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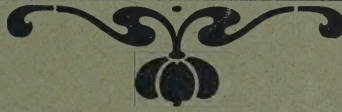
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**ANNUAL REPORT**

*of the*

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON**



**1908**

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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE TOWN OF

# HOPKINTON

COMPRISING THE REPORTS OF

Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Road  
Agents, School Board, Library  
Trustees and Auditors

FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15

1908

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CONCORD, N. H.  
IRA C. EVANS CO., PRINTERS  
1908

TOWN OFFICERS.

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*Moderator.*

FRANK I. MORRILL.

*Selectmen.*

ARTHUR J. BOUTWELL.

EBENEZER F. DUSTIN.

ROBERT T. GOULD.

*Town Clerk.*

JOHN A. FULLER.

*Town Treasurer.*

JOHN S. KIMBALL (Deceased).

JAMES G. RICE.

*Collector of Taxes.*

JOHN G. PATCH.

*Highway Agent.*

LEWIS H. DEARBORN.

*Town Auditors.*

F. I. MORRILL.

W. C. RUSS.

C. H. PEASLEE.

*Board of Health.*

FRANK I. MORRILL, term expires in 1908.

WILLIAM C. RUSS, term expires in 1909.

GEORGE C. BLAISDELL, term expires in 1910.

*Supervisors of Check List.*

EDWARD D. FRENCH.  
 GEORGE T. FOSTER.  
 JOHN S. KIMBALL (Deceased).

*School Board.*

DELIA A. BOHANAN, term expires March, 1908.  
 REV. LOUIS ELLMS, term expires March, 1909.  
 C. H. PEASLEE, term expires March, 1910.

*Treasurer of School District.*

SARAH U. KIMBALL.

*School District Auditor.*

LEWIS A. NELSON.

*Library Trustees.*

SAMUEL T. SYMONDS, term expires March, 1908.  
 FRANK I. MORRILL, term expires March, 1909.  
 JOHN S. KIMBALL, term expires March, 1910 (Deceased).  
 ANSTIS I. GREENE, term expires March, 1910.

*Truant Officer.*

ARTHUR C. CALL.

*Fence Viewers.*

Moses T. Clough. John S. Straw.  
 George M. Putman.

*Constables.*

Frank I. Morrill. Luther F. Spofford.

*Tramp Police.*

Oscar N. Chase (Resigned). William C. Russ (Resigned).  
 Herbert D. Cooper. Fred H. Mills.

*Police.*

Tristram Sanborn. Albert H. French.

*Town Fire Wards.*

H. J. Davis.	James G. Rice.
William C. Russ.	Frank I. Morrill.
L. H. Dearborn.	Frank L. Flanders.
G. A. Curtice (Deceased).	Arthur J. Boutwell.
John S. Straw.	

*Sealer of Weights and Measures.*

George E. Lord.

*Weighers.*

N. M. Whittier.	J. Arthur Jones.
True P. Currier.	C. F. Dustin.
M. T. Clough.	W. O. Palmer.
Albert Palmer.	

*Sextons.*

E. E. Dunbar.	James M. Hook.
A. S. Eaton.	James F. Hoyt.
Ira A. Putney.	Byron E. Kempton.

*Surveyors of Wood and Lumber.*

H. J. Davis.	H. B. A. Boutwell.
N. M. Whittier.	John Straw.
Fred H. Chase.	H. F. Edmunds.
Parker Flanders.	F. I. Morrill.

F. E. Dodge.  
 H. L. Choate.  
 Van R. Paige.  
 A. C. Call.  
 George A. Clough.

Joseph S. Clough.  
 D. F. Fisk.  
 George A. Clough.  
 A. J. Boutwell.  
 F. L. Flanders.

*Dog Officer.*

Jacob S. Tuttle.

*Ballot Inspectors.*

Horace J. Davis.  
 Charles R. Putnam.

John S. Kimball (Deceased).  
 James O. Straw.

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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*To the inhabitants of the Town of Hopkinton, in the County of Merrimack, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Hopkinton, on Tuesday, the 10th 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 year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.
3. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the repair of highways and bridges, in addition to the sum required by law, and appropriate the same.
4. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of Schools, in addition to the sum required by law, and appropriate the same.
5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of the Hopkinton Free Public Library, and appropriate the same.
6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Memorial Day, and appropriate the same.
7. To hear and act upon the reports of Town officers, Library Trustees and Committees.
8. To see if the Town will vote to accept the conditions



of the act of Legislature passed in 1905, to wit, an act to provide for state aid and for the expenditure of other public money in the permanent improvement of main highways throughout the state.

9. To see if the Town will vote to accept a trust fund of \$100 from the estate of Mrs. Augusta G. Chase for burial lot care, to be known as the George Phelps fund.

10. To hear and act on a petition of Charles H. Blake and sixteen others in regard to pay of firemen.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the celebration of "Old Home Day."

12. To hear and transact any other business that may properly come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal the twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eight.

ARTHUR J. BOUTWELL,  
EBENEZER F. DUSTIN,  
ROBERT L. GOULD,

*Selectmen of Hopkinton.*

INVENTORY OF TAXABLE PROPERTY  
APRIL 1, 1907.

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Polls, 406,	\$40,600 00
Real estate,	720,233 00
Horses, 429,	27,235 00
Mules, 4,	500 00
Oxen, 50,	2,460 00
Cows, 893,	20,850 00
Neat stock, 298,	4,600 00
Sheep, 233,	851 00
Hogs, 8,	70 00
Fowls, 226,	113 00
Vehicles including automobiles, 29,	3,760 00
Stock in public funds,	500 00
Stock in banks and other corporations in this state,	6,078 00
Stock in corporations out of this state,	15,838 00
Money on hand, at interest, or on deposit,	28,762 00
Stock in trade,	55,960 00
Mills and machinery,	36,825 00
Value of buildings not designated,	50 00
Total,	\$965,285 00

Rate per cent of taxation, Town, \$1.90.

Rate per cent of taxation, Contoocook precinct, 47c.

Rate per cent of taxation, Hopkinton village fire district,  
44c.

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1907.

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State tax,	\$2,420 00
County tax,	3,077 15
School money by law,	3,630 00
School money by vote of town,	500 00
School house repairs,	200 00
To purchase additional play ground for Hop- kinton village school,	150 00
High school building loan and interest,	1,193 50
Highways and bridges by law,	2,375 77
Highways and bridges by vote of town,	1,500 00
Town charges,	1,500 00
Free public library,	300 00
Memorial Day,	75 00
Aid in exterminating brown-tail moths,	300 00
Contocook precinct,	1,300 00
Hopkinton village fire district,	525 00
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	\$19,046 42

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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Received from sale of town history,	\$3 00
Merrimack County, dependent soldiers and families,	336 06
Merrimack County, paupers off farm,	304 33
state insurance tax,	15 75
state railroad tax,	670 22
state savings bank tax,	3,514 57
state literary fund,	158 60
state proportion of school fund, superintendent's salary,	250 00
E. E. Dunbar, rent of town hall,	31 50
Fred J. Chase, board of Emily Chase,	62 50
Mrs. Nancy Davis, peddler's license,	8 00
E. L. Gage, sale of old bridge plank,	1 80
E. F. Dustin, theatrical licenses (2),	2 00
E. E. Dunbar, theatrical license (1),	1 00
E. F. Dustin, sale of old lumber from Blackwater bridge,	6 50
	\$5,365 83

The selectmen are chargeable with orders drawn on treasurer, viz.

### STATE TAX.

Paid state treasurer,	\$2,420 00
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### COUNTY TAX.

Paid county treasurer,	\$3,077 15
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## SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid Sarah U. Kimball, treasurer,	\$5,169 87
school board, books and supplies,	441 69
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	\$5,611 56

## MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid H. H. Crowell, quartermaster Colonel Putnam Post, No. 5,	\$75 00
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## HOPKINTON VILLAGE FIRE DISTRICT.

Paid H. F. Edmunds, treasurer,	\$525 00
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## CONTOOCHUCK PRECINCT.

Paid J. A. Fuller, treasurer,	\$1,300 00
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## HOPKINTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid John S. Kimball, trustee,	\$150 00
Frank I. Morrill, trustee,	150 00
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	\$300 00

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

L. H. Dearborn, highway agent,	\$2,078 27
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## BLACKWATER BRIDGE.

Paid United Construction Co., bridge,	\$1,366 00
John W. Storrs, consulting engineer,	68 25
D. G. Holmes, bridge plank,	71 95
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	\$1,506 20

## BREAKING ROADS AND WINTER WORK.

Paid A. P. Colby, highway agent,	\$171 64
G. W. Chandler, highway agent,	122 81
J. C. Howe, highway agent,	99 25
L. H. Dearborn, highway agent,	179 14
R. T. Gould,	18 55
C. A. Holmes,	9 14
C. J. Dow,	5 10
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	\$605 63

## TRAMP DEPARTMENT.

Paid Oscar N. Chase, care of 94 tramps,	\$23 50
W. C. Russ, care of 32 tramps,	8 00
Fred H. Mills, care of 25 tramps,	6 25
Herbert D. Cooper, care of 65 tramps,	16 25
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	\$54 00

## DEPENDENT SOLDIERS, COUNTY.

Paid for support of J. M. Dwinells,	\$104 00
Mrs. E. K. Downing,	203 96
transient,	1 50
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	\$309 46

## DEPENDENT SOLDIERS, TOWN.

Paid for aid rendered F. D. Libby,	\$49 98
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## COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid for board of three Higgins children,	\$189 00
aid furnished Frank Cline,	88 83
burial expenses Clara Shaw,	25 00
transient,	1 50
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	\$304 33

## TOWN POOR.

Paid for support of Mrs. Joseph Hagar,	\$180 75
Bryant Symonds,	117 04
Emily Chase.	60 00
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	\$357 79

## BOUNTY ON BROWN-TAIL MOTHS' NESTS, AT 1c.

Paid Arthur Kimball,	\$0 50
Roger Eaton,	11 32
Arthur B. Davis,	5 48
Parker Flanders,	4 17
Fred Spofford,	3 49
Sadie Currier,	1 22
Raymond Barnard,	2 04
Daniel A. Griffin,	6 52
Benjamin D. Symonds,	41
Arthur Boutwell,	53 84
Elmer Boutwell,	13 45
Myron W. Holmes,	1 80
John M. Foss,	2 25
W. W. Symonds,	1 97
J. H. Connor,	17 72
H. J. French,	1 46
Everett H. Call,	65
John Bunten,	7 20
Irvin D. Burbank,	7 75
J. G. Rice,	1 42
A. J. Kelley,	3 44
L. H. Mills,	15 50
Robert T. Gould,	11 58
O. F. Fuller,	9 41
E. F. Dustin,	18 91
Harold C. Kimball,	3 97
Arthur Dunbar,	1 20

Paid Wendell Clough,	\$3 60
Charles Dunbar,	75
Eugene H. Lord,	4 90
Joseph Bixby,	3 10
Classon Lowd,	5 91
George Howe,	3 25
Arthur P. Mills,	10 70
A. H. French,	5 08
Arthur Barton,	2 31
F. H. Watts,	3 78
Roscoe Sawyer,	19 50
Penn Haselton,	1 45
Angus Derry,	8 31
John Moran,	9 95
F. H. Mills,	27 00
Henry Follansbee,	2 60
F. B. Kenney,	1 05
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	\$321 91

## CEMETERIES.

Paid Byron E. Kempton, sexton and cleaning Contoocook cemetery,	\$20 25
James M. Hook, mowing grass and resetting stone in Clement's Hill cemetery,	8 00
Ira A. Putney, care Putney Hill cemetery,	1 00
W. C. Russ, labor and material furnished, resetting stones in Hopkinton old cemetery,	21 40
G. Richard Mills, cleaning and raking Hopkinton Village old cemetery,	15 00
J. Frank Hoyt, care of Stumpfield cemetery,	6 25
Edson Page, mowing and raking Hopkin- ton "New" and "Old" cemeteries,	18 00
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	\$89 90



## DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

Paid C. E. Little,	\$6 00
H. P. Wilson,	7 60
J. H. Connor,	9 00
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	\$22 60

## FOREST AND OTHER FIRES.

Paid G. H. Quimby, watching at Perkin's Inn fire,	\$2 00
B. C. Stevens, watching at Perkin's Inn fire,	2 00
Harold C. Kimball, watching at Perkin's Inn fire,	40
Edward Robinson, watching at Perkin's Inn fire,	3 00
A. H. French, watching at Perkin's Inn fire,	6 00
Leon L. Brown, watching fire at Frye lot,	2 00
Octave Goulet, watching fire at Frye lot,	2 00
F. H. Watts, watching fire at Frye lot,	2 00
F. H. Mills, watching fire at Frye lot,	2 00
W. B. Mills, watching fire at Frye lot,	2 00
Joseph Guerin, watching fire at Frye lot and lunch,	3 50
G. H. Quimby, watching fire at Frye lot,	2 00
A. H. French, watching fire at Frye lot,	2 00
Mrs. Lester Brown, lunch for men at Frye lot fire,	1 00
W. C. Blake, watching fire at A. C. Call's wood lot,	80
F. B. Clement, watching fire at A. C. Call's wood lot,	1 00
Contocook Hose Co., watching fire at A. C. Call's wood lot:	
W. F. Fuller,	1 60
W. A. Libby,	1 60

36.90  
13.90  
23.00

Paid C. H. Blake,	\$1 60
F. P. Marsh,	1 60
F. G. Straw,	1 60
Myron Colby,	1 60
A. C. Call,	1 60
L. A. Nelson,	1 60
Byron Symonds,	1 60
W. E. Blake,	1 30
Fred Boyce,	1 20
F. H. Reed,	1 20
J. M. Hook, fighting fire at Clement Hill,	1 00
J. F. Farley, watching fire at Preston house,	2 00
W. M. Clinton, watching fire at Call's house,	2 00
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	\$56 80

TEMPORARY LOANS AND INTEREST.

Paid J. S. Kimball, trustee,	\$97 50
G. A. S. Kimball, administrator of J. S. Kimball estate,	3,940 40
John Rogers,	1,037 50
G. E. Barnard,	1,222 12
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	\$6,297 53

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Contoocook Hose Co., No. 1.	\$60 00
Fire King Engine Co., No. 2,	92 50
H. P. Dunbar, express, etc.,	3 30
J. S. Kimball, treasurer, bill of Curtice & Co.,	7 89
J. S. Kimball, making deeds, etc.,	1 51
W. A. Baker, painting at West Hopkinton bridge,	44 00

Paid H. E. Bunnell, making signs and saddle boards,	\$13 99
J. A. Fuller, treasurer, electric lights,	73 67
W. A. Baker, painting signs,	18 00
H. F. Edmonds, treasurer, water supply town house and cemetery,	20 00
Acme Road Machinery Co., rental of crushing plant to July 3, 1908,	825 00
H. M. Chase, shingles for town house,	80 10
Louis Ellms, protecting tree in Hopkinton village,	1 00
W. P. Ford & Co., supplies,	60
Hopkinton Telephone Co., lightning arrester and labor,	1 75
Dexter Ladd, collector water at Contoocook,	24 00
W. F. Fuller, printing tax bills,	4 40
W. A. Taylor, repairs on Blackwater bridge,	14 12
J. S. Kimball, treasurer, printing town reports,	78 60
E. E. Dunbar, repairs and supplies for tramp house,	15 18
Dexter Ladd, labor and material,	16 83
W. H. Page, for burying Sanville horse,	2 00
A. J. Boutwell, cash for 1,000 envelopes and stamps,	21 30
H. P. Dunbar, express and messenger service,	4 40
E. C. Eastman & Co., tax book,	2 25
H. P. Wilson, rent of land for tramp house, 1906,	2 00
L. F. Spofford, constable, notifying town officers,	5 00
Concord Lumber Co., lumber for tramp house,	18 21

Paid A. J. Boutwell, cash paid Union Building Co., laying iron roof on West Hopkinton bridge,	\$90 66
W. A. Baker, painting two signs,	4 00
J. F. Farley, repairing drain,	1 80
J. S. Kimball, lettering, locating and putting up guide boards,	18 75
E. E. Dunbar, shingling town house,	32 30
E. C. Eastman, supplies,	2 64
Hollis M. Chase, 1½ M. shingles,	6 67
E. G. Cilley, blacksmith work,	2 80
E. L. Glick, office supplies,	6 60
J. H. Rollins, water supply, 1906,	3 00
Dr. C. S. F. Whitcomb, return births and deaths, 1906,	1 50
E. F. Dustin, cash paid for setting signs,	3 00
Curtice & Co., supplies,	21 76
W. F. Fuller, printing and stationery,	3 60
H. E. Bunnell, mill work,	2 02
W. A. Baker, painting signs,	1 50
O. W. Whittier, repairing stone watering trough,	75
H. C. Dustin, labor on Blackwater bridge,	2 00
Dexter Ladd, labor and supplies,	39 94
W. C. Russ, stock furnished and making guide books,	7 53
A. J. Boutwell, water supply on highway ten months,	2 50
W. C. Russ, cash for disinfectants for Board of Health,	2 02
E. G. Danforth, services as sub. registrar to December 31, 1907,	2 25
G. A. S. Kimball, two years' rent of building for lockup,	20 00

Paid H. P. Wilson, rent of land for tramp house, 1907,	\$2 00
C. W. Smith, team work,	2 25
West Hopkinton Telephone Co., service for 1907,	2 00
J. A. Fuller, clerk, recording vital statistics 1907,	23 25
F. T. Woodman, legal services and advice,	55 00
E. L. Glick, record book,	15 00
G. W. Burnham, water for highway, 1907,	3 00
American Fidelity Co., treasurer's bond,	15 00
R. T. Gould, 500 stamps,	5 00
W. F. Fuller, printing and stationery,	3 65
F. E. Hall, labor covering "crusher,"	1 75
George Blood, labor covering "crusher,"	3 50
H. E. Bunnell, for 30 ft. pine saddle boards,	90
S. U. Kimball, treasurer, postage and stationery,	1 76
O. N. Chase, wood for tramp house,	2 00
A. J. Boutwell, horse hire after settlement, 1907,	8 00
E. F. Dustin, horse hire after settlement, 1907,	10 50
A. S. Eaton, stove for tramp house,	4 00
A. S. Eaton, horse hire after settlement, 1907,	3 00
Warren Chase, water supply, highway,	3 00
W. C. Russ, board of town officers,	4 00
J. A. Fuller, insurance on town house,	25 00
E. F. Dustin, office supplies,	70
C. H. Peaslee, 75 bricks,	75
G. C. Blaisdell, M. D., return of births and deaths, 1906,	6 75
H. W. Marshall, glass for tramp house,	24
G. C. Blaisdell, return of births and deaths, 1907,	10 50

Paid Curtice & Co., supplies,	\$1 85
E. C. Eastman, mortgage book for town clerk,	7 50
E. F. Dustin, time and expense on account Blackwater bridge,	14 00
E. F. Dustin, labor and expense on automobile signs,	4 75
W. H. Tarbell, M. D., return of births and deaths,	4 50
J. A. Fuller, drawing and notifying jurors,	5 61
J. A. Fuller, postage, stationery and copying inventory,	10 90
J. A. Fuller, writing 12 cemetery deeds,	6 00
J. A. Fuller, attending non-resident tax sale,	1 00
H. D. Cooper, wood for, and setting glass at tramp house,	10 35
Dexter Ladd, stove, pipe and labor at town house,	27 25
F. P. Annis, trimmimg trees in highway,	2 28
E. E. Dunbar, janitor at town house, 1907,	15 00
R. T. Gould, telephone tolls and incidental expenses,	5 61
A. J. Boutwell, telephone tolls and incidental expenses,	10 57
E. F. Dustin, telephone tolls and incidental expenses,	9 74
E. F. Dustin, time and expense with highway agent and inspector,	19 50
J. C. Howe, conveying men on highway,	20 00
J. G. Rice, telephone tolls, postage and car-fare,	2 80
Sarah U. Kimball, postage and express for school business,	1 80

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 \$2,124 70

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid E. F. Dustin, services as selectman,	\$159 00
A. J. Boutwell, services as selectman,	159 00
R. T. Gould, services as selectman,	150 00
J. S. Kimball, services as treasurer,	80 00
J. S. Kimball, services as supervisor, Mar. 1907,	9 00
E. D. French, services as supervisor, Mar., 1907,	9 00
G. T. Foster, services as supervisor, Mar., 1907,	9 00
Charles R. Putnam, services as ballot in- specter,	5 00
F. I. Morrill, services of auditors, Feb., 1907,	9 00
Frank I. Morrill, services as constable,	4 00
A. C. Call, services as truant officer,	25 00
A. S. Eaton, services after settlement, 1907,	26 00
A. J. Boutwell, services after settlement, 1907,	30 00
E. F. Dustin, services after settlement, 1907,	30 00
C. H. Peaslee, services as school committee,	64 75
W. C. Russ, services as board of health,	10 55
G. C. Blaisdell, services as board of health,	10 00
C. E. Sleeper, services as police,	4 00
J. S. Tuttle, services as police,	4 00
Arthur Hathorn, services as police,	4 00
M. D. Boyce, services as police,	4 00
J. A. Fuller, services as town clerk,	50 00
T. Sanborn, services as police,	25 00
J. A. Fuller, services as clerk of school dis- trict,	3 00
Rev. Louis Ellms, services as member of school board,	56 40
James G. Rice, services as town treasurer,	20 00

Paid Arthur Hathorn, services as liquor prosecuting officer,	\$24 00
J. G. Patch, services as tax collector,	200 00
Delia A. Bohanan, services as member of school board,	41 50
Sarah U. Kimball, services as school treasurer,	25 00
Lewis A. Nelson, services as auditor for school board,	3 00
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	\$1,253 20

ERRORS AND ABATEMENTS OF TAXES, FEBRUARY 15, 1908.

List of J. G. Patch.

Paid Valorous W. Brown, by his request,	\$3 80
Earl Cline, error, minor,	2 37
George Clary, non-resident,	1 90
H. Alburtus Dow, non-resident,	1 90
Clarence M. Eastman, out of town,	2 37
Lowell F. Eastman, out of state,	2 37
Franklin L. Felch, error veteran's exemption,	7 38
Rev. A. W. Frye, out of town,	2 37
Hattie J. Goodwin, by her request,	6 65
Alonzo Gordon, poor,	6 24
Henry A. Gordon, out of town,	1 90
W. L. Moulton, paid in Concord,	1 90
Will Page, out of town,	1 90
Albert E. Vitty, out of town,	1 90
David E. Wilson, out of town,	1 90
Isaiah J. Webber, by his request,	11 40
Nathaniel Page heirs, error,	13 30
C. E. Taplin, whereabouts unknown,	2 37



Paid Taplin & McPherson, whereabouts unknown,	\$19 32
Fronie P. Hood, error, taxed in Weare,	3 42
E. H. Smart, error, tax of 1906,	1 86
Sarah K. Hathorn, veteran exemption,	23 70
Sarah Morrill, veteran exemption,	23 70
Susan Hastings, veteran exemption,	19 00
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	\$164 92

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON.

Balance on hand at date of last report, Feb. 15,	
1907,	\$2,530 87
Amount of town contribution,	1,459 50
Amount of state contribution,	583 60
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	\$4,573 97

Accounted for as follows:

Paid L. H. Dearborn,	\$4,232 30
A. W. Deane, surveying and inspection,	14 84
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	\$4,247 14
Balance in hands of town treasurer,	\$326 83

SUMMARY.

Paid state tax,	\$2,420 00
county tax,	3,077 15
school money,	5,169 87
books and supplies,	441 69
Memorial Day,	75 00
Hopkinton village fire district,	525 00
Contoocook precinct,	1,300 00
Hopkinton free public library,	300 00

Paid highways and bridges,	\$2,078 27
Blackwater bridge,	1,506 20
breaking roads and winter work,	605 63
care of tramps,	54 00
county paupers,	304 33
town paupers,	357 79
dependent soldiers, county,	309 46
dependent soldiers, town,	49 98
brown-tail moths' nests,	321 91
cemetery account,	89 90
damage to sheep by dogs,	22 60
forest and other fires,	56 80
temporary loans and interest,	6,297 53
miscellaneous,	2,124 70
town officers,	1,253 20
errors and abatements in taxes,	164 92
state aid, highway department,	4,247 14
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	\$33,153 07

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the selectmen of the town of Hopkinton and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANK I. MORRILL,  
 CHARLES H. PEASLEE,  
 WILLIAM C. RUSS,  
*Auditors of Hopkinton.*

Hopkinton, N. H., February 17, 1908.

## FINANCIAL CONDITION OF TOWN.

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### ASSETS.

Cash on hand at settlement,	\$4,242 43
Three road machines, three snow rollers and sundry tools,	400 00
Two tool houses,	200 00
Tax collector's deed of 1-5 of old Dustin house,	10 00
Two hearses,	300 00
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	\$5,152 43

### LIABILITIES.

High school note due George E. Barnard, No. 5,	\$1,100 00
Blackwater bridge loan, George E. Barnard, Notes Nos. 2 and 3,	1,500 00
Dog license money for 1907,	333 44
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	\$2,933 44

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR J. BOUTWELL,  
EBENEZER F. DUSTIN,  
ROBERT T. GOULD,  
*Selectmen of Hopkinton.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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James G. Rice, treasurer, in account with the Town of  
Hopkinton.

### RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand at settlement,	\$4,703 84
J. A. Fuller, pool table license, J. J. Murphy,	10 00
John S. Kimball, trustee loan,	3,900 00
E. F. Dustin, pedler's license, Nancy Davis,	8 00
L. H. Dearborn, cash received of Curtice & Co.,	6 60
E. E. Dunbar, burial lot,	3 00
State board license commissioners,	2 05
George E. Barnard, loan, .	200 00
George E. Barnard, guardian,	1,300 00
E. E. Dunbar, cemetery lot,	5 00
A. J. Boutwell, sale of bridge plank,	1 80
Solon A. Carter, insurance tax,	15 75
Solon A. Carter, railroad tax,	670 22
Solon A. Carter, savings bank tax,	3,514 57
Solon A. Carter, literary fund tax,	158 60
Solon A. Carter, proportion of salary of super- visor of schools,	250 00
A. J. Boultwell, from state highway depart- ment,	1,122 39
J. A. Fuller, dog licenses,	333 44
J. A. Fuller, sale of burial lots at Contocook,	40 00
J. A. Fuller, sale of one town history,	2 50
E. F. Dustin, sale of old bridge lumber,	6 50
R. T. Gould, rent of hall,	31 50
R. T. Gould, sale of town history,	3 00

R. T. Gould, show licenses,	\$3 00
A. J. Boutwell, on account of Fred J. Chase,	62 50
Merrimack County, by E. F. Dustin, aid to dependent soldiers,	336 06
Merrimack County, by E. F. Dustin, county paupers,	304 33
J. G. Patch, tax list, 1907,	20,218 92
J. G. Patch, interest on taxes,	27 04
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	\$37,240 61
Paid orders of selectmen,	32,998 18
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Balance in hands of treasurer,	\$4,242 43

This certifies that we, the auditors of the town of Hopkinton, have examined the foregoing account of the town treasurer and find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

FRANK I. MORRILL,  
 CHARLES H. PEASLEE,  
 WILLIAM C. RUSS,  
*Auditors of Hopkinton.*

## TRUST FUNDS.

Name of fund.	Original amount.	Amount at last settlement.	Income received past year.	Paid out on orders.	Amount of fund at date.	Purpose of fund.	How invested.
Dr. E. Lerner.....	\$500.00	\$353.54	\$13.82	.....	\$367.36	Female charity ..	Loan and Trust Savings Bank.
Hannah B. Lerner.....	500.00	510.99	.....	\$3.94	507.05	" " " " " "	New Hampshire Savings Bank.
Maria W. Robertson.....	100.00	101.85	.....	1.85	100.00	Burial lot care ...	" " " " " "
Charles G. Greene.....	200.00	220.19	8.00	7.61	220.58	" " " " " "	Loan and Trust Savings Bank.
Nathaniel Abbott.....	200.00	206.37	8.00	4.56	208.81	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
Miranda G. Culver.....	200.00	205.01	8.00	4.06	208.95	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
Lyster B. Hardy.....	100.00	106.43	4.00	2.83	107.60	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
Mary J. Raymond.....	200.00	209.07	8.00	5.86	211.51	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
Malvina Brown.....	200.00	208.30	8.00	7.96	208.34	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
John W. E. Tuttle.....	100.00	106.67	4.00	4.18	106.49	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
Emeline A. H. Sage.....	200.00	207.80	8.00	3.56	212.24	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
Aaron Smith.....	100.00	102.52	4.00	2.28	104.24	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
C. C. P. Lerner.....	100.00	102.69	4.00	2.28	104.41	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
Lucy A. Lerner.....	100.00	101.85	.....	1.85	100.00	" " " " " "	New Hampshire Savings Bank.
N. D. Piper.....	200.00	225.92	.....	2.95	223.07	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
Harriet M. Chase.....	100.00	106.01	.....	2.95	103.06	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
Lucia A. D. Long.....	100.00	108.87	.....	.78	108.09	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
Harriet N. Hook.....	100.00	104.21	.....	2.88	101.33	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
Lovisa M. Cook.....	100.00	102.19	.....	2.18	100.01	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
Dudley C. Hubbard.....	100.00	101.85	.....	1.85	100.00	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
William H. Hale.....	100.00	.....	.....	2.00	98.00	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
Vianna Connor.....	100.00	.....	6.00	.78	105.22	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
Eli A. Boutwell.....	100.00	.....	.....	.....	100.00	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
E. Maria Page.....	100.00	103.94	.....	1.28	102.66	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
Hiram Farrington.....	100.00	.....	.....	.....	100.00	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
Helen Y. Bailey.....	100.00	116.33	.....	.....	116.33	Jewett Road Sch [ool]	Loan and Trust Savings Bank.
					\$4,126.35		

Cash on bank books..... \$3,983.69  
Cash in hands of treasurer..... 142.66  
\$4,126.35

This is to certify that we, the auditors of the town of Hopkinton, have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them properly vouched and correctly cast.

FRANK I. MORRILL,  
CHAS. H. PEASLEE,  
WILLIAM C. RUSS,

*Auditors of Hopkinton.*

HOPKINTON, February 17, 1908.

## HIGHWAY AGENTS' ACCOUNTS.

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Jason C. Howe, highway agent, in account with the Town of Hopkinton.

Received for labor to March 6, 1907, the sum of \$99.25, accounted for as follows:

Paid Jason C. Howe,	\$67 80
Lancon O. Brown,	7 80
Clifton Bartlett,	6 00
Frank Fifield,	75
Maurice Melcher,	4 50
Charles Roby,	3 00
Nelson Bacon,	1 50
J. M. Hook,	5 90
Del. Hastings,	1 20
W. Clough,	80
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	\$99 25

Arthur P. Colby, highway agent, in account with the Town of Hopkinton.

Received for labor to March 1, 1907, \$171.64, accounted for as follows:

Paid N. D. Kimball,	\$2 85
Charles Holmes,	11 13.
A. J. Boynton,	2 80
G. M. Putman,	2 50
C. C. Crowell,	68
A. F. Runnells,	7 13
T. O. Harrington,	2 20



Paid W. W. Symonds,	\$4 80
George E. Patch,	14 82
Charles Symonds,	4 73
W. E. Goodwin,	3 00
M. D. Chase,	5 10
A. P. Colby,	23 00
P. Flanders,	40 00
Lester Brown,	12 50
L. F. Spofford,	11 00
C. P. Huntoon,	9 00
I. A. Putney,	2 00
John M. Foss,	6 00
Edward Robinson,	2 50
B. D. Symonds,	3 90
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	\$171 64

George W. Chandler, highway agent, in account with  
Town of Hopkinton.

Received for labor to March 10, 1907, \$122.81, accounted  
for as follows:

February, 1907.

Paid George W. Chandler,	\$9 00
N. Moro,	22 50
O. A. Chandler,	7 50
Zoel Guimond,	2 25
A. M. Dustin,	1 60
M. W. Dow,	26 65
A. S. Straw,	4 95
R. R. Morrison,	4 25
George Guerin,	6 00
J. M. Hook,	9 75

March, 1907.

Paid George W. Chandler,	\$3 00
O. A. Chandler,	2 00
Charles Elliott,	7 01
E. L. Nelson,	2 25
J. A. Jones,	9 50
F. White,	4 60
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	\$122 81

L. H. Dearborn, highway agent, in account with the Town of Hopkinton.

Received for labor from March, 1907, to February, 1908, \$2,254, accounted for as follows:

FOR LABOR, ETC.

March, 1907.

Paid L. H. Dearborn,	\$3 15
George E. Patch,	3 65
M. D. Chase,	5 45
C. P. Huntoon,	13 98
J. H. Conner,	6 30
A. P. Colby,	1 00
A. J. Boutwell,	1 60
J. M. Foss,	3 90
A. S. Eaton,	2 30
Amos F. Frye,	2 25
Arthur Kimball,	1 95
George Chase,	3 25
J. G. Colby,	7 87
B. D. Symonds,	3 60
James Hoit,	2 10

Paid E. F. Dustin,	\$19 10
Curtice & Co.,	2 50
H. W. Marshall,	1 00
J. M. Snyder,	5 32
Robert Smith,	10 00
Parker Flanders,	3 00
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	\$103 27

## April, 1907.

Paid L. H. Dearborn,	\$27 37
Joe Guerin,	3 89
J. M. Hook,	3 80
Amos F. Frye,	18 00
J. G. Colby,	9 97
Orrin Chase,	8 75
George E. Lord,	1 50
W. C. Russ,	3 15
R. T. Gould,	4 75
J. G. Brockway,	2 04
Frank Hall,	1 05
J. M. Foss,	1 50
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	\$85 77

## May, 1907.

Paid L. H. Dearborn,	\$229 95
Bert Stevens,	35 29
Charles Crowell,	33 54
Frank Mills,	28 29
Z. Guimond,	28 44
Arthur Hunt,	12 25
J. C. Howe,	154 50
Orrin Chase,	26 54

Paid J. N. Bacon,	\$30 04
L. S. Matott,	30 04
J. G. Libby,	26 25
J. G. Colby,	23 19
Herbert Tobyne,	19 25
M. D. Chase,	5 00
Curtice & Co.,	6 60
Whittier Bros.,	4 00
C. F. Chase,	25
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	\$693 42

## June, 1907.

Paid L. H. Dearborn,	\$270 38
Bert Stevens,	40 25
Charles Crowell,	40 25
Z. Guimond,	33 25
Arthur Hunt,	39 37
George Chandler,	10 50
J. C. Howe,	189 00
Orrin Chase,	28 00
J. N. Bacon,	33 25
L. S. Matott,	36 75
J. G. Colby,	26 25
J. G. Libby,	36 75
Herbert Tobyne,	12 25
Moses Burbank,	1 75
John Straw,	14 00
J. M. Hook,	7 00
A. J. Boutwell,	10 82
R. T. Gould,	1 50
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	\$831 32

## July, 1907.

Paid J. C. Howe,	\$12 38
J. N. Bacon,	8 36
L. H. Dearborn,	16 12
L. S. Matott,	9 23
J. G. Colby,	2 25
F. H. Emerson,	3 00
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	\$51 34

## August, 1907.

Paid L. H. Dearborn,	\$13 49
Moses Burbank,	14 00
Charles Crowell,	12 25
J. N. Bacon,	10 21
J. G. Libby,	87
J. S. Straw,	7 00
L. S. Matott,	9 33
J. C. Howe,	4 50
William Watts,	1 50
D. Lamprey,	1 35
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	\$74 50

## September, 1907.

Paid L. H. Dearborn,	\$2 25
H. P. Holmes,	1 60
C. Moran,	8 75
J. Moran,	8 75
W. C. Hackett,	10 30
H. M. Kimball,	4 05
H. B. Davis,	3 50
J. F. Farley,	26 40
Bert Stevens,	44

Paid Charles Crowell,	\$1 75
A. S. Eaton,	2 80
A. J. Boutwell,	12 96
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	\$83 55

## October, 1907.

Paid Charles Crowell,	\$1 75
W. C. Russ,	6 35
D. W. Hastings,	2 00
J. G. Colby,	1 25
E. M. Hook,	6 40
Will Hook,	6 98
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	\$24 73

## November, 1907.

Paid L. H. Dearborn,	\$36 65
Z. Guimond,	3 06
Fred Guimond,	4 81
J. G. Colby,	6 56
L. S. Matott,	7 00
J. Moran,	4 81
S. A. Hardy,	16 87
L. B. Hardy,	16 87
A. J. Boutwell,	15 87
E. B. McLosky,	16 87
Frank Morrill,	3 06
C. C. Cooper,	3 06
Harold Griffin,	3 06
Isaiah Colby,	3 50
George Blood,	87
Bert Bailey,	2 62
Fred Bailey,	2 62

Paid L. F. Spofford,	\$9 32
A. W. Cooper,	1 75
E. L. Nelson,	8 19
W. A. Baker,	9 80
E. G. Cilley,	13 79
Parker Flanders,	27 50
W. C. Russ,	8 25
C. C. Crowell,	1 75
E. E. Chase,	1 75
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	\$230 26

## December, 1907.

Paid L. H. Dearborn,	\$18 75
L. F. Spofford,	6 75
Parker Flanders,	6 75
A. O. Chandler,	6 75
M. M. Colby,	6 75
L. A. Newell,	4 50
A. J. Boutwell,	1 80
R. T. Gould,	1 00
J. S. Clough,	3 35
E. G. Runnells,	50
J. G. Colby,	3 22
J. G. Patch,	60
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	\$60 72

## January, 1908.

Paid L. H. Dearborn,	\$1 75
Burton Little,	10 12
C. H. Peaslee,	50
George Case,	1 75
J. E. Fellows,	1 00
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	\$15 12

## STATE HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

Paid Bert Stevens, labor,	\$46 56
Z. Guimond, labor,	90 95
Walter Corliss, labor,	5 00
E. Q. Sanborn, labor,	5 00
S. E. Morrill, labor and grade,	21 04
J. G. Colby, labor,	89 20
W. W. Barrett, labor,	122 00
Bert Bailey, labor,	82 64
Acme Road Machine Co.,	15 75
George Blood, labor,	99 07
W. S. Bailey, labor,	31 50
Thomas Cocoran, labor,	28 38
F. E. Hall, labor,	14 98
Frank Cline, labor,	1 75
Fred Bailey, labor,	96 64
L. S. Matott, labor,	116 75
J. N. Bacon, labor,	49 86
J. G. Libby, labor,	65 61
F. H. Emerson, labor,	32 65
J. C. Howe and team,	51 11
L. H. Dearborn, men and teams,	808 50
L. H. Dearborn, express, freight, and telephone tolls,	15 97
R. T. Gould, labor of man and team,	164 12
H. M. Chase, slab wood,	118 75
A. J. Boutwell, labor of man and team,	274 49
S. A. Hardy, labor of man and team,	224 99
L. B. Hardy and team,	221 50
E. B. McLosky, labor of man and team,	178 87
L. A. Newell, labor of man and team,	24 00
Fred White, labor,	85 75
Isaiah Colby, labor,	58 14
H. O. Moody, labor,	1 75



Paid A. W. Cooper, labor,	\$39 37
A. F. Frye and team,	10 13
Win Clinton, labor,	1 75
E. G. Cilley, blacksmith work and supplies,	31 69
C. Moran, labor,	84 82
J. Moran, labor,	65 13
Fred Guimond, labor,	62 07
Herbert Tobyne, labor,	29 75
Frank Morrill, labor,	35 87
Frank Pierce, labor,	16 62
C. C. Cooper, labor,	46 81
Harold Griffin, labor,	16 62
Kingsbury & Davis Machine Co., pulley and shaft and repairs,	10 60
H. W. Marshall, supplies,	36 27
Curtice & Co., supplies,	25 39
E. F. Dustin, labor,	95 50
Dexter Ladd, labor and supplies,	8 17
Wesley Chase, grade,	1 50
C. A. Bailey, 164.38 tons broken stone,	205 47
Contoocook Water Works, water for sprinkling state highway,	72 00
Chandler Eastman & Son, use of sprinkler,	39 00
United Construction Co., steel tubing for culvert,	94 50
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	\$4,272 30

## REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

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The board has been harmonious in striving to hold our schools to the high standard of excellence set in recent years. Besides the graded schools in the villages, we have maintained three ungraded schools for thirty-one weeks. The board congratulates the district upon the present condition of the schools. It has required much hard work and patient thought and, with one exception, a change in the entire corps of teachers.

Owing, as we do, so much to the state it is right that we should seek in every way to meet the approval of its authorities in education. Thus a word of approval should be welcomed by all for its expert supervision. We are certainly fortunate in our place in a supervisory district. The town of Bradford dropping out of our district of a year ago, Concord town district took its place. The joint board of the new district voted at once to retain the services of the same superintendent at an advanced salary—in which vote, it is needless to say, our board unanimously and heartily concurred. We are free to say that we have reached a point where we can see the benefit of this system. Eight years of trial in our state of expert supervision has proved its value beyond a peradventure. There is very little dissent. Of seventy-eight towns in our state that have been under expert supervision only five have rescinded their vote and one of these has voted to return; in another the vote was carried by one majority and in another of the three remaining the school board has tried to accomplish the same result by having one of their number superintendent with a stated salary. Perhaps the action of the

other two could be explained as not entirely against the system if we knew the facts.

We doubt whether any one reading our superintendent's report, submitted herewith, can fail to see the value of the work. Its extra expense to our town district is small in comparison with the increasing value of its results.

The matter of conveying pupils has been somewhat less of a problem than in the past. The board as a whole has given careful attention to each case as it has presented itself and has tried to have each case treated on its own merits or demerits and settled as satisfactorily as possible. It is not likely that all friction can be avoided, but we look for less in the future. We are not adverse to having schools kept at different points in town should conditions serve to render it advisable. But there seems to be no present necessity for such action; indeed, it seems that the school at Stumpfield could be merged with that of West Hopkinton to the mutual advantage of each.

The West Hopkinton school must be improved to keep pace with the growth of that part of our town. A remodelled building, with perhaps a change in location, and a graded school of two departments seem to be called for there in the near future. Some of the pupils that have been attending or might wish to attend at Contoocook could then be diverted to the West Hopkinton school, as others to the Hopkinton village schools, for there is already a congestion at Contoocook. There is need there now of another department. Experience the country over has demonstrated the fact that the best results in teaching can be gained with about thirty pupils to a room—there are about forty-five now in each of the primary and grammar departments at the high school building, making a need for an intermediate room. How this can be brought about is not clear, as there was no thought of such con-

ditions when the building was constructed, but some way out must be found soon.

A brief statement as to the condition of our school buildings. The high school building has been painted in a thorough and acceptable manner. The school house at Emerson Hill has been shingled. The one at Beach Hill has been shingled in part and it needs that the other roof should be attended to at once. The condition of an unoccupied building was well illustrated by the Tyler school house last spring—it had been broken into and window-glass, curtains and supplies were destroyed or scattered about the interior. Hatfield was in a similar condition. Could not some of the citizens living in the vicinity of these buildings have an eye to their condition? Of the twelve school houses outside the villages, four are in good condition, five are in fair shape and three are in poor repair—Tyler, Hatfield and West Hopkinton.

The schoolhouse at Sugar Hill should be painted. More attention needs to be paid to the sanitary condition of the out-buildings; there is direct connection between the moral tone of our children and the unsanitary conditions under which we often allow them to live.

According to the vote of the district, we have acquired a large play-ground for the Hopkinton Village schools, a financial statement regarding which is submitted with our other accounts.

We recommend the continuance of the agreement with Concord town district whereby some of our children attend the Dimond Hill school in Concord. Also that the district at its annual meeting vote to hire the Farrington Corner school house from the Concord town district for an indefinite period, as this vote seems to be a legal necessity.

In closing we wish to thank our fellow-citizens who have helped us in one of the most delicate and difficult tasks in our body politic.

Respectfully submitted,

DELIA A. BOHANAN,  
CHARLES H. PEASLEE,  
LOUIS ELLMS,

*School Board of Hopkinton.*

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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*To the School Board of Hopkinton:*

I herewith submit my second annual report as superintendent of schools of Hopkinton.

In my report of last year, I gave a brief outline of what I consider the chief work of a superintendent, and also stated briefly my general plan of work. This plan I have followed during the past year and beg leave to report a good degree of progress. The work of the schools has been more nearly systematized; the teachers are working along the line of a common plan or programme, and greater stress has been laid upon the work in the more important subjects. Most important of all, the teachers have greatly improved in their methods of teaching.

The plan followed is that outlined in the State Programme of Studies. This programme is excellent, and is used, sometimes with slight modifications, by almost every superintendent in the state.

It lays particular stress upon reading during the first three years of a child's school life, at the end of which time he should have mastered the mechanics of reading, and should have had sufficient practice to enable him to read readily, smoothly and with understanding any ordinary easy prose. If this be accomplished he can, from this time onward, make much greater progress with his work. Most of the difficulty which children have with their studies grows out of the difficulty they have in reading their work and understanding what they read. If one half of a child's mental energy is expended in getting the

pronunciation and meaning of common words he can get very little of the thought out of his reading.

In language and grammar the programme emphasizes the importance of giving the child, during the earlier years of his school life, the ability to express his thoughts in good, plain English, and in the last years, the fundamentals of English grammar.

In arithmetic it aims at rapidity and accuracy in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; common and decimal fractions, including the different phases of percentage—taxes, commission, interest, commercial discount; denominate numbers and the tables of weights and measures, and facility in solving easy problems bearing on these subjects, and upon practical subjects. Arithmetical puzzles, and difficult problems that will seldom, or never, be of practical use to the pupils, are eliminated, or postponed till the last year of the high school, when their reasoning powers shall have become stronger.

In writing, the work aims to give the children the ability to write with a fair degree of rapidity in a neat, legible hand. This calls for freedom of movement, rather than beauty of writing, in the lower grades, form and speed coming with practice.

The work in history and geography is designed to give pupils a knowledge of the world and its peoples, with special reference to their relations to the United States. The chief purpose of this work is to develop a healthy patriotism and to fit boys and girls for good citizenship.

The purpose of the teaching of physiology is to make the children acquainted with their bodies and their common functions; to teach them how to use and care for them, and to teach them the injurious effects of evil habits and poisonous drugs.

The fact that this programme is so extensively used throughout the state is much in favor of its use in any

town, for in school matters no town can afford to stand aloof and deny responsibility for general educational conditions. If one town neglects to do its duty in providing for the education of its children other towns will suffer with it for this neglect, for these children soon grow to maturity and from among them is recruited that class of "undesirable citizens" who shuffle aimlessly from place to place, finally settling down to send forth another generation of undeveloped citizens, if not a generation of criminals. Hence if our state is to maintain its high standard of citizenship each town must not only do its full duty, but must also see that others do likewise.

The aim and object of our work from beginning to end, therefore, is to fit the children to take their places in the world as useful, intelligent citizens, and, so far as we can, fit them for whatever measure of success their ambitions and natural qualifications may lead them to acquire.

As I stated in my report a year ago, reading was the subject calling for the most attention, and through the year we have worked to remedy this condition, and the results have been fairly satisfactory. We have almost entirely eliminated from among the beginners the "stupid" pupil who "cannot learn to read." Occasionally there is such a child who is mentally deficient, or very slow in developing, but they are very rare. The most of such cases are the result of poor teaching during the child's first years in school. The child who does not learn to read during the first three years of his school life will in all probability never learn it, and, if he does not learn to read, other avenues of learning are closed to him.

After the child has become fairly proficient in reading, most of his work should be for the purpose of gaining information, and of making himself familiar with good literature. A certain portion of his time should be devoted to securing good expression, but all the child's school



work, and all his home reading, tend to make him more and more proficient in this greatest of all human inventions—the recording, translating and communicating of thought.

In this matter we have made good progress. The beginners do better than those of last year at the same time, each grade, in fact, shows greater power than its predecessor of a year ago.

In language and grammar the same thing is true. We less frequently hear pupils express a dislike for this work. Language is naturally correlated with reading, and in school work must be so correlated.

The arithmetic work is much better than last year. This is due partly to better teaching, and partly to a change in text-books. The thoroughly trained, expert teacher can teach a subject, and get good results, regardless of text-books, but the untrained teacher needs the best.

This brings me to the most important phase of a superintendent's work—finding the right teachers for village schools. "As the teacher, so is the school."

The highest salary paid to any of our teachers below the high school is \$300 a year; the lowest \$180; while the average is \$250.80. For this salary it is not possible to get trained teachers with successful experience. For \$280 to \$300 we can sometimes get recent graduates of some normal or training school, possibly a graduate who has not been successful elsewhere, but who is quite likely to do well under changed conditions. In either case the school authorities take a risk. Then there remain for us two classes: first, those who have taught, possibly for years, but who, on account of lack of tact or good judgment, or through lack of education and failure to study and make good this lack, have failed to hold a position for any length of time, but have been moving from town to town, doing some things fairly well, but

others very poorly; second, the promising, untrained high school graduates who have had experience in district schools. These young women have acquired poise and good judgment in their district school work, and for this reason are most likely to succeed in the grammar schools. But in the primary schools where the demand is for good methods of teaching rather than executive power, the recent graduate of a normal or training school is to be preferred.

The fact that our New Hampshire Normal School sends out annually only *one* graduate for every *eleven* new teachers in the state renders our chances of getting a New Hampshire Normal School girl very remote.

Finally the choice of a teacher is made largely through the young woman's apparent force of character and personality.

A young woman, to be a good teacher, must have the power of leadership. If this power is natural, her task of learning to teach is made much easier, but whether natural or acquired, she must have it or fail. To many young women the necessary self-assertiveness is repugnant, but this feeling must be overcome. She must assume the leadership of her school, and direct its activities, both of the school as a whole, and of its individual members. Hence good students do not always make good teachers.

Sometimes the stress of the position takes the young woman's nerve, and control is gone before she realizes it; in others this same stress will call into activity latent powers to a surprising degree. It is impossible to always be sure beforehand which result will follow.

In our district schools we must generally employ recent, untrained high school graduates and train them as fast as we can, into efficient teachers.

This has been a very important part of my work, and to do it I have visited the schools as often as possible, watch-

ing carefully for opportunities to show the teacher where she might improve her work, taking the class for a few minutes to show her how to teach the subject better. After the class has been dismissed, I have usually spent a few minutes in pointing out to the teacher her failures and methods of avoiding them, and in helping her to arrange her work to the best advantage for economy in time and for securing results.

In general I have found teachers responsive to these criticisms and suggestions. They have come to realize that their work is not "keeping school," neither is it listening to the children's efforts at telling what they have learned from their books, and scolding them for their failures, but that their work is *to teach*—to so present the subject to the class that the minds of the children can receive it.

Along these lines we have made a good degree of progress. Towards this end teachers, school board and parents have aided by their loyal support and co-operation, and for this I offer them my sincere and hearty thanks.

J. A. MACDOUGALL,  
*Superintendent of Schools.*

## ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

FOR FOUR YEARS.

Pearl V. Hazeltine.

FOR ONE YEAR.

*Contoocook primary*, John Montgomery.  
*Hopkinton primary*, Alice Russ.  
*Hopkinton grammar*, V. Marguerite Russ.  
*West Hopkinton*, Howard Severance.

FOR TWO TERMS.

*High school*, Olive Allen, Mabel Lord.  
*Contoocook primary*, Mahlon Elliott, Frank Ladd.  
*Hopkinton primary*, Ella Chandler, Hazel Derry.  
*Hopkinton grammar*, Clarence Russ.  
*West Hopkinton*, Effie Severance, Isabella Severance.  
*Farrington Corner*, Earle F. Boutwell.

FOR ONE TERM.

*High school*, Gladys Davis, Roger Montgomery, John L. Nelson.  
*Contoocook grammar*, Lillian P. Blake, Helen A. Pierce, Miriam Chase, Lena Conant.  
*Contoocook primary*, George Conant, Bertrand Elliott, Henry Makepeace, Irving Adams, Marion V. Cooper, Mary J. Chase, Althea Ladd, Edna Dwinells, Laura Pinard, Marion G. Hardy, Mildred P. Hardy, Sheldon Morrill, Freeman True.  
*Hopkinton primary*, Elmer Boutwell, Howard Dunbar, Willie N. Foote, Gertrude A. Haselton.  
*Hopkinton grammar*, Mildred Dunbar, Mabel Foote, Nettie Haselton, Eugene Lord, Edith Ellms, Margaret Smith.  
*West Hopkinton*, Una Rice.  
*Farrington Corner*, John Bunten, Esther Lindquist.

## SCHOOL STATISTICAL TABLE.

Name of School.	No. of pupils.	Names of Teachers.	Wages per month.	Weeks of school.													
				Reading.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Physiology.	Drawing.	Vocal music.	Composition.	Penmanship.	Nature study.	Spelling.		
Contoocook Grammar.	45	Mary E. Smiley.....	\$36.00	10	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45
	40	Mary E. Smiley.....	40.00	9	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
	40	Mary E. Smiley.....	40.00	11	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
Contoocook Primary ..	35	Ethel A. Martin.....	38.00	10	35	35	24	21	8	..	35	..	35	35	..	..	..
	35	Ethel A. Martin.....	38.00	9	35	35	21	21	9	..	35	..	35	35	..	..	..
	39	Ethel A. Martin.....	38.00	11	39	39	21	21	8	..	39	..	39	39	..	..	..
Hopkinton Grammar..	32	Angie D. Collins.....	40.00	10	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	..	33	33	33	33	33
	32	Angie D. Collins.....	40.00	9	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	..	32	32	32	32	32
	35	Angie D. Collins.....	40.00	11	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	..	35	35	35	35	35
Hopkinton Primary ...	28	Ina L. Balch.....	36.00	10	28	28	28	28	28	28	..	28	8	28	28	2	2
	25	Ina L. Balch.....	36.00	9	25	25	25	25	25	25	..	25	6	25	25	..	..
	31	Ina L. Balch.....	36.00	11	31	31	31	31	31	31	..	31	11	31	31	..	..
Farrington Corner.....	13	Edna F. Bohanan.....	28.00	10	13	11	10	10	6	..	..	..	6	11	..	..	..
	18	Edna F. Bohanan.....	28.00	9	18	13	13	13	7	7	..	..	12	13	..	..	..
	11	Florence M. Emerson.	28.00	11	12	12	10	9	6	..	..	..	9	12	..	..	..
West Hopkinton.....	19	Martha W. Cilley .....	26.00	10	17	17	9	9	7	4	..	..	17	..	..	..	..
	17	Martha W. Cilley .....	26.00	8	17	17	9	9	7	4	..	..	17	..	..	..	..
	20	Hattie E. Angell.....	28.00	11	20	20	10	10	6	4	..	..	20	..	..	..	..
Stumpfield.....	9	Florence M. Emerson.	28.00	10	9	8	8	8	8	8	..	..	8	9	..	..	..
	8	Florence M. Emerson.	28.00	9	8	8	7	7	7	7	..	..	8	8	..	..	..
	9	Pearl D. Huse.....	24.00	11	8	8	7	7	7	5	7	..	7	8	..	..	..

Name of School.	No. of pupils.	Names of Teachers.	Wages per month.	Weeks of school.														
				Ancient history.	Composition.	Physiology.	Vocal music.	Astronomy.	Algebra.	Geometry.	Chemistry.	Botany.	Latin.	French.	English literature.	Geology.		
Hopkinton High .....	48	Principal,	\$111.00	14	15	13	..	27	8	24	16	9	..	10	16	17	..	
	47	Elmer E. Sawyer....		11	14	13	..	7	27	..	21	12	8	..	9	16	16	..
	40	Assistant, Mabel E. Bruce.....	40.00	11	11	11	..	25	..	8	23	7	13	7	14	15	5	

	Instances of tardiness.	Visits by com- mittee.	Visits by parents.	Visits by Superin- tendent.
High School.....	810	10	9	16
Contoocook Grammar.....	393	8	129	17
Contoocook Primary.....	1	5	22	14
Hopkinton Grammar.....	139	9	74	14
Hopkinton Primary.....	62	10	75	11
Farrington's Corner.....	28	3	30	10
West Hopkinton.....	7	6	52	12
Stumpfield.....	27	7	13	9
Total.....	1,467	58	404	103

Number of schools maintained, 9.

Number of schoolhouses occupied, 5.

Number of schoolhouses unoccupied, 9.

#### TEACHERS EMPLOYED SINCE JULY 15, 1907.

*High school*, principal, Carl Cotton;

assistant, Nina A. Adams.

*Contoocook grammar*, Shirley M. Davis.

*Contoocook primary*, Grace E. Schroeder.

*Hopkinton grammar*, Louise R. Sherman, Florence M. Emerson.

*Hopkinton primary*, Ina L. Balch, Florence E. Platt.

*Farrington Corner*, Florence M. Emerson, Hattie E. Merrill.

*West Hopkinton*, L. Winnifred Chase.

*Stumpfield*, Margaret Moran, Ethel B. Walker.

## FINANCIAL ACCOUNT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

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The account of the school board of the Hopkinton school district for general expenses for the year ending February 15, 1908.

DR.

The school board charges itself with orders drawn on the treasurer of the Hopkinton school district amounting to \$4,543.50

CR.

The above orders are accounted for as follows:

Paid for superintendent's salary,	\$393 34
teachers' salaries,	2,899 65
conveying pupils,	756 65
janitor's services,	179 30
cleaning schoolhouses,	22 75
fuel,	171 67
electric lights, and water rent,	37 45
other items,	82 64
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	\$4,543 50

The account of the school board as repair committee for the year ending February 15, 1908.

DR.

The school board charges itself with orders drawn upon the treasurer of the Hopkinton school district amounting to \$204 60

CR.

The foregoing debits are accounted for as follows:

Paid for carpenter's labor and material,	\$84 29
painting and material,	79 50
other items,	40 81
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	\$204 60

## ACCOUNT OF VILLAGE SCHOOL LOT.

1907.

June 19. Paid Horace G. Chase, agent, for	
lot,	\$100 00
R. T. Gould, surveying lots,	3 50
Parker Flanders, labor,	10 00
Curtice & Co., wire fencing,	5 40
Louis Ellms, labor,	1 10
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	\$120 00

The school board in account with the town of Hopkinton for books and supplies for the year ending February 15, 1908.

DR.

The school board charges itself with orders drawn by the selectmen on the treasurer of the town amounting to

	\$441.69
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CR.

The above debits are accounted for as follows:

Paid for books,	\$181 78
supplies,	174 52
chemicals,	31 78



Paid for printing,	\$39 39
express and other items,	14 22
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	\$441 69

The foregoing financial report is respectfully submitted  
by

DELIA A. BOHANAN,  
CHARLES H. PEASLEE,  
LOUIS ELLMS,  
*School Board of Hopkinton.*

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This certifies that I, auditor of school accounts of Hopkinton school districts, have examined the foregoing accounts of the school board for the year ending February 15, 1908, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

LEWIS A. NELSON,  
*Auditor.*

HOPKINTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT.  
1907-1908.

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1908.

DR.

1907.			
Feb.	15.	Balance on hand at settlement,	\$935 08
Mar.	30.	Received school board, sale stove,	27 50
May	17.	Town treasurer,	400 00
June	1.	Town treasurer,	283 27
June	1.	Town treasurer,	1,000 00
June	3.	George E. Barnard, sale stove,	1 75
July	1.	Duncan P. Noyes, tuition,	5 00
Sept.	26.	School board, tuition, Hillsborough scholars,	18 00
Oct.	5.	Town treasurer,	500 00
Nov.	2.	Town treasurer,	200 00
Nov.	19.	School board, sale grass,	1 50
Dec.	3.	Town treasurer,	500 00
Dec.	14.	Town treasurer,	500 00
1908.			
Jan.	11.	Town treasurer,	500 00
Feb.	11.	Town treasurer,	1,286 60

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Total amount received for school purposes, \$6,158 70

CR.

1908.			
Feb.	15.	By cash paid on orders by school board as per vouchers,	\$5,031 80
		Balance on hand,	1,126 90
			\$6,158 70

## MEMORANDA.

Amount raised required by law,	\$3,630 00
School money voted by town,	500 00
Amount balance on hand,	935 08
voted for repairs,	200 00
voted for play ground,	150 00
library fund,	158 60
Proportion school fund from state, superinten-	
dent's salary,	250 00
Dog tax,	281 27
Tuitions,	23 00
Sales,	30 75
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Total amount received for school pur-	
poses,	\$6,158 70

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH U. KIMBALL,

*Treasurer.*

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This certifies that I, auditor of school accounts of the town of Hopkinton, have examined the foregoing accounts of the treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

L. A. NELSON,

*Auditor.*

February 15, 1908.

## TRUANT OFFICER'S REPORT.

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*To the School Board of Hopkinton:*

The following is a list of children between the ages of five and sixteen years, residing in the town of Hopkinton September 1, 1907:

Whole number,	242
Boys,	122
Girls,	120
Between the ages of 10 and 16 not able to read and write,	0
Number of those born in New Hampshire,	215
Number born elsewhere in the United States,	27
Number born in foreign countries,	0
Number between the ages of 8 and 14 who do not regularly attend school,	2

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR C. CALL,  
*Truant Officer.*

HOPKINTON VILLAGE BRANCH OF THE HOP-  
KINTON, N. H., PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1908.  
1907.

March	1.	To balance on hand at settlement,	\$19 53
April	6.	To amount received from town treasurer,	100 00
Oct.	5.	To amount received from town treasurer,	50 00
			\$169 53

By cash paid:

Contoocook Electric Light Co., Jan. 1 to Sept. 30,	\$6 00
G. H. Quimby, winter janitor service,	3 25
G. H. Quimby, raking and cleaning,	65
Belle Meek, building fires, etc.,	3 00
Books, C. E. Lauriat & Co.,	14 67
Books, C. E. Lauriat & Co.,	16 35
Book for cataloguing,	10
Books, C. E. Lauriat & Co.,	7 00
Books, C. E. Lauriat & Co.,	3 00
Books, R. H. White Co.,	11 86
George H. Quimby, moving,	1 50
Books, C. E. Lauriat & Co.,	14 65
Expressage,	2 60
Stamps on books returned,	38

1907.	Sarah U. Kimball, salary as li- brarian,	\$25 00
1908.	Lewis H. Dearborn, one cord of wood,	5 00
	Stationery,	06
	Sarah U. Kimball, salary as li- brarian,	25 00
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		\$140 07
	Cash on hand,	29 46
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		\$169 53

ANSTIS I. GREENE,  
*for the Trustees.*

HOPKINTON VILLAGE BRANCH OF THE PUBLIC  
LIBRARY.

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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, 1907-1908.

There have been 105 books added to the library the past year. The number of books issued during the year was 2,903, the greater number in August.

SUNDRIES ACCOUNT.

1907-1908.

To amount received for fines,	\$2 98
from visitors,	7 97
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	\$10 95

1907.

March 2.	By amount paid electric lamp,	\$0 25
	By postage,	04
May 28.	By amount paid mucilage,	10
Aug. 8.	By amount paid electric lamp,	17
Sept. 28.	By amount paid mucilage,	05

1908.

Jan. 14.	By amount paid Mr. Ladd, repair of water pipe,	99
Feb. 7.	By amount paid Eugene Dunbar, putting on storm door,	25
	Balance on hand,	9 10
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		\$10 95

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH U. KIMBALL,  
*Librarian.*

BOOKS ADDED TO HOPKINTON VILLAGE BRANCH OF PUBLIC LIBRARY, 1907-1908.

CASE H.

- |    |  |                          |
|----|--|--------------------------|
| 64 | Trusia,  | Davis Brinton            |
| 65 | Richard Elliott, Financier,  | George Carling           |
| 66 | The Girl Out There,  | K. E. Harriman           |
| 67 | Friday, the Thirteenth,  | Thomas W. Lawson         |
| 68 | The Case of Doctor Horace,   | John H. Prentis          |
| 69 | Mr. Barnes, American,  | A. C. Gunter             |
| 70 | Miss Frances Baird, Detective,                                       | R. W. Kauffman           |
| 71 | The Unseen Jury,   | E. C. Root               |
| 72 | The Malefactor,  | E. Phillips Oppenheim    |
| 73 | The Long Road,   | John Oxenham             |
| 74 | Langford of the Three Bars,  | Kate and Virgil D. Boyes |
| 75 | The Mystery,   | S. E. and S. H. Hopkins  |
| 76 | Bob Hampton of Placer,   | Randall Parish           |
| 77 | The Veiled Lady,   | F. Hopkinson Smith       |
| 78 | Ben Blair,   | William Lillibridge      |
| 79 | The Shadow of a Great Rock,  | W. R. Lighton            |
| 80 | When Wilderness Was King,  | Randall Parish           |
| 81 | A Sword of the Old Frontier,   | Randall Parish           |
| 82 | My Lady of the North,  | Randall Parish           |
| 83 | Partners of the Tide (Gift of the Misses Grace<br>and Kate Kimball), | J. C. Lincoln            |
| 84 | Brown of Harvard,  | Young and Coleman        |
| 85 | Frank Hunter's Peril,  | H. Alger, Jr.            |
| 86 | Asa Holmes,  | Annie F. Johnston        |
| 87 | The Kentuckian,  | James B. Naylor          |
| 88 | Way to Success,  | Alfred Oldfellow         |
| 89 | Curly,   | Roger Pocock             |



90	The Rainbow Chasers,	John H. Whitson
91	Whistler,	Walter Aimwell
92	The Gold Hunters of Alaska,	W. B. Allen
93	The Apprentice Boy,	F. M. Bicknell
94	The Silver Key,	Nellie K. Blisset
95	The Star of India,	Edward S. Ellis
96	Proud and Lazy,	Oliver Optic
97	Midshipman Merrill,	H. H. Lewis
98	The Voyage of the Charlemagne,	W. O. Stoddard
99	Uncle Nat,	Alfred Oldfellow
100	The Pines of Lory,	J. A. Mitchell
101	An Island in the Air,	Ernest Ingersoll
102	Beth Norvell.	Randall Parish

## CASE I.

922	The Doctor,	Ralph Conner
923	Buchanan's Wife,	J. M. Forman
924	Sophy of Kravonia,	Anthony Hope
925	Truthful Jane,	Florence M. Kingsley
926	Half a Rogue,	Harold McGrath
927	The Dawn of a To-morrow,	F. H. Bennett
928	The Windfall,	C. E. Craddock
929	The Passenger from Calais,	Arthur Griffeth
930	Aunt Jane of Kentucky,	Eliza C. Hall
931	The Adventuress,	Coralie Stanton
932	The Mystics,	Katherine C. Thurston
933	The President of Quex,	Helen M. Winslow
934	The Dust of Conflict,	Harold Bindloss
935	The World's Warrant,	Norah Davis
936	Running Water,	A. E. Mason
937	Holmby House,	C. J. Whyte Melville
938	Anne Furness.	Frances E. Trollope
939	Felicity,	Clara E. Laughlin
940	The Mayor's Wife,	A. K. Green

- 941 The Lion and the Mouse (Gift of Mrs. T. J. Drumm).
- 942 Through the Eye of the Needle, W. D. Howells
- 943 A Spinner in the Sun, Myrtle Reed
- 944 The Financier, Harris Burland
- 945 A Mysterious Disappearance, Gordon Holmes
- 946 The Man of the Hour, Octave Thanet
- 947 The Midnight Guest, Fred M. White
- 948 Mrs. Jim and Mrs. Jimmie, Stephen Conrad
- 949 Kenelm's Desire, Hughes Cornell
- 950 Wabeno, the Magician, Mabel O. Wright
- 951 The Man from America (Gift of Mrs. Ella Kimball).
- 952 The Last Hope, Merriman
- 953 Order No. 11, Caroline A. Stanley
- 954 Hearts and Masks,
- 955 The Wood Carver of 'Lympus, M. E. Waller
- 956 The Shuttle, Frances H. Burnet
- 957
- 958 Helena's Path, Anthony Hope
- 959 The Daughter of Anderson Crowe, George B. McCutcheon
- 960 The Weaver, Gilbert Parker
- 961 Walled In, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps
- 962 Satan Sanderson, Hallie E. Rives
- 963 The Helpmate, May Sinclair
- 964 The Fruit of the Tree, Edith Wharton
- 965 New Chronicles of Rebecca (Gift of Miss Robinson), Kate Douglas Wiggin
- 966 The Old Peabody Pew, Kate Douglas Wiggin
- 967 The Car of Destiny, C. N. and A. M. Williamson
- 968 The Lonely House, Mrs. A. L. Wistar
- 969 The Younger Set, Robert W. Chambers
- 970 His Own People, Booth Tarkington

- 971 Outside the Law, James Barnes  
Sentimental Tommy, T. M. Barrie
- 972 The Century of Sir Thomas Moore, B. O. Flower  
The Reign of Law, James Lane Allen  
Last three the gift of Miss Annie Molineaux.
- The Crossing, Winston Churchill  
The Making of an American, Jacob Riis  
Last two the gift of Miss Malvina Brown.
- A Speckled Bird, Augusta Evans Winslow  
Rose Mather (Gift of Mrs. Grace Osborne),  
Mary J. Holmes
- Captain Macklin, R. H. Davis  
The Trifler, Archibald Eyre  
The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come, John Fox, Jr.

## BOOKS RECEIVED FROM STATE.

- N. H. Manual for the General Court, 1907.  
N. H. Surgeons in the Rebellion, Granville P. Conn.  
Laws of the State of New Hampshire, 1907.  
Journals N. H. Senate and House, January session, 1907.  
N. H. Annual Reports, 1905-1906, 4 Vols.  
N. H. School Report, 1905-1906.

## SENT FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

- Annual Report of Smithsonian Institution.  
Annual Report of Interstate Commerce Commission.  
One Large Map of United States.

CONTOOCOOK BRANCH OF THE HOPKINTON  
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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Frank I. Morrill, trustee of the Contoocook Branch of the Hopkinton Free Public Library, makes this his annual report.

1907.		
Mar.	30. Balance in hands of trustee,	\$9 73
1908.		
Feb.	1. Received from town of Hopkinton,	150 00
	Fines during year,	7 61
		\$167 34

1907.		
Cash paid:		
Mar.	Annie E. Hardon,	\$10 45
June	1. Annie E. Hardon,	11 35
June	1. DeWolfe, Fisk & Co.,	11 95
1908.		
Jan.	14. Julia M. Johnson,	9 98
	Annie E. Hardon,	10 77
Feb.	22. Annie E. Hardon,	9 92
Feb.	22. G. A. Curtice estate,	75 00
Feb.	24. DeWolfe, Fiske & Co.,	21 50
		\$160 92

Balance in hands of trustee,	\$6 42
Number volumes catalogued January 1, 1908,	1,628
leased from Library Association,	1,214

Total January 1,	2,842
Number volumes added to date of report, 1908,	17
	2,859

Number volumes added in 1907,	87
patrons in 1907,	339
books loaned to patrons, 1907,	4,647

## PERIODICALS SUPPLIED.

<i>Harper's Monthly.</i>	<i>Suburban Life.</i>
<i>The Century.</i>	<i>Country Life in America.</i>
<i>Scribner's Magazine.</i>	<i>The World's Work.</i>
<i>The Cosmopolitan.</i>	<i>The Review of Reviews.</i>
<i>McClure's Magazine.</i>	<i>The Granite State Magazine.</i>
<i>The National.</i>	

## BOOKS GIVEN, 1907.

Doc Gordon,	Mary E. Wilkins Freeman By Mrs. John M. Knight.
Concerning Belinda,	Eleanor H. Brainerd By Mrs. John M. Knight.
Coniston,	Winston Churchill By Charles Hardon.
In the Land of the Gods,	Alice Mabel Bacon By Mrs. George A. Kimball.
Paradise,	Alice Brown By Mrs. George A. Kimball.
My Sword for Lafayette,	Max Pemberton By Mrs. George A. Kimball.
Montlivet,	Alice Prescott Smith By Mrs. George A. Kimball.
Isidro,	Mary Austin By Mrs. George A. Kimball.
Orations and Speeches of Charles Sumner (2 Vols.)	By Mrs. Maria Brown.

## OTHERS ADDED TO DATE OF REPORT.

From Dawn to Daylight,	Harriet Beecher Stowe
New Chronicles of Rebecca,	Kate Douglas Wiggin
Soldiers of Fortune,	Richard Harding Davis
The Great Secret,	E. Phillips Oppenheim
The Plum Tree,	David Graham Phillips
Aunt Jane of Kentucky,	Eliza Calvert Hall
A Twentieth Century Boy,	M. L. Glentworth
The Celebrity,	Winston Churchill
The Best Man,	Harold MacGrath
Hannah Thurston,	Bayard Taylor
Comrades in Arms,	Gen. Charles King
Mystery Evans,	Beth Baker
Edith's Ministry,	H. B. McKeever
Catharine's Proxy,	Myra Sawyer Hamlin
Susan Clegg, and A Man in the House,	Anne Warner
Dolly's Double,	Ethel Wood
The River's Children,	Ruth McEnery Stuart
How John Norton Kept His Christmas,	W. H. H. Murray
Forge and Furnace; or The Young Master of the Iron Mill,	Victor St. Clair.
Boyhood Days on the Farm,	Charles Clark Munn
The Old Peabody Pew,	Kate Douglas Wiggin
The Lost Heiress,	E. D. E. N. Southworth
Mary Garvin,	Georgie Sheldon
"Helen Grant" series (except "Helen Grant in College"),	A. M. Douglas
The Port of Missing Men,	Meredith Nicholson
Lisbeth Wilson,	Eliza N. Blair
Rab and His Friends,	
Sante Fe's Partner,	Thomas A. Janvier
Barbary Sheep,	Robert Hichens

We desire to make respectful mention of the list of donors of books to this branch of the library.

The habit is a good one, of presenting yearly some good book to the village library. It keeps up our interest in the good things of this world; it extends a hand to some boy and girl.

Good books are rays of sunshine that come into our homes—they broaden and deepen all of us, making us less selfish and unkind.

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The Hopkinton Free Public Library has sustained the loss of John Stevens Kimball, trustee since 1892.

Let us for a moment in an unpartizan manner consider his untiring devotion to the cause of the library, his faithfulness to the trust you for so many years imposed upon him.

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Respectfully submitted,

FRANK I. MORRILL,

*Trustee.*





## VITAL STATISTICS.

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*To the Selectmen of Hopkinton:*

In compliance with an act of the Legislature passed June session, 1877, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the records of marriages, births and deaths, to the municipal officers for publication in the annual reports," I hereby submit the following:

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1907.

Date of birth.	Name of the child (if any).	Sex.	Living or stillborn.	No. of child.	Color.	Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	Color of parents.	Residence of parents.	Occupation of father.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.
Jan. 4	Lawrence Sherman	M.	L.	4	W.	Clarence T. Elliott	Alma H. Collins...	W.	Hopkinton.	Needlemaker.	Webster	Gilmanton.
Jan. 5	Mary Viola.....	F.	"	2	"	Fred Clark.....	Mabel/Eliza Cooper	"	"	Farmer	Hopkinton	Concord.
Mar. 5	Joseph Samuel...	M.	"	1	"	Chas. A. Shurtleff	Mary R. Moran	"	"	Veterinary...	"	Hopkinton.
Mar. 6	Hazel Emily.....	F.	"	1	"	Claude D. Adams.	Ida M. Flathers	"	"	Painter	"	Lawrence, Mass.
Mar. 12		M.	S.	1	"	Francis P. Law	Etta Morrill	"	"	R.-K. employee	Vermont	Springfield.
Apr. 27	Clyde Ellsworth	"	L.	3	"	Jesse L. Fitts	Lula M. Prinn	"	"	Laborer	Hopkinton	Lynn, Mass.
Apr. 2	John Norris.....	"	"	2	"	James M. Perry...	Eithneen Kelly	"	"	Farmer	Hopkinton	Deerfield.
Apr. 20	Hazel Ida.....	F.	"	3	"	George E. Patch...	Elsie B. French	"	"	"	New Boston	Peterborough.
Feb. 15	Wallace Raymond	M.	"	7	"	John Giddings...	Ethel M. Sawyer	"	"	Laborer.....	Peterborough	Goffstown.
Apr. 29	Donald.....	M.	"	3	"	George G. Hood	Phronie E. Brown	"	"	Needlemaker.	Swanton, Vt.	Tilton
Apr. 10	Max Gilchrist...	"	"	2	"	Earl O. Cline	Mary Victoria Short	"	"	"	Andover	Henniker.
May 16	Elgar Jesse.....	"	"	1	"	Harry A. Baker	Alice L. Gilchrist.	"	"	Baker.....	Sutton, Vt.	Bradford.
July 7	Frank Moses.....	"	"	3	"	Jesse W. Smith	Mary S. Flanders.	"	"	Painter	Hopkinton	Bow.
June 10	Sherburn G.....	"	"	4	"	Herbert M. Kimball	Mary A. Colby	"	"	Chopper.....	Concord	Hopkinton.
July 7	Ralph Harold...	F.	"	1	"	Joseph N. Tilton	Mary A. Rollins	"	"	Farmer.....	Ch'plain, N. Y.	Canada.
July 17	Charles.....	M.	"	5	"	David Mayo	Elsie Guillette.	"	"	"	Hopkinton	Newfield, Me.
July 24	George Leroy...	M.	"	8	"	Nelson D. Kimball	Adelaide M. Patch	"	"	"	Hopkinton	Jamaica Pt., Mass.
Aug. 31	Dorris Marguerite.	"	"	3	"	Charles E. Elliott	Gertrude Howe	"	"	Laborer.....	"	Portland, Me.
Aug. 4	Elizabeth M.....	F.	"	4	"	Geo. A. Drinnell...	Mary Howley	"	"	Plumber	"	Raymond.
Aug. 28	Ruth Caroline...	"	"	1	"	Arthur J. Boynton	Bessie J. Clough	"	"	Farmer.....	Weyre	Concord.
Sept. 18	Thomas Symonds.	M.	"	2	"	Edward C. Locke.	Minnie C. Flanders	"	"	Butcher.....	Hopkinton	Henniker.
Oct. 11	Winnifred M.....	F.	S.	1	"	John Frank Carr.	Edna A. Symonds.	"	"	Carpenter	"	"
Oct. 11	Dorris M.....	M.	"	7	"	Percy L. Libby	Alice M. Hook	"	"	Farmer	Maine.	Washington.
Nov. 4		F.	L.	2	"	Wm. J. Severance.	Florence E. Fowler	"	"	"	Washington	"
Nov. 4		F.	S.	2	"	Frank W. Huntton	Adeline Austin	"	"	"	Hopkinton	"
Nov. 23	Arnold Elwin...	M.	L.	1	"	Frank P. Marsh	Etta Dustin	"	"	Tea merchant	Dunbarton	Antrim.
Nov. 28	Ruth Elinor...	"	"	5	"	Stillman A. Hardy	Pauline Bagley	"	"	Farmer	Hopkinton	Sidney, Australia.
Dec. 4	Dora Sarah.....	F.	"	2	"	Harry L. Hoyt...	Lillian M. Johnson	"	"	Needlemaker	Hopkinton	Canada.
Dec. 25	Lois Arnes.....	"	"	1	"	Lewis A. Nelson...	Bertha M. Chase	"	"	Miller	Warner	Hopkinton.
Dec. 25		"	"	7	"	George Guerin...	Sarah Welcome	"	"	Farmer	Manchester	Canada.
Dec. 29		"	"	2	"	Ernest L. Morrill.	Hattie E. Cookson.	"	"	Needlemaker.	Springfield	Burnham, Me.
Dec. 29		M.	"	2	"	Clifton J. Bartlett	Lida H. Chase	"	"	Laborer.....	Warner	Hopkinton.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN A. FULLER, Town Clerk.

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1907.

Date of marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age.	Color of each.	Occupation of groom and bride.	Place of birth of each.	Names of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Occupation.	Marriage.	Name, residence and official station of person by whom married.
Jan. 2	Concord	Augustine C. Ordway	Hopkinton	48	W.	Farmer	Goshen	John Ordway Mary E. Wittenden	Newbury	Farmer	2	W. A. W. Hardy, clergyman, Penacook.
		Martha J. Chase	"	57	"	"	Hopkinton	Barach Chase Lydia Morrison	Hopkinton	Farmer	1	Clarence E. Fuller, clergyman, New- ton Centre, Mass.
9	Suncook	Adelbert W. Cooper	"	31	"	Teamster	Concord	Harriet A. Cooper James Rollins	Sunapee Concord	Farmer	1	Tilt' C. H. Bouton, clergyman, Henniker.
		Della L. Garland	Grafton	31	"	Cook	Enfield	Nellie Rollins George W. Mosher	Enfield	Farmer	2	
9	Hopkinton	Edwin St. E. Mosher	Presque Isle, [Me.]	29	"	Electrician	Pr'sque Isle, Me.	Augusta M. DeWitt Orrin F. Fuller	Mosh'tville, N. S. Howland, Me.	Farmer	1	
		Carrie A. Fuller	Hopkinton	24	"	"	Hopkinton	Lilla E. Campbell Freeman Kempton	New Hampton Hopkinton	Farmer	2	
May 30	"	Hiram J. Kempton	"	25	"	Clerk	Newport	Flora B. Tandy W. Landry	Croydon Goshen	Weaver Seaman	1	Charles Hardon, clergyman, Hopkinton.
		Eva Landry	Boston, Mass	19	"	Clerk	"	Mary Coult Walter F. Hoyt	" Hopkinton	Weaver Housekeeper	1	W. A. Paige, clergyman, Contocook.
Sept. 11	"	Frank French Hoyt	Hopkinton	23	"	Carpenter	Hopkinton	Sarah Phelps Charles Hunt	Tilton Warner	Carpenter	1	
		Edith Nettie Hunt	"	22	"	"	Salem, Mass.	Ella A. Sprawl Edgar N. Taylor	Nova Scotia Parsonfield, Me.	Watchman	1	
		L. Howard Taylor	"	23	"	Farmer	W. Towns'nd Ms	Georgia A. Dow George Melcher	Concord Thornton	Farmer	1	Virgil V. Johnson, clergyman, Concord.
Nov. 9	Concord	Eva M. Melcher	"	22	"	"	Thornton	Laura A. Brown	Thornton	Farmer	1	

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DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1907.

Date of death.	Place of death.	Name and surname of the deceased.	Age.		Place of birth.		Sex and condition.		Occupation.	Place of birth.		Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.
			Years.	Months.	Days.	Male or Female.	Color.	Single, married or widowed.		Father.	Mother.		
Jan. 10	Hopkinton	Lydia C. Putnam	75			Henniker	F.	W.	Farmer	Hopkinton	Hopkinton	Luther Goss	Sylvia Colby.
11	"	Hanson D. Emerson	60			Hopkinton	M.	M.	"	Henniker	Hopkinton	James H. Emerson	Judith Flanders.
18	"	David Tucker	92	5	16	Henniker	F.	W.	Housekeeper	Hopkinton	Hopkinton	Ezra Tucker	Hannah Hardy.
19	"	Mary B. Colby	77	7	16	Hopkinton	F.	W.	Dressmaker	Hopkinton	Hopkinton	Daniel Kimball	Asepath Herrick.
21	"	Mary E. Gerrish	49	5	13	Indiana	"	M.	Firm's wife	New Jersey	New Jersey	David Shepard	Rachel Fisher.
30	"	Rebecca Harrington	98	9	23	Concord	"	W.	"	"	"	Samuel Currier	Sarah Lewis.
Feb. 6	"	Elizabeth L. Fowler	58	1	1	Newbury	"	S.	Railroading	Vermont	Hopkinton	Albert Brown	"
8	"	Gilman J. Straw	70	9	43	Hopkinton	M.	W.	Farmer	Gorham, Me.	Hopkinton	Asabel S. Straw	Abigail B. Jewell.
22	"	Hannah C. Flanders	84	11	11	Henniker	F.	W.	"	Hopkinton	Henniker	Abel Connor	Hannah Whitney.
Mar. 6	"	Percy L. Libby	26	3	28	Gorham, Me.	M.	M.	"	Vermont	Springfield	C. M. Libby	Cloutman.
12	"	Elroy C. Barton	45	2	11	"	F.	W.	"	Hopkinton	Goshen	Francis P. Law	Etta Morrill.
12	"	Emeline B. Little	81	11	6	"	F.	W.	"	Hopkinton	Goshen	Charles O. Barton	— Straw.
13	"	Carrie B. Dunbar	45	2	17	"	F.	W.	"	Hopkinton	Grantham	John Harvey	Ann T. Webber.
14	"	George W. Greenleaf	68	5	11	Boston, Mass	M.	S.	"	Hopkinton	Grantham	Elmer B. Dunbar	William Greenleaf.
25	"	George W. Greenleaf	68	5	11	Hopkinton	M.	S.	"	Hopkinton	Hopkinton	James M. Perry	Edithen Kelley.
Apr. 2	"	Ann T. Dunbar	71	1	17	"	F.	W.	"	Hopkinton	Newbury	Seth Webber	Rebekah S. Webber.
6	"	Ruth B. Jones	14	5	7	"	"	S.	"	Hopkinton	"	J. Arthur Jones	Mabel B. Bailey.
8	"	Roxanna D. Stevens	75	9	8	Manchester.	"	S.	"	Hopkinton	Hopkinton	George W. Currier	Hannah Flanders.
May 3	"	Mary Ann Currier	63	6	4	Hopkinton	F.	S.	"	Hopkinton	Hopkinton	Lewis J. Bossie	Edith M. Clairmont.
15	"	Alison Dona Bossie	124			Belmont	M.	S.	"	Hopkinton	Canada	"	"
29	"	Aima H. Elliott	31	9	7	Gilmanton.	F.	M.	"	Hopkinton	"	"	"
29	"	Clara Shaw	66			Lowell	"	M.	"	Hopkinton	"	"	"
Aug. 9	"	Ezra W. Abbott	86			Hopkinton	M.	W.	"	Hopkinton	"	"	"
14	"	Helen May Fuller	1	5	23	"	F.	W.	"	Hopkinton	Marlborough	G. Irving Fuller	Blanche M. Reed.
17	"	William J. Fernald	61	7	17	Dover, Me.	M.	S.	"	Hopkinton	Hopkinton	John Fernald	Eliza Hilton.
24	"	Susan V. Chandler	73	11	15	Hopkinton	F.	M.	"	Boscawen	Boscawen	Carlton Currier	Dollie Campbell.
29	"	Sarah A. Sawyer	68	11	29	"	F.	W.	"	Boscawen	Hopkinton	James Couch	Mary Eastman.

Sept. 7	Hopkinton.	Eleanor G. Franklyn	57	2	6	England	F.	W.	M.	England	W. Newbry, Ms.	Wm. M. Thomas	Catherine
26	"	I. Jewett Webber	89	2	8	Hopkinton	M.	"	W.	Hopkinton	W. Windsor	Isaiah Webber	Harriet Davis
29	"	Grovenor A. Curtice	65	5	28	Lempster	F.	"	M.	Windsor	Windsor	Samuel Curtice	Lenora Sweat.
Oct. 11	"	Winnifred M. Libby	..	1	..	Hopkinton	F.	"	S.	Maine	Hopkinton	Percy L. Libby	Alice M. Hook.
12	"	William B. Burpee	88	9	11	..	M.	"	W.	Washington	Washingon	W. J. Severance	Fior'nce E. Fowler.
14	"	Fred Delno Smith	..	2	1	Hopkinton	S.	"	S.	Candia	Boscawen	J. Burpee	Zilpha Flanders.
27	"	Ella M. Hunt	48	4	26	..	F.	"	M.	Dunbarton	Antrim	Robert Smith	Ardella Boyce.
Nov. 4	"	Charles J. Burnham	35	1	7	Nova Scotia	F.	"	M.	Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia	Frank P. Marsh	Etta Dustin.
24	"	William N. Foote	41	5	22	Millford	M.	"	M.	Millford	Manchester	Edward Sproul	Melissa Foote.
Dec. 11	"	..	..	..	..	..	S.	"	S.	Warner	Hopkinton	Nelson Foote	Lida H. Chase.
27	"	..	..	..	..	Hopkinton	"	"	S.	..	..	Clifton Bartlett	..
30	"	..	..	..	..	..	"	"	S.	..	..	..	..

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