of the fact that they have every opportunity to have an intimate knowledge of all town affairs, and because it is a matter of official duty, should be most ably qualified not only to work out the various problems that arise in the general routine of town business but also to devise ways and means of bettering our prudential affairs along all lines.

Our schools, streets, sidewalks, water works, sewers, etc., are very important and too much care and attention cannot be given them, but, if we are to really progress, our board of selectmen should give a part of their attention to other things. They should investigate, or cause to be investigated by committees or otherwise, such subjects, for example, as health, sanitary conditions and plumbing laws, inspection of meat, milk and other food products, playgrounds and winter sports, improvements of natural attractions, inducements to business enterprises, and, particularly, summer resort business.

This committee stands firm for holding our board of selectmen responsible for the condition of our prudential affairs. This responsibility is not only required of them by law, but, as a fundamental business principle, we should have a responsible head. To this end, if we want the best possible service, if we want our town to really progress, we must elect for our board of selectmen men who are willing to accept this responsibility, men of good ideas and executive ability, the best possible men regardless of party or other prejudices. Then, if we exercise the same care in the selection of our town officers, and if we follow out the recommendations as expressed in this report, we will find that we have taken a long step in the right direction and the work of this committee will not have been in vain.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES C. LIBBY, Chairman,
ELISHA H. CADY,
BERTRAM C. SMITH,
FREDERICK R. JENNINGS,
HENRY M. BERWICK, Secretary.

Gorham, N. H., February 15, 1916.

FINANCIAL REPORTS.

BALANCE

Town of Gorham.

Assets.

Cash:	
In hands of town treasurer. (Do not include cash in sinking funds.)	\$14,500 52
In hands of other officials:	
(a) Sewer and water commission	225 23
Accounts due Town:	
Taxes not collected: (a) Levy of 1915	1,804 37
Due from state: For Gorham Hill special	174 29
(a) For state aid maintenance	84 63
(b) For trunk line maintenance	425 25
(c) For trunk line construction	3,466 95
Due from county:	
(a) Poor	91 70
Sinking funds reserved for payment of debt:	
(a) Par value of securities	18,000 00
(b) Cash	5,000 00
Interest due on bonds owned by town	90 00
Other assets: (Do not include trust funds or town property.)	
(b) Property bid in by town	1,080 59
Total assets	\$44,943 53
Excess of liabilities over assets (net debt)	66,002 96
Grand total	<u>\$110,946 49</u>

SHEET.

February 15, 1916.

Liabilities.

Unpaid balances set aside for special purposes:	
Due to schools: (a) Dog licenses	\$81 30
Notes outstanding.....	47,300 00
Bonds outstanding.....	60,000 00
Interest on bonded debt.....	300 00
Trust funds, amount of principal used by town:	
Dumping ground.....	500 00
High school lot	2,500 00
Sidewalk appropriation	260 19
Mrs. E. H. Fogg estate, order No. 56.....	5 00
Total liabilities.....	<u>\$110,946 49</u>

Grand total.....	<u><u>\$110,946 49</u></u>
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UNIFORM
RECEIPTS AND

Town of Gorham.

Receipts.

CURRENT REVENUE.

From Local Taxes:		
1. Property and poll taxes, current year.	\$58,514	08
2. Property and poll taxes, previous years	1,417	77
3. Special assessments.....	166	60
From State:		
4. Insurance tax.....	3	00
5. Railroad tax.....	3,514	74
6. Savings bank tax.....	2,823	12
8. Literary fund.....	278	20
9. Liquor licenses.....	162	14
10. For education.....	800	00
11. For Highways:		
(a) For state aid maintenance.....	40	37
(b) For state aid construction, Gorham Hill special.....	1,824	46
(c) For trunk line maintenance.....	338	85
(d) For trunk line construction.....	6,639	29
12. For fighting forest fires.....	97	84
13. For bounties.....	16	20
From County:		
14. For support of poor.....	321	31
From Local Sources except Taxes:		
16. Dog licenses.....	81	30
17. All other licenses and permits.....	30	00
20. Income of departments: highways, sewers, etc.....	2,490	28
23. In erest received on taxes, deposits and trust funds.....	447	09
Total current revenue receipts.....	\$80,006	64
RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE.		
24. Temporary loans during year.....	\$25,300	00
25. Bond issues during year.....	720	00
Total receipts other than current revenue	\$26,020	00
All Other Receipts:		
28. From City of Berlin for highways....	\$229	64
Total receipts from all sources.....	\$106,256	28
Cash on hand at beginning of year.....	15,436	11
Total receipts carried forward.....	\$121,692	39

CLASSIFICATION.
PAYMENTS.

For the Year Ending February 15, 1916.

Payments.

CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES.

General Government:	
1. Salaries and expenses of principal town officers	\$1,666 63
2. Election and registration expenses ...	56 70
3. Municipal court expenses	339 55
4. Care and supplies for town hall and other buildings	494 59
Protection of Persons and Property:	
5. Police department	896 44
6. Fire department	1,899 28
8. Bounties	16 20
Health and Sanitation:	
10. Health department	299 25
11. Vital statistics	41 15
Highways and Bridges:	
13. Highways, maintenance—town acct. .	1,989 47
14. Highways, "state aid maintenance" —state and town joint account	205 13
15. Highways, "trunk line maintenance" —state and town joint account	1,444 71
16. Street lighting	1,914 44
17. General expenses, including street sprinkling, salary of road agent, etc ...	566 82
Education:	
18. Libraries (Payments to school districts should be reported under number 42.) ...	750 00
Charities:	
19. Town poor	149 84
20. County poor	402 40
Recreation:	
24. Parks and playgrounds	1,203 45
Public Service Enterprises Owned and Operated by Town:	
25. Water supply system	31 50
26. Cemeteries	15 00
27. Steam roller	750 00
28. Bernard highway damage case	311 90
Total current maintenance expenses	\$15,444 45
Total payments carried forward	\$15,444 45

Receipts and

Total receipts brought forward.....	\$121,692 39
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Grand total.....	<u>\$121,692 39</u>
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Payments--Continued.

INTEREST.	
27. Paid on temporary loans	\$2,283 55
28. Paid on bonded debt	2,400 00
29. Paid on principal of trust funds used by town.....	47 40
Total interest payments	\$4,730 95
OUTLAY FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND PER- MANENT IMPROVEMENTS.	
31. Highway and bridge construction— town account.....	\$7,577 60
32. Highway and bridge construction— state aid account.....	4,864 01
33. Highway and bridge construction— trunk line account.....	13,709 83
34. Sewer construction.....	5,000 00
35. Sidewalk construction	2,022 50
Total outlay payments.....	\$33,173 94
INDEBTEDNESS.	
37. Payments on principal of debt	\$20,200 00
38. Payments to sinking funds.....	5,000 00
Total indebtedness payments	\$25,200 00
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS.	
39. Taxes paid to state	\$6,720 00
40. Taxes paid to county.....	5,113 33
42. Payments to school districts.....	16,807 20
Total.....	\$28,640 53
All Other Payments.	
43. Rebate on taxes	\$2 00
Total.....	\$2 00
Total payments for all purposes.....	\$107,191 87
Cash on hand at end of year	14,500 52
Grand total.....	\$121,692 39

Schedule of Town Property

DESCRIPTION.	VALUE.
1. Town hall, lands and buildings	\$125 00
Furniture and equipment	600 00
3. Department property:	
Fire department, lands and buildings	2,600 00
Apparatus.....	3,672 00
Highway department, equipment	2,875 00
5. Water supply system, if owned by town.....	63,000 00
6. All other property and equipment:	
(b) Sewer and water tools.....	\$203 00
(c) Hearse.....	500 00
Total valuation.....	<u>\$73,575 00</u>

Selectmen's Report

Number of horses, 219; cows, 83; other neat stock, 8; sheep, 22; fowls, 350; hogs, 13; vehicles, 109.

Valuation April 1, 1915.

Real estate	\$2,040,900 00
Personal estate.....	1,615,089 00
Total valuation.....	\$3,655,989 00
Soldier's exemption	7,600 00
Polls, 691.....	1,382 00
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	\$8,982 00

Assessments.

Town charges.....	\$5,000 00
Public library.....	750 00
Sprinkling streets.....	400 00
Lights	200 00
Rental Opera house.....	250 00
Sinking fund.....	5,000 00
Permanent roads.....	3,375 00
Night watchman.....	850 00
Steam roller.....	750 00
Maintenance Trunk line	400 00
Maintenance state aid.....	125 00
Cascade streets.....	5,000 00
Macadam Exchange and Main streets....	1,200 00
Repairs, town building.....	200 00
Budget committee.....	100 00
Hydrant gates.....	250 00
Highways and bridges.....	5,000 00
Schools.....	6,300 00
Debt and interest.....	1,840 00
Additional school money.....	6,275 00
High school lot.....	2,500 00
Books and supplies	1,224 00
State tax.....	6,720 00
County tax.....	5,113 33
Overlay	1,786 69

\$60,609 02

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS. GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

DETAIL 1.

Salaries and Expenses of Principal Town Officers.

SALARIES.

Selectmen, W. B. Gates.....	\$300 00
C. B. Norton.....	200 00
E. H. Barrett.....	180 00
Treasurer, A. E. Leavitt.....	90 00
Clerk, M. M. Willis.....	90 00
Auditor, E. H. Cady.....	5 00
F. R. Jennings.....	5 00
Moderator, T. L. Marble.....	5 00
Water commissioner, T. H. McHugh.....	25 00
A. L. Burbank.....	25 00
C. C. Libby.....	25 00
Attorney, A. R. Evans.....	50 00
Tax collector, D. C. Hamlin.....	468 66

\$1,468 66

EXPENSES.

Printing town reports, F. Ingalls.....	\$131 25
Stamps, Allen Brothers.....	5 45
Supplies, Edson Eastman.....	11 02
Team, W. W. Jewell.....	4 00
Printing, F. Ingalls.....	6 25
Expenses to Manchester, E. H. Barrett..	20 00
H. M. Berwick..	20 00

\$197 97

\$1,666 63

DETAIL 2.

Election and Registration Expenses.

Supervisor, P. K. Ross.....	\$10 00
J. A. Fraser.....	10 00
A. Welch.....	10 00
Supplies, E. Libby & Sons.....	12 35
Labor, Henry Simpson.....	11 65
Supplies, M. M. Willis.....	2 70

\$56 70

DETAIL 3.

Municipal Court Expenses.

Goss & James.....	\$52 00
John B. Casey.....	187 08

H. G. Noyes.....	\$82 47
J. F. Libby.....	18 00

\$339 55

DETAIL 4.

Care and Supplies for Town Hall and Other Buildings.

Cleaning, etc., Murdick Graham.....	\$5 00
Shingling, etc., Henry Simpson.....	88 75
Lights, Twin State Gas & Electric Co....	16 00
Supplies, E. Libby & Sons Co.....	79 20
Insurance, A. R. Evans.....	39 50
Rent, Noyes & Evans.....	104 16
Savings bank.....	150 00
Box, Savings bank.....	3 00
Supplies, W. B. Gates.....	8 98

\$494 59

DETAIL 5.

Protection of Persons and Property.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Murdick Graham.....	\$791 10
Amos Heath.....	4 00
Paul King, labor.....	22 16
Repairing clock, Eco Clock Co.....	20 89
Moving cells, Archie Ramsey.....	2 00
B. W. Smith.....	6 00
Abe Canton.....	8 00
E. F. Barrows.....	3 25
C. E. Tenney.....	23 82
D. R. Wight.....	2 00
E. Libby & Sons Co.....	1 22
Water, T. H. McHugh.....	9 00
Lights, Twin State Gas & Electric Co....	3 00

\$896 44

DETAIL 6.

Fire Department.

Telephone.....	\$24 82
W. W. Jewell.....	57 00
Fire alarm, J. Tellington.....	84 03
Supplies, E. Libby & Sons Co.....	5 75
Fire alarm.....	6 00
M. M. Willis.....	53 43
A. E. Leavitt.....	186 00
Hydrants, T. H. McHugh.....	920 00
Team, C. A. Chandler.....	5 00

Fire Co. No. 1.....	\$302 50	
Fire Co. No. 2.....	60 00	
Janitor, H. N. Mills.....	15 00	
City of Berlin.....	57 15	
Labor, Paul King.....	4 65	
Fisk and Harris.....	18 00	
Inez Forbes.....	12 00	
Zink and copper, Barrett Brothers.....	47 60	
M. M. Willis.....	4 60	
Fire wardens, A. L. Burbank.....	10 00	
S. S. Bennett.....	10 00	
H. J. Fancy.....	10 00	
Forest fires, W. J. Perkins.....	5 75	
		\$1,899 28

DETAIL 10.

Health and Sanitation.

Buzzell case, Fred Messenger.....	\$30 65	
B. L. Richardson, M. D.....	63 25	
H. G. Reed.....	1 00	
W. G. Barrett.....	8 40	
B. C. Smith.....	1 50	
A. M. Heath.....	2 50	
H. H. Bryant, M. D.....	18 25	
Henry Marble, M. D.....	154 95	
Barrett Brothers.....	10 75	
J. A. Fraser.....	8 00	
		\$299 25

DETAIL 11.

Vital Statistics.

Henry Marble, M. D.....	\$5 00	
M. M. Willis.....	17 90	
Rev. G. L. Pressey.....	1 00	
Rev. J. B. McCaffrey.....	1 75	
H. H. Bryant, M. D.....	3 75	
B. L. Richardson, M. D.....	5 25	
N. Sasseville, M. D.....	2 00	
T. C. Pulsifer, M. D.....	3 50	
A. Levallee, M. D.....	1 00	
		\$41 15

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

DETAIL 13.

Highways Maintenance, Town Account.

W. W. Jewell.....	\$1,989 47
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DETAIL 14.

Highways, State Aid Maintenance.

STATE AND TOWN JOINT ACCOUNT.

W. W. Jewell \$205 13

DETAIL 15.

Highways, Trunk Line Maintenance.

STATE AND TOWN JOINT ACCOUNT.

W. W. Jewell \$1,444 71

DETAIL 17.

General Expenses.

Including Street Sprinkling, Salary of Road Agent, Etc.

Teams, C. A. Chandler	\$28 18
Sprinkling, W. W. Jewell.....	400 04
Signs, Stark Wilson	4 35
E. Libby & Sons Co.....	3 75
John Christianson	3 00
Standpipes	40 00
Fountain.....	25 00
Budget committee.....	62 50

\$566 82

Charities.

DETAIL 19.

TOWN POOR.

Toney Smith case, J. Skardusky.....	\$20 94
Simon Stahl.....	21 25
S. M. Leavitt & Son.....	14 15
B. C. Smith & Co....	18 50
Aubert case, B. L. Richardson.....	75 00

\$149 84

DETAIL 20.

County Poor.

Fraser case, Edward Billedeau.....	\$2 00
B. C. Smith.....	23 62
Cote case, rent, Coulombe.....	25 00
supplies, B. C. Smith.....	5 19
supplies, Forbush & Miles.....	184 94
supplies, A. E. Leavitt.....	18 50
Henry Marble	21 50
Elliot case, Amos Heath.....	37 00
B. C. Smith	15 15
A. E. Leavitt.....	1 50

Auburt case, hospital \$68 00

\$402 40

DETAIL 24.

Park and Playgrounds.

James Baird.....	\$45 44
Eli Green.....	44 22
John Kerns.....	27 00
H. Green.....	49 76
Arthur Hill.....	81 27
W. S. Waker.....	76 94
Thomas Cummings.....	8 00
George Baird.....	16 00
Grand Trunk Railway.....	38 27
M. O'Brion.....	11 00
W. F. Kendall.....	196 54
T. E. Malloy.....	49 00
F. R. Jennings.....	5 00
Berlin Mills Co.....	3 10
Berlin Foundry & Machine Co.....	65 96
Riva & Stanley.....	6 00
J. E. Tellington.....	109 37
Paul King.....	38 24
E. Libby & Sons Co.....	238 35
C. A. Chandler.....	78 50
Henry Simpson.....	8 85
J. S. Mott & Son.....	6 64

\$1,203 45

DETAIL 25.

Water Supply System.

Taxes on lots in Randolph, N. H..... \$31 50

DETAIL 26.

Bernard Highway Damage Case.

J. F. Libby.....	\$291 40
W. W. Jewell.....	20 50

\$311 90

DETAIL 31.

Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements.

CASCADE STREETS.

Engineer E. McMacey.....	\$139 74
J. A. Fraser.....	4,829 64
Freight, Boston & Maine Railroad.....	8 82

Culvert pipe.....	\$192 18	
E. Libby & Sons Co.....	42 19	
		\$5,212 57

EXCHANGE STREET AND MAIN STREET.

W. W. Jewell.....		\$1,168 38
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MOOSE BROOK BRIDGE.

United Construction Co.....	\$1,145 00	
W. W. Jewell.....	51 65	
		\$1,196 65
		\$7,577 60

DETAIL 32.

Highway and Bridge Construction.

STATE AID ACCOUNT.

Gorham hill, W. W. Jewell.....		\$4,864 01
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DETAIL 33.

Highway and Bridge Construction.

TRUNK LINE ACCOUNT.

W. W. Jewell.....		\$13,709 83
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DETAIL 35.

Sidewalk Construction.

Stark Wilson.....	\$28 00	
C. A. Chandler.....	1,974 40	
George Emery.....	14 00	
E. Libby & Sons Co.....	3 60	
G. L. Pressey.....	2 50	
		\$2,022 50

Respectfully submitted.

W. B. GATES,
C. B. NORTON,
E. H. BARRETT,

Selectmen of Gorham.

We hereby certify that we have this day examined the foregoing report of the selectmen and vouchers for bills paid, and find them correct.

E. H. CADY,
FRED R. JENNINGS,

Auditors.

Gorham, N. H., February, 21, 1916.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts.

Balance on hand, Feb. 15, 1915, including \$90 dog tax..	\$15,436 11
Received from all sources.....	106,256 28
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	\$121,692 39

Payments.

Paid out on orders.....	\$107,191 87
Balance on hand, Feb. 15, 1916, including \$81.30 dog tax.	14,500 52
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	\$121,692 39

This is to certify that we have this day examined the accounts of A. E. Leavitt, town treasurer, and found them to be correct.

E. H. CADY,
FRED R. JENNINGS.

Auditors.

Gorham, N. H., February 21, 1916.

Report of Water and Sewer Commission

Receipts.

Cash in bank, February 15, 1915.....	\$150 68
Revenue, water rents.....	3,406 16
Revenue, sewer rents.....	122 22
Labor and material for others.....	70 78
Town orders.....	5,000 00
	\$8,749 84

Payments.

A. E. Leavitt, interest on bonds.....	\$2,400 00
Labor.....	3,402 07
Insurance.....	182 24
Material, team hire and repairs.....	2,540 30
	\$8,524 61

Recapitulation.

Receipts.....	\$8,749 84
Payments.....	8,524 61
	\$225 23

This is to certify that we have this day examined the accounts of T. H. McHugh, treasurer of the Gorham water works and sewer commission, and find them correct.

E. H. CADY,
FRED R. JENNINGS,

Auditors.

Gorham, N. H., February 21, 1916.

Cost of New Work and Maintenance.

SEWERS.

From Lafayette Hotel to Main street.

Labor.....	\$999 21
Insurance.....	56 08
Material, team hire and repairs.....	585 10
	\$1,640 39

From Hannaford's to Wood's and Paul Dauphin's.

Labor	\$1,174 74
Insurance	61 63
Material, team hire and repairs	935 66
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	\$2,172 03

Storm sewer, Main street to sewer in rear of H. G. Noyes'.

Labor	\$121 82
Insurance	6 35
Material	61 66
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	\$189 83

Storm sewer, Exchange street to Androscoggin street sewer.

Labor	\$229 22
Insurance	12 03
Material	85 10
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	\$326 35

Storm sewer, Alpine street to the J. W. Brown estate.

Labor	\$211 72
Insurance	11 08
Material	97 67
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	\$320 47

Catch basins.

Labor	\$73 74
Insurance	8 83
Material	66 54
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	\$144 11

Installing 12 water services.

Labor	\$328 79
Insurance	17 22
Material	161 12
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	\$507 13

Maintenance sewers	\$35 23
Insurance	1 83
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	\$37 06

Maintenance of waterworks.

Labor	\$228 00
Insurance	11 97
Material	577 48
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	\$817 45

Tools bought	\$128 47
Stock on hand, February 15, 1915	\$419 65
Stock on hand, February 15, 1916	\$260 97

Statement of Expense.

WATER WORKS.

Installing pipe line system.....	\$53,156 22
Installing services and maintenance to February 15, 1916	\$16,533 33
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	\$69,689 55

SEWERS.

To February 15, 1915.....	\$14,376 90
To February 15, 1916.....	4,793 18
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	\$19,170 08
Total amount received to February 15, 1915	\$28,896 31
Revenue for year ending February 15, 1916	3,528 38
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	\$32,424 69

Gorham Public Library

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Cash on hand February 15, 1915.....	\$273 90
Amount of appropriation	750 00
Fines	31 00
Book destroyed.....	1 50

\$1,056 40

Expenditures.

Rent to February 15, 1916.....	\$200 00
Insurance covering \$1,500.00 to Jan. 24, 1917.....	19 75
Salary librarian to Feb. 15, 1916.....	79 50
Postage and trucking.....	47
Supplies.....	14 85
Lights for 5 months to Feb. 1, 1916	6 69
Books, magazines, etc.....	285 55

\$606 81

Recapitulation.

Total receipts as above.....	\$1,056 40
Total expenditures as above	606 81

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1916

\$449 59

\$1,056 40

Respectfully submitted.

ELISHA H. CADY,
HARRIET F. MARBLE,
G. L. PRESSEY,

Trustees Gorham Public Library.

This is to certify that I have this day examined the accounts of the trustees of Gorham public library and find the same correct.

FRED R. JENNINGS,

Auditor.

Gorham, N. H., February 21, 1916.

Municipal Court for the Town of Gorham

Report of Justice.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Gorham:

I hereby beg to submit a report for the municipal court of the town of Gorham, from March 1st, 1915, to February 15th, 1916. By act of statute, the district court for the district of Gorham was abolished and a municipal court was established, the act taking effect March 1st, 1915.

Arrests have been made for the following offenses:

Adultery	2
Assault on officer	1
Assault with intent to kill	2
Assault with intent to rape	1
Disorderly conduct	2
Drunk	66
Keeping for sale	2
Larceny	5
Noise and brawl	2
Non-support	1
Operating under influence of liquor (automobile)	1
Overspeeding	3
Surety of the peace	1
Violation of the fish and game laws	1
	90

The above cases were disposed of as follows:

Fines paid to town, in whole or in part	31
Fines paid to state	2
Sentences suspended for payment	30
Committed	10
Sentences placed on file	1
Bound over	5
Sentence suspended during absence from town	2
Dismissed	2
Discharged	4
Sentence on file during good behavior	1

Appeal.....	1
Continued.....	1
	90
Net amount received for fines and costs.....	\$74 66
Net amount paid to treasnrer for the town of Gorham.	74 66

Respectfully submitted.

H. G. NOYES.

This is to certify that we have this day examined the complaints, warrants, docket and returns of the police court of the town of Gorham, N. H., and find the same correct.

E. H. CADY,
FRED R. JENNINGS.

Auditors.

Gorham, N. H., February 23, 1916.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL OFFICIALS
OF THE TOWN OF
GORHAM, N. H.
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15
1916

BY THE SCHOOL BOARD, TREASURER, AUDI-
TORS, SUPERINTENDENT, PRINCIPAL
AND MUSIC TEACHER.

GORHAM, N. H. :
OLD MOUNTAINEER PRESS,
1916

Officers

School Board.

JESSE F. LIBBY,

THOMAS L. MARBLE.

ELISHA H. CADY,

Treasurer.

A. E. LEAVITT.

Clerk.

M. M. WILLIS.

Moderator.

HENRY MARBLE.

Auditors.


HENRY MARBLE,

F. R. JENNINGS.

Superintendent.

J. E. WIGNOT.

State of New Hampshire

 To the inhabitants of the school district of Gorham qualified to vote in district affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the high school room in Gorham, in said district, on the 15th day of March, 1916, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening, to act upon the following subjects, viz.:

1. To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.
4. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three (3) years.
5. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise to pay on the indebtedness of said district.
6. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise for school purposes in addition to the sum which the town is required to raise by law.
7. To see if the district will vote to accept the provisions of the will of Miss Ann Lary, by which the sum of \$12,000 is given and bequeathed to the district for certain purposes.
8. To see if the district will vote to call the school building on Mechanic street the "Ann Lary School" as requested by Miss Lary in her said will.
9. To see if the district will vote to adopt the provisions of chapter 83 of the laws of 1913 relating to medical inspection of schools.
10. To see if the district will vote to authorize the school board to move the schoolhouse in the Heath district, so called, to near the first bridge on the road leading from the Main road to the said district near the Berry house.
11. To see if the district will authorize the school board to purchase and place suitable fire escapes on the high school and Mechanic street buildings.
12. To hear the report of agents, auditors, committees or officers heretofore chosen or appointed, and pass any vote relating thereto.

13. To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in the warrant.

14. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Gorham, this 26th day of February, A. D. 1916.

JESSE F. LIBBY,
ELISHA H. CADY,
THOMAS L. MARBLE,
School Board of Gorham.

A true copy—attest:

JESSE F. LIBBY,
ELISHA H. CADY,
THOMAS L. MARBLE,
School Board of Gorham.

Report of School Board

To the voters and inhabitants of the school district of Gorham,
New Hampshire:

The school board herewith submits its annual report for the year
ending February 15, 1916.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

REVENUE.

Balance on hand, February 15, 1915.....	\$1,641 16
Amount voted by town, school purposes.....	6,300 00
Amount voted by district, school purposes.....	6,275 00
Amount raised for interest and indebtedness.....	1,840 00
Amount assessed for books, supplies, etc.....	1,224 00
State allowance for superintendent's salary.....	800 00
Literary fund.....	278 20
Town of Shelburne, account superintendent's salary...	200 00
Town of Randolph, account superintendent's salary, 1915	100 00
Dog licenses.....	90 00
Tuition.....	60 00
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	\$18,808 36

EXPENDITURES.

Supervision.

J. E. Wignot, superintendent.....	\$1,900 00
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Teachers.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Francis B. McKenney, principal.....	\$550 00
Herbert E. Wolfe, principal.....	424 00
Ruth Willis.....	492 00
Esther M. Fraim.....	280 00
Jeannette I. Schofield.....	192 00

\$1,938 00

FIFTH TO EIGHTH GRADES.

Ruby M. Smith.....	\$504 00
Gladys A. Young.....	220 00
Mae T. Laffin.....	192 00
Ruth E. Wight.....	416 00
Ethel A. Wheeler.....	200 00
Gladys A. Sterling.....	192 00

\$1,724 00

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Eva A. Penfold, principal.....	\$508 00
Elisabeth Brooks.....	472 00

Margaret L. Baldwin.....	\$220 00
Wava B. Richardson.....	192 00
Mae Dutton.....	240 00
Bessie A. Barrett	192 00
Ruby Percival.....	80 00

\$1,904 00

CASCADES.

Marjorie Noyes.....	\$273 50
Julia A. Michaud.....	180 00
Julia Z. Bradbury.....	144 00
Dorothy Wight.....	160 00
Harriet Ridlon	128 00
Ruby Twitchell.....	51 00

\$936 50

UPPER VILLAGE.

Mary E. Douglas.....	344 00
Julia A. Michaud.....	136 00

\$480 00

HEATH DISTRICT AND GORHAM HILL.

Gladys Hogan.....	\$216 00
Mary Ogle	150 00

\$366 00

SPECIAL TEACHERS.

Mabel L. Hanson, domestic science	\$277 74
Florence Murray, music	162 00

\$439 74

\$7,788 24

Janitors.

M. B. Alley.....	\$641 63
Ada Hopkins	77 00
C. D. Thurston	58 33
Annie Ogle.....	38 00
Gladys Hogan	36 00
Mary Ogle	17 50
Alfred Gouin.....	17 00
Michael Ogle.....	6 00
J. G. Dickson.....	2 50

\$893 96

Text Books and Pupils' Supplies.

BOOKS.

Edward E. Babb & Co.....	\$311 06
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American Book Company.....	\$93 11
Ginn & Co.....	82 59
D. C. Heath & Co.....	47 34
Rumford Supply Co.....	16 34
Little, Brown & Co.....	11 20
Benj. H. Sanborn & Co.....	7 55
Teachers' Exchange.....	6 88
Thompson, Brown & Co.....	6 04
G. H. Whitcher.....	6 00
Capital Supply Co.....	4 72
Houghton Mifflin Co.....	2 11
American Humane Education Society.....	1 36
Palmer Co.....	75

\$597 05

SUPPLIES.

Edward E. Babb & Co.....	\$333 18
J. L. Hammett Co.....	50 98
Milton Bradley Co.....	42 89
F. Ingalls.....	41 50
Romeyn H. Rivenberg.....	3 33

\$471 83

MUSIC.

John Church Co.....	\$7 82
Oliver Ditson Co.....	4 43
Boston Music Co.....	4 11
Silver Burdette Co.....	3 70

\$20 06

EXPRESS, ETC.

A. H. Hall, cartage and freight.....	\$3 87
J. E. Wignot, express paid on books.....	3 39

\$7 26

\$1,096 25

Repairs.

William Warner, painting.....	\$310 00
M. M. Willis, paint, etc.....	232 30
C. A. Chandler, concrete walk.....	120 00
Paul King, labor and material.....	15 05
Daniel Hopkins, labor.....	12 84
A. E. Parent, glass, etc.....	11 43
Henry Simpson, labor.....	7 25
W. N. Green, labor.....	4 75
D. L. Heath, labor.....	4 75
C. H. Hobbs, materials.....	3 15

F. Ingalls, bids for painting.....	\$2 00
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	\$723 52

Transportation of Pupils.

Berlin Street railway, to February 15, 1916.....	\$381 15
James M. Heath, pupils from Heath district, 10 weeks @ \$5	50 00
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	\$431 15

Room Equipment and Supplies.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE ROOM.

Fred Routhier, labor	\$176 11
E. Libby & Sons Co., lumber, etc.....	126 86
M. M. Willis, equipment.....	90 37
C. H. Hobbs, stove.....	45 20
Singer Sewing Machine Co., sewing machine.....	23 04
C. G. Hamlin, cooking materials.....	17 06
Paul King, plumbing	14 15
Boston Cooking school, equipment	6 50
S. M. Leavitt & Son, sewing materials....	3 87
Forbush & Miles, cooking materials.....	3 16
B. C. Smith & Co., sewing materials.....	1 15
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	\$507 47

JANITOR'S SUPPLIES.

Orient Spray Co., dust layer.....	\$75 00
Fuller Brush Co., brushes.....	7 30
M. M. Willis, supplies.....	6 97
John Landry, supplies.....	2 09
S. M. Leavitt & Son, supplies.....	1 81
John H. Montminy, supplies.....	1 80
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	\$94 97

CHAIRS AND TABLES.

E. Libby & Sons Co., tables, high school..	\$34 00
M. M. Willis, chairs, high school.....	27 00
Readsboro Chair Co., kindergarten chairs..	8 88
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	\$69 88
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	\$672 32

Reference Books, Maps and Apparatus.

L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.....	\$45 35
Barrett Bros., laboratory supplies	22 07
A. N. Marquis & Co., books	11 50
Thos. Nelson & Sons, encyclopedia leaves.....	10 00
Current Events, periodical.....	8 40

Granite State Publishing Co., books	\$6 90
J. E. Wignot, hectograph supplies.....	6 27
Milton Bradley Co., maps.....	5 91
W. H. Baker & Co., plays.....	4 75
C. S. Brimley, zoological specimens.....	4 63
O. F. Cole, card index.....	1 38
Estate of F. W. Noyes, laboratory supplies	1 30

\$128 46

Fuel, Water, Lights and Insurance.

FUEL.

C. G. Hamlin, coal	\$449 07
E. Libby & Sons Co., wood.....	147 15
Simon Stahl & Son, wood.....	104 05

\$700 27

WATER AND LIGHTS.

Town of Gorham, water	\$60 00
Twin State Gas & Electric Co., lights.....	36 63

\$96 63

INSURANCE.

A. R. Evans, agent.....	\$25 00
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\$25 00

\$821 90

District Officers and Expenses.

T. L. Marble, clerk of school board	\$74 00
J. F. Libby, member of school board.....	63 00
E. H. Cady, member of school board.....	63 00
A. E. Leavitt, treasurer.....	25 00
Henry Marble, moderator.....	5 00
M. M. Willis, clerk of district.....	5 00
F. R. Jennings, auditor.....	2 00
Henry Marble, auditor.....	2 00
A. E. Leavitt, treasurer's record book.....	1 00

\$240 00

Printing and Graduation Expenses.

PRINTING.

District reports.....	\$48 00
Report forms.....	15 00
Topical reports.....	19 50
Promotion cards.....	7 50
Notices to parents.....	8 00

Record forms.....	\$2 50	
		\$100 50

GRADUATION.

Noyes & Evans, hall.....	\$16 00	
Vesta B. Holt, orchestra	10 60	
Howard & Brown, diplomas	4 32	
F. Ingalls, programs	3 50	
		\$34 42
		\$134 92

Truancy.

B. B. Bickford, truant officer.....	\$160 00	
Prosecution of Peter Bourassa.....	1 50	
Prosecution of Tony Smith	1 50	
		\$163 00

Interest and Indebtedness.

Edward Morse, note.....	\$1,000 00	
W. D. Morse, interest to Feb. 15, 1916.....	560 00	
Estate of I. C. Wight, interest to Feb. 15, 1916.. . . .	160 00	
A. N. Twitchell, interest to Feb. 15, 1916.....	100 00	
		\$1,860 00

Recapitulation.

REVENUE.

Total revenue.....	\$18,808 36
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EXPENDITURES.

Teachers.....	\$7,788 24
Supervision	1,900 00
Interest and indebtedness.....	1,860 00
Text books and pupils' supplies.....	1,096 25
Janitors.....	893 96
Fuel, water, etc.....	821 90
Repairs	723 52
Room equipment, etc.....	672 32
Transportation.....	431 15
District officers.....	240 00
Truancy.....	163 00
Printing and graduation.....	134 92
Reference books, maps, etc.....	128 46
Balance in treasury	1,954 64

\$18,808 36

Classification of Expenditures.

(Exclusive of Interest and Indebtedness.)

Instruction.....	\$8,884 49
Control.....	2,303 00
Operation.....	1,785 83
Maintenance.....	1,325 87
Auxiliaries.....	694 53
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	\$14,993 72

Liabilities.

NOTES.

(Interest Paid to February 15, 1916.)

W. D. Morse.....	\$14,000 00
Estate of I. C. Wight.....	4,000 00
A. N. Twitchell.....	2,500 00
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	\$20,500 00

Respectfully submitted.

JESSE F. LIBBY,
ELISHA H. CADY,
THOMAS L. MARBLE,

School Board.

We certify that we have this day examined the above accounts of the school board and find them correct.

HENRY MARBLE,
FRED R. JENNINGS,

Auditors.

Gorham, N. H., February , 1916.

Requisition

In accordance with Section 1 of Chapter 52 of the New Hampshire Laws of 1909, the school board makes the following estimate of the sums of money required during the ensuing fiscal year for the following purposes:

Text books.....	\$400 00
Scholars' supplies	400 00
Salaries	239 00
Truancy.....	160 00
Flags and appurtenances.....	25 00
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	\$1,224 00

We respectfully request the selectmen of the town of Gorham, N. H., in their next annual assessment to assess upon the taxable polls and property of the district a sum sufficient to meet the above mentioned requirement and when collected to pay the same over to the district treasurer.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. LIBBY,
E. H. CADY,
T. L. MARBLE,

School Board.

Gorham, N. H., February 15, 1916.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts.

Balance on hand, February 15, 1915.....	\$1,641 16
Received from Berlin, Milan, Shelburne and Randolph.....	360 00
Received from town of Gorham.....	16,807 20
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	\$18,808 36

Payments.

Paid orders, 1 to 112.....	\$16,853 72
Balance on hand, February 15, 1916.....	1,954 64
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	\$18,808 36

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee:

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith my second annual report on the schools. I respectfully call attention to the following phases of the present school situation:

School Buildings.

Doubtless good schools may exist in poor buildings. I know of some very poor schools lodged in perfectly beautiful buildings. However, the chances are that shabby buildings indicate poor schools and that modern buildings are the homes of good schools. Strangers judge schools mostly from the outside appearances. It is common sense to suppose that a spirit of progress shown in modern, sanitary, up-to-date buildings would go hand in hand with a similar spirit of progress in the character of the instruction given within. Knowing our own schools as I do, I am certain that there is not a school in town where good, competent instruction is not given. At the same time, I am equally certain that these same teachers could, and would, do better work in better surroundings. We have, at present, one modern, up-to-date building: The Mechanic-street school. Inside and out this building is excellently fitted for modern school purposes. The high school building looks well from the outside. It was painted last summer. Inside it is old and worn. Its furniture is poor and out of date. The walls are shabby and unbeautiful. The building is crowded with about 225 pupils and every prospect of a large increase next year. Any adequate opportunity for play on the school grounds is out of the question. Yet play is an essential feature of modern education. On the whole, the building and its location constitute quite a handicap on the efforts of both teachers and pupils.

The house at the upper village, the two at the Cascade, and the two rural schools, all lack the common comforts and sanitary necessities of the humblest homes, not to mention absolute absence of any trace of beauty of structure. It is doubtful if any of these buildings is worth repairing or remodeling. They must be replaced by new buildings in the near future or we shall lose, from the appearance of our school buildings, the reputation of being a prosperous, thriving, up-to-date community.

College Entrance Requirements.

All colleges admit students to their institutions by examination. This has been the time-honored custom in this relationship between the colleges and the high schools. The vast majority of high school graduates entering college do so by examination, a method which places the responsibility for their fitness to enter college, not upon the high schools, but upon the colleges, where it belongs. The curricula in our high school have been planned with a view to fitting boys and girls for any college examination. Most colleges are willing to allow these examinations to be taken in our own school. It can not be too emphatically urged upon parents who have children preparing to enter college, that they decide early to which college they wish to send their sons or daughters, and that they confer with the principal in regard to the matter. The catalog of the particular college in question may then be consulted, the entrance requirements noted, and the boy's or girl's work directed to the definite end of meeting these requirements. Furthermore, the entrance examinations may be taken in two or three yearly installments. By so doing, it ought not to be a difficult matter for the average boy or girl to gain admission, by examination, to any college in the country, after four years of serious work in our high school.

Of late years certain colleges have adopted a plan of admitting high school graduates on certificate. The plan is feasible for large high schools sending a large number of students to college. For small schools like ours it is scarcely feasible, as the certificate privilege is automatically removed whenever the school fails to send pupils to college for a period of (usually) five years.

The teachers in the high school are all college graduates who adapted their college courses directly toward the teaching profession. The equipment of the school as to books, apparatus and curricula, conforms in every respect to the requirements of the state department of public instruction by which the school is approved in class A. Class A means a school offering a four years' course of study of college preparatory grade. Approval by the department means that the school offers adequate instruction for entrance to college.

Curricula.

Owing to the introduction of domestic arts courses changes were necessary in the curricula of the school. Where formerly two curricula were offered the school now offers four. They have been approved by the state department of public instruction and are printed in this report. It will be noticed that the two new courses offered are very similar to the old ones, the only difference being the substitution of domestic arts each year for some other study. The studies thus displaced for girls taking Latin are: 1st year, algebra; 2nd year, geometry; 3rd year, physics; 4th year, review

mathematics. For girls taking the English course the studies displaced are: 1st year, algebra; 2nd year, geometry; 3rd year, review mathematics; 4th year, advanced mathematics. It is a question for parents to decide, of course, whether the domestic arts studies are of more value to their girls than these. Judging from the number of girls taking the domestic arts studies it would seem that (many) parents have decided the matter in favor of the practical studies. It is my firm conviction that they have decided wisely. I would even go so far as to say that there are no other studies offered in the school of so much value to girls as those in domestic arts. These new courses have scarcely had time to get their bearings as yet, and it will take some years before they are thoroughly understood. When they are, it ought to be a rare case in which they are not included among the studies of the girls in the high school.

Medical Inspection.

From the trend of events in regard to medical inspection of public schools, I judge that it will be a matter of a very few years only, when this valuable feature of public school work will be universally accepted as a part of every system. The cost is not heavy and the benefit to be obtained would be beyond all computation. Most excellent work has been done this year by the health officer in fulfilling the requirements of the public vaccination law and in disinfecting the two village schools several times. This is a most commendable beginning in such work. It should be extended to include the examination of all children for the various physical defects common to childhood, systematic instruction in hygiene, treatment suggested for defectives, periodic examination of water supplies for contamination, thorough inspection and overhauling of sanitariums, following up of absences due to infectious disease. I believe such health supervision would do much to improve the health of the school body, attendance, scholarship and morals. Medical inspection elsewhere has shown that 60 per cent of school children have physical defects which need correction.

Teachers (Elementary).

All of the teachers in the eight graded village schools are experienced teachers and are normal graduates or have had equivalent training. This is excellent. Of the six teachers outside of the village only one is a beginner and she has shown unusual aptitude for the work. All of the teachers deserve our sincere praise for a year's work faithfully done. Beyond this, there has been a most praiseworthy effort put forth among them for self-improvement. A wide scope of professional reading has been carried on throughout the year. Teachers' meetings have been faithfully attended at no inconsiderable sacrifice of time and personal comfort. Institutes have been attended at Woodsville and Berlin. They have

done all in their power to make the work of the year the best in the history of the town.

Incidentally, the policy, inaugurated last year, of a regular increase in the pay of teachers has been a potent influence in encouraging them to stay with us. The wisdom of this policy will become more manifest as time goes on.

Teaching.

The quality of the teaching in our elementary schools is high. The different subjects of the program are admirably taught. We studiously avoid fads. Mushroom "methods" and "systems" have no place among us. We endeavor to seek out the fundamentals of good teaching in all branches and to have these fundamentals in evidence in the schoolroom work. On the other hand, methods and practices, which have no justification except tradition, must give place to something better. The deformalization of education now going on in the schools of New Hampshire is good. It means instruction much more "worth while" than any we have ever had.

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation of the loyalty and good-fellowship of the teachers, the wise, helpful counsel and broad, sympathetic treatment from the committee, the good will of the public and the affection of the school children.

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. WIGNOT, Superintendent.

High School Principal's Report

Mr. J. E. Wignot, Superintendent of Schools, Gorham, N. H.

Dear sir: I have the honor to submit the following report.

The school year opened with two new teachers and a record-breaking enrollment of 74. Our present enrollment is 74 and is divided as follows: Seniors, 13; juniors, 17; sophomores, 21; freshmen, 23. Forty-six of the pupils are pursuing the general curriculum, while the other twenty-eight are taking the subjects which prepare directly for academic work in college.

In our school we have many things to be praised and also some to be deplored. There is a very lively school spirit being manifested this year. Among other reasons may be cited two: our increased athletic activity and our school paper.

This fall the school supported a football team for the first time in years, to be sure, with no alarming success, but nevertheless a team that the school was proud of. We recently sent a relay team to the Bowdoin interscholastic indoor meet, and won. But the question of winning or losing is not so important. The real gain is that our boys have met with boys of other schools and gained and given and been broadened by so doing. The whole school has learned to work shoulder to shoulder, out of loyalty to the school, for one common end.

Another undertaking that has brought gratifying results is the publication of a school paper, "The White Mountain Zephyr." It has unified the school as no other force could. It is creditable proof that we can produce a good piece of work, and as a direct expression of our school life has won deserved praise from its readers.

What about the conditions under which we work? When the present high school building was erected, it was no doubt ideal. But times and conditions have changed. The school is constantly increasing. Last year with an attendance of 59, the main room, which seats 60, was ample. This year we have 74, which necessitates seating 14 scholars at tables in one of the recitation rooms.

So much for the past and present. What about the future? When the present senior class graduates, it will leave 61 scholars. There are surely 26 who will enter from the eighth grade, and probably at least 8 from the various rural schools and other sources. Total 95! Unless we can disprove the law that no two bodies can occupy the same space at the same time, it is difficult to see how 95 scholars can be accommodated in a building meant

for 60. The percentage of those who attend high school will be greater every year, and our present crowded condition must grow constantly worse, until a new building is provided.

But above all, we should have four teachers instead of three. At present the five hours of school per day are divided into eight periods of 35 minutes each. One of our staff teaches all eight periods, the other two are occupied seven. If there were four teachers in the school, instead of three, we could have six regulation forty-five minute periods, which would mean thirty per cent more instruction in every subject. It would also mean better instruction, since it would give to each teacher fewer subjects, thus insuring more highly specialized work. To increase the teaching staff by one would entail but small expense when compared with the great advantages that would be derived.

In closing, we urge all parents and citizens interested in the school to visit us often, both to criticize and commend. The work done by the pupils is, I feel, constantly improving. The large majority take a very keen interest in their work, and the number that voluntarily return in the afternoon for additional work is very gratifying.

Respectfully submitted.

F. P. MCKENNEY.

Report of Supervisor of Music

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The following report is respectfully submitted.

Grades One and Two.

The music in these two grades consists mostly of rote songs, scale songs, ear training and drills for tone deafness. Much stress is laid on individual singing in both grades and in the second grade the reading from the staff is begun.

Grade Three.

The rote singing, ear training and individual song singing is continued in this grade, giving more attention to tone and expression as the pupils advance. The staff reading is continued from the second grade, spending some time every day on this syllable work. The ear training is combined with board reading and from it all they get the technical terms staff, bars, "G" clef, sharps, flats, notes, accent and measure signs. In this grade they also learn how to locate their "do" from the last sharp or flat with the teacher's help.

Grade Four.

All of the above work is carried right along into the fourth grade, but in here the rote songs are fewer in number as they are now reading from books and in this way learn two or three new songs a week by note. In this grade the new technic is naming the lines, spaces and keys.

Grade Five.

In this grade all the technic is reviewed and the rest of the chromatic scale is taught. The children place their own sharps and flats on the staff and locate their "do." The following rhythms have been taught: The quarter note, the half, the dotted half, the whole, the eighths, the quarter and the eighths, the sixteenth notes, the dotted eighth and the sixteenth, and two forms of the triplet. They have used all of the above in songs and exercises in one and two part music found in the second Educational Music Readers.

Grade Six.

All technic of the lower grades has been reviewed and, in addition, the three forms of the minor scale, namely, the normal,

the harmonic and the melodic, have been developed. The use of the sharp, the natural, the double sharp, the flat and the double flat, has been taken up thoroughly, and a study is being made of all expression marks and tempo signs. Ear training is carried on in this grade orally and written.

They have practically covered all of the work in the second Modern Music Reader.

Grade Seven.

All the technic of the sixth grade reviewed and much time spent on the different chromatic signs. Transposing from one key to another using chromatics has been introduced. The construction of major scales has been taken up and the expression and tempo signs more carefully studied and noted. Class has read in one, two and three part music from the fourth Educational Music Reader.

Grade Eight.

All the above technic carefully reviewed and the bass clef studied more carefully and put into practice. No new technic introduced. Class has sung and studied the technic of songs in the fifth Educational Music Reader.

High School.

The high school work consists of chorus work using sheet music and the Laurel Song Book.

Upper Village.

This work is a combination of the work of the first three grades in the village schools.

FLORENCE A. MURRAY, Supervisor of Music.

Vital Statistics

FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS.

	1913	1914	1915
Whole number pupils registered	460	504	432
Boys	231	249	220
Girls	229	255	212
Per cent of attendance.....	92	94	96
Number of cases of tardiness	389	519	928

The increase in the per cent of attendance from 92, in the year 1913, to 96 in the year 1915, tells a good story of improved school conditions. The increase in the number of cases of tardiness from 389 in 1913, to 928 in 1915, makes a showing of which we, in the school business, have small cause to feel proud. Here is a matter in which school and home must pull together. Being late is admittedly a serious bad habit which should not be tolerated in school or at home. We are doing our best to rid the schools of this practice. We need the help of every parent and guardian.

Promotion, Retardation and Loss.

GRADE.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Number of pupils promoted to next grade during or at the end of school year.....	65	60	47	45	34	33	38	16
Number of pupils in grade at the end of year not promoted.....	30	2	0	2	2	0	5	0
Number of pupils in grade at the end of year who have been there two years...	3	3	0	2	0	1	0	0
Number of pupils in grades 1 and 2 over ten years of age.....	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Number of pupils who have left school and whose school life has presumably ended.	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	3
Average age of class at the beginning of school year.....	6½	6½	9	9¾	11¾	12	13	14

Roll of Honor

The following pupils have been neither absent nor tardy during the entire school year beginning September 14, 1914, and ending June 11, 1915:

High School—Fred Gorham, Harold Jewett, Loyd Perry, Laura Long.

8th Grade—Dallas Forbush, Freddie McCrum.

7th Grade—Earl F. Libby, Lawrence A. Nedeau, Olia M. Laughlin.

6th Grade—Warren Noyes.

5th Grade—Elva Bennett, Edward Chambers, Merle Evans, Henry Trask.

4th Grade—Everett Gatchell, Warren Percival, Gilbert Michaud, Geneva Culhane, Doris Goodnow.

3rd Grade—Gertrude Daughney, Mary Horan, Zola Miles, Annette Noel, Edward Phillappon.

2nd Grade—None.

1st Grade—Annie Arsenault.

Upper Village Primary—None.

Upper Village Grammar—None.

Riverside School—None.

Cascade Hill Primary—None.

Cascade Hill Grammar—None.

Gorham Hill—None.

Heath District—None.

Total this year, 25. Total last year, 16.

CURRICULUM III.			CURRICULUM IV.		
Year.	Course.	Pds. per Wk. Extent.	Course.	Pds. per Wk. Extent.	
I	English	5	English	5	Year
	Ancient History	5	Ancient History	5	"
	Biology	5	Latin	5	"
	Domestic Arts	5	Domestic Arts	5	"
	a Plain cooking [point, Embroidery, b Dressmaking from design stand-		a Plain cooking, [point, Embroidery b Dressmaking from design stand-		
II	English	5	English	5	Year
	English History	5	Latin	5	"
	Commercial Arithmetic	5	French	5	"
	Bookkeeping	5	Domestic Arts	5	"
	Domestic Arts	5			
III	a Household mechanical appliances		English	5	Year
	b Household sanitation and hygiene		Latin	5	"
	English	5	French	5	"
	Physics	5	Domestic Arts	5	"
	French	5	a Physiology		
IV	Domestic Arts	5	b Nursing, care of infants, the sick, the aged, sick cooking.		
	a Physiology		English	4	Year
	b Nursing, care of infants, the sick, the aged, sick cooking.		U. S. History	4	"
	English	4	French	4	"
	U. S. History	4	Chemistry	4	"
IV	Domestic Arts	4	Domestic Arts	4	"
	a Cooking from analytic standpoint		a Cooking from analytic standpoint		
	b Household economics		b Household economics		
	c House design and decoration		c House design and decoration		
	English	4	English	4	Year
U. S. History and Civics	4	U. S. History and Civics	4	"	
French	4	French	4	"	
Latin	4	Latin	4	"	
Domestic Arts	4	Domestic Arts	4	"	

Spelling—Entire course. Debating—Winter term.

Revised and corrected form of Program of August 20.

APPENDIX

Tables of Vital Statistics

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Gorham, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1915.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child	Sex and Con.			Maiden Name of Mother.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.		
		Male.	Female.	Living or Stillborn.						No. Child.	Color.
Jan. 8	Murphy	m		l	1	Frederick Murphy	Florence L. Bouthier	Gorham	Gorham		
9	LaPage	m		2	1	Treffle LaPage	Delia Leclair	N. B. Canada	Canada		
Feb. 2	Heber George Hooper	m		4	4	George Hooper	Ethel Spears	N. B. Canada	Dixfield, Me.		
5	Maria D. Paolucci	m	f	1	1	Pros. D. Paolucci	Lucia Serontina	Italy	Italy		
Jan. 27	Jannette Skordiaske	m	f	5	5	Sterney Skordiaske	Rosalie Maletie	Russia	Russia		
27	Benson	m	f	3	3	Leslie Benson	Julia Whittier	Waterboro, Me.	Saco, Me.		
29	Marie Celina Matelle	m	f	6	6	Willie Matelle	Julia Bredeau	Canada	Canada		
Feb. 7	Cote	m	f	13	13	Fred Cote	Sapronia Lemieux	..	..
15	Perkins	m	f	4	4	Guy Perkins	Maude A. Willard	Gorham	Jefferson		
17	Nault	m	f	4	4	Paul Nault	Zenaide Doyon	Canada	Canada		
19	Louise Ellingwood Berry	m	f	1	1	Moses C. Berry	Susie Heath	Canada	Canada		
20	Joseph E. M. Bourassa	m	f	1	1	Peter Bourassa	Delephine Labelle	Canada	Gorham		
22	Little	m	f	3	3	Joseph Little	Alice Chase	Canada	Canada		
25	Coffin	m	f	2	2	Nathan Coffin	Edith A. McPherson	Easton	Bath		
Mch. 3	Dunton	m	f	4	4	Calvin Dunton	Elsie Burns	Shelburne	Maine		
6	McKenna	m	f	2	2	Alfred McKenna	Lena Coulombe	Carmel, Me.	Gorham		
26	Heath	m	f	10	10	Amos Heath	Jennie Luce	Gorham	Wolcott, Vt.		
30	Hamlin	m	f	5	5	Charles A. Hamlin	Angie Gould	Truckman	Colebrook		
April 6	Joseph E. Coulombe	m	f	2	2	John Daifonso	Philomene Daifonso	Italy	Italy		
8	Heath	m	f	1	1	Joseph Coulombe	Adeline Therrien	Canada	Canada		
10	Keyer	m	f	2	2	Harry D. Heath	Lottie H. Damon	Gorham	N. S.		
20	Ina May Thompson	m	f	1	1	Peter Kyer	Eva Aubut	Bangor, Me.	Gorham		
May 3	Gwen Shorey	m	f	6	6	Philip Thompson	Bridget Theberge	Quebec	Canada		
				1	1	Guy L. Shorey	Sarah Jones	Gorham	Utica, N. Y.		

Births Registered in the Town of Gorham, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1915---Continued.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Sex and Con.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		Male.	Female.						
May 8	Morel	m	1	Thomas Morel	Lydia Cote	Gorham	Laborer	Berlin	Stratford, Que.
10	Freeman	m	5	Aubrey Freeman	Mollie Thompson	"	Carpenter	N. S.	N. S.
12	Addori	m	5	Valentine Addori	Pasquanna Delfo	"	Papermaker	Italy	Italy
23	Mary Ramona Martell	f	2	Archie Martell	Lydia Coulombe	"	Pool room prop.	Lewiston, Me.	Gorham
24	Bilodeau	f	3	Peter Bilodeau	Lora Leveque	"	Papermaker	Cranborn, Que.	Lewiston, Me.
June 1	Honan	f	4	Joseph Honan	Emma Benson	"	Beater engineer	Manchester	Caribou, Me.
3	Gorman	m	3	Joseph Gorman	Leona Deroche	"	Laborer	Canada	P. E. I.
12	Ramona May Pillsbury	f	1	Earl Pillsbury	Jennie Hill	"	Papermaker	Shelburne	N. B.
12	Reed	m	8	Albion Reed	Myrtle Simpson	"	Laborer	N. B.	Salem, Mass.
13	Joseph Archie Lafleur	m	5	Elzear Lafleur	Rosilda Dauchet	"	Papermaker	Canada	Lewiston, Me.
17	O'Brien	m	1	Dennis O'Brien	Hazel Berthold	Lewiston, Me.	Moving pict. bus.	Lewiston, Me.	Lewiston, Me.
21	Kathleen Wight	f	3	Daniel R. Wight	Mabel Gonth	Gorham	Fmr. and carp.	Gorham	Dumpper
July 10	Stuart	m	4	C. P. Stuart	Della Rockie	"	Carpenter	Florida	Florida
11	Harry Curran	m	3	Harry Curran	Frances Gilbert	"	Accountant	Monston, N. B.	New Portland, Me.
15	Jernia Lockwood Benedict	f	2	J. St. J. Benedict	Rachel Woodside	"	Forest service	New Haven, Conn.	Cambridge, Md.
18	Proventia	m	5	Henry Proventia	Rosanna Gilbert	"	Laborer	Maine	Maine
23	Goodno	m	2	Ernest Goodno	Florence Wells	"	Welder	Gorham	Albany
Aug. 1	Herman John Wight	m	1	Frank Wight	Frances Wells	"	Farmer	Canada	Wolcott, Vt.
12	Mary Florence Montpl'sir	f	1	S. E. Montplaisir	Ellen May Welch	"	Carpenter	Massachusetts	So. Boston, Mass.
16	Robert Lindman Wignot	m	2	Joe Wignot	Mary A. Carmichael	"	School supt.	Italy	N. S.
20	Valma Topie	f	10	George Gauthier	Cochette Alfonso	"	Laborer	Canada	Italy
28	Gauthier	m	2	George Gauthier	Georgiana Dremain	"	"	Gorham	Gorham
Sept. 6	Philippon	m	4	Alphonso Philippon	Mary Dupont	"	"	Canada	Canada
9	Elson Herrick	m	1	Frank Herrick	Pearl Stewart	"	Clerk	Canada	Gorham
16	Amabilo	m	1	Alfred Amabilo	Theresa Towelli	"	"	Canada	Canada
21	Douglas	m	3	William Douglas	Eva Austin	"	Laborer	Haverhill, Mass.	Gorham
Oct. 5	Aaron N. Berry	m	1	Thomas Berry	Nettie Heath	"	Papermaker	Italy	Italy
11	Buddi	m	2	John Buddi	Henrietta Tibideau	"	Screen tender	Milton, Vt.	Milton, Vt.
23	Helene Paradis	f	9	Isidore Paradis	Ursule Ouelette	"	Laborer	Canada	Gorham
Nov. 7	Franksko	f	4	Dominico Franksko	Franceska Quimal	"	Pulp maker	Canada	Canada
							Laborer	Italy	Italy

Color: No. Child. Living or Stillborn.

Births Registered in the Town of Gorham, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1915---Continued.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Sex and Con.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		Male.	Female.						
Mch. 8	Byron	m	Liv. 21	Joseph Byron	Philomene Tanguay	Gorham	Laborer	Canada	Canada
16	Dyon	m	" "	Charles Dyon	Emma Stevens	"	"	"	"
Dec. 1	Preventia	m	" "	John Preventia	Jacq eline Desroche	"	"	"	"
5	Neil	m	" "	Gregory Neil	Lenora Gallant	"	"	"	"
7	Murphy	f	" "	John Murphy	Angelina McNielyre	Berlin	Fireman	P. E. I.	P. E. I.
8	Benson	f	" "	Charles Benson	Tiney Heath	Gorham	Papermaker	Sweden	Gorham
Aug. 3	Hopkins	f	" "	John Hopkins	Minnie Mulligan	Eldorado, Ill.	Steam-fitter	England	England
Dec. 21	Catallo	m	" "	Anthony Catallo	Josephine Foeta	Gorham	Mine manager	Italy	Italy

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Marriages Registered in the Town of Gorham, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1915.

Date 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.	Birthplace of each.	Name of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	* Name, residence and official station of person by whom married.
Jan. 13	Harold A. Nedeau	Gorham	23	All white.	Insurance agt.	Gorham	Delia Coulombe Napoleon Nedeau	Gorham	Housewife Laborer	J. B. McCaffrey, C. Gorham
	Marion F. King	"	21	"	Dressmaker	Lancaster	Paul King Virginia Laundry	Canada	Plumber	"
Mch. 5	Frank Herrick	"	21	"	Clerk	Haverhill, Mass	Frank Herrick Addie Stevens	Massachusetts Storham, Me.	Shoemaker Housewife	Geo. L. Pressey, C. Gorham
	Pearl Stewart	"	20	"	Housework	Whitefield	Herbert Stewart Georgia Kena	N. S.	Mill hand Housewife	"
April 3	Edward Redmond	P. E. I.	24	"	Farmer	P. E. I.	Andrew Redmond Michael Flynn	P. E. I.	Farmer	J. B. McCaffrey, C. Gorham
	Catherine Flynn	Gorham	28	"	Housework	"	Elizabeth Sharky Joseph St. Hilaire	"	Farmer	"
19	Louis St. Hilaire	"	18	"	Mechanic	Gorham	Amanda Rancourt	P. Q.	Housewife	J. B. McCaffrey, C. Gorham
	Marion E. Corcoran	"	18	"	Housework	North Stratford	Michael Corcoran Ellie Johnson	"	Lumberman	"
20	Napoleon Belanger	"	52	"	Carpenter	P. Q.	Belongie Belanger Claris Cram	Bloomfield, Vt. P. Q.	Track super'r Farmer	"
	Albina Thibault	"	48	"	Housework	Canada	Honan Thibault Batiste Marquis	"	Housewife Shoemaker	J. B. McCaffrey, C. Gorham
24	Napoleon Gilman	Groveton	42	"	Papermaker	Lewiston, Me.	Frank Gilman Lucy Gardner	Lewiston, Me.	Mill hand Housewife	H. S. Mahood, C. Gorham
	Sadie McIntock	Lewiston, Me.	44	"	Cook	N. S.	Geo. McDougal - McDougal	N. S.	Farmer Housewife	"
28	George O. Hewitt	St. Stephen's, N.B.	22	"	Salesman	Rolling Dam, N.B.	William Hewitt Annie E. Turner	St. Stephen, N.B.	Laborer Housewife	W. T. Fellows, C. Berlin
	Mildred Simonds	Gorham	20	"	Housework	Gorham	Geo. W. Simonds Helen Chapman	Jefferson Waterford, N.H.	Carpenter Housewife	"
16	Dennis A. O'Brien	Lewiston, Me.	21	"	Theatrical	Boston, Mass.	Dennis O'Brien Mary B. Joyce	Boston, Mass. Lewiston, Me.	Physician Housework	B. B. Bickford, J.P. Gorham
	Hazel Berthold	"	20	"	Clerk	Lewiston, Me.	John Berthold Milhemina Steel	Portland, Me. Lewiston, Me.	Sailor Housewife	"

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Date 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.	Birthplace of each.	Name of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Condition.
June 22	Roy Gilbert Hamlin	Gorham	30	F	Farmer	Gorham	Chas. G. Hamlin Lydia Ann Lee	Waterford, Me. West Milan	Merchant Housewife	H. S. Mahood, C. Gorham
	Wava Brown Richardson	"	26	S	School teacher	"	J. C. Richardson Clara M. Brown	Bethel, Me. Waterford, Me.	Blacksmith Housewife	
28	Hormidas Caron	Berlin	25	B	Bartender	P. Q.	Daniel Caron Eloise Gill	P., Q., "	Millman Housewife	J. B. McCaffrey, C. Gorham
	Regina Bergerson	Gorham	27	C	Clerk	Island Pond, Vt.	Louis Bergerson Elizabeth LaFleur	" "	Millman Housewife	
28	Dayton G. True	Buffalo, N. Y.	47	S	Salesman	Holly, N. Y.	Edward P. True Louise Stearns	Vermont Holly, N. Y.	Retired Housewife	Henry Marble, J. P. Gorham
	Myrna Salisbury	Matthues Albuon, N. Y.	44	H	Housework	Clarendon, N. Y.	Stephen Salisbury Marjorie Willey	N. Y. "	Retired Housewife	
30	David E. Quinn	Berlin	28	B	Bookkeeper	Redford, P. Q.	Michael J. Quinn Hannah E. Sweet	P., Q., "	Farmer Housewife	Geo. L. Pressey, C. Gorham
	Bess Albertine Barrett	Gorham	30	S	School teacher	Gorham	Alonzo D. Barrett Albina Neidhart	Brunswick, Me. Bethel, Me.	Merchant Housewife	
July 20	Orren N. Getchell	"	27	A	Papermaker	Brunswick, Me.	Henry S. Getchell Lucy M. Jack	Maine Berlin	Laborer Papermaker	Mark Tisdale, C. Milan
	Jessie P. Laundry	Berlin	22	All	Housework	Berlin	John Landry Alice Torengo	Berlin N. B.	Housewife Housewife	
22	Theodore E. Hall	Gorham	34	M	Merchant	N. B.	John C. Hall Lucy Bunnell	" "	Farmer Housework	Edward W. Moore, C. Berlin
	Rachel K. Lang	Milan	19	H	Housework	Milan	Wilbur A. Lang Mattie K. person	Milan Albany	Farmer Housework	
	Fred C. Sheldon	Barton, Vt.	30	M	Mill hand	Vermont	Frank P. Sheldon Laura Clayton	Vermont "	Laborer Housewife	Geo. L. Pressey, C. Gorham
	Emma L. Cole	St. Johnsbury, Vt.	22	T	Typewriter	"	Henry Cole Emma Cole	" "	Moulder Housewife	
Oct.	Eugene Cowette	Gorham	23	C	Clerk	Gorham	John Cowette Rose Guarteve	Canada "	Dowel turner Housewife	J. B. McCaffrey, C. Gorham
	Jennie King	"	21	"	"	Lancaster	Paul King Virginia Laundry	" "	Plumber Housewife	

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Oct. 14	Graydon Sloss	Jefferson	23	Painter	Massachusetts	Ernest Sloss	Canada	Massachusetts	Painter	Harry G. Neves, J.P.	Gorham
	Angie Mosher	Gorham	21	Housework	Jefferson	Emma Doring	N. S.		Farmer	Gorham	
13	Clarence Day	Rumford, Me.	29	Painter	Colebrook	William Day	Jefferson		Housewife		
	Eva Patnino	"	18	Housework	Rumford, Me.	Louise M. Curtis	Maine		Inventor	W. T. Fellows, C.	Berlin
16	Ziagmont Kubiack	Gorham	30	Laborer	Poland	Chas. Patnino	"		Housewife		
	Frances Karenska	"	26	Housework	"	Valentine Kubiack	Poland		Milwright	J. E. McCaffrey, C.	Gorham
Nov. 24	H. C. Middleton	Seabreeze, Fla.	24	Plumber	Florida	H. Stopczynska	"		Laborer		
	Elizabeth M. Clark	Strafford	25	Housework	Strafford	Joseph Krak	"		Housewife		
25	Ralph J. Cox	Gorham	29	Mill hand	England	A. W. Middleton	Florida		Gardener	H. S. Mahood, C.	Gorham
	Ivy May Heath	"	28	Nurse	Shelburne	Annie Willey	England		Farmer		
Dec. 20	George Robearge	"	19	Bottling shop	Whitefield	Ella Colver	Strafford		Engraver	G. L. Pressey, C.	Gorham
	Lena M. Harriman	"	19	Housework	Gorham	Ralph X. Cox	Dover		Housewife		
						Fred Heath	Quebec		Millhand		
						Annie Warcup	Canada		Laborer		
						Mike Robearge	North Chatham		Housewife		
						Zor LaFrance	Merchant		Housewife		
						Geo. W. Harriman	Chandler		Housewife		
						Annie Chandler					

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Deaths Registered in the Town of Gorham, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1915.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Death.	Sex—Con.	Color.	Sing. or widow.	Occupation.	Name of Father.	Name of Mother.	Disease or Cause of Death.
		Years.	Months.	Days.								
Feb. 17	Mary E. Noyes	80	2	17	Gorham	f	w	At home	Joseph York	Abigail Cummings	Paresis	
5	Maria A. Paolucci	..	..	..	..	f	s	..	Prospero D. Paolucci	Lucia Lewisina	Premature birth
Mch. 3	Baby Dalfonso	..	..	..	..	m	s	..	John Dalfonso	Philomeno Dalfonso	Laborer
8	William E. Berry	54	11	1	..	m	w	Farmer	James Berry	Anna I. Day	Arterio sclerosis	
17	Stephen Morse	74	8	11	..	m	w	Retired	Jacob Morse	Alice Goodall	Metral insufficiency	
Apr. 4	Vincenzo Eosta	1	3	0	..	m	s	At home	Dominick Tota	Francis Bourka	Cholera infantum	
May 6	Felix Nappie	4	1	..	..	m	s	..	Frank Nappi	Philoma Nappoli	Accidental
13	Infant	..	..	..	..	m	s	..	Wainetto Addino	Pasquarosa Delfonso	Dystonia
25	Vedette Coulombe	17	1	..	..	f	s	..	Joseph E. Coulombe	Adeline Terico	Acute enteric infection
1	Hevan	..	..	..	..	f	s	..	Joseph Honan	Emma Benson	Heart
23	John Kolbuk	..	..	..	..	m	s	..	John Kolbuk	Austin Matistik	Croup
27	Mrs. Geo. Cray	63	7	5	..	f	m	Housewife	Allen H. Ross	Sarah Neil	Acute intestinal nephritis	
July 24	Ralph Ross	18	5	16	..	m	s	Teamster	Peter D. Keyer	Eva Abut	Dragged by horse	
Aug. 15	Mary Lucy Keyer	18	4	15	..	f	s	Child	Abel N. Watson	Susan C. Holmes	Heart failure	
16	Emory M. Watson	70	11	19	..	m	w	Mill foreman	Treffle Le Page	Delia Le Clair	Cancer of the prostate	
Sept. 19	Clifford Seymour LePage	8	10	..	..	m	s	Child	Pierre Bourassa	Delphine Lebel	Acute enteric infection
28	Mauro Bourassa	7	8	..	..	m	s	..	Benutzer Root	— Gardner	Deco colitis
Oct. 14	Julia Root Noble	71	25	..	..	f	m	Housewife	Phillippi Bias	Anna Chevalier	Pulmonary tuberculosis
Nov. 20	Louise Bias	78	30	..	..	f	m	None	John Lydon	Kate	Pneumonia
30	Mary Lydon Barrett	8	1	..	..	f	w	Housewife	John Murphy	Angelina McIntyre	Premature birth
Dec. 8	Infant	m	w	Retired	George Wales	Roseanna Estes	Traumatism	
19	Janet B. Wood	95	19	w	w	

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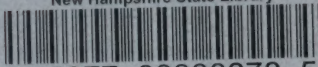
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