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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

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TOWN OFFICERS.

Moderator.

BENJAMIN R. WHEELER.

Town Clerk.

JAMES AYER.

Selectmen.

BENJAMIN R. WHEELER, LEWIS F. SOULE,
CHARLES T. MAXWELL.

Overseer of Poor.

BENJAMIN R. WHEELER.

Treasurer.

JAMES EWINS.

Collector of Taxes.

FRED C. BUXTON.

Auditors.

DANIEL A. ABBOTT, JOHN J. HUNT,
WALKER HAIGH.

Special Police.

FRED W. ALLEN, JOHN C. NICHOLS, JOHN F. HALL,
JOHN MORRISON, WILLIS G. RICHARDSON, DA-
VID W. FELCH, WILLIAM F. ROWELL.

Agent for the suppression of the illegal sale of intoxicating
liquors.

JOHN F. HALL.

Highway Agents.

LOREN E. BAILEY, WILLIS G. RICHARDSON,
HENRY P. TAYLOR.

Fire Wardens.

JAMES H. HADLEY, JOHN F. HALL.

Representatives.

DANIEL A. ABBOTT, HOWARD L. GORDON.

Delegates to Constitutional Convention.

WALLACE W. COLE, BENJAMIN R. WHEELER.

Supervisors.

JAMES H. HADLEY, JOHN J. HUNT,
JAMES E. SLOAN.

Sextons.

CHARLES HERBERT SMITH, CHARLES E. NICHOL.

Trustees, Public Library.

CLINTON L. SILVER, BENJAMIN R. WHEELER,
JOHN F. HALL.

Town History Committee.

JAMES AYER, DAVID S. EMERY.

Board of Health.

JAMES AYER, HARRY E. SISKE,
JAMES H. HADLEY.

Fish and Game Wardens (State).

FRED W. ALLEN, JOHN J. HUNT.

Board of Education.

CLINTON L. SILVER, SETH M. PATTEE,
GEORGE W. THOM.

Superintendent of Schools.

EDGAR E. HULSE.

Fire Warden.

JOHN F. HALL.

TOWN WARRANT.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

[L. s.] To the inhabitants of the Town of Salem qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Salem on the second Tuesday of March, next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers and agents for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the year ensuing.
3. To see if the town will vote any more money for the repairs of highways than the law requires.
4. To see what method the town will vote to adopt to facilitate the collection of taxes.
5. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer to hire, with the approval of the selectmen, such sums of money as he may need for general purposes in anticipation of taxes.
7. To take the sense of the qualified voters, whether the alterations and amendments of the Constitution, proposed by the Constitutional Convention shall be approved.
8. By request, to see if the town will vote to raise the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00), or any part thereof, for the use of Gilman E. Sleeper Post, No. 60, G. A. R., to be expended in the observance of Memorial Day in the year 1903.
9. By request. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the Salem Free Public Library.

10. By request. To raise such sum of money as may be thought necessary to continue the preparation and publication of the town history.

11. By request. To see if the town will vote to sell the Town Farm, choose a committee to convey the same and with the proceeds of the sale macadamize a portion of the highways of said town.

12. By request. To see if the town will vote to macadamize a portion of its highways, as follows: Commencing at the foot of the hill near the stone schoolhouse, so-called, and continue to the northeast corner of Pine Grove Cemetery, and raise money for the same.

13. By request. To see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of Chapter 40 of the Laws of 1899, relating to Cemeteries.

14. By request. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to convey to the Rockingham County Light and Power Company, the right to construct and maintain a line of poles and wires across the Town Farm.

15. By request. To see what action the town will take relative to the formation of fire companies, and raise money for the same.

16. By request. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the highway in front of the Old Cemetery at Salem Village.

Given under our hands and seal this 21st day of February, 1903.

BENJAMIN R. WHEELER,
CHARLES T. MAXWELL,
LEWIS F. SOULE,
Selectmen of Salem.

A true copy of Warrant, attest:

BENJAMIN R. WHEELER,
CHARLES T. MAXWELL,
LEWIS F. SOULE,
Selectmen of Salem.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT FOR 1902-3.

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF SALEM TAKEN APRIL 1ST, 1902.

Polls,	\$45,600.00
Real estate, resident,	552,633.00
Real estate, non-resident,	54,549.00
Horses, 338,	20,898.00
Mules, 2,	80.00
Cows, 601,	17,118.00
Other neat stock, 118,	2,106.00
Sheep, 36,	110.00
Hogs, 62,	640.00
Fowls, 3,775,	1,889.00
Carriages, 40,	3,100.00
Bank stock,	1,100.00
Money at interest,	20,600.00
Stock in trade,	16,200.00
Mills and machinery,	35,150.00
Stock in corporations out of state,	300.00
Total valuation,	—————\$772,073.00

TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE YEAR 1902.

State tax,	\$1,117.75
County tax,	2,113.77
School tax by law,	1,578.00
School tax, vote of district,	2,150.00
School tax, part payment sup.,	250.00
School tax, repair No. 8 schoolhouse,	60.00
School tax, insurance,	100.00
School tax, repair No. 3 schoolhouse,	60.00
Town charges,	2,500.00
Repairs on turnpike under C. H. Tenny,	500.00

Town history,	500.00
G. A. R., Memorial Day,	75.00
Electric lights,	1,000.00
Library by law,	78.90
Library by vote of town,	100.00
Cemetery fund,	500.00
Bridges and culverts,	600.00
Highway by law,	1,930.00
Overlay,	228.04
	<hr/> \$15,441.46

Taxes committed to collector, 1902.

Rate, \$20.00 on \$1,000.00.

WHOLE AMOUNT OF ASSETS.

Cash in treasurer's hands Feb. 16, 1903,	\$2,081.85
Received from the county,	322.74
railroad tax,	192.55
savings-bank tax,	284.17
literary fund,	145.00
proportion of school fund,	551.72
High School tuition,	87.75
notes in anticipation of taxes,	2,480.00
land bought for taxes, 1898,	120.00
land bought for taxes, 1900,	105.45
due from F. O. Wheeler, taxes, 1900,	45.83
interest on same,	5.50
due from F. O. Wheeler, taxes, 1901,	1,794.09
dog licenses,	345.20
from sale cemetery lots,	58.00
rent of hall,	17.00
taxes assessed, 1902,	15,441.46
Electric R. R. fund,	1,057.50
lumber on hand,	85.00
cemetery fund,	100.00
	<hr/> \$25,320.81

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS.

Appropriation by law,	\$1,578.00
Appropriation by vote,	2,150.00
Paid superintendent,	250.00
Repairs,	120.00
Insurance,	100.00
Dog licenses (less damage of \$45 by dogs),	299.70
From state literary fund,	145.00
From proportion of school fund,	551.72
From town interest on No. 2 note,	14.68
From town interest on No. 10 note,	12.91
	<hr/> \$5,222.01

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid A. W. Dean, surveying,	\$16.83
board of health, ex. on Webb case,	70.00
I. Woodbury, damage to land,	200.00
John Wilkins, deed of land,	75.00
City of Rochester, tuition of L. Silver,	19.00
Atkinson Academy, tuition of A. Chase and J. Cullen,	13.50
Pinkerton Academy, tuition of J. Gale, M. Ayer, C. Bailey,	30.00
Pinkerton Academy, tuition of H. Woodbury and C. Woodbury,	24.00
Atkinson Academy, tuition of E. Chase, A. Chase and J. Cullen,	27.00
Good Road Machine Co., plow,	22.25
Dr. Siske, ex. board of health,	7.50
J. Ayer, blank dog licenses,	1.80
J. Ayer, ex. board of health,	9.00
C. E. Eastman, books,	14.00
town reports,	117.50
C. F. Smith, repair tools,	6.10
H. E. Siske, ex. board of health,	12.50
N. A. Graves, storing road-machine,	12.00
J. Ayer, ex. board of health,	17.60
C. C. Foster, G. A. R. appropriation, damage to horse on turnpike,	75.00 20.00

J. Ayer, bal. services in Webb case,	17.00
R. F. Wheeler, watering place,	3.00
J. C. Nichols, ex. on dog tax,	9.50
Treat Hardware Co., drain pipe,	3.80
J. Ayer, services comp. records,	9.00
J. A. Foster, watering place,	3.00
Atkinson Academy, tuition, A. Chase,	9.00
N. H. Conference Seminary and Female College, tuition, E. E. Collar, A. T. Freeman and F. A. Thom,	45.00
E. C. Eastman, blanks,	.54
K. M. McLaughlin, plank,	19.66
M. J. Stanton, watering place,	3.00
American and Sun, tax bills,	5.00
Dr. Soule, reporting births and deaths,	3.50
Eureka Fire Hose Co., hose,	330.50
G. W. Duston, damage to sheep,	15.00
F. L. Woodbury, care cemetery,	4.00
P. C. Foster, damage to fowls,	21.00
K. M. McLaughlin, damage, blasting,	2.15
J. Ayer, ex. board of health,	1.85
G. F. Rolfe, damage to cart,	7.50
Geo. C. Gordon & Son, insurance,	61.13
W. G. Richardson, part salary,	227.00
Chas. E. Nichol, labor, Mt. Pleasant cemetery,	38.00
C. H. Smith, labor, Pine Grove Cemetery,	65.00
Salem public library, town appropriation,	100.00
J. H. Hadley, ex. board of health,	11.15
C. H. Smith, labor, Pine Grove cemetery,	31.00
C. H. Smith, care lots in Pine Grove cemetery,	22.00
Chas. E. Nichol, labor, Mt. Pleasant cemetery,	7.00
F. O. Wheeler, collector, land bought for taxes, 1901,	301.34
John C. Nichol, notifying officers,	4.22

public library, by law,	78.90
blasting near cemetery, J. E. Sloan,	22.12
T. P. Robie,	29.50
T. P. Robie, dynamite and drills,	4.36
James Ewins, spikes and pick handles,	.85
supplies for town hall,	3.70
public watering place,	3.00
Dr. W. P. Robinson, return births and deaths,	1.25
L. F. Soule, use of team,	10.00
W. Haigh, care of town hall,	2.00
J. Ewins, postage, etc.,	5.50
H. Haigh, care of hall,	7.00
expense moving Emerson Wall,	63.83
Matthews & Sawyer, bal. services,	10.11
W. G. Richardson, part salary,	50.00
	—————\$2,511.54

REPORT OF HENRY P. TAYLOR, HIGHWAY AGENT.

Paid H. P. Taylor	\$30.40
S. F. Coburn,	7.00
E. E. Conley,	2.00
Rodney Woodbury,	7.50
C. J. Palmer,	4.50
J. E. King,	90.00
C. Tibbetts,	3.75
J. Rolfe,	47.25
J. E. Long,	83.26
N. A. Merrill,	18.00
I. Merrill,	16.50
C. Duston,	4.50
C. E. Nichol,	46.05
C. E. Rowell,	25.50
S. L. Duston,	13.50
Orren Reed,	7.50
D. W. Felch,	101.50
Otis Felch,	39.75
J. Strauch,	28.50
D. Woodbury,	28.12

W. H. Rolfe,	5.25
S. Duston,	7.50
Frank Head,	4.12
J. C. Palmer,	3.75
John Palmer,	13.50
D. King,	16.00
W. W. Cole, (plank and stringers),	14.84
J. H. Duston,	39.00
B. Brothers,	7.50
I. Atwood,	16.50
S. M. Pattee,	11.25
M. Pattee,	4.50
H. Ball,	4.50
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Total,	\$753.29

REPORT OF LOREN E. BAILEY, HIGHWAY AGENT.

Paid L. E. Bailey, 17½ days,	\$35.00
Calvin Jennings,	13.75
E. Couilliard,	2.50
A. Kelley,	4.55
C. Mahen, 6 days,	9.00
C. Rowell, 18 days,	27.00
F. White, 7 6-10 days,	11.40
C. Brown, 4 days,	6.00
D. King, 19 days,	28.50
P. Blair, 5½ days,	8.25
C. Morrison, 26 7-10 days,	40.05
F. Gauthier, 15 4-10 days,	22.95
L. Gauthier, 16 days,	24.00
C. Joice and team, 7¼ days,	29.00
Brown boys and team, 8 days,	44.00
John King and team, 6 days,	27.00
I. Brown, two men and four horses,	36.00
81 loads gravel,	8.10
E. Welch, 9 days,	13.50
B. O. Tool, 8 days,	12.00
L. E. Bailey, man and team, 26 5-6 days,	107.37
five men, ½ day each,	3.75

M. Russo,	3.45
C. W. Joice,	4.25
repairs on turnpike,	10.00
T. P. Robie,	2.00
J. R. Worcester,	70.37
C. F. Brown,	42.00
J. Emerson,	11.55
W. A. Joy,	10.75
bridge and culverts,	121.99
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	\$790.03

REPORT OF WILLIS G. RICHARDSON, HIGHWAY
AGENT.

Paid Howard C. Smith, 8 days' work,	\$12.00
Elmer F. Smith, 18½ days,	27.75
J. L. Keyes, 18½ days,	27.75
F. M. Roberts, 14 days,	21.00
H. Haigh, 26 3-10 days,	39.45
B. L. Adams, 17 days,	25.50
L. L. Foster, 5 days,	7.50
G. W. Palmer, 6 days,	9.00
C. A. Palmer, 9 2-10 days,	13.80
A. Palmer, 10 4-10 days,	15.60
C. C. Foster, 20½ days,	30.75
N. C. Webster, 11 days,	16.50
N. H. Tilton, 10 days,	15.00
S. W. Hall, 3 days,	4.50
J. F. Hall, 28 days,	42.00
Preston Blair, 6¾ days,	10.12
C. H. Smith, 18½ days, horse,	27.75
James E. Sloan, 27 days,	40.50
Geo. Randall, 18 days,	27.00
T. P. Robie, self and horse,	87.00
T. P. Robie, dynamite, fuse ,etc.,	10.68
C. C. Foster, 3½ days,	5.25
I. W. Webster, 8½ days,	12.75
G. Randall, 9½ days,	14.25
C. H. Smith,	24.00

J. E. Sloan,	12.00
G. Randall,	18.75
L. Gibson,	6.75
J. C. Nichols,	4.05
W. G. Richardson and team,	68.75
G. W. Blake,	14.25
stranger,	1.50
Andrew,	23.25
D. Merrill,	1.00
C. Merrill,	3.00
L. Gibson,	9.50
W. G. Richardson and team,	29.25
Andrew,	9.75
W. G. Richardson, team and others,	60.75
A. Batson,	5.25
D. Morany and others,	10.75
S. M. Kelley,	3.00
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	\$848.95

ELECTRIC ROAD MONEY.

Paid M. H. Ayer, as per receipts,	\$12.00
N. P. Nowell,	42.75
L. C. Wallace,	66.00
G. W. Palmer,	10.50
L. F. Hyde,	66.00
J. F. Hall,	17.25
J. C. Nichols,	65.25
C. C. Foster,	8.25
I. N. Webster,	60.00
Geo. Randall,	7.50
A. E. Goodwin,	5.50
H. L. Gordon,	2.00
Wm. Flynn,	19.00
C. E. Knight,	1.50
Turner Knight,	1.50
E. J. Ela,	21.00
L. E. Bailey,	281.75
Repairing hammer and drills,	5.12
T. P. Robie,	156.00

C. H. Smith,	186.00
J. E. Sloan,	122.63
W. G. Richardson,	52.00
L. Dussault,	5.50
M. Russo,	17.00
Andrew ———,	22.25
A. Batson,	21.00
L. Gibson,	2.25
M. Russo,	138.20
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	\$1,415.70
Electric Railroad Fund,	\$1,000.00
Received, Helberg,	5.00
C. A. McLaughlin,	5.00
Blasting rocks,	2.25
Sale of old planks,	.25
Electric poles on town farm,	25.00
Cash,	20.00
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	\$1,057.50

STATEMENT HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

Highway tax by law,	\$1,930.00
Highway tax bridges and culverts	600.00
Buck Fund,	100.00
Turnpike appropriations,	500.00
Electric railroad Fund,	1,057.50
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	\$4,187.50

EXPENDED.

W. G. Richardson account,	\$848.95
H. P. Taylor account,	753.29
L. E. Bailey account,	790.03
Electric Road account,	1,415.70
H. B. Silver turnpike,	500.00
Bridges and culverts,	326.75
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	\$4,634.72
Covering stone on hand,	\$60.00
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Overdrawn,	\$387.22

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Town appropriation,	\$1,000.00
Paid E. R. Woodbury, manager, Jan. 12, 1902, to Feb. 1, 1903,	\$70.00
	162.70
	83.33
	80.96
	77.47
	82.00
	80.00
	27.43
	98.41
	83.33
	83.33
	83.00
	<hr/> \$1,011.96
Balance, Jan. 2, 1902,	141.50
Balance from Feb. 15, 1901,	166.65
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Unexpended balance,	\$296.19

SNOW PATHS.

Paid William Gale,	\$3.60
W. A. Merrill,	2.25
L. E. Bailey,	33.93
M. R. Emerson,	1.65
J. C. Whitney and others,	54.48
I. S. and A. McKeen,	33.50
F. Robie,	8.90
Bradford and Rowly,	2.55
W. Conley,	3.60
A. G. Kelley,	.60
W. G. Richardson and others,	35.32
John Turner,	2.40
F. O. Wheeler,	6.10
W. A. Joy,	2.63
C. O. Cross,	1.12
C. F. Brown,	6.70
C. Jennings,	1.35
W. W. Cole,	4.65

O. H. Butler,	3.30
L. E. Bailey,	16.48
W. G. Richardson and others,	75.50

\$300.61

COUNTY POOR.

Paid H. A. Dunlap, board of Rose Guile,	\$58.50
H. A. Dunlap, board of Rose Guile,	13.50

\$72.00

Aid furnished dependent soldiers and families:

Mrs. Sarah E. Kimball,	\$159.00
Mrs. Sarah E. Smith,	76.00
Mrs. Lucy M. Reed,	22.50
Burial, Lucy M. Reed, C. H. Smith,	5.00
Burial, Lucy M. Reed, C. H. Gordon, (casket),	25.00
Burial, Lucy M. Reed, C. H. Gordon, box for casket,	1.00
John A. Gibbs,	5.74

Total paid out for aid, \$366.24

Received from county, 322.74

Balance due from county, \$43.50

TOWN POOR.

Isaac S. Campbell,	\$84.33
Expense on account Dumont child,	5.63

\$89.96

PROSECUTING AGENT'S REPORT.

To services of agent,	\$35.00
By cash from James Ewins, treasurer,	35.00

Your agent secured evidence against a party for selling distilled liquor. He discontinued the business and moved from town. With the unanimous approval of the selectmen the case was not pressed to a trial.

Your agent conceives and grants that laws are enacted,

and should be executed in the interests of true reform, while giving protection to the people.

Emphasis should be placed on checking crime, rather than the punishment of the criminal.

We regret that a large per cent. of law enforcement is conceived in the spirit of vindictiveness, rather than in the interest of better citizenship and better government.

We claim that a wholesale publication of crime and criminals is demoralizing, not only to the violator, but has a reflex influence on the community which demands such a course; in that it cultivates a spirit which is discordant with true charity.

Therefore we firmly but respectfully decline to comply with the vote requesting your agent to publish in his annual report the names of parties prosecuted.

I stated at the last annual town meeting that I was ready and willing to give any citizen the names of persons prosecuted. I herewith repeat that statement.

Result: Not a single person has manifested a desire to inform himself regarding our work.

JOHN F. HALL, Prosecuting Agent.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Benjamin R. Wheeler, selectman,	\$115.00
Charles T. Maxwell, selectman,	95.00
Lewis E. Soule, selectman,	95.00
James Ewins, treasurer,	40.00
Fred C. Buxton, tax collector,	125.00
James Ayer, town clerk,	85.00
Howard L. Gordon, supervisor,	16.00
James H. Hadley, supervisor,	14.00
Daniel A. Abbott, supervisor,	16.00
Benjamin R. Wheeler, moderator,	10.00
John F. Hall, prosecuting agent,	35.00
John C. Nichols, special police,	2.00
John F. Hall, tree warden,	15.00
James H. Hadley, board of health,	3.00
Benjamin R. Wheeler, overseer of poor,	14.87
John Hunt, auditor,	2.00
Walker Haigh, auditor,	2.00
	————— \$684.87

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount received from all sources,	\$23,691.05
Paid out for schools,	\$5,222.01
for highways and bridges,	2,719.02
turnpike appropriation,	500.00
snow paths,	300.61
county poor,	366.24
town poor,	89.96
state tax,	1,117.75
county tax,	2,113.77
electric lights,	1,011.96
notes and interest,	2,515.00
abatement discounts and over-tax,	853.36
town officers,	684.87
miscellaneous,	2,511.51
electric railway fund,	1,415.70
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Total amount of expenditures,	\$21,421.79
Cash in treasurer's hands,	2,269.26
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	\$23,691.05

Of above bills, \$827.92 was contracted by former board of selectmen.

BENJAMIN R. WHEELER,
 CHARLES T. MAXWELL,
 LEWIS F. SOULE,
 Selectmen of Salem.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them properly vouched for.

JOHN J. HUNT,
 DANIEL A. ABBOTT,
 Auditors.

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

Amount taxes committed to F. C. Buxton,	\$15,441.46
Received from F. C. Buxton, cash,	\$13,067.35
Abatements, discounts and overtax,	853.36
	<hr/> \$13,920.71
Amount of uncollected taxes, 1902,	\$1,520.75
Received from F. O. Wheeler, taxes, 1900,	\$45.83
Received from F. O. Wheeler, interest,	5.50
	<hr/> \$51.33
Received from F. O. Wheeler, taxes, 1901,	\$1,553.33
Due from F. O. Wheeler, taxes, 1901,	240.76
	<hr/> \$1,794.09
Received on land bought for taxes, 1898,	\$90.00
Due on land bought for taxes, 1898,	30.00
	<hr/> \$120.00
Received on land bought for taxes, 1900,	87.50
Due on land bought for taxes, 1900	17.95
	<hr/> \$105.45
Received on land bought for taxes, 1901,	\$242.58
Due on land bought for taxes, 1901,	58.68
	<hr/> \$301.26

STATEMENT.

Due the town:—

Land bought for taxes, 1898,	\$30.00
Land bought for taxes, 1900,	17.95
Land bought for taxes, 1901,	58.68
From F. O. Wheeler, taxes, 1901,	240.76
From F. C. Buxton, taxes, 1902,	1,520.75
From County,	43.50
Cash in treasurer's hands,	2,269.26
	<hr/> \$4,181.40

OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS.

School note No. 2,	\$293.54
School note No. 10,	258.26
	<hr/> \$551.80

APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY OWNED BY TOWN.

Town Farm,	\$5,000.00
Town Safe,	200.00
Town House,	2,500.00
Two Hearses,	500.00
Road Machine,	225.00
Wood land,	275.00
Personal property at town farm,	3,539.46
Lumber on hand,	62.88
Seven fire extinguishers,	14.00
Covering stone,	60.00
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	\$12,376.34

BENJAMIN WHEELER,
 CHARLES T. MAXWELL,
 LEWIS F. SOULE,
 Selectmen of Salem.

TOWN TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

DR.

Feb. 15, 1902, cash on hand,	\$2,081.85
Received from F. O. Wheeler, taxes, 1900,	\$45.83
Received from F. O. Wheeler, interest, 1900,	5.50
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	\$51.33
Received from F. O. Wheeler, taxes, 1901,	1,553.33
F. C. Buxton, taxes, 1902,	\$13,067.35
Abatement, discount and overtax,	853.36
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	\$13,920.71
rent of hall,	17.00
Thos. D. Lancaster, note in anticipation taxes,	1,000.00
National Bank of Methuen, in anticipation taxes,	1,480.00
dog licenses,	345.20
John Taylor, Jr., cemetery fund,	100.00
county aid,	322.74

land bought for taxes, 1898, redeemed,	90.00
land bought for taxes, 1900, redeemed,	87.50
land bought for taxes, 1901,	242.58
sale lots, Mt. Pleasant cemetery,	10.00
sale lots, Pine Grove cemetery,	48.00
electric road, repairs on highway,	1,000.00
J. H. Helberg, repairs on highway,	5.00
C. A. McLaughlin, repairs on highway,	5.00
cash, repairs on highway,	20.00
blasting, -	2.25
plank sold,	.25
Electric Power Co., setting poles, town farm,	25.00
lumber sold,	12.12
State R. R. tax,	\$192.55
savings-bank tax,	284.17
literary fund,	145.00
proportion school fund,	551.72
high tuition,	87.75
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	\$1,271.19
	\$23,691.05

CR.

By paid selectmen, order No. 1,	\$10,967.65
By paid selectmen, order No. 2,	3,531.44
By paid selectmen, order No. 3,	593.63
By paid selectmen, order No. 4,	6,278.07
By paid selectmen, order No. 5,	51.00
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	\$21,421.79
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Balance on hand,	\$2,269.26

JAMES EWINS,
Town Treasurer, Salem, N. H.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them properly vouched for.

JOHN J. HUNT,
DANIEL A. ABBOTT,
Auditors.

PINE GROVE CEMETERY FUNDS.

Gilman Corning Fund,	\$700.00	
Unexpended balance,	39.63	
Interest for 1902,	42.00	
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	\$781.63	
Paid C. H. Smith, labor on drives,	78.00	
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Balance due on Corning Fund,		\$703.63
Cundy Fund,	\$100.00	
Interest to Dec. 31, 1902,	16.00	
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	\$116.00	
Expended on Cundy lot,	3.00	
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Due on Cundy Fund,		\$113.00
Whittier Fund,	\$50.00	
Interest due April 1, 1902,	2.00	
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	52.00	
Expended on Whittier lot,	2.00	
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Due on Whittier Fund,		\$50.00
Buck Fund,	\$100.00	
Interest to Nov. 4, 1902,	4.00	
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	\$104.00	
Expended on Buck lot,	3.00	
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Due on Buck Fund,		\$101.00
Gilbert Emerson Fund,	\$100.00	
Interest to April 1, 1902,	4.00	
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	\$104.00	
Expended on Emerson lot,	3.00	
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Due on Emerson Fund,		\$101.00

Charles Noyes Fund,	\$100.00	
Interest to April 1, 1902,	6.00	
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	\$106.00	
Expended on Noyes lot,	3.00	
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Due on Noyes Fund,		\$103.00
Benniah Pettingill Fund,	\$100.00	
Interest to March 24, 1903,	4.00	
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	\$104.00	
Expended on Pettingill lot,	3.00	
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Due on Pettingill Fund,		\$101.00
Gilman Corning Fund,	\$200.00	
Interest to May 15, 1902,	8.00	
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	\$208.00	
Expended on Corning lot,	2.00	
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Due on Corning Fund,		\$206.00
Albert Robinson Fund,	\$100.00	
Interest to March 12, 1902,	4.00	
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	\$104.00	
Expended on Robinson lot,	3.00	
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Due on Robinson Fund,		\$101.00

MOUNT PLEASANT CEMETERY FUNDS.

Samuel T. Newell Fund,	\$100.00	
Interest to Oct. 1, 1902,	4.00	
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	\$104.00	
Expended on Newell lot,	3.00	
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Due on Newell Fund,		\$101.00

Albert Messick Fund,	\$100.00	
Interest to April 1, 1902,	4.00	
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	\$104.00	
Expended on Merrick lot,	3.00	
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Due on Merrick Fund,		\$101.00
C. G. Taylor Fund,	\$100.00	
Interest to April 1, 1903,	4.00	
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	\$104.00	
Expended on Taylor lot,	3.00	
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Due on Taylor Fund,		\$101.00
Mathew Paul Fund,	\$100.00	
Interest to April 1, 1903,	4.00	
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	\$104.00	
Expended on Paul lot,	3.00	
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Due on Paul Fund,		\$101.00
R. F. Taylor Fund,	\$100.00	
Interest to May 1, 1903,	4.00	
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	\$104.00	
Expended on Taylor lot,	3.00	
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Due on Taylor Fund,		\$101.00
Hatie D. Hunt Fund,	\$100.00	
Interest to March 13, 1903,	4.00	
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	\$104.00	
Expended on Hunt lot,	3.00	
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Due on Hunt Fund,		\$101.00
Augusta M. Duston Fund,	\$100.00	
Interest to March 13, 1903,	4.00	
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	\$104.00	
Expended on Duston lot,	3.00	
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Due on Duston Fund,		\$101.00

Oliver Taylor Fund,	\$100.00
Interest to Dec. 7, 1902,	4.00
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	\$104.00
Expended on Taylor lot,	3.00
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Due on Taylor Fund,	\$101.00
John Taylor, Jr., Fund,	\$100.00
Received July 1, 1902.	

PINE GROVE CEMETERY.

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

DR.

Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$174.65
Cash received for lots sold,	48.00
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	\$222.65

CR.

Paid Charles H. Smith, labor moving bushes,	\$13.00
Charles H. Smith, mowing old cemetery,	5.00
Blasting rocks,	55.98
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	\$73.98
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Cash in treasurer's hands,	\$148.67

MOUNT PLEASANT CEMETERY.

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

DR.

Cash in treasurer's hands,	\$58.35
Cash received for lots sold,	10.00
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	\$ 68.35

CR.

Paid C. E. Nichol, labor and supplies,	\$21.00
Balance on hand,	47.35
Both cemetery funds included in money in town treasury.	

BENJAMIN R. WHEELER,
CHARLES T. MAXWELL,
LEWIS F. SOULE,

Selectmen of Salem

WALL ON EMERSON LAND.

Paid L. Bailey,	\$33.00
P. Blair, 3 days,	4.50
C. C. Foster, 2 days,	3.00
H. Haigh, 1 day,	1.50
J. Keeyer, 2 days,	3.00
W. G. Richardson,	12.83
L. P. Robie,	6.00
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	63.83

BLASTING NEAR CEMETERY WALL.

J. E. Sloan, 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ days,	\$22.12
T. P. Robie, 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ days,	29.50
Dynamite and drills,	4.36
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	\$55.98

OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Balance Feb. 16, 1902, in supt's. hands,	\$47.40
Rec'd as per supt's. report,	2,131.56
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	\$2,178.96
Due supt.,	1.11
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Cash paid out as per supt's. report,	\$2,180.07

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF ALMSHOUSE.

DR.

Cash on hand,	\$47.40
Received for milk,	1,473.48
labor,	438.33
cows,	91.00
bull,	45.00
calves,	25.00
grain,	20.00
cabbage,	17.50
use of bull,	4.50
potatoes,	16.75
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	\$2,178.96
Due supt., to balance account,	1.11
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	\$2,180.07

CR.

Paid groceries,	\$269.45
provisions,	183.07
grain,	1,003.14
labor,	429.91
seeds,	21.90
hay,	30.00
cows,	135.00
bull,	24.00
pigs,	15.00
miscellaneous,	68.60
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	\$2,180.07

PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE,

FEB. 10th, 1903.

19 tons English hay,	\$361.00
6 tons Run hay,	72.00
39 tons ensilage,	195.00
Market wagon,	30.00
Light wagon,	2.00
Democrat wagon,	60.00
2 mowing machines,	25.00

Horse rake,	10.00
2 wheel harrows,	30.00
Farm wagon,	30.00
Two-horse wagon,	35.00
Two-horse cart,	33.00
Two-horse sled,	20.00
One-horse sled,	2.00
Ox cart,	15.00
Weeder,	8.00
2 double harnesses, with collars,	20.00
3. light harnesses,	20.00
1 heavy harness,	10.00
Lot old harnesses,	2.00
Sulky plow,	35.00
Road plow,	20.00
Swivel plow,	10.00
Lot old plows,	5.00
Road snow roller,	12.00
40 empty flour barrels,	5.00
2 bushels rye,	1.50
200 bushels yellow corn, on cob,	80.00
15 fowls,	7.50
20 cows,	1,200.00
1 bull,	25.00
2. horses,	250.00
3. shoats,	21.00
1 ton mixed feed,	26.00
12 bags white meal,	15.00
1 bag gluten meal,	1.25
6 bushels oats,	2.94
3 ladders,	4.25
5 hay forks,	1.75
9 shovels,	5.00
6 manure forks,	1.80
6 hoes,	1.50
3 potato hooks,	1.00
1 stone pick,	.65
Lot rakes,	1.25
1 stone fork,	1.00
Lot scythes and snathes,	3.00
2 iron bars,	2.00

Lot chains,	3.00
2 stone hammers,	.75
1 A harrow,	2.00
Wheel barrow,	2.00
Lot whiffletrees,	2.00
Lot yokes,	2.25
Horse weight,	1.00
Wood measures,	1.50
Hay cutter,	2.00
2 cross cut saws,	2.00
3 axes,	2.00
Hay rack,	5.00
Grain chest,	5.00
2 garden rakes,	.80
3 wood saws,	1.50
Horse hoe,	4.00
Corn planter,	18.00
Grind stone,	3.00
10 feed boxes,	.50
10 pails,	1.00
3. augers,	1.50
2 feed bags,	1.25
2 bush scythes,	1.00
Curry combs and brushes,	.75
Horse blankets,	3.00
Pulley blocks and ropes,	2.00
Sulphur,	.50
Lot halters,	1.00
Lot baskets,	2.50
4 lbs. spikes,	.20
10 lbs. shingle nails,	.40
Lot barbed wire,	4.00
Lot rope,	.50
Lot lumber,	55.00
8 fire extinguishers,	16.00
8 cords prepared wood,	48.00
10 cords wood,	40.00
5 cords pine limbs,	10.00
9 meal bags,	.90
200 sacks,	4.00
Pung,	35.00

Lot sawdust,	4.00
2 stone drags,	5.00
20 bushels small potatoes,	5.00
75 bushels potatoes,	60.00
25 bushels beets,	10.00
50 bushels carrots,	22.50
20 barrels cabbages,	15.00
40 barrels apples,	40.00
1 barrel sour krout,	4.00
1 barrel salt pork,	18.00
350 gal. vinegar,	44.00
4 gal. boiled cider and jug,	2.00
42 cans fruit,	8.40
100 bushels turnips,	30.00
10 gal. pickles,	3.00
103 lbs. ham,	13.65
2 lbs butter,	.60
30 lbs. lard,	3.75
3½ bushels colored beans,	8.75
Crackers,	.25
Sugar,	1.00
Lot groceries,	9.00
2 barrels flour,	9.50
22 sheets,	3.30
10 straw beds,	5.00
16 feather beds,	30.00
30 pillows and bolsters,	13.50
12 quilts,	11.00
3½ towels,	3.70
Knives and forks,	1.00
5 lamps,	1.00
Mirrors and clocks,	2.50
35 pillow slips,	3.50
Milk tank,	7.00
Milk aeriator,	6.00
16 window screens,	3.50
2 screen doors,	1.50
Washing machine,	5.00
Chests and draws,	6.00
Lot crockery,	3.00
Lot jugs,	.50

Sideboard,	3.00
Clothesline,	.50
Lot brooms,	.75
Wash tubs,	2.00
2 clothes horses,	2.00
Chairs and tables,	10.00
2 watering pots,	10.00
Flat irons,	2.00
Steelyards,	.30
6 pork barrels,	2.00
2 brass kettles,	3.00
Oil and can,	1.25
Wash boilers,	1.25
Oil stove,	.40
Tobacco cutter,	.80
Churn and milk pails,	3.60
18 milk cans,	11.00
Tin ware,	5.00
Butter box,	.40
4 lanterns,	2.00
Warming pan,	2.00
Lot stone jars,	1.00
5 lbs. salt,	2.00
Wringer,	1.65
Cooking stove,	15.00
Soap,	.47
2 wood stoves,	7.50
1 light harness (new),	17.00
	<hr/> \$3,539.46

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

To the Selectmen of Salem:—

The undersigned respectfully submit their report for the year ended Feb. 15, 1903.

The annual inspection of the school property, churches, factories, railroad stations and other buildings was made in the spring, and, with one or two exceptions, resulted in finding them in good condition.

We are pleased to report a reduction in the number of cases of nuisance, the residents evidently realizing the importance of keeping their premises free from foul odors and stagnant drains.

Interest is also shown regarding the character of the drinking water, samples of which have been sent to the laboratory of hygiene at Concord for analysis; three of these samples were of spring water taken by request of the State Board of Health.

Pursuant to the requirements of the statutes, two of our members attended the school of instruction at Concord, April 29 and 30, and gained much valuable information.

The Salem Water Works Company have nearly completed the laying of pipes and placing of hydrants for fire purposes; water has been introduced in many dwellings and it is the aim of the company to keep the water pure, and to that end the board will cheerfully co-operate in any lawful endeavor to keep the source of supply at the lake pure and healthful.

There were 123 cases of measles reported, one of them complicated with pneumonia proved fatal. There was one case of typhoid fever.

The number of deaths in 1902 was 34.

Death rate per cent. on 1,000 population, 16.65 plus.

JAMES H. HADLEY,

JAMES AYER,

Board of Health.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Board of Trustees of the Salem Free Public Library:

Gentlemen—The annual report of the library, showing its work for the year ending Feb. 15, 1903, is herewith presented.

The Year's Growth:—Since our last report, 83 books have been added to the library, 73 by purchase and 10 gifts, making a total of 1,766. We also have Public Documents and reports to the amount of 309 bound volumes and 564 paper covers and pamphlets. We have received during the year by gift 180 unbound periodicals, and have subscribed for three magazines, which will be on the library table for a short time for those who wish to read in the library room, after which they will be loaned same as other books, but are to be returned in one week.

The Year's Circulation:—During the year 5,256 volumes were issued for home use, a decrease from last year of 384. One-third of the books issued were sent to the depot village, and one-ninth to North Salem. The largest number issued in one month was 682, in march; the smallest number 307, in October. The largest number in one day, 148, March 15; the smallest number, 61, October 18. Average per day, 99. Number of cards issued, 78.

Received for fines,	\$6.42
For sale of catalogues,	1.65
	—————\$8.07

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN A. CLUFF, Librarian.

February 16, 1903.

BENJAMIN R. WHEELER, TREASURER.

1902-3.	DR.	
Feb. 16. Cash received, former treasurer,		\$6.14
Cash received, former town treas.,		100.00
Cash received, former town treas.,		78.90
Cash received for fines and sales of catalogues,		8.07
		—————\$193.11

1902-3. EXPENDITURES. Cr.

Paid Geo. C. Gordon & Sons, insurance,	\$5.40
Apr. 5, S. A. Cluff, salary,	15.00
July 5, S. A. Cluff, salary and supplies,	15.19
Aug. 2, J. H. Wilson, conveying books,	13.00
Oct. 4, S. A. Cluff, salary and supplies,	16.06
Oct. 4, S. M. Kelley, wood,	6.00
Oct. 25, John Tilton, preparing wood,	.75
Oct. 31, M. G. Woodbury, distributing books,	8.50
Nov. 1, N. P. Tilton, preparing wood,	.60
Nov. 1, H. B. Silver, wood,	1.00
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Jan. 3, S. A. Cluff, salary and supplies,	15.97
Feb., DeWolfe & Fiske & Co., books,	63.57
Feb. 6, Briggs & Allyn, lumber,	4.08
Feb. 7, J. H. Wilson, conveying books and ex.,	13.50
Feb. 10, F. B. Lowell, labor,	.80
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	\$189.42
Cash on hand,	3.69
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	\$193.11
Funds in hands of trustees, Amoskeag Sav- ings Bank, Manchester, June 3, 1902,	\$330.08
Essex Sav. Bank, Lawrence, Mass., Oct. 16, 1901,	189.00
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	\$519.08

BENJ. R. WHEELER, Treasurer.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

The trustees held their annual meeting on Saturday, April 5th, and made the following organization: President, Clinton L. Silver; treasurer, Benj. R. Wheeler; clerk, John F. Hall.

The trustees meet on the first Saturday of each month to transact the business brought before them.

We are pleased to report the library in a flourishing condi-

tion and making a steady advance toward the goal, viz: "The Free Public School;" "The Free Public Library,"—twin factors in the education of the American people; hence much responsibility rests on trustees of public libraries, that harmful material may never enter their circulation.

The transfer of books to Salem Depot and North Salem has been continued with good results.

Necessary shelf room has been added for new books.

No draft has been made on invested funds for current expenses, as will be seen by the treasurer's report.

The trustees recommend shingling the south roof of the library building; also a revision of our catalogue.

A fine life size portrait of the late Dr. James M. Presby has been presented to the library by his brother, Winthrope B. Presby of Goldendale, Wash., and sister, Mrs. Ella F. Presby Cressey of Somerville, Mass.

For statistical and financial facts consult reports of librarian and treasurer.

The trustees extend thanks to those who have proved themselves friends of the library by gifts and otherwise.

CLINTON L. SILVER,
BENJAMIN R. WHEELER,
JOHN F. HALL,

Trustees Salem Free Public Library.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them properly vouched for.

JOHN J. HUNT,
DANIEL A. ABBOTT,
Auditors.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT.

By the School Board of the Town of Salem, N. H., for the year ending February 16, 1903.

The Supervisory District, of which Salem now forms a part, consists of the towns of Hampstead, Epping, Hudson and Salem. Salem's proportion of the salary paid the superintendent of schools is four hundred and twenty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$422.50). One-half of this amount is paid by the state, leaving two hundred and eleven dollars and twenty-five cents (\$211.25), to be paid from the school money.

For a report of the conditions of your schools, we refer you to the report of the superintendent.

The statistical report of your schools is made for the school year beginning August 1st, 1901, and ending August 1st 1902. The financial report is for the year ending February 16th, 1903.

Each school has had thirty-three weeks, save the Millville school, which was not opened until the beginning of the fall term, which has had twenty-one weeks.

School No. 3 has had the interest of its fund expended for the school by giving said school an additional week, making 34 weeks.

No. 10 school has had 34 weeks. This school should have had three days more in order to have expended the interest on the fund belonging to it.

This deficiency of three days is owing to an oversight of the chairman of the school board. These three days can be added to the next term of school.

We think there should be thirty-six weeks of school during the year. In order that your schools may be in session this number of weeks, we recommend that the district raise the sum of \$5,250, divided as follows:

For teachers, \$3,380; janitors, \$315; fuel, \$300; books and supplies, \$320; repairs, \$75; conveying pupils, \$360; school officers, \$115; superintendent, \$240; music, \$145; miscellaneous, \$10.

No. 6 school is over-crowded. Your attention is called to this fact in order that steps may be taken to relieve this condition.

No. 7 school was in session 12 weeks last spring term. This school was discontinued at the opening of the fall term, the pupils of this school being conveyed to No. 6 school.

SCHOOL CENSUS, 1902.

By C. L. Silver.

Number of girls between 5 and 16 years,	134
Number of boys between 5 and 16 years,	147
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Total,	281

REPORT OF TEACHER OF MUSIC.

Mr. Edgar E. Hulse, Superintendent of Schools, Salem, N. H.

There has been good progress made in vocal music during the year just closed. I find a stronger interest manifested by all pupils, notably so with the boys. Whenever I have made my visits to the schools to give a lesson, I have noticed that nearly every school has been eager for the music period.

Some teachers have said to me: "My pupils look forward to the day and hour for the music lesson and are disappointed if you do not come."

Part singing has been practiced more than last year. In one school there are a few girls who have both surprised and pleased me by the readiness with which they have sung two-part selections that were new to them.

CLINTON L. SILVER.

Amount of money available for school purposes,	\$5,235.72
Expended during last fiscal year,	\$5,135.43
Amount overdrawn, year ending Feb. 15,	
1902,	15.68
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	\$5,151.11
Unexpended balance,	84.61
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ORDERS GIVEN ON SCHOOL TREASURER.

For teachers,	\$2,878.60
janitors,	273.26
fuel,	229.95
books,	268.32
supplies,	158.61
conveying pupils,	280.80
repairs,	168.24
freight and express,	5.78
school officers,	116.00
superintendent,	451.26
music teacher,	100.00
town of Methuen, tuition,	60.00
insurance,	100.00
enumeration,	8.00
miscellaneous,	16.57
furniture,	20.04
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	\$5,135.43
For overlay, 1902,	15.68
balance,	84.61
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	\$5,235.72

SPECIAL REPORTS.

Interest on No. 3 note,	\$9.31
Paid for teaching, one week,	\$8.00
Other expenses,	1.31
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	\$9.31
Interest on No. 10 note,	\$12.91
Paid for teaching, one week,	\$8.00
Balance,	4.91
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	\$12.91
Interest on No. 2 note,	\$14.68

This interest has been used as part payment for conveying pupils to and from former school No. 2 to No. 1 school.

SETH M. PATTEE,
GEO. W. THOM,
CLINTON L. SILVER,
School Board of Salem.

I, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them properly vouched for.

WILLIAM E. LANCASTER.

SCHOOL TREASURER.

DR.

Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1902,		\$14.32
Received from town, school tax,	\$1,578.00	
By vote for schools,	2,150.00	
superintendent,	250.00	
repairs,	120.00	
insurance,	100.00	
Literary fund,	145.00	
Proportion of school fund,	551.72	
Interest Dist. No. 2 note,	14.68	
Interest, Dist. No. 10 note,	12.91	
Dog licenses	\$345.20	
Less damage and cost,	45.50	
	<u>299.70</u>	
D. W. Felch, interest, Dist. No. 3 note,	9.31	
C. L. Silver, interest, lumber sold,	4.40	
		<u>\$5,235.72</u>
		\$5,250.04
		<u>\$5,250.04</u>

CR.

By paid orders of school board,	\$5,165.43
Balance on hand, Feb. 16, 1903,	\$84.61

JAMES EWINS,
Town School Treasurer.

INDEBTEDNESS—TRUST FUND.

Old school note No. 2,	\$293.54
Old school note No. 10,	258.26
	<u>\$551.80</u>

CEMETERY FUNDS.

Pine Grove.

Corning fund, for driveways,	\$703.63
Cundy fund, for care of lots,	113.00
Whittier fund, for care of lots,	50.00
Buck fund, for care of lots,	101.00
Emerson fund, for care of lots,	101.00
Noyes fund, for care of lots,	103.00
Pettingill fund, for care of lots,	101.00
Corning fund, for care of lots,	206.00
Robinson fund, for care of lots,	101.00
	<hr/> \$1,579.63

Mt. Pleasant.

Newell fund, for care of lots,	\$101.00
Merrick fund, for care of lots,	101.00
C. G. Taylor fund, for care of lots,	101.00
Paul fund, for care of lots,	101.00
R. F. Taylor fund for care of lots,	101.00
Hunt fund, for care of lots,	101.00
Duston fund, for care of lots,	101.00
O. Taylor fund, for care of lots,	101.00
John Taylor, Jr., fund, for care of lots,	100.00
	<hr/> \$908.00

Pine Grove selectmen's account,	148.67
Mt. Pleasant selectmen's account,	47.35

Total trust funds held by town,	<hr/> \$3,235.45
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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the town school district in the town of Salem, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall on Saturday the fourteenth day of March, 1903, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

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 years.
5. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise for the support of schools in addition to the tax required by law.

6. To see what action the district will take towards providing another room or rooms for the No. 6 school, and raise money for the same.

7. To see if the district will vote to raise the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) for the purpose of repairing the fence on the east and north sides of schoolhouse lot No. 1, and to build a new fence on the west side of said lot.

To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers, heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

To choose agents, auditors and committees, in relation to any subjects embraced in this warrant.

Given under our hands, at said Salem, this twenty-fourth day of February, 1903.

SETH M. PATTEE,
GEO. W. THOM,
CLINTON L. SILVER,
School Board of Salem, N. H.

A true copy of Warrant. Attest:

SETH M. PATTEE,
GEO. W. THOM,
CLINTON L. SILVER,
School Board of Salem, N. H.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the members of the School Board:

Gentlemen—I herewith present my third report of the condition and progress of your schools, this being the second annual report and for the year ending March 1, 1903.

Following are the usual school statistics with comparison of other year. This may be the most interesting and instructive section of the school report; but we respectfully solicit a careful and patient reading of the entire report, not only by the members of the school board, but by every citizen of the town.

STATISTICS.

The school laws of New Hampshire define but a single special duty of a school superintendent, viz.: he is required to issue employment certificates. All other duties are such as are delegated to him by the school board. I have never forgotten that I am the servant of the school board and responsible to that body for my acts. "If a school superintendent knows his business and faithfully performs it, then it is reasonable that he know more about the schools, the teachers, their selection, their work, the needs of the schools, the purchase of supplies, the promotion of pupils and other general and specific relations of the schools than other persons unless they give equal attention to them. When it comes to matters of decision and record, the school board is, and must be, the final authority. The superintendent can occupy only an advisory position at most."

The above seems to be a fair statement and in accord with custom in other occupations in life. If a superintendent assumes other than an advisory position to his school board and servant to their bidding, he exceeds his authority and is subject to the criticism which he deserves. On the other hand, if the superintendent is not accorded the right to know the needs of his schools, and the liberty and discession of his judgment in managing the schools under his charge, when that judgment is fair, he does not have a fair deal and the schools are likely to suffer.

It has been my motive and aim to sustain such relations to

my school boards as shall win their confidence and assure them of my willingness to respond to their wishes and through them serve the town to the best of my ability.

I believe that this relationship has been maintained and I have only words of grateful appreciation for the kind and generous way you have dealt with me during the year just closing.

My only regret is that it has seemed inexpedient for me to perform more of the clerical work of the board and thus save expense to the town.

The general condition of your schools is good. There has been faithful and intelligent work done by teachers and pupils throughout the town and the quality and quantity of the work done generally, during the year, is fully up to the work of schools of a similar character in other towns and villages.

The course of study adopted in June, 1901, has been quite closely followed by nearly all of the schools, and the grades are getting well established in the line of work required.

Because of a desire on the part of some of the 9 grade pupils in Nos. 6 and 7 schools to attend the Methuen High School, and the vote to pay the tuition of such pupils, passed at the last annual school district meeting, the work of those pupils was changed somewhat, to more exactly coincide with the work being done by the Methuen No. 9 grade and required for entrance to their High School.

By doing this and submitting those pupils to the Methuen examination, we were able to pass our graduates to the Methuen High School without further examination.

Every pupil had the same privilege. At the beginning of the spring term your superintendent interviewed all of the No. 9 grade pupils and urged them to pursue the Methuen course. Those who did so and gave a term's work in Beginners' Latin and elementary algebra, passed a creditable test and were admitted to the High School.

Our other graduates passed equally as hard tests, so considered by outside judges, to whom the tests were submitted for criticism; and being entitled to a diploma, they received it. The No. 9 grade pupils of Hampstead and Epping took the same examination and were admitted to the High School in each place. You will remember, also, that one of our graduates from No. 1 school entered the Boston High School well

prepared, and one entered Tilton Seminary; and still another pupil of our schools entered Pinkerton Academy. All of these pupils are doing well. It is not surprising that pupils forget some things after a three months' busy vacation, and that they may fail in some particulars in an examination which they have passed very creditably at the close of the year's study with the work fresh in mind. This occurrence would not be potent to Salem alone. It seems hardly fair to say Salem is not preparing its pupils for high school, because of such explainable exceptions, and thus put us in an unfavorable light before our neighbors.

Again, granting that a pupil is graduated from our schools and fails to secure an entrance to some particular high school, even under favorable circumstances, it does not follow that the pupil should be deprived of the credit of faithful effort and satisfactory work, or that the system does not furnish its pupils with high school preparation.

Supt. Brodeur of Scituate, Mass., says: "It should be remembered that there is an age when a pupil will no longer attend a grammar school, because he is too old. * * * He is ashamed of his lack of advancement. * * * If the mental condition of those pupils is such that they can get any benefit from high school work, they should be received and respected as other students. If they do the best they can the honor of graduation should be conferred upon them in due time, even though they cannot creditably pass the examination generally required. * * * It is better to benefit humanity than to have a reputation. The requirements of different schools differ in High schools as in Colleges. We should raise a high standard of scholarship and do our utmost to maintain it. It would seem best at present to direct our efforts toward Methuen requirements.

It should be remembered, however, that we are still struggling against odds in favor of Methuen grammar school. Our year of 33 or 34 weeks, and one teacher to four or five grades puts us to a disadvantage with Methuen's 38 weeks and one grade to a regular teacher and assistant, and several specialists.

What we lose in time as to weeks, as well as teachers' attention, we must make up in diligent application.

There have been several changes in our corps of teachers

during the year. This has been more or less injurious to the best progress of our schools. It has been our aim to secure, also retain, trained and experienced teachers. We feel that we have been successful in securing good teachers, but not so successful in retaining some of them. Our teachers are faithfully and untiringly endeavoring to give our children good training.

The teachers' meetings, organized last year, have been continued through this year with material profit and pleasure.

Our teachers have attended the usual institutes and conventions.

As previously intimated, our course of studies meets the general needs of our schools. A slight revision and a few additions would strengthen its provisions and conform more nearly to our state outline. With this thought in mind I would recommend the accompanying revisions and additions to the present course and ask that the tabulated outline be appended to this report.

At the opening of schools in September, it was found that there were only three or four pupils to go to the No. 7 school, consequently this school was discontinued and provisions made to convey those pupils to No. 6 school.

A canvas of the Millville locality resulted in finding 20 or 21 pupils who would naturally go to No. 5 building. This seemed to justify the reopening of this school. It opened with an attendance of 16, the other pupils preferring to attend the Center school. The school has dwindled down by removal and other causes to an attendance of five or six pupils during the winter term. It would seem to me better to return to the former plan and convey those pupils to the Center again, unless there could be an attendance of 12 to 15 at least.

The situation at the Depot village needs more than a passing notice. The primary department is overcrowded and has been for some time. Fifty or 60 children, with four grades in one room, is a school too large to be managed well and give the children the advantages to which they are entitled. A school of that size with only one grade, and in a room large enough to seat them all, might be managed very successfully. The conditions have been improved somewhat, as to the work of the children, by giving the regular teacher an assistant,

so that while she is hearing recitations the assistant looks after the work of the other children, keeping them busy, answering questions, correcting work, etc. This arrangement is better than without this assistant. Another room is needed, however, and a regular teacher for it; this would provide not only for the existing needs but for the probable increase in the number of children seeking entrance to this school in the near future. Besides, it would increase the efficiency of the whole school very much. With a three-roomed school, having only three grades to a teacher, much better service would be rendered. I hope this matter will be given due consideration at the next March meeting.

I wish to call attention to the North Salem No. 4 school, also. This school is large and the building and service hardly adequate to the needs of the children.

Salem would have an ideal country school system if its schools could be consolidated into three good graded schools, one for each village. This is no new thought to many of our citizens. We hope that the sentiment will grow.

New and modern readers and geographies have taken the place of the old and wornout books; also a set of new arithmetics on the spiral plan have been purchased for the No. 6 schools. We hope that the exchange for all of the schools will be completed soon. The adoption of the Duntonian system of writing during the spring term has added to the interest of this branch of work.

Your school buildings, on the whole, are in excellent condition throughout the town. The floor of the No. 3 building was in bad condition at the beginning of the year, but a new hard wood floor has been laid, much to the improved appearance of the room and comfort of the children. No. 8 building has also been renovated and freshened up and looks very neat and cheerful.

Though the generosity of Mr. Searles, and the local pride which he takes, not only in his own buildings and grounds, but in those of his neighbors, our No. 9 school building and grounds have been changed and beautified so that this is one of the most attractive schools in town. The grounds have been relaid out and nicely graded and the whole inclosed by a good substantial board fence. A new outbuilding for wood and closets have been constructed on sanitary principles and

placed in the rear of the school building and the buildings and fence have been treated to several coats of paint. All of this has been done at considerable expense, but not to our town. An expression of appreciation is due and I believe is tendered to Mr. Searles for the interest he takes in our town.

The seating arrangement of our No. 6 rooms needs your attention. If the seats in both rooms could face the blackboards and the teacher's desks be back to the boards instead of the present arrangement, I think it would be better for the school. It is no secret, but worthy of our careful thought, that the more attractive and homelike we can make our schoolrooms and their surroundings, the more we shall do for our children.

A neat and tidy schoolroom that is freshened up occasionally with a little paint and calsomine, and decorated with inspiring pictures, and whose outside surroundings are in keeping with its inward refinement, is sure to elevate and refine the child who lives in it.

This side of child development is too often ignored.

I am glad to note the interest already being manifested in this direction in most of our schools. One school has a picture fund and is adorning its walls with choice pictures. Most of the schools, if not all, laid out and cultivated a school garden last spring; also observed Arbor day by planting shade trees on the school grounds. This work was practically encouraged by a member of our school board, Mr. Thorn, who gave the schools \$5 for flower seeds and shrubs. We hope to see more done the coming spring.

Your attention is called to the report of your special teacher of vocal music, which follows this report. Vocal music has been taught in our schools for three years with a fair degree of success and you should feel that the money appropriated has been well expended. It is no easy matter to teach music in our mixed schools successfully, in the short time allotted to each school. If the work accomplished has not met the expectation and wishes of some, the lack cannot be attributed to any one cause. The varying ages and number of grades in our schools, the inexperience and lack of musical knowledge on the part of some of our otherwise good teachers to drill the work laid out and even the opposing attitude to the subject on the part of some pupils and scholars,

have all had a tendency to make the work less efficient. The work is well begun and should be continued. Whatever touches life with upward tendency is education. (Tompkins.). The aim of education is to make man more and more a man of gentleman and reason, (Dr. Miller). Education is not a preparation for life; it is life itself, (Col. Parker). A fuller appreciation of the underlying principles and aims of education will tend to increased interest in the great network of its institutions. The public school plays a very important part in this "life itself," and touches us more closely than any other phase of this development. It should receive careful attention and dignified consideration, not only from officials and those who have children to educate, but from every citizen of our commonwealth, because of its bearing upon the social, civil and religious interests of future generations.

Mistakes have been made in the past and will continue to be made, doubtless, but the future is before us and should claim our best thought and most strenuous effort toward making our schools all that they should be.

I desire to express my sincere thanks to all who have, in any way, co-operated with me to promote the educational interests of the town. To the School Board for its wise council and approval, to the teachers for their willing help in putting into practice my suggestions and to the public for its kind consideration and encouraging words.

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR E. HULSE,
Superintendent of Schools.

Salem, Hampstead, Epping and Hudson.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUG. 1, 1902.

Number of weeks in year,	33
Number of different schools,	11
Number of buildings in use,	8
Total enrollment, 1900,	334
Total enrollment, 1901,	314
Total enrollment, 1902,	284
Total enrollment, boys, 1902,	150

Total enrollment, girls, 1902,	134
Average membership, 1900,	267
Average membership, 1901,	251
Average membership, 1902,	241
Average daily attendance, 1900,	230
Average daily attendance, 1901,	212
Average daily attendance, 1902,	215
Pupils under 6 years of age,	20
Pupils over 16 years of age,	3
Pupils between 6 and 16 years of age,	261
Pupils not absent or tardy during year,	3
Number of tardinesses,	413
Number visits of superintendent,	236
Number visits of school board,	56
Number visits of others,	555

ROLL OF HONOR.

Pupils not tardy or absent for the year, Flora A. Thorn, Mary Bailey, Harold Peacock.

For two terms.—John Taylor, Henrietta Helberg, Charlie McLaughlin, Alice Williams, Harold Littlefield, Susie McLaughlin, Viola Williams, John Pattee, Gladys Hastings, Charles Coleman, Kenneth Hulse, Clarence Richardson, Helen Hawley, Maggie Richardson, Harriett Bailey, Dorothy Erwin, Charlie Pattee, Lillian Taylor.

For one term.—Herbert Helberg, Carrie Woodbury, Albert Bailey, Rosanna Dumont, Ethel King, Bertha Hastings, Carrie Gibson, Ethel Reed, Marion Hanson, Vera Webster, Christie Rolf, Everett Cummings, Millard Austin, Gertrude Pattee, Paul Cronin, Richard Bodwell, Clara Delome, George Frye, Willie Taylor, Bellena Janoin, Henry Bodwell, Harold Rolf, Davis M. Blothen, Roy Tilton, Myron Rolf, Lena Hudson, Arthur Woodbury, Herbert Rolf, Edna C. Wells, Grace Bodwell, Forest Hyde, Marion Frence, Susie Williams, Elsie Silver, Mabel Cameron, Hilda Williams, Emma Crimmins, Ada Clark, Ruth Mc Kinnon, Mildred Kelley, Fred Powers, Irene Paquin, George Luthers, Charlie Vinning, Frank Paquin, Joseph Powers, Grace E. Pattee, Edna S. Hassell, Bernard Parsons, Bertha G. Kelley, Alice Powers, Ernest Graichen, Ruth Kelley, Edith L. Cole, Louisa Arlet.

DETAILED TABLE OF STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 1, 1902.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Term.	Weeks.	No. of pupils.	Boys.	Girls.	Average attendance.	Not tardy or absent.	Number in reading, writing, spelling, and arithmetic.	Number in grammar and geography.	Number in U. S. history and physiology.	Number in composition and story writing.	Number in music, simple drawing, and nature lessons.	Visits of school board.	Visits of superintendent.	Visits of others.	Salaries per month.
No. 1. Primary.	Mary E. Turner.....	Fall....	11	26	17	9	23	7	26	16	16	26	26	.....	10	25	\$36.00
	Mary E. Turner.....	Winter.....	10	26	16	10	20	.....	26	16	16	26	26	.....	8	16	36.00
	Addie L. Flanders.....	Spring.....	11	26	15	11	22	.....	26	16	16	26	26	2	5	8	36.00
No. 1. Grammar.	Cora A. M. Maeder.....	Fall....	11	33	15	18	31	13	33	33	33	33	33	.....	9	40	40.00
	Cora A. M. Maeder.....	Winter.....	10	32	15	17	28	10	32	32	32	32	32	1	6	12	40.00
	Cora A. M. Maeder.....	Spring.....	11	34	16	18	28	4	34	34	34	34	34	2	12	9	40.00
No. 3.	Rose Sutherland.....	Fall....	11	23	13	10	18	1	23	15	23	23	23	2	8	7	32.00
	Rose Sutherland.....	Winter.....	10	21	12	9	16	1	21	15	21	21	21	2	5	9	32.00
	Rose Sutherland.....	Spring.....	13	21	12	9	19	2	21	15	21	21	21	2	7	15	32.00
No. 4.	Addie L. Flanders.....	Fall....	11	41	22	19	35	11	41	16	41	41	41	3	9	13	36.00
	Addie L. Flanders.....	Winter.....	10	35	21	14	28	1	35	16	35	35	35	2	8	17	36.00
	Robert W. Rice.....	Spring.....	12	36	22	14	30	2	36	16	36	36	36	3	8	25	36.00
No. 6. Primary.	Maud H. Wheeler.....	Fall....	11	44	23	19	38	5	44	10	45	44	44	1	14	34	36.00
	Lena M. Basset.....	Winter.....	11	43	29	19	29	1	43	10	45	43	43	.....	9	40	36.00
	Lena M. Basset.....	Spring.....	12	50	27	23	44	7	50	10	50	50	50	.....	9	55	36-40
No. 6. Grammar.	Mary E. Woodbury.....	Fall....	11	30	14	16	27	7	30	30	30	30	30	1	11	10	40.00
	Mary E. Woodbury.....	Winter.....	11	26	12	14	23	3	26	26	26	26	26	.....	9	15	40.00
	Martha A. Buzzell.....	Spring.....	12	24	10	14	22	4	24	24	24	24	24	.....	12	53	40.00

No. 7.	Ida A. Ryder.....	Fall....	11								8										1	28.00
	Ida A. Ryder.....	Winter.....	11	5	3	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	4	28.00
	Ida A. Ryder.....	Spring.....	12	5	4	8	5	3	3	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	5	28.00
No. 8.	Carrie M. Carleton.....	Fall....	11	8	5	11	1	13	9	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	3	6	28.00
	Carrie M. Carleton.....	Winter.....	11	8	5	9	1	13	9	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	2	6	28.00
	Carrie M. Carleton.....	Spring.....	12	7	5	10	1	12	9	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	3	6	28.00
No. 9.	Martha A. Buzzell.....	Fall....	11	7	10	16	1	17	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	2	8	32.00
	Martha A. Buzzell.....	Winter.....	10	8	10	15	2	18	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	5	7	34.00
	Bessie M. Richardson.....	Spring.....	12	8	12	13	.....	.....	20	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	5	10	28.00
No. 10.	Mary R. Webster.....	Fall....	11	12	13	23	6	25	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	2	6	32.00
	Mary R. Webster.....	Winter.....	11	12	13	22	3	25	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	2	8	32.00
	Mary R. Webster.....	Spring.....	12	11	13	22	.....	.....	25	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	3	5	32.00
	Totals		33	284	150	134	215	3												56	236	555

EDGAR C. HULSE, Superintendent, \$40.00 per month.

GRADED COURSE OF STUDY FOR SALEM SCHOOLS.—ADOPTED JUNE, 1901. REVISED MARCH 1, 1903.

GRADES	READING.	WRITING.	SPELLING.	ARITHMETIC.	LANGUAGE AND GRAMMAR.	GEOGRAPHY.	HISTORY.	PHYSIOLOGY.	NATURE AND GENERAL LESSONS.
I	Present first the idea, using objects, pictures, stories, etc. Sentence, word, and phonetic methods. Vocabulary 300 words, and several primers, and silent reading in all grades. References: Robbins' Phonetics and State Outline.	Special drill on small letters and figures. Tracing. Follow manual.	With reading.	No's developed objectively to 10. Practice combining and separating. Teach simple fractions, decimal, nickel. Countures, etc. to 100. Follow state outline as far as possible.	See state outline. Conversational and reading. Encourage directional, hills, etc.	See state outline. Through stories and biographies with other lessons.	General lessons. Body as a whole, then parts. Care of habits, etc. For first four grades.	Stories and talks on flowers, animals, etc. Special periods when time will allow. Take several grades together. Teachers should refer often to state outline.	
II	Continue first grade work. Drill new words. Dictation and oral reproduction. Picture stories from Poets, Fairy Tales, Animal Life, and Rhymes and Fables. First readers. Teacher study state outline.	Follow manual of system used. Throughout the grades continue movement practice.	With reading.	Continue to develop numbers. Read and write numbers rapidly to 99 per cent. Continue simple fractions and decimals. Use rule, clock dial, quart, pint, etc. Make illustrative examples. Use diagrams. Follow state outline.	Same as Grade I. Clear thought and an, to, two, is, are, Pictures and sketches.	Same as first grade. Disfranchise school room.	Same as first grade. Stories from ancient history, heroes, etc.	See first grade.	With first grade. Teach respect, obedience, etc. Draw leaves, animals, etc. Talk about birds and insects.
III	Reading at sight. Reproduction. Second reader. Supplement from poets. Grimm's Fairy Tales, Friends in Fur and Feather, History Stories. Teachers study state outline through grades.	Copy book. Use pen and ink.	With reading oral and written.	Surface forms, using diagrams. Roman numerals. Oral and written fractions and decimals. Add and subtract accurately and quickly, ratios and per cents, money. Construct problems, factors by inspection.	Continue above short lessons on use of capitals. Reproduction and will, have and was, was and were.	Continue previous work. Draw to scale. Long's or Fairbanks' Home Geog. (Good guides.) Nature studies.	Same as above. Continue with other oral lessons in mixed schools.	See first grade.	Review previous lessons. Study birds animals etc., more carefully. Talk about managers and morals.
IV	Third reader. Read poetry and prose. Emphasize fluency and expression. Easy Fourth reader. Supplement from Hawthorne and Longfellow. Stories from history and nature.	Copy book.	Words from other lessons or lists.	Continue previous work. Mul and divisions. Analyze and construct, multiply, and divide simple fractions. State relation in explanations. Insist upon neat work. Decimals.	Simple sentences. Analyze and construct stories, biographical and historical. Singular and plural forms.	Same as above Grade III. Combine with previous grades if possible.	Same as above. One or two lessons per week. After note with other subjects.	See first grade.	Same as previous grades. Combine with higher grades when practicable, as outlined. Air and liquids, duties to schoolmates.

<p>Fourth readers. Easy Fifth readers. Black Beauty, Waverley Babes. Supplement same as fourth grade. Use dictionary in this and subsequent grades. Give attention to expression. Instil patriotism.</p>	<p>Copy book. Care in all written work.</p>	<p>From B. B. Or text book</p>	<p>Follow state course through grades. Ill. principles by practical problems. Continue common fractions and decimals, ratios and measures, per cent., much mental work, percentage, factors.</p>	<p>Revise previous work. Essays weekly. On experience, imagination, reproduction, and letter writing states than other divisions.</p>	<p>Elementary geog. as far as So. America. Spend more time on N. E. states than other divisions.</p>	<p>Elementary. Text book. Combine with 6th grade.</p>	<p>In this and subsequent grades take nature work as indicated. During fall term study trees and shrubs, leaves, fruit, seed dispersal, varieties.</p>
<p>Read hard Fourth reader. Read Fifth reader. Supplement from Hawthorne, Whittier, and others. Colonial Life in New Hampshire, Dickens's Christmas Carol, Benjamin's History.</p>	<p>Copy book and drill.</p>	<p>From text book with dictation exercises. One trial only in oral spelling.</p>	<p>Reviews. More difficult work in fractions and decimals. Percentage as in previous grades. Bills, profit and loss interest. Forms and surfaces. Neat work.</p>	<p>Continue previous work. Different kinds of sentences. Analyze more difficult sentences. Text book. Second book or part study, poems and authors.</p>	<p>Elementary geography completed. Draw map.</p>	<p>See fifth grade with reading.</p>	<p>Winter term. Animals and minerals; habits; uses, qualities, location, etc.</p>
<p>Continue with sixth grade if possible Snowbound, Courtship of Miles Standish. Grade readers. Current events.</p>	<p>Copy book and careful written work.</p>	<p>Same as grade six.</p>	<p>Review. Continue previous work. Interest, profit and loss; all relation etc. Same teaching and constantly review. Study each short processes, ratio and proportion, metric, discounts.</p>	<p>Continue previous work. Phrases, clauses. Same teaching and constantly review. Study each short processes, ratio and proportion, metric, discounts.</p>	<p>Advanced geography as far as South America, on same plan pursued in small geog. 5th grade. Relief Map study.</p>	<p>Next higher text book combined with eighth grade.</p>	<p>Spring term. Botany—plants, flowers, seed germination. Teach about birds and insects incidentally throughout the year, and make records. Ten half hour lessons each term.</p>
<p>Thanatopsis and other poems, Evangeline, Irving's Sketch Book, Vision of Sir Launfal. Current events.</p>	<p>See that all written work is well executed.</p>	<p>Word book. Practice misspelled words.</p>	<p>Review previous work, introducing principles from the new of speech. Continue daily work. Teach parison, declension in per-son, conjugation not covered. Tion, parsing, taxes, commission, elocution, next duties, involution text book of and evolution. Practice.</p>	<p>Analyze any sentence. Practice from the series of previous work. Compare and reviewed. Draw maps from memory.</p>	<p>Complete U. S. history and review current events. Read civil government.</p>	<p>See seventh grade.</p>	<p>Make record of each lesson given in book provided for the purpose, to be left for subsequent years so that work may not be repeated.</p>
<p>Continue with eighth grade. Masterpieces of American literature. Masterpieces of English literature.</p>	<p>Same as eighth grade.</p>	<p>General review for one term, especially study poems, bills. Partial pay- elementary rhetoric, elocution, English with drawings. Elementary algebra two comp, literature and essays. Benjamin's Latin optional.</p>	<p>General review for one term, especially study poems, bills. Partial pay- elementary rhetoric, elocution, English with drawings. Elementary algebra two comp, literature and essays. Benjamin's Latin optional.</p>	<p>Review. Special study of N. H. current events. Civil government.</p>	<p>Review. Special study of N. H. current events. Civil government.</p>	<p>Review. Special study of N. H. current events. Civil government.</p>	<p>Elements of vocal music by special teacher if one is employed.</p>

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VITAL STATISTICS.

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

To the Selectmen:—In compliance with an act of the legislature passed June session, 1887, requiring clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages, and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the annual report, I hereby submit the following:

Date of birth.	Name of child (if any).	Sex and condition.		Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	Residence of parents.
		Sex.	Living or still born.			
January 1	Lizzie Gordon.....	F	L	Benjamin Brothers.....	Sarah Camps.....	Salem, N. H.
" 12	Gladys Edna.....	"	"	Franklin H. Plumb.....	Bertha M. Wells.....	"
" 15	Everett Eastman.....	M	"	Herbert W. Long.....	Mary Alice Winning.....	"
" 28	Florence Loretta.....	F	"	William L. Hall.....	Ada L. Clevesey.....	"
February 11	Carl Edward.....	M	"	Edward L. Gordon.....	Lucy H. Faulkner.....	"
" 27	Ralph Macurdy.....	"	"	Arthur C. Hall.....	Lucretia E. Ward.....	"
March 1	Edgar Ambrose.....	"	"	Ambrose N. Turner.....	Eva O. Joy.....	"
" 3	Mertie Mabel.....	F	"	James Henry Wilson.....	Emma Jane Stevens.....	"
" 27	Hazel Etta.....	"	"	William H. Webb.....	Gertrude S. Norris.....	"
April 3	Joseph Alfred.....	M	"	Alfred M. Garland.....	Ruth Heaps.....	"
" 9	Herman H. Corkhill.....	"	"	Charles H. Smith.....	Sarah M. Woodman.....	"
May 21	William H.....	"	S	Robert Corkhill.....	Florence Aldcroft.....	"
" 24	Ernest Dana.....	"	L	William D. Bradford.....	Mary A. Estes.....	"
June 2	Edna Frances.....	"	"	Dana E. Gilman.....	Sarah Dudley.....	"
" 27	Frank.....	F	"	Willard E. Freeland.....	Lizzie L. Silver.....	"
July 7	Joseph E.....	M	"	Joseph A. Judge.....	Ethel Burgess.....	"
" 26	Lestie A.....	"	"	Eugene Boutin.....	Anna Bergeron.....	"
" 31	Joseph Philip Camille.....	F	"	Walter Percley Richards.....	Sadie Frances Perry.....	"
August 3	Alice Lillian.....	F	"	Philip Bergeron.....	Louise Bouvier.....	"
" 6	Charles Lester.....	M	"	William H. Parker.....	Lillian A. Walton.....	"
				Charles A. Kimball.....	Lena M. Hall.....	"

August 6	Edward August.....	M	L	Herman G. Arlitt.....	Christina L. Flockerei.....	Salem, N. H.
" 8	Mary Beulah.....	F	"	Charles H. Ayer.....	Emma Haigh.....	"
" 13	George.....	M	"	John Carlton Whitney.....	Ella E. Pease.....	"
" 18	John Alfred.....	"	"	William A. Turner.....	Emma F. Smith.....	"
" 30	Irving Dana.....	"	"	William T. Bartley.....	Carrie B. Webster.....	"
September 12	----- Nationaliam.....	F	"	Garabel Nationaliam.....	Annie Haasopian.....	"
" 30	----- Hall.....	M	"	William Hall.....	Katherine Locklin.....	"
October 25	Willma Millicent.....	F	"	Robert Widdop, Jr.....	Martha J. Perry.....	"
November 1	Eunice E.....	"	"	Daniel A. Lanagan.....	Ethelyn M. Bailey.....	"
" 20	Edith M.....	"	"	Frank Davis.....	Mabel Hutchins.....	"
December 8	Hazel Mona.....	"	"	Wilbur C. Webster.....	Lottie I. Dryden.....	"
" 7	Willis Elroy.....	M	"	John E. Freeman.....	Florence Little.....	"
" 8	Willis Elroy.....	F	"	Arthur R. Metzner.....	Louise Gratchen.....	"
" 17	Beatrice May.....	"	"	Alfred Jones.....	Mary Ann.....	"

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

Date of marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence at time of marriage.	Age.	Occupation.	Place of birth of each.
Febr'y 25	Salem	Harry A. Barnes.....	Lawrence, Mass.	31	Teamster.....	Waltham, Mass.
	"	Catherine McElroy.....	"	30	"	Ireland.
March 12	"	Orniel T. Borden.....	Westport, Mass.	33	Farmer.....	Westport, Mass.
	"	Sarah P. Upham.....	New Bedford, Mass.	21	Housekeeper.....	New Bedford, Mass.
" 23	"	John L. Dussault.....	Salem.....	19	Teamster.....	Haverhill, Mass.
	"	Nettie Edna Kelly.....	"	16	At home.....	Salem.
May 7	New York, N. Y.	George M. Cross.....	"	35	Farmer.....	Salem.
" 11	Salem	Alice M. Cross.....	"	32	Housekeeper.....	Chester.
	"	Edson Emerson.....	"	45	Farmer.....	Methuen, Mass.
" 21	"	Helen M. Febbitts.....	Bradford, Mass.	21	Housekeeper.....	Danvers, Mass.
	"	Morrill H. Abbott.....	Salem.....	18	Farmer.....	Lynn, Mass.
June 3	"	Laura E. Foster.....	"	80	Stone mason.....	Milton.
" 11	"	Elliott F. Dorf.....	Methuen, Mass.	51	Housekeeper.....	Methuen, Mass.
	"	Addie M. Keyser.....	"	33	Housekeeper.....	Peterborough.
	"	Fred Lovejoy.....	Andover, Mass.	35	Bookkeeper.....	Lincoln, Me.
July 2	"	Carrie A. Nelson.....	Lawrence, Mass.	43	Wine clerk.....	Haverhill, Mass.
	"	James E. Barrett.....	Haverhill, Mass.	37	Housekeeper.....	Nottingham.
	"	Ida M. Tuttle.....	"	35	Shoemaker.....	England.
Sept'er 10	Salem	Harry Haigh.....	Salem.....	22	Housekeeper.....	Lawrence, Mass.
" 10	Lawrence, Mass.	Olive A. Holt.....	"	25	"	No. Andover, Mass.
	"	Albert E. Foss.....	North Andover, Mass	22	Milk driver.....	No. Andover, Mass.
" 27	Salem	Aura A. Joy.....	Salem.....	25	At home.....	No. Hatley, Can.
	"	John Camarato.....	Haverhill, Mass.	21	Shoemaker.....	Italy.
October 1	"	Bertha A. Hicks.....	"	15	Shoemaker.....	Haverhill, Mass.
	"	Frederick Ernest Woodbury.....	Salem.....	26	Farmer.....	Salem.
" 8	"	Bianche Wheeler.....	"	27	Nurse.....	Salem.
	"	Henry Erskine Howe.....	Middleton, Mass.	42	Farmer.....	Middleton.
	"	Mary Ellen Griffen.....	"	26	Domestic.....	Salem, Mass.

"	8	"	Wilbur C. Webster.....	Salem.....	18	Shoe cutter.....	Salem.
"	"	"	Lottie I. Dryden.....	Salem.....	18	Operative.....	Canada.
"	21	Lowell, Mass.	John W. Drew.....	Derry.....	26	Engineer.....	Derry.
"	22	Salem.	Alice A. Jackson.....	Salem.....	25	Weaver.....	Salem.
			George Elijah Hussey.....	Andover, Mass.....	34	Asst. supt. w'r w'ks.	Andover Mass.
			Laura Etta Taylor.....	Salem.....	33	Bookkeeper.....	Salem.
			George C. Farr.....	".....	21	Brakeman.....	Methuen, Mass.
Nov'mb'r 6	"	"	Annie B. Hadley.....	".....	22	Operative.....	Stonellam, Mass.
			George A. Otis.....	Lawrence, Mass.....	23	Clerk.....	Lawrence, Mass.
Dec'mb'r 4	"	"	Dorothy M. Beal.....	".....	17	Operative.....	Stoughton, Mass.
"	10	"	Wallace C. Priest.....	".....	23	Clerk B. & M. R. R.	Lawrence, Mass.
"	"	"	Mona Beulah Cross.....	Salem.....	21	At home.....	Lawrence, Mass.
"	25	"	James E. Sloan.....	".....	41	Farmer.....	Salem.
			Millie L. Woodbury.....	".....	31	Operative.....	Methuen, Mass.

Oct. 21	Salem.....	Lena Ryder.....	39	..	6	F.....	S.	James A. Ryder.....	Carcinoma.
Nov. 1	"	Annie Gordon.....	61	2	16	"	M.	Hugh Sweeney.....	Paralysis with heart failure.
"	12	Frank Judge.....	..	4	16	M....	S.	Joseph A. Judge.....	Pneumonia.
"	22	Almira Whitney.....	84	9	21	F.....	W.	Josiah Turner.....	Paralysis.
Dec. 10	"	John Swanback.....	68	3	14	M....	M.	.....	Peritonitis, acute.
"	19	Hattie Belle Luther.....	22	10	16	F.....	S.	Martin M. Luther.....	Phtthisis.

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

JAMES AYER, *Town Clerk.*

Permits Issued for the Interments of Deceased Persons from Other Places for the Year 1902.

Name of deceased.	Place of death.	Interred at.	Died.	Age.		
				Years.	Mos.	Days.
Mehitable K. Russ.....	Revere, Mass.....	Salem.....	Feb. 11.	74	2	2
Mary Elizabeth Lowell.....	Methuen, Mass.....	".....	Mar. 21.	71	10	6
Sarah D. Blye.....	Easton, Mass.....	".....	April 30.	86	6	23
Gemetta Welch.....	Haverhill, Mass.....	".....	May 4.	2	1	2
Eva P. Welch.....	".....	".....	June 2.	2	11	15
Abigail C. Saunders.....	Methuen, Mass.....	".....	" 4.	79	4	13
Sarah E. Hosmer.....	Boston, Mass.....	".....	" 15.	80	5	3
John T. Reagan.....	Haverhill, Mass.....	".....	" 9.	1	1	20
Eva Smith.....	Everett, Mass.....	".....	July 26.	50	.....	.....
Joseph H. Fletcher.....	Boston, Mass.....	".....	Aug. 13.	75	6	4
Isaac Barker Corliss.....	Methuen, Mass.....	".....	Oct. 28.	72	11	20
Sarah J. Leach.....	Haverhill, Mass.....	".....	Nov. 11.	80	5	9
Ruth M. Taylor.....	Methuen, Mass.....	".....	Dec. 4.			

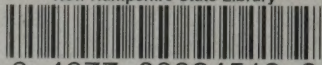
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 JAMES AYER, Town Clerk.

Permits Issued for the Removal of Bodies of Deceased Persons to Other Places for Interment for the Year 1902.

Name of deceased.	Place of death.	Removed to	Died.	Age.		
				Years.	Mos.	Days.
Ernest Boutin.....	Salem.....	Lawrence, Mass.....	Jan. 1.	.....	.....	3
Alfred Babineau.....	".....	".....	April 12.	30	.....	21
Helen H. Gale.....	".....	Haverhill, Mass.....	" 15.	50	2	13
Laura Boutin.....	".....	Lawrence, Mass.....	" 23.	3	9	15
Louisa Morse.....	".....	".....	May 30.	87	2	16
Herbert Howe.....	".....	Claremont.....	June 1.	31	4	20
Charles F. Brown.....	".....	Windham.....	" 6.	49	10	26
William S. Sampson.....	".....	Lawrence, Mass.....	" 26.	61	11	18
William Fritag.....	".....	".....	July 17.	65	4	28
Agnes Carroll.....	".....	Beverly, Mass.....	Sept. 20.	59	2	11
Thomas T. Oviatt.....	".....	Methuen, Mass.....	Oct. 8.	54	3	14
Joseph C. Garland.....	".....	".....	Nov. 12.	72	4	16
Frank Judge.....	".....	".....	" 22.	84	9	21
Almira Whitney.....	".....	Lisbon, Me.....	Dec. 19.	22	10	16
Hattie Belle Luther.....	".....	Methuen, Mass.....	".....

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