

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, 1881.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of Pelham respectfully submit the following report:—

TOWN EXPENSES.

PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Charles W. Hobbs, for services as selectman, for the year ending March 9, 1880.....	\$86 00
Orlando W. Spaulding, for services as selectman, for the year ending March 9, 1880	32 50
Luther C. Richardson, for services as selectman, for the year ending March 9, 1880	35 00
Charles W. Hobbs, for services as town clerk, for the year ending March 9, 1880.....	30 00
Augustus Berry, for services as superintending school committee, for the year ending March 9, 1880..	40 00
John Woodbury, for services as town treasurer, for the year ending March 9, 1880.....	40 00
F. M. Woodbury, for services as collector of taxes, for the year 1879.....	70 00
John Woodbury, for services as supervisor of check lists.....	15 00
Otis G. Spear, for services as supervisor of check lists.....	15 00
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	\$363 50

PAUPER EXPENSES.

Paid for board and clothing F. W. Titcomb, at N. H. Insane Asylum, for the year 1880.....	\$150 71
For board and clothing Abbie W. Bean, at the Hillsborough County Farm, for the year 1880, at \$3.00 per week.....	156 86
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	\$307 57

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

Paid James A. Foster, for goods delivered to Nathan Caldwell.....	\$24 35
F. M. Woodbury, for goods delivered to same.....	2 05
O. W. Spaulding, for wood delivered to same.....	2 00
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	*\$28 40
J. A. Foster, for goods furnished to Nathan Caldwell.....	\$20 33
O. W. Spaulding, for wood for same.....	4 00
C. W. Hobbs, for expenses taking Betsey Johnson to the County Farm.....	5 00
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Amount now due from the County.....	\$29 33

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid D. M. Webster, for labor on bridge and highway...	\$ 8 55
E. E. Richardson, for labor on highway.....	3 45
W. G. Butler, for lumber used on bridges at North Pelham.....	45 60
C. L. Seavey, for timber for same.....	3 00
O. W. Spaulding, for timber and spikes for same...	24 80
O. W. Spaulding, for labor on bridges.....	23 12
Geo. C. Webster, for labor on bridges.....	5 45
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	\$113 97

SNOW BILLS.

Paid S. A. Richardson, for breaking snow paths in 1878 and '79.....	\$ 4 75
A. R. Hobbs, for breaking snow paths in 1878 and '79,	3 90
J. N. Woodman, for breaking snow paths in 1878 and '79.....	3 37
A. K. Tallant, for breaking snow paths in 1878 and '79,	3 63
A. P. H. Brown, for breaking snow paths in 1881...	22 50
A. F. Carlton, for breaking snow paths in 1881.....	25 95
Allen Young, for breaking snow paths in 1881.....	15 59
G. C. Webster, for breaking snow paths in 1881.....	17 08
E. G. Hobbs, for breaking snow paths in 1881.....	76 20
J. E. Butler, for breaking snow paths in 1881.....	7 80
O. W. Spaulding, for breaking snow paths in 1881..	34 05
B. McCann, for breaking snow paths in 1881.....	11 13
E. E. Richardson, for breaking snow paths in 1881..	12 36
C. W. Hobbs, for breaking snow paths in 1881.....	24 89
E. F. Wood, for breaking snow paths in 1881.....	25 75
Nelson Webster, for breaking snow paths in 1881...	18 30
D. P. Atwood, for breaking snow paths in 1881....	3 87
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Total.....	\$311 12

* The foregoing has been repaid by the County of Hillsborough.

TOWN HOUSE.

Received for the use of the town house, for the year ending March 1, 1881.....		\$51 00
Paid C. W. Hobbs, for care of house and articles furnished.....	\$21 25	
F. M. Woodbury, for articles furnished....	7 20	
C. W. Hobbs, for wood and washing table-clothes.....	6 50	
		<hr/> 34 95
Net income.....		\$16 05

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Non-resident highway tax paid in labor in 1879.....		\$14 19
Non-resident highway tax paid in labor in 1880.....		96 10
John Richardson, tax of 1877.....		4 44
John Richardson, tax of 1878.....		2 93
John Richardson, tax of 1879.....		2 37
Joshua Atwood, tax of 1878.....		2 68
Abram Haff, tax of 1878.....		1 30
Charles Davis, poll tax of 1878.....		82
Nathan Caldwell, dog tax of 1879.....		2 00
Nathan Caldwell, poll tax of 1879.....		75
Solon Hathaway, dog tax of 1879.....		2 00
J. R. Bagley, tax of 1879.....		1 50
W. W. Herbert, poll tax of 1879.....		75
Charles Lezott, poll tax of 1879.....		75
		<hr/> \$132 58

BOUNTIES ON HAWKS.

Paid M. W. Keyes, bounty on eleven hawks.....		\$2 20
E. N. Sleeper, bounty on one hawk.....		20
W. G. Sherburne, bounty on twenty-six hawks.....		5 20
C. Spalding, bounty on seven hawks.....		1 40
Sherman Hobbs, bounty on five hawks.....		1 00
W. Atwood, bounty on five hawks.....		1 00
Harry Spear, bounty on one hawk.....		20
Willie Hobbs, bounty on fifteen hawks.....		3 00
Frank Perkins, bounty on two hawks.....		40
W. Lewis, bounty on two hawks.....		40
T. Donovan, bounty on one hawk.....		20
G. L. Webster, bounty on three hawks.....		60
W. Keyes, bounty on two hawks.....		40
N. Webster, bounty on five hawks.....		1 00
J. S. Bachelder, bounty on three hawks.....		60
		<hr/> \$17 80
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>		

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$17 80
Paid Geo. Griffin, bounty on twelve hawks.....	2 40
Geo. Richardson, bounty on four hawks.....	80
A. Hamblett, bounty on one hawk.....	20
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Total to June 25, 1880.....	*\$21 20

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

Paid N. Webster, bounty on five hawks.....	\$1 00
W. Lewis, bounty on seventeen hawks..	3 40
S. Hobbs, bounty on one hawk.....	20
J. M. Wilson, bounty on one hawk.....	20
D. N. Atwood, bounty on two hawks....	40
C. Butler, bounty on three hawks.....	60
F. A. Keyes, bounty on ten hawks.	2 00
Geo. Griffin, bounty on three hawks....	60
G. L. Webster, bounty on five hawks....	1 00
A. Hamblett, bounty on one hawk.....	20
W. Hobbs, bounty on one hawk.....	20
W. Richardson, bounty on one hawk....	20
C. Coburn, bounty on two hawks.....	40
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Due from the State.....	10 40
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Total bounties paid.....	\$31 60

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid C. W. Hobbs, for car fare and expenses in 1879....	\$ 2 20
Huse, Goodwin & Co., printing town reports.....	18 05
Dr. Bachelder, for returning births and deaths, for the year 1879.....	4 50
John Woodbury, for insuring town house.....	22 50
For stove, funnel, and repairing the lower hall.....	38 51
A. F. Stevens, counsel fee.....	2 00
C. W. Hobbs, for cash paid for books, stationery, postage, and car fare.....	11 90
John Woodbury, for services as sexton.....	41 00
John Woodbury, for labor in cemetery.....	9 00
State tax.....	1,348 00
County tax.....	1,285 43
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Total.....	\$2,783 09

* The foregoing bounties have been repaid by the State.

DOG FUND.

The following orders have been issued against the dog fund :—

W. W. Butler.....	\$5 00
J. L. Cambridge.....	4 50
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Total.....	\$9 50

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid District No. 1, balance of town appropriation of 1879.....	\$139 27	
Part of town appropriation of 1880... ..	73 79	
Literary fund.....	12 24	
Dog fund.....	19 82	
	<hr/>	\$245 12
Paid District No. 2, balance of town appropriation of 1879.....	\$135 61	
Part of town appropriation of 1880.....	85 91	
Literary fund.....	17 50	
Dog fund.....	19 82	
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Paid District No. 3, part of town appropriation of 1879.....	\$231 63	
Literary fund.....	9 63	
Dog fund.....	19 82	
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Paid District No. 4, balance of town appropriation of 1879.....	\$156 13	
Part of town appropriation of 1880.....	58 44	
Literary fund.....	9 63	
Dog fund.....	19 82	
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Paid District No. 5, balance of town appropriation of 1879.....	\$166 55	
Part of town appropriation of 1880.....	82 19	
Literary fund.....	10 94	
Dog fund.....	19 82	
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Paid District No. 6, balance of town appropriation of 1879.....		80 78
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Total.....		\$1,369 34
Balance due District No. 1.....	\$146 21	
2.....	134 09	
3.....	252 16	
4.....	161 56	
5.....	137 81	
6.....	99 32	
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Total.....		\$931 15

AMOUNT OF TAXES ASSESSED FOR 1880.

State tax.....	\$1,348 00
County tax.....	1,285 43
School tax.....	1,179 50
Highway tax.....	1,500 00
Town tax.....	500 00
Dog tax.....	66 00
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	\$5,878 93

Rate upon \$1,000, \$8.00 — not including highway tax, which is payable in labor. Rate of highway tax, \$2.75 on \$1,000.

CHARLES W. HOBBS,
ORLANDO W. SPAULDING,
EZEKIEL C. GAGE,

Selectmen of Pelham.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT,

MARCH 1, 1881.

The treasurer of the town charges himself with the following receipts: —

DR.

To cash in the treasury, March 1, 1880.....	\$ 949 88
Cash received from F. M. Woodbury, balance due of uncollected taxes for 1879	660 53
Interest received on same.....	4 38
Cash received of F. M. Woodbury, collector for 1880...	4,010 78
Cash received from the State Treasurer, the savings bank tax.....	437 16
Railroad tax, of the same.....	132 31
Cash received from the County of Hillsborough, on account of N. Caldwell.....	28 40
Cash received from the State of New Hampshire, for bounties on wild animals.....	25 00
Cash received from C. W. Hobbs, for the use of the Town Hall.....	51 00
Cash received from E. M. Marsh, C. H. Burt, and N. C. Moore, for lots in cemetery.....	3 00
Whole amount received.....	<u>\$6,302 44</u>

The treasurer credits himself as follows: —

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By cash paid on sundry orders issued by the selectmen..	\$5,262 64
Leaving the amount of cash in the treasury, March 1, 1881.....	1,039 80

LITERARY FUND.

Amount on hand, unappropriated.....	\$50 69
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DOG TAX FUND.

Amount of cash in treasury, March 1, 1880.....	\$132 00
All of which has been appropriated and paid, with the exception of \$19.82, which belongs to School-district No 6.	
Dog tax for 1880, unappropriated amount now in the treasury.....	66 00

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1881.

Amount of cash in the treasury.....	\$1,039 80
Outstanding taxes now unpaid or in hands of collector..	718 58

JOHN WOODBURY,

Treasurer.

 AUDITORS' REPORT.

The subscribers, 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, 1881, report that we find all orders issued by the Selectmen duly vouched and receipted for, and the Treasurer's accounts correctly kept and properly vouched.

FREDERIC A. CUTTER,
 CHARLES L. SEAVEY,
 CHARLES M. HARDY,

Auditors.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE TOWN OF PELHAM,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1881.

WHAT A TRUE REPORT PRESENTS.

It is not merely the teacher with his qualifications, nor the scholar with his disposition towards the school, but the popular thought and interest in education. Schools never can be raised much above the popular idea of education. The intellectual life of the school will be the intellectual life of the community. If parents have no deep appreciation of the school, children will not have. If parents set no value upon intellectual life, children will not. If there is no intellectual fire in the home, much cannot be kindled in the school-room. If there is no true refinement at home, there will not be much in the school. If there are faults in the school, we may be sure that the same faults exist at home. If the school is a total failure, we may know that the cause exists in the home. The school reflects the home.

SUCCESS.

The schools have in a good degree been a success the past year. Until all other interests of society are free from friction, we cannot expect the schools to be. While there is waste in everything else, there will be

waste in the schools. But we have come nearer to the true philosophy of education in spirit and methods. The instruction as a whole has been very competent, equal to the requirements of any pupil in his own school. In some of the schools the teaching has been of a high order, and the intelligent observer could not fail to be pained at any indifference about improving it. The loss of it was great. Nothing can restore that loss.

RESPECTFULNESS.

This should distinguish the manners and bearing of children everywhere, especially at school. There is a certain age when young persons are prone to disregard this. Parents and guardians should at once suppress any manifestation of this disposition.

WHAT IS THE TRUE IDEA OF THE TEACHER?

The real office of the teacher is not to impart knowledge. He is a mind-trainer, a character-builder. There can never be true and healthy views of school and teaching, until this idea is accepted. The teacher is a grower, and that which he grows will be like himself. Education is largely a growth under the hand of the teacher.

WHAT SHOULD BE ATTAINED IN THE SCHOOL.

1. Accuracy in the use of the English language ought to be the growth of the school-room. The child that has attended school till the age of fifteen ought to speak and write correctly.

2. Accurate expression; this ought to be attained at school. The ability to make a clear statement is of great importance to the individual, and the want of this ability in society is the cause of disorder and trouble.

3. Accurate thought is the beauty, the wealth, and power of life. Much of the error of the world, the trouble and discord among men, springs from inaccurate thought. The little child can be taught to think accurately as well as the adult, and this should be attained in the school.

4. In order to speak the best and hence live the best, there must be the best thought. Hence the teacher should aim to excite and even create this in the scholar's mind. For character comes from thought, and character is the substance of life.

SOCIAL SCIENCE.

This should commence in the common school. There should be instruction every day upon subjects relating to social duties and a useful and happy life. Moral lessons should be drawn from school relations, and moral obligation should be enforced by fidelity to school duties. The youth faithful at school will be faithful everywhere, and if not faithful at school, the chances are against fidelity anywhere. The responsibility of parents in this matter is great. They cannot allow their children to neglect school duties, without imperilling, not only the interests of the school and society, but all the future of the child.

THE HABIT OF ATTENTION.

This is the first thing to be secured in all instruction. It is indispensable to all true growth in character and success in life. But there is a fearful want of this in the schools. Inattention is their crying evil. It is the blight of all scholarly hope and life.

ORAL INSTRUCTION.

Parents err not only in getting their children text-books without consulting school authorities, and in

gratifying the child's desire for the book of a higher class, but they err in the entire matter of text-books. The instruction of primary classes in elementary principles should be mainly oral. This should especially be the case with Geography, Arithmetic, and Grammar. Scholars should become familiar with the elements of these studies before they are allowed a text-book.

THE RELATION OF THE COMMON SCHOOL TO REPUBLICAN INSTITUTIONS.

One cannot consider this relation without the conviction that not merely the future of the Republic, but its life, depends upon the character of the instruction of the common school. It may be a question if anything like the science of government can be comprehended by the scholars of the common school; but they can be taught that which constitutes the good citizen; they can be taught the elements of right in conduct which are really the fundamental principles of all political science. They can be taught a regard for the rights of others, the sacredness of personal possessions, obligations to the general welfare, regard for and submission to authority and love of country.

THE EARLY AGE AT WHICH THE EDUCATION OF OUR SCHOOLS IS NOW COMPLETED.

This is about sixteen. There have been the past year but six scholars over this age. Nor is the education at this age necessarily very limited. The pupil who has faithfully improved the privileges of our schools till that age, has secured a good education.

IMPLEMENTS OF EDUCATION.

This is a subject that must be presented year after year till something is done. A neat school-room is a

most important educational force. The school-houses of the town should at once be made neat. Everything about them that is a shame, should be removed. Some simple apparatus would be worth several weeks of the teacher's labor, in creating interest and imparting knowledge. Most of the school-rooms should be refurnished with Webster's Unabridged. Singing should be a regular exercise of school. Calisthenics is a pleasant and healthy invigoration to the studies of the school-room.

CHERISHING THE COMMON SCHOOLS.

The public sentiment should be alive to their welfare and encircle them with a spirit of love and sacrifice. Self-interest should ever stand in the background, and the single inquiry should be, how the most to increase their efficiency—how to concentrate so that there shall be the most interest and largest opportunity. A spirit of forbearance must predominate, and still there are some things never to be borne; ought that infects the moral purity must be crushed out at all hazards. The interest in school is indicated by the visits of parents. There have been in the past year thirty-seven such visits to the schools. It is impossible for a parent to have any proper idea of the school he never visits. He ought to visit the school to learn the influences about his child, to know what his child is doing, to impart a stimulus to the school, and to keep up in his own life a growing interest in education.

A HIGHER STANDARD.

The schools of the town are demanding and having higher qualifications in teachers. There should be great care that this standard is not lowered, but kept rising. The teachers in all the schools the past year have been confined but little to the text-books, and have felt the necessity of having their minds full of the subject.

It is very desirable to have a teacher remain the entire year in the school. Four of the teachers the past year have remained.

NOT TARDY OR ABSENT FOR THE YEAR.

Bertha L. Atwood, Luella Hobbs, Arthur G. Currier.

By the report of the Registers, No. 5 leads in constancy and punctuality of attendance.

STATISTICS.

District No. 1. — Mr. Merrill Atwood, Prudential Committee. Miss Alice Gould, Teacher for the year; 1st term, 8 weeks; 2d term, 5 3-5 weeks; 3d term, 13 weeks; No. scholars, the first term, 26; 2d term, 25; 3rd term, 24. Wages, the first and second terms, \$32; 3rd term, \$36. Miscellaneous expenses, \$20.12. Whole No. scholars, 30; 11 boys and 19 girls.

District No. 2. — Mr. Richard Hillman, Prudential Committee. Miss Gertrude A. Rodliff, of Lowell, Mass., Teacher for the year. Length of the 1st and 2d terms, 9 weeks each; 3rd term, 12 weeks; No. scholars, 1st term, 31; 2d term, 32; 3rd term, 29. Wages, 1st and 2d terms, \$28; 3rd term, \$36. Miscellaneous expenses, \$24.84. Whole No. scholars, 36; 20 boys and 16 girls.

District No. 3. — Mr. James A. Foster, Prudential Committee. Miss Linnie F. Butler, of Hudson, Teacher 1st and 2d terms, 10 weeks each; No. scholars, 1st term, 17; 2d term, 18. Wages, \$28. Mr. George E. Pearsons, Teacher, 3rd term, 12 weeks; No. scholars, 19. Wages, \$32. Miscellaneous expenses, \$25.08. Whole No. scholars, 24; 12 boys and 12 girls.

District No. 4. — Mr. Milton Titcomb, Prudential Committee. Miss Mary E. Noyes, of Derry, Teacher for the year; 1st and 2d terms, 10 weeks each; 3rd term, 12 weeks; No. scholars, 1st term, 17. Wages, \$26. No. scholars, second term, 20. Wages, \$30. No. scholars, 3rd term, 21. Wages, \$32. Miscellaneous expenses, \$32.67. Whole No. scholars, 24; 11 boys and 13 girls.

District No. 5. — Mr. George H. Currier, Prudential Committee. Miss Julia A. Bixby, of Lowell, Mass., teacher for the year. Length of the 1st and 2d terms, 9 weeks each; of the 3d term, 13 weeks; No. of scholars the 1st term, 23; the 2d term, 22. Wages for these terms, \$32.00. No. scholars the 3d term, 21. Wages, \$36.00. Miscellaneous expenses, \$18.50. Whole No. of scholars, 27; 15 boys and 12 girls.

District No. 6. — Mr. Frank M. Winn, Prudential Committee. Miss Gertrude A. Merrill, of Hudson, teacher; 1 term of 8 weeks; No. of scholars, 3. Wages, \$20. Whole No. of scholars, 3; 2 boys and 1 girl.

The wages of Teachers are per month, and include board. The whole No. of scholars is the number of different scholars that have attended the school during the year. The No. of children in town, between the ages of 5 and 15, enumerated by the Selectmen in April last, 116, 18 less than by the enumeration of 1879. The No. of all ages attending school the past year, 143; 71 boys and 72 girls, 6 more than the last year.

The amount expended for schools, as appears from the school-registers, \$1,343.21. District No. 1, for 27 weeks of school, \$249.12. No. 2, for 30 weeks, \$258.84. No. 3, for 32 weeks, \$261.08. No. 4, for 30 weeks, \$254.67. No. 5, for 31 weeks, \$279.50. No. 6, for 8 weeks, \$40. The amount raised by the town, \$1,179.50, \$154.00 less than last year. Literary fund, \$59.94. From the dog tax, \$118.92. The whole amount available for schools, \$1,357.96. The amount expended for schools, excepting No. 6, \$28.67 more than last year. Not reckoning No. 6, there has been one week more of school than last year. Taking the five districts together, the expense per scholar has been \$9.30.

AUGUSTUS BERRY,

PELHAM, March 1, 1881.

Superintending School Committee.