

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TOWN TREASURER, AUDITORS,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF PELHAM, N. H.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1882.

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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of Pelham respectfully submit the following report for the year ending March 1, 1882:

### TOWN EXPENSES.

#### PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Charles W. Hobbs, for services as selectman, for the year ending March 8, 1881.....	\$83 00
Orlando W. Spaulding, for services as selectman, for the year ending March 8, 1881.....	42 00
Ezekiel C. Gage, for services as selectman, for the year ending March 8, 1881.....	40 00
Charles W. Hobbs, for services as town clerk, for the year ending March 8, 1881.....	30 00
Augustus Berry, for services as superintending school committee, for the year ending March 8, 1881.....	40 00
John Woodbury, for services as town treasurer, for the year ending March 8, 1881.....	40 00
F. M. Woodbury, for services as collector of taxes for the year 1880.....	70 00
Nathan Gage, for services as supervisor of check lists, for the term ending November, 1880.....	15 00
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	\$360 00

#### PAUPER EXPENSES.

Paid for board and clothing, Abbie W. Bean, at the Hillsborough County Farm, from Jan. 1 to Sept. 27, 1881, @ \$3 per week.....	117 00
For board and clothing F. W. Titcomb, at N. H. Insane Asylum, from Jan. 1 to Oct. 1, 1881.....	102 79
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	\$219 79

## COUNTY CHARGES.

Paid Charles D. Kent, for board of Betsey Frost from Jan. 1, 1881, to Jan. 1, 1882, @ \$1.50 per week	\$78 00
James A. Foster, for goods furnished Nathan Cald- well.....	124 45
F. M. Woodbury, for goods furnished J. Wayman..	6 99
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	*\$209 44
Paid J. A. Foster, for goods furnished Nathan Caldwell from Jan. 1 to March 1, 1882.....	\$30 48
Rei Hills, for wood furnished Nathan Caldwell....	6 00
Charles D. Kent, for board of Betsey Frost from Jan. 1 to March 1, 1882.....	12 00
C. W. Hobbs, for cash paid for Wm. Hansell.....	15 00
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Amount now due from the County.....	\$63 48

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Mark Beverly, for labor on highway.....	\$18 00
E. E. Richardson, for labor on highway... ..	24 00
A. D. Butler, for 2,409 feet pine plank @ \$18 per M., 185 feet oak lumber and jointing plank....	46 59
C. W. Hobbs, for labor on bridge.....	4 00
F. M. Woodbury, for spikes.....	80
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	\$93 39

## SNOW BILLS.

Paid M. L. Jones, for breaking snow paths in 1880-'81..	\$13 00
T. Donovan, for breaking snow paths in 1880-'81..	2 00
D. E. Simpson, for breaking snow paths in 1880-'81	7 00
C. W. Spear, for breaking snow paths in 1880-'81.	1 50
A. F. Carlton, for breaking snow paths in 1881-'82	22 50
Daniel Flanders, for breaking snow paths in 1882..	12 13
Mark Beverly, for breaking snow paths in 1882....	10 86
E. E. Richardson, for breaking snow paths in 1882	15 45
E. C. Gage, for breaking snow paths in 1882.....	18 55
K. J. Chaplin, for breaking snow paths in 1882....	11 34
S. A. Richardson, for breaking snow paths in 1882.	16 05
Nelson Webster, for breaking snow paths in 1882..	20 65
O. W. Spaulding, for breaking snow paths in 1882.	26 05
A. K. Tallant, for breaking snow paths in 1882....	36 74
J. M. Atwood, for breaking snow paths in 1882....	12 51
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	\$226 33

\*This amount has been repaid by the County of Hillsborough.

TOWN HOUSE.

Received for the use of the town house, for the year ending March 1, 1882.....		\$59 50
Paid F. M. Woodbury, for articles furnished.....	\$ 5 18	
C. W. Hobbs, for care of house and articles furnished.....	18 00	
C. W. Hobbs, for wood and cash paid for washing table cloths.....	12 00	
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		35 18
Net income.....		<hr/>
		\$24 32

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Non-resident highway tax paid in labor in 1880.....	\$36 44
Non-resident highway tax paid in labor in 1881.....	86 29
Abram Haff, tax of 1879.....	1 13
S. Butterfield, tax of 1879.....	75
Abram Haff, tax of 1880.....	1 20
John Muldoon, dog tax of 1880.....	1 00
D. L. Coburn, part of dog tax of 1881.....	1 00
John Richardson, tax of 1880.....	2 80
Frank Bolles, tax of 1881.....	66
Ephraim Gibson, tax of 1881.....	66
Charles Ham, tax of 1881.....	66
C. D. Lewis, tax of 1881.....	66
Judson Shaw, tax of 1881.....	66
Frank Webster, tax of 1881.....	66
H. W. Tinker, for a public watering place.....	3 00
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	\$137 57

BOUNTIES ON HAWKS.

Paid W. Cogger, bounty on 21 hawks.....	\$ 4 20
S. Hobbs, bounty on 15 hawks.....	3 00
M. Coburn, bounty on 5 hawks.....	1 00
W. Lewis, bounty on 11 hawks.....	2 20
W. Keyes, bounty on 83 hawks.....	16 60
A. Moore, bounty on 4 hawks.....	80
J. Perkins, bounty on 10 hawks.....	2 00
W. Hobbs, bounty on 49 hawks.....	9 80
George Griffin, bounty on 40 hawks.....	8 00
W. Sherburne, bounty on 65 hawks.....	13 00
O. Carlton, bounty on 2 hawks.....	40
S. Donovan, bounty on 4 hawks.....	80
C. Spaulding, bounty on 6 hawks.....	1 20
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Amount carried forward.....	\$63 00

*215 hawks*  
*278 " "*  
*year 3/11 - 3/1/82*

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$63 00
F. Keyes, bounty on 35 hawks.....	7 00
G. Carlton, bounty on 1 hawk.....	20
J. S. Bachelder, bounty on 3 hawks.....	60
G. Wood, bounty on 14 hawks.....	2 80
G. Richardson, bounty on 6 hawks.....	1 20
H. Currier, bounty on 9 hawks.....	1 80
F. Kelley, bounty on 4 hawks.....	80
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Total to June 25, 1881.....	*\$77 40

The following bounties have been paid by the town,  
and will be repaid by the State next June:

Paid W. Lewis, bounty on 1 hawk.....	\$ 20
A. Moore, bounty on 1 hawk.....	20
G. Richardson, bounty on 1 hawk.....	20
J. S. Bachelder, bounty on 3 hawks....	60
I. Rollins, bounty on 2 hawks.....	40
W. Hobbs, bounty on 2 hawks.....	40
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Due from the State.....	2 00
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Total bounties paid.....	\$79 40

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Huse, Goodwin & Co., for printing.....	\$ 17 60
John Woodbury, expenses paying State and County taxes for 1880.....	3 80
Dr. Amos Bachelder, for returning list of births and deaths for 1880.....	3 60
F. A. Cutter, school-house tax of District No. 2....	250 00
D. M. Webster, school-house tax of District No. 4..	25 00
John Woodbury, for services as sexton to March 1, 1882.....	28 00
John Woodbury, expenses paying County tax of 1881.....	1 50
A. F. Stevens, counsel fee.....	2 00
for hearse, and all expenses in procuring the same..	211 80
C. W. Hobbs, for cash paid for books, stationery, postage and car fare.....	15 25
Rei Hills, for damage done to wagon.....	3 00
State tax.....	1,348 00
County tax.....	1,028 35
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	\$2,937 90

\*The foregoing bounties have been repaid by the State.

## DOG FUND.

The following order has been issued against the dog fund:

Nelson Webster..... \$5 00

## SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid District No. 1, balance of town appropriation of 1880.....	\$146 21	
Part of town appropriation of 1881.....	78 48	
Literary fund.....	10 26	
Dog fund.....	9 90	
		\$244 85
Paid District No. 2, balance of town appropriation of 1880.....	\$134 09	
Part of town appropriation of 1881.....	124 97	
Literary Fund.....	12 66	
Dog fund.....	11 55	
Cash paid by F. Winn for tuition.....	15 00	
		298 27
Paid District No. 3, part of town appropriation of 1880.....	\$166 60	
		*166 60
Paid District No. 4, balance of town appropriation of 1880.....	\$161 56	
Part of town appropriation of 1881.....	89 19	
Literary fund.....	8 45	
Dog fund.....	5 80	
		265 00
Paid District No. 5, balance of town appropriation of 1880.....	\$137 81	
Part of town appropriation of 1881.....	102 14	
Literary fund.....	9 50	
Dog fund.....	11 55	
		261 00
Paid District No. 6, part of town appropriation of 1880,		59 24
Total.....		\$1,294 96
Balance due District No. 1.....		\$141 82
Balance due District No. 2.....		95 03
Balance due District No. 3, dog fund.....	\$ 8 45	
Literary fund.....	14 05	
Town appropriation of 1881-'82.....	305 56	
		328 06
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>		\$564 91

\*This District has not drawn its money for the payment of its winter term.

## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....		\$564 91
Balance due District No. 4.....		130 81
Balance due District No. 5.....		117 86
Balance due District No. 6, dog fund.....	\$21 47	
Literary fund.....	1 05	
Town appropriation of 1881-'82.....	99 76	
		<hr/> 122 28
Total.....		\$935 86

## AMOUNT OF TAXES ASSESSED.

State tax.....	\$1,348 00
County tax.....	1,028 35
School tax.....	1,179 50
Highway tax.....	1,500 00
Dog tax.....	72 00
School-house tax, District No. 2.....	250 00
School-house tax, District No. 4.....	25 00
	<hr/> \$5,402 85

Rate upon \$1,000, \$6.60 — not including highway tax, which is payable in labor. Rate of highway tax, \$2.75 on \$1,000.

Total valuation of the town April 1, 1881.....\$557,047 00

Number of horses taxed in the town April 1, 1881.....	250
Number of oxen taxed in the town April 1 1881.....	42
Number of cows taxed in the town April 1, 1881.....	764
Number of other neat stock taxed in the town April 1, 1881.....	91
Number of sheep taxed in the town April 1, 1881.....	57
Number of hogs taxed in the town April 1, 1881.....	24

We would state that there is an abatement of our county tax of 1881 now due from the County of Hillsborough. The abatement amounts to \$122.06.

There is pending against the town a claim of the town of Hudson for reimbursement of a part of the expenses of rebuilding Taylor's Falls bridge at Nashua. The case will probably be left to the County Commissioners, and it is supposed that it will be decided before the May term of Court.

CHARLES W. HOBBS,  
EZEKIEL C. GAGE,  
GEORGE H. CURRIER,

*Selectmen of Pelham.*

# TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

MARCH 1, 1882.

The treasurer charges himself with the following receipts :

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To cash in the treasury March 1, 1881.....	\$1,039 80
To cash received of F. M. Woodbury, collector, the balance of taxes for 1880.....	718 58
Interest on the last item.....	5 81
Received of William King, F. Wilkins and Wm. Hansell for grave yard lots.....	3 00
To cash received of F. M. Woodbury, collector of taxes for the year 1881.....	3,813 00
To cash received of the State treasurer, the savings bank tax, so-called.....	528 09
Railroad tax, of the same.....	157 24
Also a remittance on the State taxes for the years 1880 and 1881 of.....	320 00
For a return of the bounty paid on hawks.....	87 65
To cash received from the County of Hillsborough during the year, amounting to.....	238 77
Also a remittance of a part of the county tax for the year 1880 of.....	152 57
Received of the agent, for the use of the town hall.....	59 50
Whole amount received during the year ending March 1, 1882.....	\$7,123 96

The treasurer credits himself as follows :

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By cash paid on sundry orders issued by the selectmen..	\$5,649 73
Leaving the amount of cash in the treasury March 1, 1882 .....	1,474 23

## LITERARY FUND.

Amount on hand, and appropriated.....	\$ 9 50
Amount on hand, unappropriated.....	61 49

## DOG FUND TAX.

Amount of cash in treasury, already appropriated.....	\$35 52
Amount in treasury, unappropriated, collected A. D. 1881.....	72 00

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TREASURY MARCH 1,  
1882.

Amount of cash on hand.....	\$1,474 23
Outstanding taxes now unpaid, or in the hands of col- lector.....	429 80

JOHN WOODBURY,  
*Treasurer.*

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The subscriber having been appointed a committee to examine the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the Town of Pelham, for the year ending March 1, 1882, reports that he finds all orders issued by the Selectmen duly vouched and receipted for, and the Treasurer's accounts correctly kept and properly vouched.

FREDERIC A. CUTTER,  
*Auditor.*

# REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1882.

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## THE PAST YEAR.

The committee takes great satisfaction in reporting the past year. Never since his acquaintance with the schools has there been a year when each school and each term of school has been such a success. No exception could be taken to either of the teachers. Each is a person of unblemished character, of especial personal worth, fine qualifications for teaching, an unmistakable enthusiasm in the work and the right tone every way. These teachers made school not only pleasant for the children but the place where the best of influences came to their formative characters.

The school work has moved on in continuous harmony and increasing proficiency. Pernicious school habits have been corrected, more natural and advantageous methods of study and instruction have been supplanting the faulty ones of the past. Interest in study, gentleness, refinement, dutifulness and obedience have been marked features in each of the schools. Three of the schools had the same teacher the entire year. Something very desirable. No. 1 had three different teachers. No. 4, two. Each of the five schools had 30 weeks or

more, excepting No. 1, where the winter term was cut short three weeks by the sudden and acute sickness of the teacher. But, though the threads of the term's work were broken, the inspiration and spirit of that work will live in all the scholars.

No. 6 held 17 weeks of pleasant and profitable school by an *amateur* teacher.

#### SOME PARTICULAR FEATURES OF IMPROVEMENT.

The roll of honor has been larger. There has been more punctuality in attendance. There has been improvement in the use of the vocal organs. Indistinct articulation has been nearly corrected. Children no longer speak with their teeth shut and their lips nearly closed. As a consequence there has been great improvement in reading. All the subjects of study from the primary to the most advanced have been presented by the teacher in natural and interesting methods and pursued with great accuracy.

Singing and calisthenics have been practised in most of the schools. The facility in writing has increased. The aim has been to have scholars learn to write with the same readiness and ease that they converse. In connection with their studies, scholars have been taught to form the habit of practical observation and application. The teachers have also imparted information upon subjects that relate to the duties of the social and civil state.

Growth in character has been most unmistakable. There has been less boisterousness and rudeness, and more self respect. There are boys and girls in our schools even between the age of ten and fifteen, whom, if it would not seem invidious, I should love to name as examples of real gentlemen and ladies. And while I believe that these graces are to a certain degree native in

these children, they will not preserve them unless they have teachers who are good examples to them.

#### THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TEACHER.

This topic cannot be too thoroughly emphasized. We might almost say better no school than not the right teacher. The day is past when teaching may be resorted to as a kind of make-shift, or when the young man or woman who has advanced about as far as the average scholar in our schools may feel that he can teach; or even the very good scholar with broad attainments may think that forsooth he can teach. The first element to be considered in the teacher is character. This must be not only clean and transparent, but it must invest itself with an atmosphere that is a social, moral, and intellectual tonic. Nor will such an one do unless he has a natural aptness to teach, and love for the work.

And it should be thoroughly understood that our school money is not for the benefit of this family or that relative, but to support the best teacher that can be secured, and, it should be a settled question, that all young persons who have the laudable ambition to be teachers, must first be at the pains to attain the professional qualifications.

#### THE TEACHER VERSUS THE TEXT-BOOK.

Parents are anxious about the studies of their children and their advance in text-books. It may be said, however, that within certain limits, the studies are of no importance. But there is no sense in which the teacher is not of prime importance. Mr. Emerson once said, "I care but little what my daughter studies; the important thing is to know under what teacher she studies." The public sentiment and the method of employing teachers is such

that the Superintending Committee is often forced to appropriate teachers, contrary to his judgment and convictions.

#### EMPLOYING TEACHERS.

Committees ought to be persons having some practical knowledge of teaching. A gentleman eminent in the cause of education in Massachusetts, recently said that the schools in certain portions of that State had deteriorated because of committees not practically acquainted with education.

The statutes of New Hampshire say, expressly, no person shall be employed to teach unless that person shall first have obtained a certificate of the superintending committee, of his qualification to teach. But it is often the case that the teacher is employed and sent to the superintending committee only the day before the school commences, or even on the morning that it commences.

It must be said for the committees of the past year, that they were very judicious in the selection of teachers. They did not yield to the pressing applications that came along, and thus the schools were saved from some terrible inflictions.

It is often difficult to secure a good teacher. But a determination to accept of no other, and tireless effort will find such an one, as has been illustrated in the experience of the past year.

#### PUNCTUALITY.

Though this is referred to in almost every report, it must be dwelt upon until its importance is understood. Irregularity is not merely a loss to the subject of it, but to the whole school. Not merely does the scholar, absent a day from some idle purpose, lose a day, but he takes a day out of the school life of the others.

Scholars absent for other than the best of reasons, ought to forfeit the privileges of the school. There is a sense in which such a scholar should be expelled the same as if he were disorderly. And in this connection, I call the attention to the importance of a public sentiment that shall compel the larger boys and girls to feel that not the least disrespect or failure in dutifulness will be tolerated in them.

#### SCHOOL APPROPRIATION.

In the past years this has been in the vicinity of \$1,300, which, with the Literary Fund and Dog Tax, is sufficient, if wisely expended, to furnish thirty weeks of school. When the next apportionment of the State Tax is made, it is probable that the base on which the school tax is computed will be so changed as to considerably reduce the school money. As this reduction can make but a trifle's difference in the tax of individuals, but an important difference in the welfare of the schools, I would suggest that the appropriation for schools never be less than \$1,300.

#### SCHOOL-HOUSES.

A neat school-room, with modern furniture and conveniences, contributes greatly to the efficiency and usefulness of the school. No. 2 has made needed and valuable repairs on their house; such indeed as to cause the school-room to seem like a new one, and it has been dedicated by a year of most faithful and excellent teaching.

#### THE COMING YEAR.

No friend of education can consider the past year without a deep anxiety for the coming year. Could the teachers of the past year be secured to carry on the work they have so well done, we might justly rest in

delightful expectation of the future. No pains should be spared to secure a result so important.

### STATISTICS.

District No. 1.—Mr. Patrick Cogger, Prudential Committee. Miss Alice Gould, Teacher of the 1st term of 9 weeks. No. of scholars 28. Wages, \$32. Miss Helen A. Bowers, of Lowell, Mass., Teacher, of 2d term of 9 weeks. No. scholars, 28. Wages, \$32. Miss Gertrude A. Rodliff, of Lowell, Mass., Teacher of 3d term of 9 weeks. No. scholars, 29. Wages, \$36. Miscellaneous expenses, \$18.10. Whole No. scholars, 33; boys 12, girls 21.

District No. 2. Mr. Otis G. Spear, Prudential Committee. Miss M. Amanda Cloyd, Teacher for the year. 1st term, 8 weeks. No. scholars, 29; 2d term, 9 weeks, No. scholars, 30; 3d term, 13 weeks; No. scholars, 37. Wages for the 1st and 2d terms, \$32; for the 3d term, \$36. Miscellaneous expenses, \$33.87. Whole No. scholars, 40; 22 boys and 18 girls.

District No. 3. Mr. Barnard McCann, Prudential Committee. Mr. George E. Pearsons, Teacher for the year. 1st term, 9 weeks. No. scholars, 20; 2d term, 11 weeks; No. scholars, 23; 3d term, 12 weeks; No. scholars, 27. Wages the 1st and 2d terms, \$32; 3d term, \$36. Miscellaneous expenses, \$9.25. Whole No. scholars, 27; 14 boys and 13 girls.

District No. 4. Mr. Daniel M. Webster, Prudential Committee. Miss Ruth S. Johnson, of Manchester, Teacher of 1st and 2d terms of 9 weeks each. No. scholars, 1st term, 18; the 2d term, 17. Wages, 1st term, \$26; 2d term, \$28. Miss Louise M. Pollard, of Haverhill, Mass., Teacher of the 3d term of 13 weeks. No. scholars, 19. Wages, \$36. Miscellaneous expenses, \$25.17. Whole No. scholars, 24; 11 boys and 13 girls.

District No. 5. Mr. Wm. Richardson, Prudential Committee. Miss Julia A. Bixby, of Lowell, Mass., Teacher for the year. Length of 1st term, 8 weeks; No. scholars, 26; 2d term, 9 weeks; No. scholars, 29; 3d term, 12 weeks; No. scholars, 31. Wages for the 1st and 2d terms, \$32; for 3d term, \$36. Miscellaneous expenses, \$17. Whole No. scholars, 33; 15 boys and 18 girls.

District No. 6. Mr. G. W. Sherburn, Prudential Committee. Miss Nellie F. Hardy, Teacher. Length of 1st term, 9 weeks; No. scholars, 4; 2d term, 8 weeks; No. scholars, 5. Wages, \$20. Whole No. scholars, 5; 3 boys and 2 girls.

The wages of teacher are per month, and include board. The whole No. scholars is the number of different scholars that have attended the school the past year. The No. of children in town, between the ages of 5 and 15, enumerated by the Selectmen in April last, 149; 68 boys and 81 girls, 33 more than in the enumeration of 1880. The No. of all ages attending school the past year, 162; 77 boys and 85 girls, 19 more than last year.

The amount expended for schools, as appears from the school-registers, is \$1,410.22. District No. 1, for 27 weeks, \$243.85. No. 2, for 30 weeks, \$278.87. No. 3, for 32 weeks, \$277.25. No. 4, for 31 weeks, \$264.25. No. 5, for 29 weeks, \$261. No. 6, for 17 weeks, \$85. The amount raised by the town, \$1,179.50. Literary fund, \$50.69. From the dog tax, \$54.50. The whole amount available for school purposes, \$1,284.69. The amount expended above the available school funds of this year, \$125.55. The available school funds, are \$73.27 less than last year. The money expended in the five districts, for school purposes, \$22 more than last year. Taking the five districts together, the expense per scholar has been \$8.44, .86 less than last year.

AUGUSTUS BERRY,

*Superintending School Committee.*