

1897

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

TOWN OF PELHAM, N. H.

FOR THE

Year Ending February 15th, 1898.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1897.

SELECTMEN.

CHARLES L. SEAVEY. RICHARD B. HILLMAN. SAMUEL KELLEY.

TOWN CLERK.

DANIEL P. ATWOOD.

TOWN TREASURER.

ENOCH M. MARSH.

FISH AND GAME WARDENS.

GEORGE S. BUTLER. HENRY S. RUSS. HENRY LEWIS.
WM. J. SHERMAN. BERT G. WEBSTER. FRANK WILKINS.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

EDWARD HYDE, M. D. GEORGE S. BUTLER. SAMUEL KELLEY.

AUDITORS.

WM. G. BUTLER. CHARLES W. HOBBS. DANIEL M. WEBSTER.

SEXTON.

KIMBALL J. CHAPLIN.

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST.

FRANK M. WOODBURY. DANIEL M. WEBSTER. GAGE A. FOX.

MODERATOR.

GEORGE S. BUTLER.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

O. W. SPAULDING. WM. H. PEABODY.

CONSTABLES.

GEO. S. BUTLER. WM. H. ATWOOD.
FRANK M. WOODBURY. DANIEL M. WEBSTER.

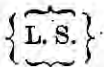
CEMETERY TRUSTEES.

ENOCH M. MARSH. FREDERIC A. CUTTER. GEORGE H. CURRIER.
DANIEL M. WEBSTER. CHARLES W. HOBBS. GEORGE S. BUTLER.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER.

GEORGE S. BUTLER. FRANK H. HILLMAN. JOHN N. COLMAN.
WM. G. BUTLER. J. N. WOODMAN. CHARLES H. COLMAN.
CHARLES L. SEAVEY. GEORGE P. WOOD. THOMAS LEWIS.
CHARLES W. HOBBS. ORLANDO WILSON. O. W. SPAULDING.
BERT G. WEBSTER.

TOWN WARRANT.



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Pelham, in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to appear at the Town House in said town, on Tuesday, the eighth day of March next, at one of the clock in the afternoon, 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 appropriations of the same,
3. To see what disposition the town will make of the Literary Fund for the year ensuing.
4. To see what disposition the town will make of the Dog Fund the year ensuing.
5. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for School purposes the year ensuing.
6. To choose one person for Trustee of Public Library for three years.
7. To choose two persons for Trustees of Cemeteries of said town for three years.

8. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the Public Library in addition to the amount required by law the year ensuing.

9. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for cemeteries the year ensuing.

10. To see how much money the town will vote to raise to pay town debt the year ensuing.

11. To see how much money the town will vote for the repair of Highways the year ensuing.

12. To see if the town will vote to observe Memorial Day and raise money therefor.

13. To see if the town will vote to allow a discount of two per cent on taxes on the list of 1898, that shall be paid on or before Aug. 1, 1898.

14. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the pound and to dispose of the wall around the same and pass any vote in relation to the same.

15. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this sixteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

CHARLES L. SEAVEY,	} Selectmen
RICHARD B. HILLMAN,	
SAMUEL KELLEY,	
	of
	} Pelham.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM, TAKEN APRIL, 1897.

Real estate, resident.....	\$275,210 00
Real estate, non-resident.....	101,419 00
Number of polls, 224.....	22,400 00
Number of horses, 306.....	14,065 00
Number of Cows, 949.....	23,160 00
Number of neat stock, 79.....	1,249 00
Number of sheep, 8.....	32 00
Number of Hogs, 16.....	160 00
Number of fowls, 1355.....	679 00
Number of Carriages, 15.....	855 00
Bank stock.....	3,000 00
Money on hand and at interest.....	25,770 00
Stock in trade.....	11,616 00
Mills and machinery.....	7,700 00
	\$487,315 00

TAXES ASSESSED IN 1897.

For state tax and town charges.....	\$1,000 00
county tax.....	965 55
highways.....	1,500 00
schools required by law.....	995 00
schools voted by town district.....	400 00
school supplies.....	80 00
public library required by law.....	59 70
public library voted by town.....	40 30
memorial day.....	25 00
To pay town debt.....	300 00
Interest on town debt.....	164 90
repairs on town hall.....	50 00
Overlay.....	400 50
	\$5,980 95

TAXES COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR.

Resident tax.....	\$4,724 75
Non-resident tax.....	1,256 20
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	\$5,980 95

Rate of taxation in 1897, \$12.30 on \$1,000.

PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.**SCHOOL BOARD.**

Paid Augustus Berry for year ending March, 1897.....	\$40 00
George S. Butler for year ending March, 1897.....	25 00

TOWN TREASURER.

Paid Enoch M. Marsh for year ending March, 1897.....	40 00
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SELECTMEN.

Paid Charles L. Seavey for year ending March, 1897....	75 00
Richard B. Hillman for the year ending March, 1897	5 00
Samuel Kelley for year ending March, 1897.....	30 00

TOWN CLERK.

Paid Daniel P. Atwood for year ending March, 1897....	40 00
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TAX COLLECTOR.

Paid George H. Currier for year ending March, 1897....	100 00
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MODERATOR.

Paid George S. Butler for year ending March, 1897	2 00
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SEXTON.

Paid Kimball J. Chaplin, for 14 burials ending Feb. 15, 1898.....	49 00
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	\$406 00

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS.

The Gorrell Fund, so called, of one hundred dollars is deposited in the Nashua Savings Bank; also the D. T. Gage Fund of fifty dollars, the interest of which is to be expended on their lots in the cemetery at Pelham Centre.

Amount expended on Gorrell lot in 1897.....	\$3 00
in town treasury due the Gorrell Fund Feb. 15,	
1897.....	2 46
Amount due the town from Gorrell Fund Feb. 15, 1898	54
Amount expended for care of D. T. Gage lot in 1895...	2 00
expended for D. T. Gage lot in 1896.....	2 50
expended for D. T. Gage lot in 1897.....	1 50
No interest has been drawn from D. T. Gage Fund.	
Amount due Feb. 15, 1898, from Nashua Bank.....	\$6 00

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State Treasurer state tax.....	\$995 55
County Treasurer county tax.....	965 00
	<u>\$1960 55</u>

CEMETERIES.

Amount of appropriation in treasury Feb. 15, 1897.....	\$140 25
Paid Daniel M. Webster, for labor on culvert	1 75
Daniel M. Webster, for 50 stone bounds	
for corner of lots in new cemetery	5 00
J. N. Colman and Son for chestnut	
stakes for staking out lots in cemetery	6 42
	13 17
Amount in treasury Feb. 15, 1898, unexpended	\$127 08

MEMORIAL DAY EXPENSE.

Paid John Woods traveling expenses	\$5 00
K. J. Chaplin for flags for soldiers' graves.....	3 00
Frank Wright, drummer.....	2 00
Wm. W. Butler for music.....	4 27
Harry Atwood for cleaning church.....	1 00
	<u>\$15 27</u>

Amount unexpended for memorial day, 1896.....	\$5 65
appropriated in 1897.....	25 00
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	\$30 65
Total amount expended in 1897.....	15 27
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Amount unexpended in treasury Feb. 15, 1898, appropri- ated for memorial day.....	\$15 38

CEMETERY TRUST FUND.

Païd Trustees of town cemeteries interest on Mrs. Skin- ner Fund from July 7, 1897. to Feb. 15, 1898.....	\$ 1 20
Interest on Mrs. Solomon Barker Fund from May 1, 1897, to Feb. 15, 1898.....	3 15
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	\$4 35

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

A. M. Clark tax of 1895.....	\$1 07
E. W. Helm's Highway tax of 1896.....	2 80
Alec Goodwin's Poll tax of 1896.....	1 20
A. G. Messenger Poll tax of 1896.....	1 20
Personal estate of Frank Kent tax of 1895.....	2 68
Wm. Alexander tax of 1896.....	1 20
Otis Durant Poll tax of 1896.....	1 20
Fred Hand tax of 1896.....	1 38
Edward J. Harris tax of 1896.....	1 74
Abram Newell Poll tax of 1896.....	1 20
Albert F. Searls Poll tax of 1896.....	1 20
Gustave Steibler Poll tax of 1896.....	1 20
Edward E. Titcomb Poll tax of 1896.....	1 20
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	\$19 27

SCHOOL MONEY.

Balance of appropriation of 1896 in Treasury Feb. 15, 1897.....	\$280 00
Literary Fund of 1896 in treasury Feb 15, 1897.....	102 20
Dog Fund of 1895 in treasury Feb. 15, 1897.....	1 80
Dog Fund of 1896 in treasury Feb. 15, 1897.....	189 65
Amount required by law.....	995 00
Amount voted by town district.....	400 00
Amount voted for school supplies.....	80 00
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	\$2,048 65

Paid George S. Butler, Treasurer of town district:

Paid Balance of appropriation of 1895.....	280 00	
Literary Fund of 1896	102 20	
Dog Fund of 1895.....	1 80	
Dog Fund of 1896.....	189 65	
Amount voted for school supplies.....	80 00	
Part of appropriation of 1897.....	806 35	
		<u>\$1,460 00</u>
Leaving amount of school money in treasury Feb. 15, 1898.....		\$588 65

PAID FOR REPAIRS ON TOWN HALL.

Paid C. B. Coburn for paint and oil.....	\$15 39
for labor painting town hall.....	23 60
R. B. Hillman, repairs on windows in town hall....	1 25
R. B. Hillman, for new lock on hall door.....	25
R. B. Hillman, for moving book case in town hall..	2 50
J. H. Weston, for patching plastering in town hall.	2 00
	<u>44 99</u>
Cost of repairs on town hall.....	44 99

TOWN HALL.

Paid R. B. Hillman for repairs on 19 settees in town hall	\$12 00
R. B. Hillman, for new boiler for town hall....	1 25
Stephen B. Donovan, for setting 2 lights glass in town hall.....	20
F. M. Woodbury, for articles furnished town hall..	11 16
Sherman Hobbs, for 2 cords pine wood for town hall.....	6 00
Charles M. Kent for opening hall 75 times at $33\frac{1}{3}$..	25 00
Charles M. Kent for washing floors and dish wipers	8 07
Frank Cogger for opening hall 8 times from Feb. 15, 1896, to March 9, 1897.....	2 66
George S. Butler, for insurance on town hall from Feb. 5, 1898, to Feb. 6, 1899.....	15 00
	<u>\$81 34</u>
Received of Frank Cogger for rent of town hall from Feb. 15, 1897, to March 9, 1897.. .. .	6 00
of Charles M. Kent, for rent of town hall from March 9, 1897, to Feb. 15, 1898.....	63 25
	<u>\$69 25</u>
Running expense of town hall more than income for 1897	\$12 09

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid Frank M. Woodbury, treasurer of public library, amount of appropriation voted by town of 1897....	\$100 00
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EXPENSE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid George S. Butler from Oct. 1, 1897, to Oct. 1, 1898, Insurance on library building	\$35 00
J. H. Marsh for 1 cord pine wood	3 00
Sherman W. Hobbs for 1 cord pine wood.....	3 00
George S. Butler for 4 tons coal.....	22 05
George S. Butler for teaming 4 tons coal.....	4 50
Frank M. Woodbury articles furnished.....	5 18
Charles M. Kent for care of library building.....	45 00
Charles M. Kent for washing library floors.....	75
Charles M. Kent for dust pan	10
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	\$118 58

TRAMPS.

Paid Samuel Kelley for keeping 4 tramps.....	\$3 50
Charles L. Seavey for keeping 3 tramps.....	2 25
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	\$5 75

TOWN NOTES.

Paid Central Savings Bank interest on town debt.....	\$148 00
Central Savings Bank 6 months' interest on tempo- rary loan of \$1000	20 00
Central Savings Bank amount voted by town to pay on town debt	300 00
Central Savings Bank one-half of temporary loan	500 00
C. W. Hobbs interest on \$300, note from Feb. 15, 1897. to Feb. 15, 1898.....	15 00
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	\$983 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid for record book for births, deaths, marriages.....	\$5 65
D. P. Atwood, for stationery and postage.....	1 25
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$6 90

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$6 90
Paid George S. Butler, for notices printed to close the ponds in town from fishing through the ice for 5 years.....	1 75
George S. Butler, for publishing notice in Nashua Telegraph.....	75
C. W. Hobbs, for laying out new road near Arthur Steihler's, and writing plan of survey.....	4 00
Morning Mail Co., for printing town orders.....	3 00
Morning Mail Co., for printing 350 town reports and 300 catalogues of books in Public Library.	67 95
Samuel Kelley, for clamping railing on Whiting Bridge, so called.....	2 50
Edson C. Eastman, for collector's book and blanks.	2 87
F. M. Woodbury, one bottle ink.....	05
John Hadlock, for blade for road machine, and express.....	8 75
Wm. W. Butler, for public watering trough part of year.....	1 50
P. J. Cogger, for public watering trough 1897.....	3 00
D. P. Atwood, for recording births, deaths and marriages.....	5 25
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	\$108 27

**DEPENDENT SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES
SUPPORTED BY COUNTY.**

Paid on account of Mark W. Simpson to Jan. 1, 1898..	\$44 12
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COUNTY POOR

Paid R. B. Hillman, for aid furnished Charles L. Dinsmore.....	\$9 45
Albion C. Chase, for aid furnished woman and child	3 00
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	\$12 45

Amount of the two above bills have been received from County Commissioners.

**REPORT OF WM. H. PEABODY, ROAD
COMMISSIONER FOR 1897.**

	Dys.	Hrs.	
Paid W. H. Peabody, labor.....	63	7 ..	\$127 40
man labor.....	110	2 ..	165 30
team labor.....	27	.. ..	54 00
team labor, R. M.....	12	8 ..	32 00
A. R. Hobbs & Son, labor.....	16	2 ..	24 30
team labor	5	3 ..	10 60
team labor, R. M.....	6	.. ..	15 00
O. Reisman, labor.....	2	.. ..	3 00
Chas. De Chantal, labor.....		9 ..	1 35
team labor.....		9 ..	1 80
G. B. Currier, labor.....	1	5 ..	2 25
Jason Worcester, labor.....	4	6 ..	6 90
team labor, R. M.....	3	.. ..	7 50
team labor.....	1	6 ..	3 20
F. L. Peabody, labor.....	3	.. ..	4 50
team labor.....	3	.. ..	6 00
J. M. Currier, labor.....	6	.. ..	9 00
team labor.....	5	.. ..	10 00
F. M. Carleton, labor.....	9	3 ..	13 95
team labor, R. M.....	4	5 ..	11 25
team labor.....	4	8 ..	9 60
Henry Richardson, labor.....	2	.. ..	3 00
team labor.....	1	.. ..	2 00
D. M. Webster, labor.....	10	1 ..	15 15
team labor.....	8	1 ..	16 20
J. Greenwood, labor.....	9	1 ..	13 65
Geo. Kent, labor.....	7	3 ..	10 95
G. H. Currier, labor.....	6	6 ..	9 90
team labor.....	3	2 ..	6 40
G. P. Wood, labor.....	5	8 ..	8 70
team labor.....	2	9 ..	5 80
W. F. Richardson, labor.....	7	1 ..	10 65
team labor.....	3	1 ..	6 20
E. C. Gage, labor.....	1	2 ..	1 80
team labor.....		6 ..	1 20
W. J. Livingstone, labor.....	5	6 ..	8 40
Abram Newell, labor.....	3	9 ..	5 85
James Hobbs, labor.....	2	.. ..	3 00
team labor.....	1	.. ..	2 00
Joe Richardson, labor.....	3	6½ ..	5 48
team labor.....	1	9 ..	3 80
<i>Amount carried forward.</i>			<u>\$659 03</u>

Amount brought forward..... \$659 03

	Dys.	Hrs.	
Paid S. G. Hobbs, labor.....	2	..	3 00
team labor.....	1	..	2 00
Clough Bros., labor.....	7	6 ..	11 40
team labor.....	4	8 ..	9 60
Guy Lewis, labor.....	1	6 ..	2 40
A. F. Carlton, labor.....	2	..	3 00
team labor.....	1	..	2 00
C. J. Cheney, drain pipe.....			9 60
J. LeClaire, repairs R. M.....			1 50
F. Gendreau, gravel, 47 loads.....			2 35
P. J. Cogger, gravel, 18 loads.....			90
W. F. Richardson, gravel, 159 loads.....			7 95
G. C. Jackman, gravel, 14 loads.....			70
Harris Bros., gravel.....			96
D. M. Gould, gravel, 32 loads.....			1 60
S. A. Richardson, gravel, 25 loads.....			1 25

\$719 24

SNOW BILLS, FEB. 15, 1898.

	Dys.	Hrs.	
Paid W. H. Peabody, labor.....	1	9 ..	3 80
man labor.....	2	6 ..	3 90
team labor.....	3	8 ..	7 60
A. R. Hobbs & Son man labor.....	4	8 ..	7 20
team labor.....	2	4 ..	4 80
G. H. Currier, man labor.....	4	2 ..	6 30
Felix Albert, man labor.....	2	8 ..	4 20
team labor.....		7 ..	1 40
single team labor.....		7 ..	70
Clough Bros., man labor.....	2	7 ..	4 05
team labor.....		9 ..	1 80
W. F. Richardson, man labor.....	2	..	3 00
D. E. Simpson, man labor.....	1	..	1 50
team labor.....		5 ..	1 00
James Hobbs, man labor.....	5	3 ..	7 95
team labor.....		8 $\frac{1}{2}$..	1 70
S. G. Hobbs, man labor.....	3	6 ..	5 40
team labor.....	1	1 ..	2 20
N. Randlett, man labor.....	1	7 ..	2 55
Joseph Richardson, man labor.....	4	2 ..	6 30
team labor.....	1	..	2 00

Amount carried forward..... \$79 35

<i>Amount brought forward</i>			\$79 35
	Dys.	Hrs.	
Paid. W. H. Atwood, man labor.....	3	9 ..	5 85
team labor.....		5 ..	1 00
N. Greenwood, man labor.....	1	1 ..	1 65
single team labor.....		7 ..	70
D. M. Webster, man labor.....	5	2 ..	7 80
team labor.....		9 ..	1 80
Peter Greenwood, man labor.....	1	1 ..	1 65
J. R. Worcester, man labor.....	2	$\frac{3}{4}$..	3 12
team labor.....	1	$5\frac{1}{4}$..	3 05
E. C. Gage, man labor.....	2	8 ..	4 20
team labor.....	1	..	2 00
John Quigley man labor.....	1	3 ..	1 95
John Wilson, man labor.....	2	7 ..	4 05
Geo. B. Smith, man labor.....	1	..	1 50
Albert J. Richardson, man labor.....	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$..	2 03
P. Quigley, man labor.....	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$..	2 03
Gage A. Fox, man labor.....	1	9 ..	2 85
Howard E. Fox, man labor.....	2	..	3 00
J. M. Woodman, man labor.....		$6\frac{1}{2}$..	98
Arthur N. Emerson, man labor.....		$7\frac{1}{2}$..	1 12
H. O'Leary, man labor.....	2	3 ..	3 45
Orlando Wilson, man labor.....	10	8 ..	16 20
boy labor.....		7 ..	70
single team labor.....	1	2 ..	1 20
S. A. Richardson, man labor.....	4	9 ..	7 35
team labor.....	2	4 ..	4 80
Young & Lawson, man labor.....	7	$2\frac{1}{2}$..	10 88
team labor.....	1	6 ..	3 20
C. W. Colburn, man labor.....	4	3 ..	6 45
team labor.....	1	$5\frac{1}{2}$..	3 10
C. M. Wyman, man labor.....	1	5 ..	2 25
O. P. Robey, man labor.....	1	9 ..	2 85
A. K. Tallant, man labor.....	3	6 ..	5 40
Geo. T. Kent, man labor.....	1	8 ..	2 70
A. Garfield Brown, man labor.....	1	4 ..	1 40
F. E. Kelley, man labor.....	1	4 ..	2 10
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			\$205 71
Total amount expended on east side of town on highways by Wm. H. Peabody, for year ending Feb. 15, 1898,			\$924 95
Paid Daniel M. Webster, labor on highways from Feb. 15, 1897, to March 9, 1897.....			8 76
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			\$933 71
Amount of appropriation, east side.....			750 00
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Amount expended above appropriation for 1897.....			\$183 71

REPORT OF ORLANDO W. SPAULDING, ROAD COMMISSIONER, FOR YEAR TO FEB. 15, 1898,

WEST SIDE.

	Dys.	Hrs.	
Paid O. W. Spaulding.....	63	5 ..	\$133 00
Robert Dean.....	63	5 ..	95 25
Albert Searls.....	15	7½..	23 62
King Herbert.....	2	..	3 00
hired men.....	171	7½..	257 62
pair horses and cart.....	91	5 ..	183 00
four horses on machine.....	10	5 ..	52 50
Daniel Marshall estate, for 126 loads gravel.....			6 30
for repairs on road machine.....			65
for nails for bridge.....			62
Timothy Donovan, labor on highways.....			3 00
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			\$758 56

SNOW BILL BY O. W. SPAULDING, FOR FEB. 1898.

	Dys.	Hrs.	
Paid Oscar Heirch.....	6	5 ..	\$9 75
Bert Whicher.....	6	5 ..	9 75
Albert Searls.....	3	..	4 50
Willes Pearsons.....	1	4 ..	2 10
W. W. Butler.....	1	2 ..	1 80
team,.....	1	2 ..	2 40
Alec Goodwin, team.....	1	8 ..	3 60
men,.....	5	1½.	7 72
Stephen B. Donovan, man.....	1	6 ..	2 40
team,.....		8 ..	1 60
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			\$45 62

Paid for Breaking Roads on West side of town, by order of Selectmen:

Paid John H. Marsh.....	\$20 00
George S. Butler.....	20 00
M. L. Jones.....	12 00
Charles DéChantal.....	7 87
J. A. Mansfield.....	9 25
David Lee.....	3 00
Thomas Lewis.....	1 50
Charles H. Colman.....	1 80
Frank E. Smart.....	90
Willis E. Spaulding.....	3 50
Clarence Richardson.....	3 10
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	\$82 92

\$887 01

Amount of appropriation in treasury due O. W. Spaulding for West side. Feb. 15, 1897, unexpended.....	\$40 70
Appropriation for 1897, West side.....	750 00
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	\$790 70
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Amount expended on West side, above appropriation...	\$96 40

BRIDGES.

Paid Wm. H. Wiggin, for 675 feet spruce plank.....	\$10 13
Willis E. Spaulding, for teaming 675 feet bridge plank	1 00
John H. Marsh, for bridge stringers.....	11 62
Charles L. Seavey, for railing Beaver Brook bridge,	13 55
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	\$36 30

SUMMARY.

Paid town officers.....	\$406 00
sexton, amount expended on Gorrell lot.....	3 00
sexton, amount expended on D. T. Gage lot.....	1 50
state and county taxes.....	1,960 55
amount expended in cemeteries in 1897.....	13 17
Memorial Day expenses.....	15 27
interest on Cemetery Trust Funds to trustees.....	4 35
abatement of taxes.....	19 27
school money.....	1,460 00
repairs on town hall.....	44 99
expenses of town hall.....	81 34
sheep damage.....	6 00
appropriation for Public Library.....	100 00
running expense of library.....	118 58
tramps.....	5 75
town notes.....	983 00
miscellaneous.....	108 27
dependent soldiers.....	44 12
county poor.....	12 45
Wm. H. Peabody, road commissioner, 1897.....	924 95
Daniel M. Webster, road commissioner, 1896.....	8 76
O. W. Spaulding, road commissioner, 1897.....	887 10
bridge account.....	36 30
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	\$7,244 72

SHEEP DAMAGES.

Paid Felix Albert for 2 sheep killed by dogs..... \$6 00

**THE FOLLOWING IS THE FINANCIAL STANDING
OF THE TOWN FEB. 15, 1898.**

LIABILITIES.

Due Central Savings Bank on town debt.....	\$3,400 00
Central Savings Bank on temporary loan.....	500 00
C. W. Hobbs note.....	300 00
Cemetery Trust Funds in Nashua Bank.....	150 00
Amount of appropriation for cemeteries in Treasury un- expended.....	127 08
Amount of Memorial Day appropriation unexpended....	15 38
of schools appropriation unexpended Feb. 15, 1898.....	588 65
Estimated outstanding bills.....	400 00
Due on Cemetery Trust Funds in hands of trustees....	150 00
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	\$5,631 11

ASSETS.

By cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1898.....	716 92
cash due from collector, 1897 tax.....	797 95
interest due from D. T. Gage Fund in Nashua Savings Bank.....	6 00
Cemetery Trust Funds in Nashua Savings Bank.....	150 00
Cemetery Trust Funds in hands of trus- tees.....	150 00
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	\$1,820 87
Town's indebtedness Feb 15, 1898.....	\$3,810 24

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. SEAVEY,
RICHARD B. HILLMAN,
SAMUEL KELLEY,

Selectmen of Pelham.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES.

The Trustees of the Cemeteries, in accordance with the vote of the town, have invested the trust funds that have been placed in their hands by loaning them to the town at 4 per cent. interest.

The funds are as follows: Mrs. Barker, \$100; Mrs. Skinner, \$50. The interest upon these funds to Feb. 15th, 1898, has been paid by the town and expended for the care of the lots.

There are in the Nashua Savings Bank the Gorrell Fund of \$100, and the Mrs. D. T. Gage Fund of \$50. These funds were placed in the bank a number of years ago, and the bank having suspended payment, are not at present available.

The surplus of interest of former years has been expended for the care of the lots. It is intended to invest these funds in town notes whenever they can be withdrawn.

ENOCH M. MARSH,
DANIEL M. WEBSTER,
FREDERIC A. CUTTER,
CHARLES W. HOBBS,
GEORGE H. CURRIER,
GEORGE S. BUTLER,

Cemetery Trustees

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer respectfully submits the following report
for the year ending Feb. 15, 1898.

DR.

To cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1898.....	\$441 68
Received of Selectmen, the Barker Cemetery Fund.....	100 00
Selectmen, the Skinner Cemetery Fund.....	50 00
County Commissioners for the relief of pau- pers and dependent soldiers.....	56 57
Charles M. Kent and Frank Cogger, use of town hall.....	69 25
D. P. Atwood, dog licenses for 1897.....	158 35
Central Savings Bank, temporary loan.	1,000 00
bounty on hawks for 1896.....	24 75
State Treasurer, railroad tax.....	133 06
State Treasurer, savings bank tax.....	325 21
State Treasurer, literary fund.....	84 94
George H. Currier, 1896 tax.....	334 83
George S. Butler, 1897 tax.....	5,183 00
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Total.....	\$7,961 64

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Cash paid on sundry orders issued by Selectmen.....	\$7,244 72
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Leaving amount of cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1898, includ- ing \$158.35 dog fund and \$84.94 literary fund.....	\$716 92

ENOCH M. MARSH,

Town Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, the undersigned Auditors of the Town of Pelham for the year ending Feb. 15, 1898, find that the Selectmen have issued orders on the Treasurer to the amount of \$7,244.72, and that said orders are properly receipted. We also find that the Treasurer has received \$7,961.64, and has also paid orders above mentioned, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$716.92.

CHARLES W. HOBBS,
DANIEL M. WEBSTER,
Auditors.

Births Registered in the Town of Pelham for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1897.

Name of Child.	Date of Birth, 1897.	Living or Stillborn.	Sex of Child.	Color.	No. of Child, 1st, 2d, 3d, etc.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Edith Mae Wood.....	Jan. 20		F		1st	Amos E. Wood.....	Mary E. Emerson.....		Pelham	Farmer...	Pelham.....	Boston, Mass—
— Greenwood.....	Jan. 30		M		10th	Joseph Greenwood...	Mary C. Bussiere.....		"	Laborer...	Canada.....	Canada.
— Richardson,	Feb. 26		M		....	Samuel A. Richardson	Flora A. Sweatt.....		"	Farmer....	Dracut, Mass....	Colebrook, N. H. 1.
— Tallant.....	April 14		F		11th	Andrew K. Tallant...	Angie L. Robey.....		"	Farmer....	Meredith, N. H..	Lawrence, Mass 5.
— Greenwood.....	April 25		F		5th	Pierre Greenwood....	Vic Bussiere.....		"	Laborer....	Lowell, Mass....	Canada.
— Morneau.....	Sept. 1		M		8th	Francis Morneau.....	Georgianna La Belle..		"	Laborer....	Canada.....	Canada.
George F. Burton.....	Dec. 15		M		....	Fred A. Burton.....	Hattie Spaulding.....		"	Farmer....	.....	Lowell, Mass—
Ralph Greeley Hillman.	Dec. 19		M		5th	Frank H. Hillman....	Alice M. Greeley.....		"	Carpenter.	Pelham.....	Pelham.

**The Following Persons were Brought to This Town for
Burial During the Year:**

Name of Deceased.	Age.			Place of Death.	Date of Death.
	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.		
Harriet Fox.....	88	..	..	Dracut, Mass.....	May 13, 1897.
Lillie L. Giles.....	22	5	4	Dracut, Mass.....	July 24, 1897.
Delia Hodgdon.....	40	..	..	Lowell, Mass.....	August 3, 1897.

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DANIEL P. ATWOOD,

Town Clerk.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Pelham for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1897.

Name of Deceased.	Date of Death 1897.	Sex.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Age.			Occupation.	Place of Birth.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Disease or Cause of Death.
					Years.	Months.	Days.							
					All White.									
Charlotte L. Hills.....	Jan. 4	F	M	M	78	10		House keep'r	Peacham, Vt....	Haverhill, Mass.		Joab Kimball.....	Elizabeth Reed.....	Chronic Gastritis.
Mary J. Wark.....	Jan. 30	F	M	M	82			House keep'r	Ireland.....	Ireland.....	Ireland.....	Samuel Wark.....	Christiana Bruce.....	Mitral dis. heart.
Joseph H. Greenwood.....	Feb. 22	M	M	M	1	11	20		Pelham.....	Canada.....	Canada.....	Joseph Greenwood.....	Mary Bussiere.....	Diphtheria croup mem.
Richardson.....	Feb. 26	M	M	M					Pelham.....	Dracut, Mass.....	Colebrook, N. H.	Sam'l A. Richardson.....	Flora A. Sweatt.....	Premature birth.
Beulah K. Stiles.....	Mar. 11	F	F	W	84	10		Housewife	Westford, Mass	Lowell, Mass.....	Canada.....	Jonas Keyes.....	Sarah P. Reed.....	Laryngitis.
Marie Florence Greenwood.....	Mar. 12	F	F	W	4				Lowell, Mass.	Lowell, Mass.....	Canada.....	Pierre Greenwood.....	Vic Bussiere.....	Diphtheria.
Samuel Shepard.....	Mar. 19	M	M	W	73									Angina pectoris.
Jane J. Spear.....	Mar. 22	F	F	W	85	3	21	House keep'r	Pelham.....	Pelham.....	Salisbury, Mass.	Thomas Spofford.....		Laryngitis.
Warren Sherburne.....	Mar. 28	M	M	W	80	1	22	Farmer	Pelham.....	Pelham.....	Tyngsboro, Ms.	William Sherburne.....	Betsey Parham.....	Apoplexy.
Nathan S. Sleeper.....	Apr. 28	M	M	W	81	1	26	Carpenter	Oxford, N. H.			Peter Sleeper.....	Mary Burpee.....	Cataract pneumonia.
Daniel L. Colburn.....	May 5	M	M	W	84			Farmer	Milford.....					Cataract pneumonia.
Eliza Bailey.....	Aug. 21	F	F	W	95	3	2	House keep'r	Pelham.....	Pelham.....	Derry.....	Allen Young.....	Sally Morse.....	Old age.
John R. Chamberlain.....	Sept. 6	M	M	M	84	5		Farmer	Troy, Vt.			Sam'l Chamberlain.....	Susan Hunkins.....	Dissection of heart.
Daniel Marshall.....	Sept. 11	M	M	M	80	10		Farmer	Pelham.....	Chelmsford, Ms.	Pelham.....	Isaac Marshall.....	Mehitable Tenney.....	Acute nephritis.
Abbie H. Nute.....	Sept. 13	F	F	M	68	10	18	House keep'r	Salisbury, N. H.	Salisbury, N. H.	Salisbury, N. H.	Moses Thompson.....	Hannah True.....	Chronic nephritis.
Sherburne A. Spaulding.....	Sept. 14	M	M	M	40			Farmer	Lowell, Mass.			Samuel Spaulding.....	Betsey.....	Suicide by hanging.
William B. Kent.....	Sept. 22	M	M	M		11	17		Pelham.....	Pelham.....	Boston, Mass.	George T. Kent.....	Carrie Brown.....	Cholera infantum.
Freddie J. Greenwood.....	Oct. 4	M	M	M	1	9			Pelham.....	Canada.....	Canada.....	Jos. Greenwood, Jr.....	Emma Goesla.....	Gastro enteritis.
Sarah A. Gibson.....	Oct. 21	F	F	M	76	9	8	House keep'r	Pelham.....	Pelham.....	Pelham.....	Kimball Gibson.....	Maria Cutler.....	Cancer.
Olive Simpson.....	Nov. 12	F	F	M	56	2	11	Housewife				Nathaniel Willey.....	Mary.....	Inflammation of Lungs.
Jonas Keyes.....	Nov. 29	M	M	W	82	3		Farmer	Westford, Mass.			Jonas Keyes.....	Sarah Reed.....	Apoplexy.
Warren S. Titcomb.....	Dec. 23	M	M	W	60	3		Farmer	Franklin, N. H.			Moses Titcomb.....	Marcela V. Thompson.....	Fatty deg. heart.
Calvin Boardman.....	Dec. 26	M	M	W	72	8		Butcher	Hudson.....	Hudson.....	Hudson.....	John Boardman.....	Lydia Smith.....	Apoplexy.

REPORT

OF

THE SCHOOL BOARD

OF THE

Town of Pelham, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1898.

School District Officers.

SCHOOL BOARD.

AUGUSTUS BERRY.....	Term expires	March,	1898
DANIEL M. WEBSTER.....	"	"	1898
GEO. S. BUTLER.....	"	"	1899

CLERK.

*NATHAN S. SLEEPER.

TREASURER.

GEO. S. BUTLER.

AUDITORS.

DANIEL P. ATWOOD, FRANK M. WOODBURY,
CHARLES W. HOBBS.

MODERATOR.

CHARLES W. HOBBS.

TEACHERS.

No. 1—SUSAN M. SMITH, Spring.
 MARY EDNA BUSWELL, Fall, Winter.

No. 2—N. M. MORSE, Spring.
 ANNIE PERLEY DAY, Fall, Winter.

No. 3—ETHEL MAE CHASE, Year.

No. 4—E. FANNY WOODMAN, Year.

No. 5—ALICE M. WORTHEN, Spring, Fall.
 SARA GERTRUDE SMALL, Winter.

*Deceased.

WARRANT.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*To the Inhabitants of the School District of the Town of
Pelham, qualified to vote in District affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House, in said District, on the 15th day of March, 1898, at two 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 Treasurer for the ensuing year.
4. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
5. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing two years.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subjects embraced in this Warrant.
8. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools in addition to that required by law.
9. To see how much money the District will vote to raise for Text Books and School Supplies the ensuing year.

10. To see how much money the District will vote to raise for the repairs of School Houses the ensuing year.

11. To see if the District will vote to sell and convey the School House, school house furniture, out-buildings and land situated in old School District No. 6.

Given under our hands at said Pelham, this 26th day of February, 1898.

GEORGE S. BUTLER,
DANIEL M. WEBSTER,
AUGUSTUS BERRY,
School Board.

A true copy of Warrant. Attest:

GEORGE S. BUTLER,
DANIEL M. WEBSTER,
AUGUSTUS BERRY,
School Board.

REPORT.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

This is a distinctive kind of work. It has its degrees of excellence and merit. It is susceptible not merely of observation but study, and when it reaches a stage that it can be studied, we may be sure that the schools are progressing and have value. It is a great point for the schools to reach a stage that it can be said they are at work, and while the work on the part of the pupils is crude, very crude, and the same to a degree is true of the teachers, it is a prophecy of fine educational results.

INCREASING THE EFFICIENCY OF THE SCHOOLS.

There are many things that affect the efficiency of a school. Then public sentiment on the subject of education is a power; a wise and intelligent sentiment on this is a large and powerful factor in securing good schools; a public sentiment not enlightened and lukewarm will impair their efficiency. A knowledge of mind and the process of its culture is needful, the best methods are essential, and there must be a knowledge of the adaptation of these to particular cases and conditions. Regularity of attendance is of the first importance; classification is of great importance in our mixed

schools. The efficiency of the school may turn on this, it may determine the value of the school to the individual pupil. But the prime factor in the efficiency of the school is the experience, the attainments, and the general qualification of the teacher. With the appropriation which this town is able to make it cannot be expected that the best instruction could be secured, though the schools have been greatly favored in this particular the past year.

A COURSE OF STUDY.

This has been spoken of in former reports, and it becomes more and more manifest, that it is not only the great need but the essential need.

A course of study in which scholars should be advanced and promoted by examinations would more than double the results of the teaching strength and labor in our schools, and secure thoroughness. As pupils now study, there is a constant turning back to repair one's knowledge, or to relearn, and oftentimes to learn for the first time, something the pupil went over long ago. There is not only the perplexity in this, the spending of the teacher's time and strength upon what ought to have been learned long before, but it sours the disposition of the pupil, disheartens and saddens him, and it is harder for him to now learn this than it would have been in the outset.

What the schools need is thorough work, and a course of study is essential to this. Commencing with the elements, it compels their mastery, and then of principles in their natural order. As unpleasant as it may be, a reperusing of what the pupil has been over with-

out understanding is absolutely necessary. All children have not the same susceptibility to learn,—this must be recognized; some are quicker in some departments than others,—this must be recognized. Nor does this necessarily argue any deficiency in endowment or even inequality. In nature the fact that some grains or fruits ripen later does not prove that they are not as valuable, but only that they must be cultivated and waited for. So with minds; often the most valuable mature late. They are spoilt if there be an effort to force them by pushing them along in a class that mature earlier; nor should a parent feel that it is an impeachment of the ability of his child because he is required to dwell longer on some subjects than his mates. The pleading of a child to go into a more advanced book or class should be answered by showing him that he is not perfect in the one he wishes to leave, and if a child is taught aright from the first, not allowed to advance without intelligent perceptions, he will desire the higher class or book only as he is prepared for them. The mind finds such a delight in truly knowing, when it has once experienced it, that it will not be content to lounge where it cannot know; more than this, to know will become a passion. Such a one will delight in progress that leaves its way all clear and well-defined; exact knowledge then becomes a habit of both mind and life, and this comes to include more than the intellectual, more than scholarly traits; the moral and spiritual follow in its wake, and clearness, distinctness in everything fills the sphere of being.

This suggests the great importance of how the primary class is taught, also of the teachers having a true philosophy of child-life and the persevering and patient

application of it. In the school of many classes, where the pupil has been advanced without understanding, the teacher is under the necessity of pursuing a superficial course; but under a system of classification this could be greatly improved, this damage could be somewhat repaired, and the primary classes could be saved, which classes unfortunately in our schools are usually found far beyond where they could pass an examination. To go back, not to review, but to go over the whole, discourages pupils; parents are often disappointed, but this is the only thing that can be done.

There are some things in the course of our common school studies, that the scholar does not like; he does not want to take them, but there is nothing elective in the common school course; the whole is fundamental and essential to a qualification for the common duties of life. Pupils often feel that because they have been over a book that they are ready for some higher book or study. But the book worth going over once in study should be gone over many times. The book worth reading once is worth reading many times. The most learned are not those who have read the most books but those who have read a few books, and so read them that they are a part of themselves.

THE AGE OF CHANGE.

This includes the schools, the cause of education. There is no use of discussing the question whether it be for the better, the fact is before us—we must adjust ourselves to it.

Primary studies are now taught with more exactness, and scholars are better disciplined in them. But

it is more difficult to secure instruction in high school studies in our schools than it was formerly. It must be admitted that this instruction was somewhat superficial and fragmentary, and it can hardly be a question whether there is a larger acquisition of mental power in the thorough mastery of the common school course than there was in the attention given to the two courses. It must ever be kept in mind that true mental discipline is the one thing to be attained in education. The mind truly disciplined becomes its own teacher.

THE SCHOOL PROBLEM.

This has an especial importance in the rural towns and though its solution may be in the distant future, it is well to keep its study in mind, and the consideration of it even in impracticable forms may lead the way to something practical. One form, impracticable at the present, is after this wise. We have five schools and consequently five teachers. Suppose a building at a central point with three suitable school-rooms; grade the scholars of the town into three grades, then three suitable teachers could do more efficient and better work than the five can now.

The consolidation of the smaller schools is another form, but impracticable to any degree at the present time from the situation and character of the schools. Numbers one and two, the largest schools, are full, unless they are graded; there is in each of them all the work one teacher can do. Schools three, four, and five, as far as the number of pupils is concerned, would admit of some form of consolidation. But their location renders it impossible. Graduation and the ability to command

higher teaching talent are two essential factors in this problem. The matter of some form of temporary consolidation awaits changes in the schools.

THE PRESENT STATUS.

This is much better than many towns of the state. It is an advance on our past. Free text-books are a great advance. The schoolhouses are a great advance. But this is not without its perils. It is a question how far what may be termed the paternal government can be carried with safety. It is certainly carried too far when the subject ceases to help himself; too far when he is clamorous for more, or when he ceases to care for and husband what is provided for him; too far when he is indifferent to the depths the public treasury is drained in his behalf. It will be a sad condition of our schools when the state does so much that the patron has nothing to do for himself.

THE PAST YEAR.

While all has not been accomplished that we hoped, there has been some increase in efficiency. While there are some weak points, there are more in which there is an increase of strength, and in the aggregate the standard is several points higher. In inexpensive ways the facilities for school work have been increased. School No. 3, by a courageous and hearty push has secured an organ for their schoolroom,—something that the friends of that school have long desired for it. Now each school-room of the town has its musical instrument.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Perfect attendance for the year:—

Carrie F. Hobbs.	Lena Agnes Cloyd.
Bessie F. Hyde.	Blanche Harriet Hillman.
Beryl G. Hyde.	Richard H. Currier.
Sam Hobbs.	Alice A. Carleton.

Perfect attendance for two terms:—

Virginia F. Cutter.	Forrest A. Richardson.
Clara Corrine Cutter.	Arthur H. Peabody.
John W. Peabody.	Alice Merriam Kelley.
Grace Mabel Hall.	Fred J. Worcester.

Perfect attendance for one term:—

Delia B. Atwood.	Albert A. Tallant.
Alice E. Kent.	Chester W. Peabody.
Bertha A. Lewis.	Gertie E. Peabody.
Arthur P. Atwood.	Wilbur L. Peabody.
Charles B. Stickney.	Eva M. Richardson.
Charles W. Hobbs.	Lottie B. Fox.
Mary Semple Hillman.	Helen E. Lawson.
George Herbert Seavey.	Elsie M. Lawson.
Florence A. Cutter.	Oscar Reissman.
Clara Evelyne Jones.	Nettie Reissman.
Russell David Butler.	Alfred Reissman.
	Eben M. Tallant.

STATISTICS.

The school year was 33 weeks, divided into three equal terms. School No. 5 was abbreviated one week, because the teacher was called away by sickness. The teachers were as follows:

SCHOOL No. 1,	Miss Susan Maria Smith and Miss Mary Edna Buswell.
SCHOOL No. 2,	Miss N. M. Morse and Miss Annie Perley Day
SCHOOL No. 3,	Miss Ethel Mae Chase.
SCHOOL No. 4,	Miss E. F. Woodman.
SCHOOL No. 5,	Miss Alice M. Worthen and Miss Sara Gertrude Small.

ATTENDANCE AND STUDIES.

SCHOOL No. 1.—First term, 32 scholars; second, 33; third, 36, for the year, 37,—19 boys and eighteen girls. Average attendance 27.

All attended to reading, spelling, penmanship and arithmetic; 16 to grammar, 6 to history, 24 to drawing, 5 to physiology, 2 to algebra, 1 to geometry.

SCHOOL No. 2.—First term, 34 scholars; second, 30; third 28; for the year, 34.—16 boys and 18 girls. Average attendance 27.

All attended to reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, grammar, drawing and vocal music; 26 to geography, 25 to composition, 14 to history, 6 to book-keeping, 2 to algebra.

SCHOOL No. 3.—First term, 23 scholars; second, 23; third 22; for the year, 26,—10 boys and 16 girls. Average attendance 18.

All attended to reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic and drawing; 12 to geography, grammar and composition, 2 to physiology, 1 to algebra.

SCHOOL No. 4.—First term, 13 scholars; second, 17; third, 19; for the year 21, 11 boys and 10 girls. Average attendance 13.

All attended to reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, drawing and vocal music; 12 to geography and composition, 10 to grammar, 9 to history.

SCHOOL No. 5.—First term, 10 scholars; second, 12; third, 13; for the year, 13,—9 boys and 4 girls. Average attendance 11.

All attended to reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, drawing, and vocal music; 11 to geography, 9 to grammar and composition, 8 to history.

The amount expended for teachers and miscellaneous expenses, \$1542.35. The amount for school supplies, \$98.61.

Number of scholars attending the schools during the year, 131—65 boys and 66 girls, expense per scholar for teaching and miscellaneous expenses, \$11.77. Expense per scholar for school supplies, \$0.73.

AUGUSTUS BERRY,

For the Board of Education.

EXPENSES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

As Rendered by Chairman of the Same March 1, 1898.

No. 1 SCHOOL.

Paid Susan M. Smith, spring term, 11 weeks at \$8....	\$88 00	
Mary Edna Buswell, fall term, 11 weeks at 8....	88 00	
Mary Edna Buswell, winter term, 11 weeks at 8 ...	88 00	
		\$264 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid for building fires for the year at No. 1..	\$5 90	
James Hobbs, for 3 cords hard wood sawed and put in shed.....	16 50	
Willis Hobbs, for 1 cord pine wood	2 75	
Moses Raymond, sawing same and putting in shed.....	1 25	
for flag rope and dipper.....	75	
for cleaning the house.....	1 00	
for sundries.....	80	
		28 95
Total expense No. 1 School.....		\$292 95

No. 2 SCHOOL.

Paid N. M. Morse, spring term, 11 weeks at \$8.....	\$88 00	
A. P. Day, fall term, 11 weeks at 8.....	88 00	
A. P. Day, winter term, 11 weeks at 9.....	99 00	
		\$275 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid building fires for the year.....	\$5 75
For wash basin, cup and water pail. ...	73
For water pail.....	38
Cleaning the house.....	1 00
Geo. S. Butler for 19 ft. hard wood, sawed and put in shed.....	13 06
Geo. S. Butler for 2 cords pine wood, sawed and put in shed.....	7 00
Geo. S. Butler, putting on double win- dows, and taking off.....	1 00
Augustus Berry, brooms.....	50
Cleaning the house..	1 00
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	\$30 42
Total expense No. 2 School.....	<hr/> \$305 42

No. 3 SCHOOL.

Paid Ethel Mae Chase, spring term, 11 weeks at \$8.00..	\$88 00
Ethel Mae Chase, fall term, 11 weeks at 8.00..	88 00
Ethel Mae Chase, winter term, 11 weeks at 8.00..	88 00
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	\$264 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Augustus Berry, 2 brooms and drinking cup	\$ 60
Augustus Berry for hod.....	42
James Hobbs, 1 cord pine wood, sawed and put in shed.....	3 50
Cleaning the house.....	1 00
Building fires for the year.....	5 80
James Hobbs, 4 cords pine wood, sawed and put in shed.....	20 00
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	\$31 32
Total expense No. 3 School.....	<hr/> \$295 32

No. 4 SCHOOL.

Paid E. Fanny Woodman, spring term, 11 weeks at \$8.00.....	\$88 00
E. Fanny Woodman, fall term, 11 weeks at \$8.00..	88 00
E. Fanny Woodman, winter term, 11 weeks at \$8.00	88 00
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	\$264 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid building fires for the year.....	\$ 6 00
D. M. Webster for 20 ft. wood.....	10 63
D. M. Webster for 4 ft. wood.....	2 37
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	\$19 00
Total expense No. 4 School.....	<hr/>
	\$283 00

No. 5 SCHOOL.

Paid Alice M. Worthen, spring term, 11 weeks at \$8.00	\$88 00
Alice M. Worthen, fall term, 10 weeks at 8.00	80 00
Sara G. Small, winter term, 11 weeks at 8.00	88 00
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	\$256 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid building fires for the year.....	\$6 00
Augustus Berry, water pail and cup....	93
Cleaning stove pipe.....	35
Willis Hobbs, 2 cords oak wood.....	8 50
Geo. Larey, for cutting same and putting in shed.....	3 00
Willis Hobbs, 1 cord pine wood	2 75
Geo. Larey, for cutting same and putting in shed.....	75
Cleaning house.....	1 00
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	\$23 28
Total expense No 5 School.....	<hr/>
	\$279 28

No. 6 SCHOOL.

Expense carrying school children to School No. 2:	
Paid John F. Johnston for carrying school children to School No. 2.....	\$86 38
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Total expense No. 6 School.....	\$86 38

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid Augustus Berry for repairs on No. 1...	\$ 1 45	
Stephen B. Donovan, painting School No. 2.....	10 70	
H. F. Willet, for stove pipe, School No. 2	11 40	
Charles H. Davis, mason work, No. 2...	4 50	
Augustus Berry, for repairs No. 3.....	25	
J. N. Colman & Son, for lumber and dressing, "same for No. 5".....	12 04	
Warren Herbert, labor on house at No. 5	10 50	
Geo. S. Butler, paint and oil, No. 5.....	2 25	
Geo. S. Butler, for teaming lumber to No. 5.....	1 25	
Augustus Berry, repairs for No. 5.....	1 86	
	<hr/>	\$56 20
Total expenses for repairs on school houses.....		\$56 20

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES OF THE DISTRICT.

Geo. S. Butler, blanks and stationery.....	\$ 60
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BOOK ACCOUNT.

Paid J. L. Hammett for stationery.....	\$13 63	
T. H. Lawler, for stationery and crayon	9 04	
American Book Co., for geographies....	17 84	
Thompson, Brown & Co., for arithmetics	12 36	
Ginn & Co., for histories....	1 67	
Babb & Co., for readers and writing books.....	25 69	
Merrill & King, for school supplies....	1 07	
For sundries.....	1 34	
F. M. Woodbury, for ink and mucilage..	2 05	
Prang & Co., for supplies.....	5 04	
Maynard & Merrill, text books.....	7 00	
Silver, Burdette & Co., for readers....	3 50	
For supplementary reading and card- board.....	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$101 23

REGAPITULATION.

Paid teachers No. 1.....	\$264 00	
miscellaneous expenses.....	28 95	
		\$292 95
Paid teachers No. 2.....	275 00	
miscellaneous expenses.....	30 42	
		305 42
Paid teachers No. 3.....	264 00	
miscellaneous expenses.....	31 32	
		295 32
Paid teachers No. 4.....	264 00	
miscellaneous expenses.....	19 00	
		283 00
Paid teachers No. 5.....	256 00	
miscellaneous expenses.....	23 28	
		279 28
Paid No. 6, carrying children to No. 2.....		86 38
book and supply account for all schools.....		101 23
repairs on school houses.....		56 20
miscellaneous expenses of the District..		60
Total expended for the year ending March 1, 1898.....		\$1,700 38

GEORGE S. BUTLER,

For School Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Of the Town School District for the year ending March 1st, 1898.

The Treasurer charges himself as follows :

DR.	
To cash in Treasury March 1st, 1897.....	\$ 297 22
received of Selectmen, part of Town and Town District appropria- tions 1897.....	1,086 35
received of Selectmen literary fund 1896	102 20
received of Selectmen dog fund 1896	191 45
	\$1,677 22
CR.	
By sundry orders drawn by Chairman of School Board amounting to.....	\$1,599 15
Leaving a balance in the treasury March 1st, 1898.....	\$78 07
There is now due from the Town treasury, by an order from the Selectmen, a part of the Town appropria- tion of 1897, amounting to.....	588 65

BOOK ACCOUNT.

DR.	
To cash in treasury March 1, 1897.....	\$67 45
received from Selectmen, Town Dis- trict appropriation.....	80 00
received from Augustus Berry, pro- ceeds from the sale of school sup- plies.....	2 64
Total received.....	\$150 09
CR.	
By sundry orders drawn by chairman of School Board..	\$101 23
Leaving a balance in the treasury, March 1, 1898	48 86

Respectfully submitted

GEORGE S. BUTLER,

Treasurer Town School District.

AUDITOR'S REPORT,

We, the undersigned, auditors of the School Board of the Town of Pelham, for the year ending March 1, 1898, find the Chairman of the School Board has issued orders to the amount of \$1700.38, and we find the Treasurer of the School Board has received \$1827.31, and has paid orders above mentioned, leaving a balance in the Treasury of \$126.93, including \$48.86, "book account."

FRANK M. WOODBURY,
DANIEL P. ATWOOD,
CHARLES W. HOBBS,

Auditors.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
PELHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

Once more it becomes our duty to make our annual report to the town's-people of the condition of the Free Public Library, and we take pleasure in announcing that there are nothing but favorable conditions to report.

The library continues prosperous and is better patronized than ever; the people of the town appreciate more and more its benefits, and are interested in its welfare, as is proven by the increase in the number of books drawn this year. Since its auspicious beginning there has been no backward step and there is now no cloud vizable which may obscure its future prosperity and usefulness; in fact, the people of Pelham know how to value a good thing when they have it, and even those who were at first its enemies are now its friends.

As appears in the librarian's report 128 new books have been added the past year, quite a number of which were given by the friends of the library, and we take pleasure in assuring them of our appreciation of the gifts.

No supplementary catalogue of books will appear this year in the Town Report on account of a recent

purchase of books which will arrive too late to be catalogued at the time of the publication of the report, but a list will subsequently be issued in pamphlet form containing all the books added in the past year.

We desire to again remind the patrons of the library that lists of books expressing their individual preference will be of great value in aiding the trustees in the selection of books; a few such lists have been handed in but we should like many more, and any suggestions in regard to the purchase of books will be thankfully received.

The past year has gone along smoothly with the library; the building and the books have been well cared for by those in charge of them and all has been satisfactory to the trustees and those interested in the library. No changes worthy of note have been made.

We understand that there is still some money left in the hands of the building committee which will be expended in adding further conveniences to the library and grounds.

The balance of money in the hands of the treasurer is not much different from last year, and with the usual appropriation by the town there seems to be no reason why the usual increase in the number of volumes can not be maintained for the next year.

With all confidence in the continued success and well being of the library this report is respectfully submitted.

SHERMAN HOBBS,

GEORGE S. BUTLER,

FRANK M. WOODBURY,

Trustees of Free Public Library.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer respectfully submits the following report
for the year ending March 1, 1898:

DR.

March 1, 1897, amount of cash in treasury	\$105 13
Feb. 15, 1898, received Town appropriation	100 00
March 1, 1898, received cash from Librarian, fines	4 82
Total receipts	\$209 95

CR.

Cash paid De Wolfe, Fiske & Co., for books	\$80 38
Librarian's salary	25 00
Dumas & Co	60
carfare, express, labels, etc	3 50
Total expenditures	\$109 48
Leaving amount of cash in treasury March 1, 1898	\$100 47

FRANK M. WOODBURY,

Treasurer Library Trustees.