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OF THE

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OF

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## TOWN OFFICERS.

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MODERATOR.

ARTHUR W. HOPKINS.

SELECTMEN.

EDWARD B. HOLBROOK.                      JOSEPH L. STARKEY.  
DELBERT R. BLAKE.

TOWN CLERK.

GEORGE I. CUTLER.

TREASURER.

EDWARD H. SNOW.

COLLECTOR.

ARTHUR A. WOODWARD.

SUPERVISORS.

ARTHUR A. WOODWARD.                      MOSES CASS.  
ALEXANDER F. THOMPSON.

HIGHWAY AGENTS.

CHAS. E. PAIGE.                              GEO. L. UNDERWOOD.  
JOHN L. WINCH.

SCHOOL BOARD.

GEORGE F. BALCOM.                      JESSIE H. MARSH.  
ARTHUR W. HOPKINS.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

GEORGE I. CUTLER.                      JOHN C. BOURNE.  
ARTHUR W. HOPKINS.

AUDITOR.

MILAN A. DICKINSON.

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

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### APPROPRIATIONS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH, 1910.

Repairs of highways and bridges,	\$3,000 00
State road,	1,000 00
Town charges,	2,000 00
Support of poor,	400 00
Care of cemeteries,	100 00
Decorating soldiers' graves,	100 00
Old Home week,	75 00
Richardson park,	25 00
Stratton Free library,	100 00
Care of chemical engines at Swanzey Center,	50 00
Road to new cemetery,	100 00
Electric lights,	1,650 00
State tax,	1,932 00
County tax,	2,227 76

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### AT SCHOOL MEETING.

Support of schools,	\$500 00
Tuition,	500 00
Teachers' salaries,	2,000 00
Conveying scholars,	200 00
Superintendent's salary,	250 00
Books and supplies,	500 00
Salary of school board,	150 00

School treasurer,	15 00
Other district officers,	15 00

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APRIL INVOICE, 1910.

Resident real estate,	\$515,515 00
Non-resident real estate,	175,535 00
Mills and machinery,	78,765 00
Stock in trade,	62,150 00
Money at interest,	39,065 00
Stock in banks,	1,700 00
476 polls,	47,600 00
338 horses,	24,815 00
9 oxen,	480 00
493 cows,	11,790 00
212 neat stock,	3,545 00
52 sheep,	200 00
29 hogs,	390 00
Fowls,	510 00
Vehicles,	8,400 00
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Total valuation,	\$970,460 00
Rate per cent, \$1.75.	
Tax resulting,	\$16,983 99
Amount committed to collector,	16,983 99
Added to collector's book,	41 12

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RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	\$11 37
A. A. Woodward, 1909 taxes,	1,753 87
A. A. Woodward, interest on 1909 taxes,	69 93
Frank Ellis, junk license,	8 00
Maurice Liss, junk license,	8 00
Soldiers' claim from county,	123 00



Pauper claim from county,	332 31
A. A. Woodward, 1910 taxes,	14,289 38
H. G. Cronk, cemetery lot,	5 00
Geo. I. Cutler, dog licenses,	339 27
Stratton Free library, Wm. Stratton estate,	1,800 00
Solon A. Carter, forest fires,	94 65
Mrs. Attie Bennett, cash on note,	1,500 00
George I. Cutler, from party candidates,	10 00
Mrs. A. L. Holbrook, cash on note,	250 00
E. C. Whitecomb, use of town hall,	2 00
Henry W. Capron, cash on note,	450 00
Solon A. Carter, railroad tax,	270 07
Solon A. Carter, savings bank tax,	299 10
Solon A. Carter, literary fund,	211 68
Solon A. Carter, school fund,	832 66
Albert A. Barber, cemetery fund,	100 00
John L. Winch, error in bill,	1 80
O. S. Eaton, decoration money returned,	12 80
Dr. Geo. Holbrook, Clark Holbrook cemetery fund,	200 00
Winchester National bank,	1,200 00
Golden Rod Grange, use of hall,	30 00
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	\$24,204 89

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### DISBURSEMENTS.

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#### TOWN OFFICERS.

Andrew Lafountain, services as constable, 1909,	\$6 00
J. L. Starkey, services as selectman,	108 00
E. B. Holbrook, services as selectman,	124 00
E. H. Snow, services as treasurer,	35 00
D. R. Blake, services as selectman,	96 50
Geo. F. Balcom, member of school board,	50 00
M. A. Dickinson, services as auditor, 1908-1909,	6 00

Geo. I. Cutler, services as town clerk, 1909,	31 43
Geo. I. Cutler, member of school board,	50 00
Mrs. Jessie Marsh, member of school board,	50 00
John C. Bourne, services on board of health,	8 10
Edgar E. Bourne, services as sexton,	166 50
A. M. Worcester, services as constable, July 4th,	2 00
Silvanus Abare, services as constable, July 3rd and 4th,	3 00
A. W. Hopkins, services as moderator at 2 meetings,	4 00
A. A. Woodward, tax collector,	100 00
E. C. Emery, supervisor, 2 years,	40 80
Moses Cass, services as ballot clerk,	5 00
E. H. Snow, services as supervisor two years,	40 80
Geo. E. Whitcomb, services as moderator four meet- ings,	12 00
Frank E. Wheeler, services as ballot clerk,	3 00
F. F. Downing, services as school clerk, 1909,	2 50
Mrs. E. H. Snow, services as school treasurer,	15 00
M. H. Hill, ballot clerk, two meetings,	6 00
E. J. Bullard, services as constable, July 3d, 4th,	1 50
A. A. Woodward, supervisor two years,	40 80
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	\$1,007 93

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#### SUPPORT OF COUNTY POOR.

Cash furnished Mrs. Mary Speckman and family,	\$96 00
C. L. Lane, wood for Metz family,	4 19
J. L. Starkey, carrying Metz children to Keene,	2 00
A. E. Dionne, house rent for Chas. Stevens,	15 00
James Marsh, Est., goods furnished Chas. Stevens,	15 20
James Marsh, Est., goods furnished Mrs. Thomas,	10 33
Geo. W. Willis, goods furnished Metz family,	6 05
Oscar R. Farr, house rent for Metz family,	2 50
Geo. E. Holbrook, wood furnished Chas. Stevens,	3 75
A. W. Hopkins, medical attendance on Etta Thomas,	3 00
A. W. Hopkins, medical attendance, Speckman boy,	9 00



Geo. I. Cutler, medical attendance Nickerson family,	29 50
J. L. Starkey, aid to Kate Poro,	6 10
J. O. Howard, goods furnished Stevens family,	10 00
A. W. Hopkins, medical attendance on Alice Clark,	24 00
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	\$236 62

COUNTY AID TO DEPENDENT SOLDIERS AND  
FAMILIES.

A. W. Hopkins, medical attendance,	\$38 50
C. L. Lane, wood furnished,	17 19
Selectmen, cash furnished,	83 00
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	\$138 69

SUPPORT OF TOWN POOR.

Mrs. John Conboy, board of John Hill,	\$132 50
Cheshire County, board, fare of, and clothing for P. H. Gunn,	153 35
L. H. Roscoe, wood for Mrs. Robert Eastman,	2 00
Goodnow & Aldrich Co., casket box for P. H. Gunn,	4 00
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	\$291 85

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Raised by taxation,	\$4,130 00
State proportion of school fund,	832 66
Literary fund,	211 68
Railroad tax,	280 75
Balance dog tax,	372 20
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	\$5,827 29

## SUPPORT OF TRAMPS.

E. B. Holbrook, aid to tramps,	\$2 65
C. F. Northrop, aid to tramps,	1 30
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	\$3 95

## PUBLIC WATER.

O. D. Twitchell,	\$3 00
M. J. Perry,	3 00
E. C. Whitcomb,	3 00
A. A. Morse,	3 00
Franklin Jefts,	3 00
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	\$15 00

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

C. E. Paige, work on highway,	\$1,148 78
Geo. L. Underwood, work on highway,	963 27
John L. Winch, work on highway,	1,210 73
Chas. Barden, work on highway, 1909,	51 88
Samuel Wadsworth, surveying,	4 85
Alex. F. Thompson, land damage,	15 00
Andrew LaFountain, land damage,	35 00
Almon G. Faulkner, breaking out sidewalks and snow- ing bridges,	37 20
N. E. Box Co., bridge plank,	140 54
B. & M. Railroad, freight on bridge plank,	6 00
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	\$3,613 25

## STATE ROAD ACCOUNT.

Balance from 1909,	\$982 40
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Raised by taxation,	1,000 00
Money borrowed,	4,000 00
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	\$5,982 40
Paid:	
Lane Construction corporation,	\$5,732 75
C. E. Paige,	222 98
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	\$5,955 73
Total unexpended balance,	\$26 67

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#### EXPENSE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

James Handy, services of firemen brush fire near Keene,	\$3 50
City of Keene, services of firemen, brush fire near Keene,	13 50
H. W. Hubbard, steamer supplies,	4 65
F. C. Richardson, services of firemen at Swanzey Inn and Snow & Brindell Co.,	23 75
O. C. Whitcomb, services of firemen at Swanzey Inn and Snow & Brindell Co.,	36 64
E. C. Emery, labor and material furnished and services as fireward,	22 24
Bay State Belting Co., linen hose,	200 00
J. O. Howard, rubber boots for firemen,	29 75
F. C. Richardson, services of firemen,	85 50
O. C. Whitcomb, brush fire at No. 5,	16 00
Geo. L. Balcom, Chemical Fire Co., appropriation,	50 00
City of Keene, services of firemen at Swanzey Inn,	44 25
James M. Ramsdell, services of firemen at brush fire in East Swanzey,	156 30
James M. Ramsdell, services as fireman at East Swanzey,	2 25

E. C. Whitecomb, services as fireman,	99 25
East Swanzey Wooden Ware Co., rent of engine house,	24 00
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	\$811 58

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ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Keene Gas & Electric Co., lighting streets,	\$1,407 98
Keene Gas & Electric Co., lighting engine house,	10 80
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	\$1,418 78

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CARE OF CEMETERIES.

C. E. Paige, work in cemetery,	\$13 89
B. C. Snow, work and money paid help,	30 80
C. E. Paige, pump in cemetery, and putting in same,	3 50
J. L. Starkey, work in cemetery and money paid help,	19 10
Geo. D. Stone, work in cemetery,	7 20
C. R. Weeks, work in Westport cemetery,	2 00
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	\$76 49

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CEMETERY FUNDS.

Alonzo Ware:	
Balance fund, 1910,	\$300 00
Interest,	9 00
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	\$309 00
Paid J. H. Phillips, work on lot,	9 00
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Balance,	\$300 00



## Angela Woodbury:

Balance fund, 1910,	\$100 00
Interest,	3 00
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	\$103 00
Paid J. H. Phillips, work on lot,	3 00
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Balance,	\$100 00

## Manning Hunt:

Balance, 1910,	\$100 00
Interest,	3 00
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	\$103 00
Paid J. H. Phillips, work,	3 00
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Balance,	\$100 00

## Harriet Lawrence:

Balance fund, 1910,	\$187 08
Interest,	5 61
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	\$192 69
Paid for work,	5 61
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Balance,	\$187 08

## John Holbrook,

Balance fund, 1910,	\$200 00
Interest,	6 00
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	\$206 00
Paid for work,	6 00
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Balance,	\$200 00

Ella Ware:	
Balance fund, 1910,	\$50 00
Interest,	1 50
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	\$51 50
Paid for work,	1 50
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Balance,	\$50 00
Wm. Merriam:	
Balance fund,	\$100 00
Interest,	3 00
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	\$103 00
C. E. Paige, work on lot,	3 00
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Balance,	\$100 00

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MEMORIAL DAY ACCOUNT.

O. S. Eaton, received from town,	\$100 00
Expended:	
Band,	\$25 00
Speaker,	10 00
Rev. G. A. Furness,	3 00
H. Bolles, flowers,	20 70
Singers,	2 50
Geo. E. Whitecomb, team,	3 00
Alston Taylor, team,	3 00
Andrew LaFountain, team,	3 00
James Ramsdell, dinner,	17 00
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	\$87 20
Unexpended balance returned to town,	\$12 80



## STRATTON FREE LIBRARY.

## Received, 1910:

Balance in treasury,	\$1 02
Cash from Wm. Stratton estate,	8 65
John E. Allen, Stratton estate,	85
Order from town,	100 00
Of Mrs. Sparhawk, fines, etc,	1 14
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	\$111 66

## Paid, 1910:

Mar. 9. Gas & Electric Co.,	\$0 90
Mar. 9. L. H. Roscoe, wood,	3 00
Apr. 9. Martin Mason's bill, labor,	2 00
Apr. 16. J. E. Handy, care of lawn, 1909,	1 60
May 2. Hiram Blake, bill,	4 00
May 9. Gas & Electric Co., 2 months,	2 00
June 7. Gas & Electric Co., 2 months,	1 15
Sept. 8. Mrs. N. M. Sparhawk, to Sept. 1,	26 00
Sept. 8. Gas & Electric Co's bill,	4 25
Nov. 7. Gas & Electric Co's bill,	90
Dec. 3. Paid for Outlook,	2 00
Dec. 8. Gas & Electric Co.'s bill,	90
Dec. 30. Paid for 4 magazines,	4 05

## Paid, 1911:

Jan. 2. LaFountain & Roscoe, wood,	\$6 00
Jan. 2. Geo. Seaver, work on stove and pipe,	1 00
Jan. 2. Whitcomb Mfg. Co., lumber,	1 37
Jan. 2. Man, work on staging and pipe,	2 00
Jan. 10. Gas & Electric Co.,	90
Jan. 21. E. H. Snow, Roosevelt's book,	3 75
Feb. 6. Gas & Electric Co.,	90
Feb. 14. Thomas H. R. Huntting & Co., books,	11 14

Feb. 16.	Mrs. N. M. Sparhawk, to March 1, 1911,	26 00
Feb. 18.	Balance in treasury,	5 85
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		\$111 66
	Balance in treasury,	\$5 85

OBADIAH SPRAGUE,  
Treasurer.

Circulation of books in 1910, 2,271. By month as follows: January, 197; February, 218; March, 231; April, 271; May, 193; June, 180; July, 193; August, 155; September, 148; October, 182; November, 146; December, 157. Total, 2,271. Average, 189 25-100 per month; 43 67-100 per week.

The library received from the William Stratton estate \$1,808.65. At a meeting of the trustees it was voted to loan \$1,800 of the fund and apply \$8.65 for the purchase of books.

#### OLD HOME WEEK.

##### Report of committee:

Received from town treasurer, appropriation,	\$75 00
Received for use of stand,	7 25
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	\$82 25

##### Expenses:

West Swanzey band,	\$35 00
Keene Temple Quartette,	12 50
Rev. C. E. Gould, address,	5 00
Miss Mildred Yost, reader,	5 00
600 invitations,	5 00
Envelopes,	1 50
Posters,	1 50
Wrappers and postage,	1 50
L. L. Belding, postage,	25
Prizes,	5 00

Express,	35
Chas. Duncanson, decorating,	2 00
Earle Capron, 27 hours' work,	4 32
Harold Capron, 5 hours' work,	80
Poles for races,	80
Telephoning and carfare,	1 73
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	\$82 25

MRS. FLORA E. NEWELL,  
L. L. BELDING,  
EARLE W. CAPRON,  
Committee.

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RICHARDSON PARK.

B. C. Snow, work and help paid,	\$12 50
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NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

Cheshire National Bank, interest on overdraft,	\$12 84
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MISCELLANEOUS.

E. B. Holbrook, telephoning and stamps,	\$4 85
Lewis S. Talbot, services as janitor,	.5 00
Whitcomb Mfg. Co., sawdust for town house,	1 50
Sentinel Printing Co., printing town reports, and blanks furnished,	59 40
M. A. Dickinson, rent of sheds, 1908 and 1909,	20 00
M. C. Stone, wood for town house,	2 50
A. L. Holbrook, copying taxes on two books,	8 00
Henry F. Sawtelle, overtax,	7 60
Cain & Benton, retainers, 1909 and 1910,	13 00



Allen Bros., constable badges,	2 50
F. O. Dodge, collecting dog licenses,	3 40
Henry F. Hammond, repairs on town house,	4 00
J. H. Phillips, repairs on town house,	4 51
Mrs. G. W. Faulkner, overtax,	3 50
O. C. Whitcomb, enumerating school children,	8 21
W. F. Oakman, enumerating school children,	6 00
A. W. Hopkins, disinfecting at Joseph Hanna's,	3 00
A. W. Hopkins, reporting births and deaths,	9 50
W. H. Spalter, check lists, warrants, etc.,	18 69
O. C. Whitcomb, repairs on town house,	8 27
A. A. Woodward, abatement of taxes,	78 75
A. W. Hopkins, disinfecting after scarlet fever,	4 00
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	\$276 18

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STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Solon Carter, state tax,	\$1,932 00
J. E. Wright, county tax,	2,227 76

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RECAPITULATION.

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RECEIPTS.

Total amount received,	\$24,204 89
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Town officers,	\$1,007 93
Support of county poor,	236 62
County aid to dependent soldiers,	138 69
Support of town poor,	291 85

Support of schools,	5,827 29
Support of tramps,	3 95
Public water,	15 00
Highways and bridges,	3,613 25
Expense of state road,	5,955 73
Expense of fire department,	811 58
Electric lights,	1,418 78
Care of cemeteries,	76 49
Interest worked out on cemetery lots,	31 11
Memorial Day fund,	100 00
Stratton Free Library,	100 00
Old Home Week,	75 00
Expense of Richardson Park,	12 50
Notes and interest paid,	12 84
Miscellaneous,	276 18
State tax,	1,932 00
County tax,	2,227 76
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	\$24,164 55

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LIABILITIES.

Estimate due town officers,	\$600 00
Due schools, railroad tax,	270 07
Due schools, dog tax,	339 27
Due Stratton Free Library, note,	1,800 00
Due Mrs. Attie Bennett, note,	1,500 00
Due Henry W. Capron, note,	450 00
Due Mrs. A. L. Holbrook, note,	250 00
Due Winchester National Bank, note,	1,200 00
Due A. A. Ware, cemetery fund,	300 00
Due Angela Woodbury, cemetery fund,	100 00
Due Harriet Lawrence, cemetery fund,	187 08
Due Manning Hunt, cemetery fund,	100 00
Due John Holbrook, cemetery fund,	200 00
Due Wm. Merriam, cemetery fund,	100 00

Due Mrs. Allen, cemetery fund and interest,	103 00
Due Ella Ware, cemetery fund,	50 00
Due Geo. Holbrook, cemetery fund,	200 00
Due Albert Barber, cemetery fund,	100 00
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	\$7,849 42

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ASSETS.

Cash remaining in treasurer's hands,	\$40 34
Cash remaining in collector's hands,	2,694 61
Due from county,	83 94
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	\$2,818 89
Total liabilities,	\$7,849 42
Total assets,	2,818 89
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Indebtedness of town.	\$5,030 53
Cemetery trust funds,	1,440 08
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Town debt, exclusive of trust funds,	\$3,590 45

EDWARD B. HOLBROOK,  
 JOSEPH L. STARKEY,  
 DELBERT R. BLAKE,  
 Selectmen of Swanzey.  
 EDWARD H. SNOW,  
 Treasurer.

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Having examined the foregoing accounts of the selectmen and treasurer, I do hereby certify that I find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

MILAN A. DICKINSON,  
 Auditor.



## COMPARATIVE REPORT.

	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911
APRIL INVOICE,.....	\$949,380.00	\$961,090.00	\$971,061.00	\$959,790.00	\$970,460.00
Tax Rate,.....	1.52	1.65	1.80	1.90	1.75
RECEIPTS,.....	18,611.35	19,099.93	21,494.13	21,841.15	24,204.89
DISBURSEMENTS:					
Town officers,.....	986.76	860.74	986.02	924.86	1,007.93
Sup't county poor,..	641.81	556.27	407.46	511.76	236.62
Co. aid dep. soldiers,	274.12	134.30	68.75	52.00	138.69
T'wn aid dep. sold'rs,			55.10		
Sup't of town poor,	375.29	372.75	388.50	376.17	291.85
Support of schools,..	3,985.92	4,306.08	4,486.08	4,977.86	4,338.67
Supplies for schools,	437.75	250.00	300.00	400.00	500.37
Rep'rs sch'l prop'ty,	250.00	250.00	500.00	75.00	296.58
Tuition for scholars,	496.66	648.03	611.66	645.33	691.67
Highw'ys & bridges,	3,522.03	2,550.74	2,875.97	2,962.72	3,613.25
Public water,.....	24.00	18.00	34.50	21.00	15.00
Support of tramps,..	43.85	52.50	11.53	2.00	3.95
Lighting streets,.....	399.99	800.00	1,050.01	1,200.00	1,418.78
Lighting engine h'se,			7.16	10.90	
Expense of fire dept.,	406.01	552.40	744.11	1,412.82	811.58
Care of cemeteries,..	110.10	121.30	98.45	86.05	76.49
Int. on cemet'y f'nds,			17.00	45.22	31.11
D'm'ge done by dogs,	98.00	135.00		9.00	
Decoration fund,.....	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Old home week,.....	73.77	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
Stratton library,.....	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Richardson park,.....	179.40	50.17	27.86	18.81	12.50
Expense state road,	332.43	1,170.54	2,565.57	1,111.87	5,955.73
Sidew'ks, W. Swan.,			500.00	294.27	
Repairs town hall,..	454.47				
Chemical engines,...				400.00	
Miscellaneous,.....	1,058.65	295.32	334.22	787.24	276.18
Notes and int. paid,..	301.53	1,238.80	1,402.17	426.14	12.84
State tax,.....	1,445.00	1,445.00	1,610.00	2,576.00	1,932.00
County tax,.....	1,330.72	1,565.55	1,782.21	2,227.76	2,227.76
Total disbursements,	17,428.26	17,648.49	21,139.33	21,829.78	24,164.55
Town debt,.....	2,794.45	1,457.69	1,153.71	1,516.91	5,030.53
Cemet'y trust funds,	960.00	1,037.08	1,042.69	1,137.08	1,440.08
Debt, exclusive of trust funds,.....	1,834.45	420.61	111.02	379.83	3,590.45

REPORT OF  
C. E. PAIGE, ROAD COMMISSIONER.

TOWN HIGHWAY.

EXPENSES FROM FEBRUARY 12, TO MARCH 11, 1910.

C. E. Page, 88 hours,	\$17 60
Wm. Sparks, 22½ hours,	3 60
B. C. Snow, 33½ hours,	5 36
B. C. Snow, team,	1 50
A. Patnode, 10 hours,	1 60
A. Sparks, 6½ hours,	1 04
A. LaFountain, breaking roads,	5 00
Whitecomb Manufacturing Co., breaking roads,	5 50
W. F. Oakman, breaking paths and roads, 5½ hours,	21 80
W. F. Oakman, man, 10 hours,	1 60
Edward Bourne, breaking roads, 20 hours,	8 00
Edward Bourne, man, 10 hours,	1 60
George Richardson, snowing bridge,	1 00
L. H. Roscoe, breaking paths,	2 50
	\$77 80

TOWN HIGHWAY FROM MARCH 15, TO MAY 1, 1910.

C. E. Paige, 23½ days,	\$47 00
A. Patnode, 10¾ days,	17 28
Martin Hanrahan, 9½ days,	15 20

A. Dickinson,	9 36
Fred Patnode, 6 days,	9 20
Wm. Sparks, 12 days,	19 20
B. C. Snow, 10½ days,	16 80
Carl Pearson, 3 days,	4 80
Joe Golish, 3 days,	4 80
Frank Golish, 3 days,	4 80
C. Leslie, 1½ day,	2 24
B. C. Snow, team,	2 75
Lee Holbrook, team, 3 days,	12 00
A. LaFountain, team, 18 days,	72 00
Whitecomb Manufacturing Co., team, 18 days,	72 00
J. Patnode, team, 4 days,	16 00
Henry P. Buffum, breaking roads,	1 50
Lewis R. Cass, man and team,	10 90
A. B. Skinner Co., dynamite, fuse and caps,	6 92
L. H. Roscoe, freight on tile,	1 15
Charles Taylor, 100 loads of gravel at 5c,	5 00
Kate Cantlin, 93 loads of gravel at 5c,	4 65
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	\$355 55

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MAY.

C. E. Paige, 180 hours,	\$36 00
Wm. Sparks, 110 hours,	17 60
Martin Hanrahan, 145 hours,	23 20
Fred Patnode, 115 hours,	18 40
Carl Pearson, 145 hours,	23 20
B. C. Snow, 110 hours,	17 60
Fred Dolby, 105 hours,	16 80
Frank Golish, 100 hours,	16 00
N. C. Carter, 324 loads of gravel at 5c,	16 20
A. Faulkner, gravel,	4 10
Whitecomb Manufacturing Co., team, 150 hours,	60 00



A. LaFountain, team, 170 hours,	68 00
Joe Patnode, team, 160 hours,	64 00
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	\$381 10

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JUNE.

C. E. Paige, 13 days,	\$26 00
Wm. Sparks, 13 days,	20 80
B. C. Snow, 7½ days,	12 00
Carl Pearson, 6 days,	9 60
Charles Leslie, 4 days,	6 40
Lee Holbrook, 2 days,	3 20
B. C. Snow, team,	7 00
Whitcomb Manufacturing Co., man and team, 4 days,	16 00
A. LaFountain, man and team, 4 days,	16 00
Joe Patnode, man and team, 4 days,	16 00
N. C. Carter, 75 loads of gravel at 5c,	3 75
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	\$136 75
A. A. Morse, breaking roads,	3 07
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	\$139 82

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JULY.

C. E. Paige, 50 hours,	\$10 00
B. C. Snow, 25 hours,	4 00
Whitcomb Manufacturing Co., man and team,	6 25
A. B. Skinner Co., dynamite, caps and fuse,	15 76
Knowlton & Stone, drain tile,	23 78
F. Smith, repairs on bridge,	1 00
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	\$60 79

## AUGUST.

C. E. Paige, 1 day,	\$2 00
Chas. Crouch, 1 day, man and team,	3 50
B. C. Snow, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	80
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	\$6 30

## SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER.

C. E. Paige, 60 hours,	\$12 00
B. C. Snow, 20 hours,	3 20
Raymond Bartlett, 10 hours,	1 60
Edward Bourne, 2 men and team, 10 hours,	5 60
Whitcomb Manufacturing Co., plank,	2 20
Freight on tile,	29
B. C. Snow, team,	2 00
O. J. Verry, labor,	2 00
C. C. Hosley, blacksmithing,	3 85
Spencer Hardware Co.,	3 08
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	\$35 82

## NOVEMBER.

C. E. Paige, 6 days,	\$12 00
Arthur Rixford, labor,	1 00
B. C. Snow, team,	50
E. E. Bourne, man and team, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	10 00
C. Herbert, man and team, 4 days,	16 00
E. J. Hanna, spades, spikes and supplies,	5 97
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	\$45 47

## DECEMBER AND JANUARY.

C. E. Paige, 40 hours,	\$8 00
O. H. Harvey, team and labor,	75

O. C. Nash, sharpening tools,	50
Lewis Cass, team and labor,	6 15
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	\$15 40

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RECAPITULATION.

From February 12, to March 11,	\$77 80
From March 15, to May 1,	355 55
May,	381 10
June,	139 82
July,	60 79
August,	6 30
September and October,	35 82
November,	47 20
December and January,	15 40
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	\$1,119 78



REPORT OF  
C. E. PAIGE, ROAD COMMISSIONER.

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WEST SIDE TRUNK LINE.

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APRIL.

C. E. Paige, 7 days,	\$15 75
A. Patnode, 5½ days,	8 80
Wm. Sparks, 5½ days,	8 80
B. C. Snow, 4 days,	6 40
Martin Hanrahan, 5 days,	8 00
F. Jefts, 5 days,	8 80
Fred Patnode, 5 days,	8 80
Walter Hanrahan, 4 days,	6 40
F. Golish, 2 days,	3 20
A. Dickinson, 4½ days,	7 20
Carl Pearson, 5 days,	8 00
Whitcomb Manufacturing Co., team, 6½ days,	26 00
A. LaFountain, team, 6½ days,	26 00
J. Patnode, team, 5 days,	20 00
Geo. Holbrook, team, 3 days,	12 00
Lee Holbrook, team, 3 days,	12 00
Charles Taylor, 182 loads of gravel,	9 10
Ed. Normandy, 10 loads of filling,	50
	\$194 15

## NOVEMBER.

C. E. Paige, 3½ days,	\$7 00
Charles Greenleaf, 2 days,	4 00
Martin Hanrahan, 1 day,	1 75
E. E. Bourne, man and team, 1 day,	4 00
Beaver Mills, 480 ft. spruce lumber,	10 08
Martin Mason, 18 chestnut posts,	2 00
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	\$28 83

## RECAPITULATION.

April,	\$194 15
November,	28 83
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	\$222 98

REPORT OF  
JOHN L. WINCH, ROAD COMMISSIONER.

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MARCH.

J. L. Winch, 10½ days' work,	\$21 00
J. L. Winch, 4¾ days' work, with team,	19 00
C. L. Lane, work with team, 6 days,	24 00
F. J. Twitchell, 2 days, with team,	8 00
Arthur Handy, 13½ days, with team,	54 00
Moran Fisher, 8 days, with team,	32 00
J. L. Starkey, ½ day,	80
Fred Blodgett, 1½ days,	2 40
Frank Ballou, 8½ days,	13 60
Ira Fisher, 7½ days,	12 00
L. English, 4 days,	6 40
James Seeley, 3 days,	4 80
John Taylor, 12½ days,	20 00
Herman Perry, 4 days,	6 40
50 ft. of 15-in. drain pipe, 47½c per ft.,	23 62
Blake, 33 loads gravel,	1 65
O. R. Farr, 150 loads gravel,	7 50
O. D. Twitchell, 70 loads gravel,	3 50
Fred Blodgett, 147 loads gravel,	7 35
Mrs. Ballou, 39 loads gravel,	1 95

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\$269 97



## APRIL AND MAY.

J. L. Winch, 15 days work,	\$30 00
J. L. Winch, 14 days work, with team,	56 00
Lee Holbrook, 4 days work, with team,	16 00
Herman Lewis, 12 days work,	19 20
C. A. Bouvier, repairing scraper,	50
Frank Ballou, 10 days work,	16 00
A. Foss, 2 days work,	3 20
Ervin Buffum, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days work,	4 00
Moran Fisher, 7 days work, with team,	28 00
John Ballou, 5 days work, with team,	20 00
John Ballou, $5\frac{1}{2}$ days work,	8 80
L. Howard, 1 day work,,	1 60
Blake, 36 loads gravel,	1 80
Mrs. Ballou, 28 loads gravel,	1 40
Chas. Applin, gravel,	4 30
C. L. Lane, use of cart, 2 days,	50
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	\$211 30

## JULY AND AUGUST.

J. L. Winch, 2 days work, with team,	\$6 00
J. L. Winch, $14\frac{1}{2}$ days work, with team,	58 00
Herman Perry, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days work,	4 00
Herman Lewis, 12 days work,	19 20
John Ballou, with team and man, 2 days work,	11 20
Frank E. Ballou, 2 days work,	3 20
Daniel Gunn, 30 loads gravel,	1 50
Herman Perry, 25 loads gravel,	1 25
Edgar Naromore, 1,608 ft. chestnut plank,	39 16
J. L. Starkey, work,	1 00
Geo. E. Whitcomb, 308 ft. hemlock plank,	4 93
Burdett Chair Co., 50 ft. oak plank,	1 00
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	\$150 44

## SEPTEMBER.

J. L. Winch, 16 days work, with team,	\$64 00
Herman Lewis, 11 days work,	17 60
D. H. Gunn, 11 days work,	17 60
Mrs. J. M. Prentice, 17 loads gravel,	85
D. H. Gunn, 5 loads gravel,	25
Chas. Applin, 77 loads gravel,	7 70
Geo. Darling, 5 hours work,	80
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	\$108 80

## OCTOBER.

J. L. Winch, 2 days work,	\$4 00
J. L. Winch, 3 days work, with team,	12 00
Frank Ballou, 1 day work,	1 60
Herman Lewis, 1 day work,	1 60
James Seely, $\frac{1}{2}$ day work,	80
J. M. Prentice, 1 day work,	1 60
220 ft. chestnut plank,	4 84
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	\$26 44

## NOVEMBER.

J. L. Winch, 11 days work,	\$22 00
J. L. Winch 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ days work, with team,	46 00
Herman Lewis, 10 days work,	16 00
F. E. Ballou, 10 days work,	16 00
John Ballou, 7 days work, with team,	28 00
J. M. Prentice, 9 days work,	14 40
J. M. Prentice, 9 days work, with team,	36 00
Blake, 127 loads gravel,	6 35
Mrs. Ballou, 50 loads gravel,	2 50
G. W. Willis, 40 loads gravel,	2 00

C. L. Lane, 121 ft. boards for watering place,	1 87
1 barrel for watering place,	1 10
John Rice, work on watering place,	1 00
Plank of C. L. Lane, for bridge,	3 16
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	\$196 38

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DECEMBER.

J. L. Winch, 1 day's work,	\$2 00
J. L. Winch, $\frac{1}{2}$ day's work,	1 00
J. L. Winch, $\frac{1}{2}$ day, with team,	2 00
John Peterson, watering trough,	30 00
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	\$35 00
Feb. 11. E. C. Whitcomb, posts for railing,	2 25
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	\$37 25

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RECAPITULATION.

March,	\$269 97
April,	210 15
May and June,	211 30
July and August,	150 44
September,	108 80
October,	26 44
November,	196 38
December,	37 25
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	\$1,210 73



REPORT OF  
G. L. UNDERWOOD, ROAD COMMISSIONER.

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FROM FEBRUARY 12, TO MAY 1, 1910.

G. L. Underwood, and horse, 225 hours,	\$56 25
G. L. Underwood, two teams and men, 185 hours,	148 00
Ernest Page, and team, 225 hours,	90 00
Ernest Verdrer, 10 hours,	1 60
Arthur Wells, 15 hours,	2 40
J. E. Underwood, 231 hours,	36 96
John Bushey, repairing picks and plow,	2 90
Beaver Mills, 2,838 ft. planks,	56 76
Wm. Gorman, 175 hours,	28 00
Wm. Gorman, horse, 55 hours,	5 50
P. E. Dunham, snowing bridge,	1 60
	\$429 97

JUNE.

G. L. Underwood, and horse, 68 hours,	17 00
G. L. Underwood, two teams and men, 75 hours,	60 00
Ernest Page, and team, 70 hours,	28 00
George Page, and team, 10 hours,	4 00
Arthur Wells, 80 hours,	12 80
Ernest Verdrer, 30 hours,	4 80
J. E. Underwood, 70 hours,	11 20
Walter Hewes, and team, 70 hours,	28 00
Wm. Gorman, 80 hours,	12 80
	\$178 60

## JULY.

G. L. Underwood, and horse, 95 hours,	\$23 75
G. L. Underwood, two teams, and men, 125 hours,	100 00
Ernest Page, and team, 100 hours,	40 00
Wm. Gorman, 80 hours,	8 00
Arthur Wells, 120 hours,	19 20
J. E. Underwood, 125 hours,	20 00
Geo. Chandler, 30 hours,	4 80
E. H. Naromore, 2,696 feet planks,	53 92
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	\$269 67

## FEBRUARY, 1911.

G. L. Underwood, 40 hours,	\$8 00
G. L. Underwood, team and man, 70 hours,	28 00
Wm. Gorman, and man, 50 hours,	12 50
Beaver Mills, two stringers,	2 77
Knowlton & Stone, bill,	20 70
Levi Fuller, 528 feet planks,	10 56
H. W. Banks, snowing bridge,	2 50
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	\$85 03

## RECAPITULATION.

Expense from Feb.-12 to May 1, 1910,	\$429 97
June,	178 60
July,	267 67
Feb. 1, 1911,	85 03
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	\$963 27

## REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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To the School District of Swanzey :

The annual report of the Board of Education, including the reports of the superintendent and treasurer, the warrant of the annual meeting of 1911 and our recommendations for appropriations for the ensuing year is respectfully submitted.

On account of extending the winter term of school beyond the close of the fiscal year, it is found necessary to make a change in the form of the report of school attendance, etc. Therefore the following tables represent the record of the latest completed school year:—September, 1909 to June 1910.

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### SCHOOL No. 1.

Teacher, Laura G. Fitzgerald.

Assistant, Katherine Atwood.

Number of weeks in the year,	35
Number of pupils registered,	56
Average daily attendance,	39.04
Per cent of attendance,	89.45
Cases of tardiness,	37
Wages of teacher, per month,	\$40
Wages of assistant, per month 1st term,	\$24
2nd term,	28
3rd term,	32

Record of perfect attendance. 1st term: Herman W. Ballou, Edwin H. Eastman, Harold H. Hart, George R. Taylor, Paul L. Underwood, Philip G. Underwood, Ellen M. E. Swenson, Leila M. Taylor, Alice M. Verdier, Helen E. Ward, Doris E. Wellington, Hazel G. Hart. 2nd term: M. Marie Christopherson, Leila E. Ellis, Harold H. Hart, Karl F. Underwood, Paul L. Underwood, Philip G. Underwood. 3rd term: Hazel I. Bedaw, Anna M. Murray, Minnie M. Murray, Leila M. Taylor, Karl F. Underwood, Philip G. Underwood.

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SCHOOL NO. 2—PRIMARY.

Teacher, Grace H. Davis.

Number of weeks in the year,	33 4-5
Number of pupils registered,	27
Average daily attendance,	18.74
Per cent of attendance,	86.83
Cases of tardiness,	2
Wages of teacher, per month,	\$32

Record of perfect attendance. 1st term: Oliver E. Calkins, Leslie P. Cole, Leslie W. Lovering, Frank M. Streeter, Beatrice M. Aldrich, Zella G. Carpenter, Doris A. Carpenter, Helen I. Noonan, Birdys C. Gordon, Dorothy E. Gordon, Ruth M. Gordon. 2nd term: Oliver E. Calkins, Frank Streeter. 3rd term: Kenneth P. Lane, Dorothy E. Gordon, Margaret Marsh.

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SCHOOL NO. 2—GRAMMAR.

Teachers: 1st term, Clare E. Bagley Dodge.

2nd and 3rd terms, Lura W. Holt.

Number of weeks in the year,	33
Number of pupils registered,	26
Average daily attendance,	19.6





Record of perfect attendance. 1st term: Raymond F. Bloom, Charles I. Calkins, Ellen J. Ellor, Mary Stevens. 2nd term: Raymond F. Bloom, Charles I. Calkins, Ellen J. Ellor.

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SCHOOL NO. 9.

Teachers, 1st and 2nd terms, Lottie M. Evleth.  
3rd term, E. Helena Johanson.

Number of weeks in the year,	33
Number of pupils registered,	19
Average daily attendance,	12.82
Per cent of attendance,	86
Cases of tardiness,	22
Wages of teacher, per month, 1st and 2nd terms,	\$30
3rd term,	36

Record of perfect attendance. 1st term: Charles H. Ballou, Myrtie Starkey, Olan O. Twitchell. 2nd term: Charles H. Ballou, Olan O. Twitchell. 3rd term: Charles H. Ballou.

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SCHOOL NO. 11.—PRIMARY.

Teacher, Alice M. Bowen.

Number of weeks in the year,	35
Number of pupils registered,	36
Average daily attendance,	18.26
Per cent of attendance,	83.80
Cases of tardiness,	30
Wages of teacher per month,	\$36

Record of perfect attendance. 1st term: Herman Barlow, Charles Patnode, Napoleon Young, Gertrude Bolles, Irene Haley, Valeria Parda. 2nd term: Gertrude Bolles.

## SCHOOL NO. 11.—INTERMEDIATE.

Teacher, Edna C. Whitcomb.

Number of weeks in the year,	35
Number of pupils registered,	34
Average daily attendance,	23.79
Per cent of attendance,	82
Cases of tardiness,	24
Wages of teacher, per month,	\$36

Record of perfect attendance. 1st term: Jennie M. Foster, Dorothy A. Haley, Madeline A. Quinn, Edna T. Rolf, Clesson W. Leonard. 2nd term: Hugh Calkins.

## SCHOOL NO. 11.—SUB-GRAMMAR.

Teacher, Ora M. Rixford.

Number of weeks in the year,	36
Number of pupils registered,	33
Average daily attendance,	25.17
Per cent of attendance,	88
Cases of tardiness,	37
Wages of teacher, per month,	\$36

Record of perfect attendance. 1st term: Dorothy Calkins, Vera Crouch, Doris Evans, Margaret Grogan, Francis Aldrich, Richard Frink, Alonzo Hill, Guy Hosley, Bay Nash. 2nd term: Harriet M. Barlow, Arthur LaFountain, Dorothy Calkins, Francis Aldrich. 3rd term: Dorothy Calkins, Grace Gould, Jefferson Robbins.

## SCHOOL NO. 11.—GRAMMAR.

Teacher, Susan A. Hanrahan.

Number of weeks in the year,	35
Number of pupils registered,	23
Average daily attendance,	15.69

Per cent of attendance,	89.15
Cases of tardiness,	38
Wages of teacher, per month,	\$44

Record of perfect attendance. 1st term: Olive E. Cass, Edith M. Rainboth, William H. Kellogg, Clifford E. Rolf. 2nd term: Harold Quigley.

Attention of citizens of the school district is called to the fact that no appropriation for repairs was made at the last annual meeting. In consequence of this, only minor repairs have been made during the past year. More thorough attention to repairs will be necessary in the coming year. In addition to this the board feels that it is very important that several permanent improvements be made without further delay and recommend that appropriations be made sufficient for the purpose.

One of the improvements alluded to is the thorough renovation of the heating plant at No. 11. This house has suffered great discomfort and inconvenience from insufficient heating. Reconstruction of the present heaters or purchase of new ones is necessary.

Another desired improvement concerns the supply of drinking water. Water is one of the essentials of life. Water, pure and fresh, should be at hand in abundance and at all times in order to supply growing children with that which is absolutely necessary for their bodily welfare. The lack of it seriously interferes with their proper development. We are now paying out money, for having drinking water brought in small quantities to several of our school houses, which might be more profitably invested in providing wells on school grounds where pupils would have free access to all the drinking water needed with the additional privilege of means for washing hands and faces—a privilege of no small value from a sanitary point of view, especially to those who do not go home between sessions.



Another permanent improvement desired is slate blackboards. A few of these boards have been placed in Nos. 11 and 7, which have proved very satisfactory. The committee hope to see more of them purchased and put in use during the coming year. The slate board has a number of good qualities to recommend it, one of which is that it is more sanitary than the other kinds of blackboard. Less chalk dust is thrown into the air by its use and, by using dustless crayon, which does not work well on wooden boards, it is possible to very nearly eliminate the chalk dust. This dust is very unhealthy. Few people realize the extent to which it pollutes the air of a school room. Chalk particles in large quantities are breathed in by pupils when using chalk and erasers. Slate boards are economical. They do not wear out. Neither do they require a yearly coat of paint or slating as other boards do.

An appropriation of \$190 is recommended for salaries. This will allow the pay of the treasurer to be increased from \$15—the present inadequate salary—to \$25, a sum more proportionate to the work required.

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROPRIATIONS.

The board recommends that the District appropriate, under Article 7 of the warrant, in addition to the amount required by law, \$2,000. This sum includes the estimate for support of schools, repairs and superintendent's salary.

To the Selectmen:

In conformity to law the board recommends the following assessments for the ensuing year:

For high school tuition,	\$750 00
For books and supplies,	500 00
For flags and appurtenances,	50 00

The sum required by law to be raised for support of schools in Swanzey is \$2,415.

GEORGE F. BALCOM.

JESSIE H. MARSH.

A. W. HOPKINS.

REPORT OF  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

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To the School Board of Town of Swanzey:

In making this annual report to you and to the town you represent it seems wise to call attention to several particular things and to discuss in some detail a few propositions rather than to make the report general and vague. Many things are omitted for want of space which might well be included, but the affairs presented will serve to indicate the lines along which the work has progressed the past year. The matters to be taken up will occupy four heads:

1. The state of equipment of our schools as regards (a) teaching force; (b) textbooks and supplies.
2. The purposes which have guided in the determination of courses of instruction.
3. The state of education in our schools and the comparison our pupils make with standard grades of work elsewhere.
4. Some suggestions for vital improvements in the future.

The persistent and well-defined aim to secure a trained teaching staff has determined the selection of teachers in all cases where a choice was possible. By "trained" is meant technically educated for the work of teaching. Time was, education being less understood, when it was thought that any average girl or young man of ordinary preparation in the three R's was fully qualified to teach school. Time also was when any man who could do nothing better was thought fit to preach or

work on a farm. But today we all recognize the fact that we need trained doctors, preachers, and trained and experienced farmers if they are to produce results. The human plant thrives best under intelligent treatment; a knowledge, on the part of its cultivator of the laws which govern mental development, a knowledge of how to control the operation of these laws. In other words a cheap education and a cheap teacher is not so much to be desired as a trained teacher. Education is a business and the man who would hesitate to place the care of his cabbages or cows under the care of an ignorant farmer, should also hesitate to put the cultivation of the mind of his child under the care of any one less than the most skilful to be procured. The mind and soul of a child is of some worth, and the cheapness of its education is not the chief thing to be considered.

In September, 1908, there were no technically trained teachers in the town in active service. At present there are five in the eleven schools; Miss Holt at No. 2; Miss Murphy at No. 7; Miss Campbell at No. 5; Miss Willoughby and Miss Wright at No. 11.

The schools at which they were trained are as follows:

Miss Holt, Fitchburg Normal (Mass.) graduated 1907.

Miss Murphy, Fitchburg Normal (Mass.) graduated 1909.

Miss Campbell, Fitchburg Normal, graduated 1910.

Miss Willoughby, Keene Normal, graduated 1910.

Miss Wright, Fitchburg Normal, graduated 1910.

Mrs. Jessie L. Charman, whom we lost from No. 11, in the fall of 1910, was a graduate from the four year's course at Bridgewater Normal (Mass.) of several years experience. Every one of these trained teachers has proved her superiority over those of inferior education and no experience. The superiority is not always evident at once because of the difference in their ways from those to which people are accustomed; but by being patient and allowing the teacher an opportunity to work out her ideas the great advantage has become apparent. These teachers have made the work more interesting and more intelligent to the children; have introduced many things



of value in child training; have taught the primary children to read much more quickly and readily; have introduced many kinds of profitable and interesting busy work for the children in place of the stupid idleness in which they used so often to sit. Our primary departments are greatly improved this present year.

Nor should credit be refused to other teachers of common sense and experience, who, during the past two years have studied hard to fit themselves better for their work. All of these teachers have been in our service more than one year and have shown themselves extremely progressive and intelligent in improving their schools. No. 1 school at Swanzey Factory has made a most commendable advance under its present staff and No. 9 is back in its old good shape after a little hard experience.

Our schools are getting into fairly good condition as regards the supply of textbooks furnished to the children. A school should be a workshop well equipped with all necessary tools for producing practical knowledge. It should be furnished with books on a great variety of subjects which the children will find of profit and pleasure. Our children are seriously lacking in what might be called "general information" and this is a handicap in their life work. To obviate this lack it is purposed to equip the schools with all reasonable amount of such reading material, geography work, history, natural history, mechanics, agriculture, natural science, government, and hygiene.

The purposes which have guided in arranging courses of instruction have been the desire to give the pupils such instruction, and only such as shall be expected to be of practical value to them in ordinary life; to see to it that they are better grounded in simple subjects rather than ornamented with the curiosities and rare tricks of education; to so teach them to reason that they will develop a real mental power and independence of their own instead of depending on some one else; to make them observers, and accurate ones at that; to cultivate a real ability in the use of their own native language.

In pursuance of these ends the study of arithmetic has been altered from the traditional custom. When we stop to think over the uses we have all had for arithmetic in real life we shall probably find that they have been limited to simple operations. Not one in one hundred ever uses partial payments; not one in a thousand uses bank discount nor cube root. And yet a ridiculous amount of time and an appalling amount of brain wear has been expended over these curios. Furthermore these subjects differ in different states and need to be learned all over again later. But we all have use for practical examples in measurements, whether farmer, mill man, painter, carpenter or the rest. Therefore give pupils plenty of work in mensuration and figures based on them. We wish our children to be able to use fractions rapidly and accurately, not large ones but common ones; to use decimals; percentage; and add, subtract, divide, and multiply rapidly in their heads for simple figures.

We have omitted some of the old traditional and useless subjects and believe in employing the pupil's time with plenty of practice in the arithmetic which he will need for life work.

Geography is less a study of state boundaries, capitals and lost names, and more a study of climate and productions, routes of trade, trade relations of different countries, processes of manufacture, and the life of men.

History is less a memorizing of peculiar dates and events, less a succession of mere facts and more a study of the lives of men prominent in affairs and a study of causes which led to certain results. We have introduced this year considerable reading and study in other history outside of the United States, intending to help the child to understand our own country better by understanding what preceded America. Readings in the history of ancient nations, Greeks, Romans, English; readings in travel and the ways in which men everywhere live have become a basal part of the education of our children.

Nature study and elementary science are being taught to

some extent particularly the matters relating to emergencies, care of accidents, public care of contagious diseases, relation between alcohol and health, germs, filth, and disease; insects injurious to vegetation; bird-life and its commercial value to the farmer; and some facts relating to forestry.

It will probably occasion no surprise to state that the work of the pupils in some of the schools is not what ought to be expected of pupils in their respective grades. There are probably a good many reasons for this and it is not necessary to assign any particular ones here. It will be sufficient to state the bare fact and that positive steps for the advancement of the work to the proper level are being taken. To get the work up to grade has been the purpose which has governed some of the changes in the West Swanzey school and a brief explanation may not be tiresome here.

In the first place the distribution of the grades in this school is a handicap to effective work. The division has been as follows: Primary room, two grades; intermediate room, two grades; sub-grammar, three grades, and grammar, two grades. But the sub-grammar room is just the place where the child should have some of the best work done with him, and it is just here that the teacher is impeded by more pupils and more grades than in any other room. So as a first step it was thought wise to work for a re-division of the work into eight parts instead of nine. This does not mean the dropping out of any of the work originally in the school, but simply a different distribution of it among the teachers, so that the work shall be more equalized. This plan will give two divisions to each teacher and in the long run allow more rather than less work to be done with the pupils. It will take a year or two longer to get this arrangement working as it should.

In the second place the average child in town seems either to complete his education before the age of fourteen or on arriving at that age leaves school and goes to work. This compels us to adopt some plan by which the pupils' common school course can be finished in the years previous to the age of four-

teen, or at least finished early enough to allow him a year or two to study in high school before his family need his wages. If now he can complete his elementary course in eight years, (he being an average bright pupil who attends to business) he has gained a year for further study. And this year of study should be taken in high school rather than prolonged in our grammar school. The principle is the same as finishing breakfast in order to take up dinner.

And it is a proposition worth the serious attention of the people of Swanzey to devise some way of running at least a two years' high school course for themselves on a sufficiently good basis to be approved by the state.

A certain amount of consolidation of classes has been made at West Swanzey; the fifth and sixth year pupils recite together in some things and the eighth and ninth year pupils the same. There has been a question raised by some parents as to the meaning of this. It does not mean that the present eighth year pupils will not be furnished with another year's study at West Swanzey in the grammar school. It means that they are weak in some of the things which they should have learned in the seventh grade and that the ninth are also deficient, and they are now being taught some of these things. The eighth year pupils have not been advanced a grade.

There will be another year of work for these pupils before they will be ready to enter the high school. This next year's work will consist in a review of some of the same subjects taken now but with a different emphasis on these portions; a good sound course in English grammar and language; elementary science; possibly some of the elements of algebra for those who intend to enter high school and who desire it; United States history more completely.

Thus it will be seen that instead of the pupils being advanced a year before their time, it is really a case of review of work which should have been thoroughly learned before and a preparation for real solid high school preparatory work next year.



And for pupils who are not going to high school our schools ought to provide a better training for work. Just what this can be it is impossible to say at present, but to a certain extent school training is out of joint with real life and can be vastly more practical if we are willing to furnish the conditions.

We feel a good deal of satisfaction with the work of our primary grades during this year. When children come to school the first and only thing they can learn is to read. A child must learn to read and read well before he can begin his education. He cannot study books until he can read them and understand what the reading means. So the work of the first year is learning to read. Of course the child has more time at school than is necessary for this one purpose and so he is taught various little manual things which stimulate his interest and quicken his mind to think, the elements of form and proportion through paper-cutting and drawing, and the elements of number. The work of the second grade is teaching to read more rapidly and more difficult matter, number work up through the simple operations, writing a fairly decent hand. By the end of the third year, if the child be well taught, he should be able to read simple reading as well as he ever will, as regards speed and understanding.

The primary work in all these grades is advancing in a most satisfactory manner. The first four years of a child's schooling are by far the most important as far as forming ability and learning how to do things are concerned and it behooves any town to get the best teachers possible to oversee the starting years of education. A child well started has half the battle fought.

It may be in place here to explain a little about the system of promotion introduced into the two lower grades. It often happens that a child will by native wit or other conditions, such as being taught some at home, learn to read very rapidly and will practically be able to read as well at the middle of the year as the average child will at the end. We have adopted the plan of promoting such children at the middle of

the year to the second grade and allow the child to take up work with these pupils the remainder of the year. This is a distinct saving in child power, enabling him to go ahead as fast as nature intended he should, saving him time, and by feeding his ambition, will tend to make a brighter child of him forever. Nothing is so discouraging to a child of high powers as to be kept for any unnecessary length of time with children who cannot go as fast. And the slower children also suffer from the presence of the superior child.

It is hoped to devise some workable plan of similar promotion between the third and fourth grades. The upper grades have their work more systematic and such schemes are hardly workable there.

Two of the most desirable additions to our school system of studies would be drawing and music, vocal music of course. Any child whether of musical talent by which he may excel or not can derive considerable profit from the understanding of the theory of written music and a knowledge of the elementary technical parts. There is also vocal talent enough native to our pupils to develop many good voices through what could be given in school. As to drawing, the practical side of this cannot be denied. Drawing of all sorts has a commercial value and is used to a greater or less extent by all people perhaps even as much as arithmetic. Under school instruction in drawing would be included teaching color work, harmonies, decorative schemes, simple design work; pencil work of all sorts; brush drawing with black and with water colors; and some mechanical drawing for upper grades. The value of a simple knowledge of drawing to a blacksmith, carpenter, or plumber, as well as to a designer or engineer is apparent without lengthy argument. The cost of having it taught in our schools would vary according to circumstances, but a supervisor could be employed in connection with other towns at reasonable wages. In almost all of the more important towns of this county both music and drawing are taught. The cost per year for such teaching, one visit each

week being made to the schools, would be about \$200 per year for salary and supplies, besides the cost of transportation to the several schools.

A word in explanation of the eye tests being made in the school is in place. We believe that teachers and school officers have an opportunity of observing defects in a child's eyesight which might escape the attention of the parent at home. Book work is very taxing to the eyes and often a defect in vision seems so natural to the child through constant having it that it will not be thought strange to him. But we are constantly finding children backward in their studies through not being able either to read print readily or to see the blackboard and so we are finding out this year how many of our children have defective vision. The simple method of testing employed by us is the same used by expert opticians, viz. the Snellen Test Letters, and is the test prescribed by the law of Massachusetts. This test will not detect some serious defects in eyesight but will detect near-sightedness and pronounced astigmatism. After the testing of all the children is completed the parents will probably be notified in some way as to the vision of their children. We do not recommend any particular optician, nor do we urge the parent against his wishes to attend to the child. We simply assume that most parents will be glad to learn of such defect and report to them conditions as they are and leave them to act entirely as they see fit.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. PRATT.

Feb. 14, 1911.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL TREASURER.

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### MONEY RECEIVED.

Balance school money,	\$964 98
Balance repair money,	72 82
Teachers' salaries, town appropriation,	2,000 00
Support of schools, town appropriation,	500 00
Text books and supplies, town appropriation,	500 00
Mileages, town appropriation,	200 00
Tuitions, town appropriation,	500 00
School officers, town appropriation,	180 00
Dog tax, town appropriation,	372 20
School fund, from state,	582 66
Literary fund, from state,	211 68
Railroad tax, from state,	280 75
Tuition from town of Richmond,	5 00
Sale of stove pipe, - —	25
	\$6,370 34

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### RECEIVED FOR SUPPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

Balance last year,	\$186 65
Town appropriation,	250 00
State appropriation,	250 00
	\$686 65



## DISBURSED.

H. H. Pratt, superintendent,	\$436 65
Amount received,	\$686 65
Amount expended,	436 65
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	\$250 00

## TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Laura G. Fitzgerald, teaching 35 weeks,	\$350 00
Katherine B. Atwood, teaching 34 3-5 weeks,	274 80
Lura W. Holt, teaching 35 weeks,	406 00
Grace Davis, teaching 32 2-5 weeks,	259 20
Mrs. L. P. Stone, teaching 2 weeks,	14 40
Katherine Campbell, teaching 22 weeks,	220 00
Margaret I. Dolan, teaching 12 weeks,	123 00
Mary Carline, teaching 1 week,	9 00
Genevieve Murphy, teaching 35 weeks,	353 00
Ora M. Rixford, teaching 35 weeks,	315 00
Helena Johnson, teaching 12 weeks,	108 00
Jessie L. Charman, teaching 4 weeks,	57 00
Hattie Jordan, teaching 1 week,	11 00
Alice M. Bowen, teaching 13 weeks,	117 00
Susie A. Hanrahan, teaching 13 weeks,	143 00
Myrtle A. Smith, teaching 15 weeks,	150 00
Edna C. Whitcomb, teaching 35 weeks,	315 00
Adelene L. Wright, teaching 22 weeks,	201 00
Catherine Willoughby, teaching 7 weeks,	70 00
A. T. Kennedy, teaching 15 weeks,	210 00
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	\$3,706 40

## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Zina G. Taft, wood,	\$22 50
E. C. Whitcomb, wood,	32 00

H. W. Banks, wood,	21 00
C. R. Weeks, wood,	5 50
L. H. Roscoe, wood,	12 75
John F. Ballou, wood,	10 00
C. L. Lane, wood,	6 26
Arthur Gage, wood,	18 00
Frank Handy, wood,	10 00
Leon E. Stone, wood,	3 00
James Marsh estate, wood,	25 00
Quinn & Grogan, coal,	54 03
Spencer Hardware Co., coal,	45 83
Clifford Rolfe, janitor,	25 01
C. R. Worcester, janitor and work,	10 25
A. W. Hopkins, paid janitors and work,	27 57
Mrs. Leon Ellor, janitor and cleaning,	15 20
Charles Ballou, janitor,	2 50
Karl Underwood, janitor,	28 50
W. A. Martin, janitor and work,	20 25
A. R. Goodell, janitor,	3 70
Karl Christopherson, janitor,	12 00
Henry Stone, janitor,	3 34
Cecil A. Lang, janitor,	12 00
Chester M. Seaver, janitor,	12 80
Leroy Lincoln, janitor,	12 00
Olan Twitchell, janitor,	6 50
E. F. Rolfe, work on well,	3 75
Harry Dunham, carrying water,	6 00
Roy Read, work,	1 75
F. C. Richardson, work,	1 65
Frank Cole, work,	50
John Carline, work,	65
Katherine Atwood, cleaning,	5 85
Laura G. Fitzgerald, cleaning,	5 85
Mrs. O. D. Twitchell, cleaning,	3 00
Mrs. John Judd, cleaning,	2 40
Isabel Prentice, cleaning,	14 66

G. N. Davis, cleaning,	1 50
George F. Balcom, miscellaneous,	3 45
Jessie H. Marsh, miscellaneous,	1 95
Sentinel Printing Co.,	3 00
Mrs. Goodhue, water furnished,	14 50
E. J. Hanna, miscellaneous,	5 05
Goodnow, Aldrich Co., frame,	50
Pearson Bros., work on well,	6 07
Spencer Hardware Co., goods,	4 00
H. H. Pratt, miscellaneous,	16 09
Julia E. Snow, postage and stationery,	4 05
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	\$563 71

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#### REPAIRS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.

F. C. Richardson, work and stock,	\$79 20
Pearson Brothers, work and stock,	28 07
George A. Seaver, work and stock,	6 00
A. L. Ide, work and stock,	5 35
O. C. Whitecomb, work and stock,	2 75
A. G. Kempton, work and stock,	3 00
J. H. Phillips, work and stock,	1 08
Thayer & Collins, lumber,	2 70
Nims, Whitney & Co., lumber,	43 95
Whitecomb Mfg. Co., lumber,	2 48
West Swanzey Box Co., lumber,	2 00
Spencer Hardware Co., supplies,	7 81
Knowlton & Stone, paint stock,	4 41
Henry Hammond, slating,	4 00
Charles Richardson, work,	4 50
Nash Brothers, work,	9 75
J. W. Ballou, work,	1 25
L. H. Roscoe, carting,	1 40
H. Yardley, repairing clock,	50
Boston & Maine R. R. Co., freight,	5 00

E. W. A. Rowles, blackboards,	75 48
A. W. Hopkins, miscellaneous,	3 07
Jessie H. Marsh, miscellaneous,	2 83
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	\$296 58

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TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Milton Bradley Co., books and supplies,	\$111 80
Chas. E. Merrill Co., books and supplies,	48 37
American Book Co., books,	32 00
D. C. Heath & Co., books,	13 75
Silver, Burdett & Co., books,	24 74
Ginn & Company, books,	123 74
D. Appleton & Co., books,	27 50
Benj. H. Sanborn & Co., books,	67 41
Little, Brown & Co., books,	7 68
Educational Publishing Co., books,	23 96
Am-Educational Society, books,	1 88
H. H. Pratt, books,	4 48
W. D. Miller, books,	50
E. W. A. Roles, black ink crystals,	1 25
A. W. Hopkins, express and cartage,	4 73
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	\$493 79
Paid treasurer, overdraft last year,	6 58
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	\$500 37

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MILEAGES.

Nelson Barcomb, mileage,	\$23 60
Victor Johnson, mileage,	38 48
William Johnson, mileage,	12 40
Winifred Goodell, mileage,	13 76
Mrs. Charles Marsh, mileage,	28 24



Charles A. Crouch, mileage,	9 36
John Stone, mileage,	25 68
A. T. Fish, mileage,	29 92
George E. Holbrook, mileage,	8 56
Melvina Louzen, mileage,	7 12
James Glendon, mileage,	11 36
John O'Brien, mileage,	12 32
Frank W. Stone, mileage,	8 72
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	\$229 52

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TUITIONS.

Keene Union School District,	\$565 00
Winchester School District,	100 00
George L. Plimpton, Tilton Seminary,	26 67
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	\$691 67

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SCHOOL OFFICERS.

George F. Balcom, member of school board.	\$50 00
Jessie H. Marsh, member of school board,	50 00
A. W. Hopkins, member of school board,	50 00
Julia E. Snow, treasurer,	15 00
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	\$165 00

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RECAPITULATION.

Expended for superintendent,	\$436 65
Expended for teachers' salaries,	3,706 40
Expended for support of schools,	563 71
Expended for repairs,	296 58
Expended for textbooks and supplies,	493 79
Expended for mileages,	229 52

Expended for tuitions,	691 67
Expended for school officers,	165 00
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Total to apply for this year,	\$6,583 32
Paid treasurer, overdraft last year,	6 58
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	\$6,589 90
Amount received for school purposes,	\$6,370 34
Amount received for superintendent,	686 65
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	\$7,056 99
Total amount received,	\$7,056 99
Total amount expended,	6,589 90
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Balance in treasury,	\$467 09

JULIA E. SNOW,  
Treasurer.

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Having examined the foregoing accounts, I do hereby certify that I find them correctly cast and well vouched.

MILAN A. DICKINSON,  
Auditor.

## VITAL STATISTICS.

*To the Selectmen:*

In compliance with an act of the legislature, passed June session, 1887, amended by the legislature of 1899, 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:

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SWANZEY, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1910.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any).	Sex and Condition.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
		Male or Female.	Living or Stillborn.							
Jan. 23	Vivian May	F	2	Carlton L. Stevenson	Helen Kingsbury	Boxmaker	West Swanzey	Newport	26	23
Feb. 1	Leroy Perham	M	1	Leroy P. Stone	Florence G. Perham	Stationary Eng.	Swanzey	Fitzwilliam	25	22
Mar. 4	Alfred Norman	M	4	Alfred E. Foss	Agnes L. Jackson	Laborer	West Keene	New York City	29	31
Mar 16		F	7	Edward F. Roif	Elnora Beals	Sawyer	Charlestown	Fremont, N. S.	41	38
Mar 26	Katherine Grace	F	2	Arthur C. Gage	Eliza S. Gage	Farmer	Athol, Ms.	Gloucester, Ms.	37	31
Apr. 13	Herbert E. Bruce	M	3	Clinton R. Bruce	Emily E. Holbrook	Mechanic	Marlboro	Swanzey	32	29
May 2	Russell Lovering	M	1	Harold S. Barden	Bessie L. Lovering	Turner in mill	East Swanzey	Winchester	18	17
May 9	Elsie Louise	F	1	Wilbur Twitchell	Bianche Day	Farmer	Richmond	Leominster, Ms.	45	29
May 9	Fred L. Speckman	M	1	Robert Seeley	Mary L. Speckman	Insurance agent		So Wardsboro, Vt	39	18
May 10		F	4	Ossamus Nash	Bessie Bartlett	Carpenter	Guilford, Vt.		36	29
May 21	Arthur R.	M	7	Arthur R. Cole	Carrie Hildreth	Teamster	Northfield, Ms.	Keene	46	36
May 23	George P.	M	7	George F. Cole	Eda Bernard	Farmer	West Lebanon	Meridan	46	36
May 23	Victor Lewellyn	M	2	Ernest C. Smith	Lena Russett	Mechanic	Walpole	West Swanzey	25	24
July 5	Madge	F	1	Henry N. Hewes	Kathleen Pollard	Machinist	Swanzey	Keene	29	21
July 13	Mabel	F	1	George E. Palmer	Olive Cram	Fireman	Keene	Winchester	23	17
July 7		F	3	John Seaver	Sarah Bound	Mechanic	Swanzey	Newfoundland	44	34
Aug. 6	Lyle Elliot	M	1	Edwin Starr	Ella M. Willis	Laborer	Jamaica, Vt.	Leyden, Ms.	35	18
Aug. 8		M	1	Grosvenor A. Talbot	Jennie McAnley	Boxmaker	Milville, Ms.	Canada	26	18
Aug. 8	Arlene Emma	F	3	Waylon Handy	Alice B. Tarbox	Farmer	Swanzey	Marlboro	28	29
Aug. 12	Grace E.	F	5	Maurice Goodell	Agnes Lane	Teamster	Swanzey	Swanzey	21	25
Aug. 26		F	2	Marshall H. Bartlett	Florence Higgins	Boxmaker	Chesterfield	Russia Poland	47	38
Sept. 2		F	5	Edward Boliski	Rosalja Duda	Section hand	Russia Poland	Nova Scotia	29	25
Sept. 7		F	5	Perry E. Dunham	Mary Loyd	Farmer	Swanzey	England	40	37
Oct. 2		M	5	John Boiles	Mary A. Reel	Teamster	Swanzey	England	40	37
Oct. 21	Ernest Edgar	M	2	Andrew Lafontaine	Minnie Pollard	Meat man	Swanzey	Nova Scotia	43	30
Oct. 22	Margaret Helena	F	2	James Lafond	Hortense Young	Boxmaker	Vergennes, Vt.	Lincaln, Vt.	48	38
Nov. 14	Charles Whitcomb	M	2	Carl W. Taylor	Bessie M. Fatnode	Mechanic	Huntington, Ms.	Swanzey	40	38
Dec. 23	Mildred E.	F	6	Leon M. Marsh	Gertrude M. Church	Teamster	Chesterfield	Chesterfield	28	27
Dec. 31	Harold H.	M	1	Herman H. Lewes	Lula E. Collier	Farmer	Swanzey	Covenry	33	30
		M	1				Winchester	Swanzey	24	26



MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SWANZEY, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1910.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Condition.*	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Mar 26	Troy	William C. Peck Mary J. Fassett	Swanzy Swanzy	45 49	Laborer Housekeeper	East Swanzy Keene	Orrin H. Peck Mattie A. Bryant	Western, Vt. Western, Vt.	2d 2d	Rev. J. Jones Troy
Apr. 23	WestSwanzy	Frank C. Cole Nellie F. Holcomb	Swanzy Southbridge,	24 19	House painting [shop] Work in glass	Royalston Keene	J. W. Cummings Lorinda N. Morse Joshua N. Cole Hanna W. Putney Frank Holcomb Abbie Richardson	Massachusetts Winnhall, Vt. Massachusetts Petersham, Ms. Keene	1st 1st	G. I. Cutler, J. P. West Swanzy
June 1	Swanzy	Chester E. Lane Iva G. Trask	EastSwanzy EastSwanzy	23 20	General work Housekeeping	East Swanzy North Salem	Chester L. Lane Emma F. Newell Allen L. Trask Clara E. Cole Charles W. Kiblin Sharon Harriet L. Adams Montreal	West Swanzy Bloomington Ill Orange, Ms Winchester Sharon	1st 1st	Rev G. A. Furness Swanzy
June 8	Swanzy	Robert A. Kiblin Laura MacCamp	Swanzy Swanzy	22 20	Engineer At home	Hanover Hanover	Willie A. Camp Hanover Henry Hill Turner East Barnard	Swanzy Swanzy	1st 1st	Rev G. A. Furness Swanzy
June 16	Swanzy	John H. Hill Mrs. E. A. Amidon	Swanzy Swanzy	45 30	Sawyer Housework	Swanzy Swanzy	Sarah Whitcomb Winchester Joshua N. Cole N. Leverett, Ms.	Winchester Petersham, Ms.	1st 2d	Rev G. A. Furness Swanzy
July 31	WestSwanzy	Bert A. Hood Nettie V. Whitfield	Swanzy Swanzy	18 16	Sawyer Painter	Francestown Concord	Hanna W. Putney Deering Henry A. Wood Edgar Whitfield Francestown Rosella Cotta Manchester	Deering Wilton Francestown Manchester	1st 1st	Rev. C. E. Gould West Swanzy
Sept. 2	Swanzy	Charles L. Applin Ruth T. Ramsdell	EastSwanzy EastSwanzy	32 26	Painter At home	East Swanzy East Swanzy	James Ramsdell Hattie Alexander Troy Chas. H. Applin Swanzy Lucy Woodward	Swanzy Troy East Swanzy	1st 1st	Rev G. A. Furness Swanzy
Sept 10	Swanzy	Kazmiery Lesezemki Anna Malsy	Swanzy Swanzy	30 17	Box shop Box shop	Russia Poland Russia Poland	G. Lesezemki Russia Poland Teofil Lesezemki Russia Poland Tomasy Malsy Russia Poland Anna Malsy Russia Poland	Russia Poland Russia Poland Russia Poland Russia Poland Russia Poland	1st 1st	Rev. Fr. Lyon Manchester

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

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SWANZEY, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1910.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	* Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Sept 14	Swanzy	Harold H. Cady Alice M. Bowen	Bellows F, Vt. WestSwanzy	22 22	Clerk School teacher	Bellows Falls West Swanzy	George E. Cady Carrie M. Cady Benjamin Bowen Mary L. Bowen	Northfield, Vt. Bellows F, Vt. Richmond Keene	1st 1st	Rev. A. W. Frye Marlboro
Sept 15	Keene	John C. Kallenburg Beatrice M. Graves	Lynfield, Ms. WestSwanzy	25 23	Moth scout At home	Quincy, Ms. Mt. Holly, Vt.	A. L. Kallenburg Maria D. Gowing Chas. W. Graves Laura E. Parker Thos. L. Durland	Kelsinburg, Sw. Peabody, Ms. E. Wallingford E. Wallingford	1st 1st	Rv RASherwood Keene
Sept 19	EastSwanzy	William O. Durland Blanche R. Ramsdell	EastSwanzy EastSwanzy	28 28	Poultry work At home	Nova Scotia East Swanzy	Anna M. Dunn James Ramsdell Hattie Alexander Amos E. Beal	Ingfilsville, Nov. East Swanzy Troy Swanzy	1st 1st	Rev G. A. Furness Swanzy
Oct. 12	Swanzy	Leon E. Beal Eunice S. Moore	Swanzy Swanzy	21 21	Mechanic Housework	Swanzy Swanzy	Grace L. Bryant Frank H. Moore Mary Smith	Richmond Swanzy Keene	1st	Rev G. A. Furness Swanzy
Nov. 17	Milwankee	John H. Burnham Ellen B. Grider	Milwankee, Wis. Milwankee, Wis.	53 49	Farmer	Johnson, Vt. Wanpun, Wis.	Harvey Burnham Maria Ellwood Martin Grider Hulda Burnham	Johnson, Vt. Johnson, Vt. Wanpun, Wis. Wanpun, Wis.	2d 1st	Rev. E. A. Cutler Milwankee Wis
Dec. 24	Keene	Frank O. Fowle Adelaide F. Thurber	Swanzy Swanzy	21 17	Teamster At home	Claremont Brooklyn, N.Y.	Albeau Fowle Carrie Cross Fred N. Thurber Inez A. Robbins	Claremont Enfield Whitinsville, Ms Brooklyn, N. Y.	1st 1st	Rev. J. L. Seward Keene

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

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SWANZEY, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1910.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.		Sex and Cond'n	Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	Father.	Mother.					
Jan. 5	Merick M. Worcester	75	6	22	Swanzy	Swanzy	M	Swanzy	Moses Worcester	Susan Howes	
Jan. 9	Louisa J. Knight	77	3	9	Roxbury	Massachusetts	F	Massachusetts	Joshua Davis	Eliza Rice	
Jan. 27	Jeddie Trombly	1	25	1	Westport	Chesterfield	M	Chesterfield	Jeddie Trombly	Agnes Straight	
Feb. 8	Sarah F. Leet	84	5	14	Unity	Unity	F	Unity	Francis Chase	Hannah Ladd	
Feb. 9	Elizabeth Wiggett	62	9	2	England	England	F	England	Luke Simpson	Elizabeth	
Mar. 1	Clarence Whitcomb	62	8	19	Swanzy	Swanzy	M	Swanzy	Otis Whitcomb	Esther Osgood	
Mar. 9	Addie A. Jones	73	5	9	Pennsylvania	Warren, Ms.	F	Townsend, Vt.	Jacob Rich	Mary Hazleton	
Mar 25	Harold Devine		4	13	Boston, Ms.	England	M	Boston, Ms.	John Devino	Aeliana Devino	
Mar 27	Herbert E. Bruce	73	8	16	Swanzy	Swanzy	M	Swanzy	Clinton R. Bruce	Emily E. Holbrook	
Apr. 15	Leonard H. Burnham	52	2	28	Swanzy	Swanzy	M	Swanzy	David Whitcomb	Sarah Dickinson	
May 10					West Swanzy	Ludlow, Vt.	F	Gulford, Vt.	Orsamus Nash	Bessie Bartlett	
May 11	Eliza A. Wilcox	80	1	2	Troy	Westmoreland	F	Westmoreland	Thomas Hawood	Irene Lawrence	
May 14	Jennie E. Cutler	77	1	2	Westmoreland	Dummerston, Vt.	F	Buckston, Vt.	Arvin Aldrich	Hannah Aldrich	
May 20	Belle Atwood	17	2	1	Swanzy	Richmond	F	Troy	Herbert C. Atwood	Ida Bryant	
Apr. 19	Chester A. Starkey	20	11	11	West Swanzy	Westfield, Vt.	M	Swanzy	John Starkey	Anna Wood	
June 2	Fred W. Foster	55	10	12	West Swanzy	Swanzy	M	Swanzy	Philemon W. Foster	Marion Stratton	
June 21	Frederick H. Hewes	53	14	14	Swanzy	Swanzy	M	Swanzy	Lorenzo N. Hewes	Phoebe Richardson	
June 23	Albert E. Duncanson	62	9	23	Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia	M	Nova Scotia	John Duncanson	Eliza Bishop	
June 23	Seraph S. Quinn	72	7	23	Swanzy	Swanzy	F	Swanzy	Jonathan Hills	Malinde Ashley	
June 28	Langdon W. Moore	80			Washington	Keene	M	Winchester	George E. Palmer	Alice Cram	
July 6	Madge Palmer				Westport	Union, Conn.	F	Union, Conn.	Healey Corbin	Nancy Coye	
July 6	Rebecca C. Agard	75	9	13	Union, Conn.	New Hampshire	F	Vermont	John Seaver	Sarah Walker	
July 11	George W. Eastman	80	1	30	Hartland, Vt.	West Swanzy	M	Newfoundland	Samuel W. Daggett	Harrriet W. Wharton	
July 13	Mabel Seaver	83	6	1	West Swanzy	Taunton, Ms.	F	Keene	John Seaver	Sarah Bound	
July 16	Julia H. Wheeler	85	2	22	Charleston, S. C.	Ireland	F	Ireland	Chas. J. Hanrahan	Katherine Fitzgerald	
July 19	Ira W. Russell	85	2	32	Swanzy Factory	Swanzy	M	Swanzy	— Perry	— Martin	
July 14	Mary A. Hanrahan	27	3	22	West Swanzy	Swanzy	F	Swanzy			
July 22	George W. Perry	62	4	22	Swanzy	Swanzy	M	Swanzy			
Sept 22	Samuel L. Lamson	75	2	21	New Boston	Swanzy	M	Swanzy			

\* Single, married or widowed.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SWANZEY, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1910.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex and Cond'n	Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.			Father.	Mother.		
Sept 3	Luke Ellor	75	5	3	Canada	M	Canada	Concord, Ms	John Ellor	Catherine
Oct. 16	Lula B. Whitney	35	7	3	West Swanzey	F	Canada	Keene	Geo. W. Richardson	Eveline E. Towns
Oct. 18	Erdix S. Eastman	74	7	2	Corinth, Vt.	M	Canada		Amos Eastman	Sarah Algin
Dec. 4	Elizabeth L. Hart	79	11	4	Chester, Vt.	F	Canada		Robbins	Robbins
Dec. 16	Lydia M. Draper	79	6	12		F	Ireland		Grove Bidwell	Lucinda Jeffs
Dec. 18	Margaret G. Hanna	29	11	5	Rochville, Conn.	F	Ireland		Patrick Golden	Rosetta Lynch

\* Single, married or widowed.



A LIST OF THOSE DYING ELSEWHERE WHOSE REMAINS WERE  
BROUGHT TO SWANZEY FOR INTERMENT.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Place of Death.	Age.		
			Y.	M.	D.
1910.					
Jan. 2	Hubbard Whitcomb	Keene	69	8	19
Apr. 21	Jane S. Hudson	Keene	82	6	
Apr. 26	Wesley Talbot	Keene	62		
July 26	Kenneth C. Smithers	Springfield, Ms.	5	6	27
Aug. 3	Ellen E. Broulett	Bridgewater, Ms.	70	8	20
Sept. 23	George Guy Page	Boston, Ms.	1	1	9
Dec. 12	Helen W. Doolittle	Keene	68	7	16
Dec. 27	David Whitcomb	Brattleboro, Vt.	83	1	25

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of births, marriages and deaths is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE I. CUTLER,  
Town Clerk.



## [TOWN WARRANT.]

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the town of Swanzey, in the county of  
Cheshire, in said state, qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the town house in said  
Swanzey, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March next, at  
nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following  
subjects:

1.—To choose all necessary town officers for the year  
ensuing.

2.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to  
defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropri-  
ation of the same.

3.—To see how much money the town will vote to raise  
for state road, or take any action thereon.

4.—To see how much money the town will vote to raise  
to decorate soldiers' graves.

5.—To see how much money the town will vote to raise  
for Richardson Park.

6.—To see if the town will vote to observe Old Home  
Week and raise money for the same.

7.—To see if the town will vote to raise one hundred dol-  
lare for the support of Stratton Library.

8.—To see what the town will vote to do with the George  
W. Stratton Library fund.

9.—To see how much money the town will vote to raise  
for the care of cemeteries.

10.—To see if the town will vote to accept the fund of  
one hundred dollars from Albert Barber, to care for cemetery  
lot.

11.—To see if the town will vote to accept the fund of two  
hundred dollars from George Holbrook, to care for cemetery  
lot of Clark B. Holbrook.

12.—To see if the town will vote to accept one hundred  
dollars to be known as the Knight fund, to care for cemetery  
lot.

13.—To see if the town will vote to put a pier under the covered bridge near Westport and raise money for the same, or take any action thereon.

14.—To see if the town will vote to lay a pipe from the tank on the common, to the Snow & Brindell Co.'s shop, and place a hydrant there, or take any action thereon.

15.—To see if the town will vote to put in electric lights, commencing at the end of the Electric railroad and extending to Swanzey Center as far as Mr. Downing's, past the residence of P. E. Gay.

16.—To see if the town will vote to raise money for electric lights, or take any action thereon.

17.—To see if the town will vote to put in lights near the house of Henry Capron and of W. E. Pyne.

18.—To see if the town will vote to have electric lights put in the town hall, and have one electric light put near the depot in Swanzey, and raise money for the same.

19.—To see if the town will vote to install a water tank in Swanzey Center for fire protection, and raise money for the same, or act thereon.

20.—To see if the town will vote to give Golden Rod Grange free use of hall, for the ensuing year.

21.—To see if the town will vote to exempt Mt. Caesar Library property from taxation.

22.—To see if the town will vote to refund the taxes collected in 1909, to the Mt. Caesar Library Association.

23.—To see if the town will vote to give F. E. Williss a pool table license.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eleven.

EDWARD B. HOLBROOK,  
JOSEPH L. STARKEY,  
DELBERT R. BLAKE,

Selectmen of Swanzey.

A true copy of warrant—Attest:

EDWARD B. HOLBROOK,  
JOSEPH L. STARKEY,  
DELBERT R. BLAKE,

Selectmen of Swanzey.

## [SCHOOL WARRANT.]

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the school district in the town of Swan-  
zey qualified to vote in district affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the town house, in said  
district, on the fourteenth day of March, 1911, at 2 o'clock in  
the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

- 1.—To choose a moderator for the coming year.
- 2.—To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.
- 3.—To choose a member of the school board for the en-  
suing three years.
- 4.—To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.
- 5.—To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees,  
or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
- 6.—To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation  
to any subject embraced in this warrant.
- 7.—To see how much money the district will raise and  
appropriate for the support of schools in addition to the  
amount required by law.
- 8.—To see how much money the district will raise and  
appropriate to install an efficient heating system in No. 11  
schoolhouse.
- 9.—To see if the district will vote to establish and main-  
tain a high school and raise and appropriate money for the  
same.
- 10.—To choose a member of the school board for the en-  
suing year.
- 11.—To see how much money the district will raise and  
appropriate to pay the salaries of the school board and other  
district officers.



Given under our hands at said Swanzey, this twenty-fifth day of February, 1911.

GEORGE F. BALCOM,  
JESSIE H. MARSH,  
A. W. HOPKINS,  
School Board.

A true copy of warrant—Attest:

GEORGE F. BALCOM,  
JESSIE H. MARSH,  
A. W. HOPKINS,  
School Board.





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