

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OF PELHAM, N. H.,
SHOWING THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1889;
TOGETHER WITH THE
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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TOWN OFFICERS, 1888.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

SAMUEL KELLEY, RICHARD B. HILLMAN,
CHARLES H. WYMAN.

TOWN CLERK.

DANIEL P. ATWOOD.

TOWN TREASURER.

ENOCH M. MARSH.

FISH AND GAME WARDENS.

WILLIS H. ATWOOD, HENRY LEWIS, WM. D. PAXTON,
CHARLES G. MOORE.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

AMOS BATCHELDER, M. D.

CONSTABLES.

DANIEL M. WEBSTER, GEORGE S. BUTLER.

AUDITORS.

DANIEL MARSHALL, GEO. S. BUTLER, CHAS. W. HOBBS.

FENCE VIEWERS.

DANIEL MARSHALL, CHARLES W. HOBBS,
DANIEL N. ATWOOD.



SURVEYORS, CORDERS OF WOOD, AND MEASURERS OF LUMBER.

DANIEL MARSHALL,	JONATHAN N. WOODMAN.
CHARLES L. SEAVEY,	ALLEN E. LEWIS,
GEORGE H. CURRIER,	LUTHER C. RICHARDSON,
NELSON WEBSTER,	FOREST E. KELLEY,
GEORGE S. BUTLER,	JOHN WILSON,
RICHARD B. HILLMAN,	CHARLES W. HOBBS,
CHARLES W. SPEAR,	WILLIAM G. BUTLER,
PATRICK J. COGGER.	

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

PATRICK J. COGGER,	SAMUEL KELLEY,
GEORGE S. BUTLER,	AMOS R. HOBBS,
CHARLES H. WYMAN,	JONAS KEYES.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

CHARLES W. HOBBS,	GEORGE H. CURRIER,
AUGUSTUS BERRY.	

SUPERVISORS.

JOHN WOODBURY,	DANIEL N. ATWOOD,
GEORGE H. CURRIER.	

SEXTON.

KIMBALL J. CHAPLIN.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TOTAL VALUATION OF THE TOWN, APRIL 1, 1888.

Number of polls, 212	\$21,200 00
Number of horses, 261	20,511 00
Number of oxen, 16	985 00
Number of cows, 840	21,522 00
Number of other neat stock, 172	2,708 00
Number of sheep, 54	165 00
Number of hogs, 38	305 00
Number of carriages taxable, 13	1,080 00
Value of bank stock	2,800 00
Money at interest	26,890 00
Stock in trade	35,006 00
Mills and machinery	11,100 00
Land and buildings	403,481 00
Total	\$547,753 00

TAXES ASSESSED IN 1888.

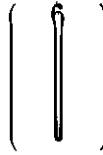
State tax	\$1,295 00
County tax	826 97
For town charges	800 00
For schools	1,200 00
For repairing school houses	400 00
For school books	100 00
For highways	1,500 00
Overlayings	231 97
Dog tax	114 00

Whole amount of taxes assessed in the year 1888, **\$6,467 94**

Taxes committed to the collector for collection, including dog tax, all of the non-resident highway tax and resident highway tax in money. **\$5,866 73**

Rate of taxation exclusive of highway tax, \$8.80 on \$1,000.

Rate of highway, \$2.80 on \$1,000.



SCHOOL MONEY.

Whole amount due the several old school districts March 1, 1889:

Balance due district No. 1.....	\$234 76	
Balance due district No. 2.....	144 91	
Balance due district No. 3.....	219 99	
Balance due district No. 4.....	157 55	
Balance due district No. 5.....	165 69	
Balance due district No. 6.....	105 47	
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		\$1,028 37

SCHOOL MONEY APPROPRIATED.

For town district, 1888.....	\$1,200 00	
Amount unexpended March 1, 1888, of appropriation of 1887.....	221 76	
Literary fund of 1887.....	122 10	
Dog fund of 1887.....	101 00	
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		\$1,644 86

PAID SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1889.

Of appropriation of 1887.....	\$221 76	
Of literary fund, 1887.....	122 10	
Dog fund, 1887.....	101 00	
Of town appropriation, 1888.....	1,130 14	
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		\$1,575 00

AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY UNEXPENDED.

Of appropriation of 1888.....	\$69 86	
Literary fund, 1888.....	125 55	
Dog fund, 1888.....	100 00	
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		\$295 41

PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Paid Charles W. Hobbs, for the year ending March, 1888,	\$35 00
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SEXTON.

Paid Kimball J. Chaplin for the year ending March, 1888,	33 50
Kimball J. Chaplin, for the year ending March, 1889,	21 50

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Paid Samuel Kelly for the year ending March, 1888....	69 50
Richard B. Hillman for year ending March, 1888...	13 00
Daniel P. Atwood for the year ending March, 1888,	44 50

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/>	\$217 00
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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$217 00
TOWN CLERK.	
Paid Daniel P. Atwood for the year ending March, 1888,	30 00
TOWN TREASURER.	
Paid Enoch M. Marsh for two years ending March, 1888,	80 00
CONSTABLE.	
Paid Daniel P. Atwood, for the year 1887	2 00
TOWN DISTRICT CLERK.	
Paid Nathan S. Sleeper, for the year ending March, 1888.	10 00
SUPERVISORS.	
Paid Geo. S. Butler, for the year ending Nov. 5, 1888...	15 00
Chas. W. Spear, for the year ending Nov. 5, 1888..	15 00
COLLECTOR OF TAXES.	
Paid Daniel M. Webster, for two years ending May, 1888.	165 00
	\$534 00
HIGHWAYS.	
Paid Jonas Keyes, highway money for District No. 6, year 1888.....	\$27 96
Amos R. Hobbs, highway money for District No. 5, year 1888	140 00
Patrick J. Cogger, for amount expended on highway in District No. 1, above appropriation in 1887..	11 33
Patrick J. Cogger, part of highway money due Dis- trict No. 1, for the year 1888.....	100 00
Charles H. Wyman, highway money due District No. 3, for the year 1888.....	110 84
Patrick J. Cogger, balance of money due highway District No. 1.....	32 31
Amos R. Hobbs, for labor on highway in District No. 5, above appropriation.....	12 00
George S. Butler, highway money due District No. 2, for the year 1888.....	200 14
Amos R. Hobbs, for repairing highways in District No. 5, above appropriation	54 37
Samuel Kelley, for repairing defective highway in District No. 4, in 1887	2 29
Samuel Kelley, non-resident, highway tax of 1888 for District No. 4, paid in labor.....	52 51
R. M. Hills, for repairing defective highway in Dis- trict No. 3	1 50
	\$745 25

TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid N. H. Asylum for insane, for board and clothing of Frederic Titcomb, for the quarter ending March 31, 1888.....	\$34 04
Quarter ending June 30, 1888.....	44 79
Quarter ending September 30, 1888.....	33 71
Quarter ending December 31, 1888.....	33 61
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	\$146 15

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Mrs Giles, for board of Abraham Half, 17 weeks ending July 31, 1888.....	43 00
Received of County of Hillsborough, for the board of Abraham Half, 17 weeks ending July 31, 1888.....	\$43 00

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid County tax.....	\$826 97
State tax.....	1,295 00
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	\$2,121 97

SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid Geo. H. Currier, part of the appropriation for the repair of school houses for the year 1888.....	\$200 00
Geo. Currier, balance of appropriation for 1888....	200 00
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	\$400 00

SNOW BILLS.

Paid George S. Butler, for breaking roads in March 1888	\$52 53
George H. Currier, for breaking roads in March 1888	80 73
Joshua Searles, for shoveling snow in 1888.....	2 10
Daniel H. Pearsons, for breaking roads to April 1, 1888.....	6 00
Samuel Kelley, for breaking snow paths in 1888...	82 24
Patrick J. Cogger, for breaking roads in 1888.....	77 64
George A. Tuttle, for breaking roads in 1888	77
G. W. Sherburn, for breaking roads in 1888.....	1 40
R. M. Hills, for breaking roads in 1888.....	49 92
George S. Butler, for breaking roads in 1888.....	2 00
Chas. L. Seavey, for breaking roads in 1888.....	20 00
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	\$375 33

TOWN HALL.

Paid George S. Butler for insuring Town Hall for one year, ending July 9, 1889.....	\$15 00
David A. Greely for repairing tables and furnishing articles for Town Hall.....	6 00
A. G. Pollard & Co. for table cloths.....	7 45
Richard B. Hillman for wood furnished Town Hall, F. M. Woodbury, articles furnished Town Hall for year ending March 1, 1889.....	10 50
Frank Stickney for services as janitor of Town Hall for year ending March 1, 1889.....	7 28
Frank Stickney for washing table cloths, cleaning Hall, etc.....	24 80
	5 75
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	\$76 78

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Daniel P. Atwood, for recording births and deaths for the year 1887.....	\$3 60
Daniel P. Atwood, for stationery, postage and express for the year 1887.....	75
Daniel P. Atwood, for fixing guide boards in 1887..	50
Samuel Kelley, time and expense to Nashua to settle with County Commissioners.....	2 00
Morning Mail Co., for printing 350 town reports...	25 00
J. Hadlock, for 2 blades and bolts for road machine,	17 00
Interest on Congregational Society's note for year ending February, 1888.....	48 00
George H. Currier, appropriation for school books for 1888.....	100 00
Richard B. Hillman, for bridge plank.....	5 89
Samuel Kelley, for erecting 16 guide boards, and furnishing lumber, and making 11 new guide boards, and furnishing 2 guide posts and setting the same in 1887.....	17 00
Samuel Kelley, amount paid Orandal Burt, for painting 17 guide boards in 1887.....	8 50
Samuel Kelley, amount paid for stencil letters and brush in 1887.....	4 15
Samuel Kelley, for books, stationery, checks and postage in 1887.....	4 38
Jonas Keyes, for public watering-place for year ending March 1, 1888.....	3 00
Clarence W. Richardson, for overpaid tax of 1887..	5 28
Samuel Kelly, for getting Sunday laws printed.....	2 75
Charles Brown, for keeping transient paupers, in 1887.....	1 50
Samuel Kelley, for keeping transient paupers in 1887	1 50
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$250 80

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$250 80
Paid Samuel Kelley, car far and expense to Concord to settle with State Treasurer, and confer with the State Board of equalization	4 89
Samuel Kelley, time and expense to Nashua on town business in 1887.....	2 00
Samuel Kelley, time and expense to Nashua to examine records	2 00
Samuel Kelley, use of horse for the year 1887.....	15 00
Patrick J. Cogger, for keeping public watering-place for the year ending March 1, 1889.....	3 00
Daniel P. Atwood, for damage done to sheep by dogs.....	9 00
Samuel Kelley, books, stationery postage, checks and freight for the year ending March 1, 1888.....	2 70
Samuel Kelley, for support of transient paupers for the year 1888	3 75
John E. Alexander, for damage to team on account of defective highway.....	4 75
John E. Alexander, for board of J. L. Cambridge...	3 25
C. H. Wyman, for keeping one tramp.....	50
Granville B. Currier, for damage done to sheep by dogs	5 00
John LeClair, for repairs on road machine.....	2 25
Kimball J. Chaplin, for labor in Gumpus Cemetery in 1888.....	1 25
George S. Butler, for repairs on road machine	2 50
James E. Butler, keeping public watering-place for the year ending March 1, 1889.....	3 00
Charles L. Seavey, for 34 fence posts in 1887.....	5 35
Lydia H. Carlton, balance on note and interest.....	156 20
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	\$477 19

GORRELL FUND.

Paid Kimball J. Chaplin, for labor on Gorrell lot in 1887,	\$1 50
Kimball J. Chaplin, for labor on Gorrell lot in 1888,	2 00
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	\$3 50
Received from the Gorrell fund.....	\$5 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Non-resident highway tax, paid in labor, 1886 list.....	\$14 00
James M. Hardy, tax, 1886 list.....	1 40
James M. Hardy, tax, 1887 list.....	1 42
Neils Clauson, tax, 1887 list.....	1 77
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$18 59

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$18 59
James Hansell, tax, 1887 list	1 42
Milan Kimball, tax, 1887 list	36
Sydney J. Lyon, tax, 1887 list	1 42
George Myers, tax, 1887 list	1 42
Lawson Myers, tax, 1887 list	1 42
Edward McLean, tax, 1887 list	1 42
Frank M. Perrow, tax, 1887 list	1 42
Milton D. Emerson, tax 1887 list	10 57
Moses Titcomb heirs, part of tax, 1887 list	8 46
Nathan Parker heirs, part of tax, 1887 list	1 51
Henry W. Helm, highway tax, 1887 list	2 07
Daniel L. Coburn, highway tax, 1887 list	98
Daniel Gage, part of tax, 1887 list	2 65
Daniel H. Pearson, part of tax, 1887 list	1 81
Non-resident, highway tax, paid in labor, 1887 list	6 46
John McGoveren, Dog tax, 1888 list	2 00
Daniel L. Coburn, highway tax, 1888 list	73
Jeremiah Farmer, highway tax, 1888 list	2 17
John Carr, highway tax, 1888 list	2 42
Henry W. Helm, highway tax, 1888 list	1 55
William E. Helm, highway tax, 1888 list	14
Melinda Richardson, tax, 1888 list	4 08
Charles A. Cavelry, tax, 1888 list	1 02
William Donaldson, tax, 1888 list	1 02
Edward L. Reynolds, tax, 1888 list	1 02
James T. Reed, tax, 1888 list	1 02
Non-resident, highway tax, paid in labor, 1888 list	32 59

\$111 74

RECAPITULATION.

Paid School Board	\$1,575 00
Town officers	534 00
Highways	745 25
Town paupers	146 15
County paupers	43 00
School houses	400 00
Snow bills	375 33
Town hall	76 78
Miscellaneous	477 19
Gorrell fund	3 50
Abatement of taxes	111 74
State tax	1,295 00
County tax	826 97
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	\$6,609 91
Outstanding order of 1887, paid by Treasurer	35 00
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	\$6,644 91

ASSETS.

Amount of cash in Treasury March 1, 1889.....	\$504 47
Whole amount in hands of Collector.....	2,324 24
James F. McKissock, balance due for rent of Carlton Place.....	18 75
Heirs of Caleb Carlton, for aid furnished Sarah Carlton..	87 25
George Leary, rent due for John Richardson Place to March 1, 1889.....	9 00
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	\$2,943 71

LIABILITIES.

Amount due the several old school districts Mar. 1, 1889.	\$1,028 37
Amount due town district, unexpended town appropriation of 1888.....	69 86
Dog fund of 1888.....	100 00
Literary fund of 1888.....	125 55
Congregational Society's note against the town, including interest about.....	850 00
Highway money due District No. 4.....	147 06
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	\$2,320 84
Balance in favor of the town.....	\$622 87

A part of the town officers to be paid from the above amount.

SAMUEL KELLEY,
RICHARD B. HILLMAN,
CHARLES H. WYMAN,
Selectmen of Pelham.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer respectfully submits the following report for the year ending March 1, 1889.

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To cash in Treasury, March 1, 1888, including \$122.10, literary fund, and \$101.00 dog fund	\$370 08
Received of Samuel Kelley, from County Commissioners,	48 00
Cash received from John Woodbury, dividend from insurance Company on Town Hall,	15 00
“ “ of Frank Stickney, for use of Town Hall..	37 00
“ “ of Orandell Burt, for rent.....	12 00
“ “ of Samuel Kelley, Gorrell fund.....	5 00
“ “ of K. J. Chaplin, for sale of cemetery lots.	5 00
“ “ State Treasurer, railroad tax.....	138 81
“ “ “ “ savings bank tax.....	614 18
“ “ “ “ literary fund.....	125 55
“ “ of Daniel M. Webster, taxes.....	5,783 76
Total received from all sources.....	\$7,149 38

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By cash paid on sundry orders issued by the Selectmen, including one outstanding order of \$35.00.....	\$6,644 91
Leaving amount of cash in Treasury March 1, 1889, including \$125.55, literary fund, and \$100.00, dog fund.....	\$504 47

ENOCH M. MARSH,
Town Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the town of Pelham for the year ending March 1, 1889, find the Selectmen have issued orders to the amount of \$6,609.91, and that said orders were properly receipted. And we find that the Town Treasurer has received \$7,149.38, and has paid orders above mentioned, and an out-standing order of last year to the amount of \$6,644.91, leaving a balance in the Treasury to the amount of \$504.47.

DANIEL MARSHALL,
CHARLES W. HOBBS,
GEORGE S. BUTLER,

Auditors.

VITAL STATISTICS.

In compliance with an act of the Legislature passed June session, 1887, requiring "Clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths, to the municipal officers, for publication in the "Annual Report," I hereby submit following:

Births Registered in the Town of Pelham, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1888.

Date of Birth. 1888.	Name of Child (if any).	Sex and Condition.				Color.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		Male.	Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. Child, 1st, 2d, &c.								
Jan. 4.	Alice P.....	"	"	L.	1st	W.	John H. Marsh.....	Sadie F. Emery.....	W.	Pelham....	Farmer....	Pelham.....	Newfield, Me.
Mar. 8.	Murtie Anna.....	"	"	"	2d	"	William Morris.....	Anna N. Burt.....	"	".....	Laborer....	England.....	Pelham.
" 28.	Eliza T.....	"	"	"	6th	"	Clarence M. Wyman..	Jennie Pratt.....	"	".....	Farmer....	Pelham.....	Philadelphia, Penn.
Apr. 6.	Mary W.....	"	"	"	3d	"	Frank H. Hillman ..	Alice M. Greeley....	"	".....	Carpenter..	".....	Pelham.
" 9.	.....	"	"	"	1st.	"	Aaron P. Estey.....	Mary E. Akerman....	"	".....	Laborer....	Derry.....	Farmington.
" 14.	.....	"	"	"	4th	"	Moses Raymond.....	Julia Lary.....	"	".....	Laborer....	Canada.....	Methuen, Mass.
May 20.	.....	"	"	"	4th	"	Albert F. Searles....	Sarah T. Fletcher....	"	".....	Laborer....	Pelham.....	Newbury.
" 28.	.....	"	"	"	8th	"	Wesley Sawyer.....	Mary E. Cash.....	"	".....	Physician..	Cumberland, Me.....	Cape Elizabeth, Me.
June 23.	.....	"	"	"	3d	"	John F. Johnston....	Sarah.....	"	".....	Farmer....	Sebec, Me.....	Bridgewater, Mass.
Aug. 18.	.....	"	"	S.	4th	"	Daniel P. Atwood....	Emma M. Gage.....	"	".....	Farmer....	Pelham.....	Pelham.
Nov. 29.	.....	"	"	L.	9th	"	Frank Stickney.....	Serena S. Batchelder.	"	".....	Carpenter..	".....	"

Marriages Registered in the Town of Pelham, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1888.

Date of Marriage. 1888.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in yrs.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Condition.*	Name, Residence, and Official Station of person by whom married.
Apr. 30.	Pelham...	Henry M. Currier...	Pelham.....	21	Farmer.....	Pelham.....	Geo. H. Currier..... Aroline Marsh.....	Pelham..... ".....	Farmer.....	S. 1.	Rev. Augustus..... Berry, Pelham.....
May 2.	[land, Me. New Port-	H. Gertrude Hillman Arthur W. Greeley..	" ".....	20 28	Housekeep.. Piano Tuner.	" ".....	R. B. Hillman..... Augusta Spear..... David A. Greeley.. Mary Wilson.....	Rockland, Me... "..... Pelham, Mass... Dracut, Mass...	Lumber Deal Farmer.....	" "	Rev. Leon'd H..... utchins, New Portlan..... d, Me.
June 6.	Pelham...	Willis Hobbs .. Sadie L. Kelley.....	Pelham..... ".....	23 22	Farmer..... Housekeep..	Pelham..... Broadtop City,	Amos R. Hobbs..... Carrie G. Stickney. John Kelley..... Angie.....	Pelham..... "..... Warren, Me..... Cornish.....	Farmer..... Miner..... Farmer.....	" "	Rev. Augustus..... Berry, Pelham.....
Sep. 19.	"	Frank M. Woodbury Zena Belle Atwood.	" ".....	36 19	Merchant... Housekeep..	Pelham..... ".....	John Woodbury... Betsey A. Hobbs... Daniel N. Atwood..	Warren, Me..... Pelham..... Pelham.....	Farmer..... Butcher.....	" "	Rev. Augustus..... Berry, Pelham.....
Sep. 30.	[Ms. Methuen,	Guilford A. Lewis ..	"	33	Shoemaker..	"	Ella F. Sleeper... Henry Lewis..... Ann E. Thistle..... Fenton Williamson.	Lowell, Mass... Dracut, " Pelham..... England.....	Farmer.....	W. 2.	Rev. Chas. H. O..... liphant, Methuen, N..... Mass.
Dec. 26.	[Ms. Methuen,	Mary A. Williamson. Forest E. Kelley.... Addie F. Smith.....	Methuen, Ms. Pelham..... Methuen, Ms.	32 24 22	Weaver..... Stone Cutter. Dress Maker	Groveland, Ms. Pelham..... Salem.....	Katie..... Samuel Kelley.... Ann Woodbury.... James Smith..... Frances Webster....	England..... Scotland..... Salem..... Pelham..... Windham..... Salem.....	Spinner..... Farmer.....	S. 1. "	Rev. A. Mc..... regor, Methuen, T..... Mass.

Color of each—white. * Whether single or widowed; what marriage—whether first, second, etc.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Pelham, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1888.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex and Cond.				Occupation.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male.	Female.	Color.	Single, Married, or Widowed.					
1888.														
Jan. 15.	John S. Ellenwood....	78	6		Pelham	"		M.	Stone Cutter.	Pelham			Benj. Ellenwood....	
" 20.	Harriet F. Hildreth ..	84	6		Westford, Ms..	"		W.	Housekeep..	Westford, Mass.	Westford		Isah Prescott	Betsey Wright
Feb. 26.	Martha Carr	14	3	4	Lowell, Mass..	"		S.		Ireland	Ireland		James Carr	Ann Marshall
" 26.	Sarah Cutter	76	5		Pelham	"		S.	Housekeep..	Monotony, Mass	Pelham		John Cutter	Miriam Butler
Mar. 25.	Enoch Marsh	90	1	6	"	"		W.	Farmer	Pelham			John Marsh	Anna
June 10.	James M. Hardy	66	1	7	"	"		S.	Laborer.....	"	Hudson		Enos Hardy	Bridget Andrews...
Sep. 10.	Leonard R. Cutter ..	23	10	5	"	"		S.		"	"		Frederic A. Cutter..	Susan M. Hardy
Oct. 30.	Eristine Helm	84	4	2	Lawrence, Ms.	"		S.		Germany	Germany		Henry W. Helm	Eristine Maddhe
Nov. 5.	Cynthia S. Coburn ..	84	7	5	"	"		W.	Housekeep..	Merrimack	Andover, Mass.		Asa Spaulding	Joanna Chandler...
Nov. 27.	Miranda H. Pattee ..	77	8	23	Bath	"		S.	Housekeep..	Salem	Hollis		Day E. Pattee	Betsey Eastman

DANIEL P. ATWOOD, *Town Clerk and Registrar.*



REPORT
OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD,
OF THE
TOWN OF PELHAM,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1889.

SCHOOL BOARD.

CHARLES W. HOBBS, . . . Term expires March, 1889.

GEORGE H. CURRIER, . . . Term expires March, 1890.

AUGUSTUS BERRY, . . . Term expires March, 1891.

REPORT.

THERE are some things that will give the past year a historical distinction in the educational interests of this town.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

The old-time school house, with its pine forms and desks, so shamefully marred, has taken its final departure from the town. And while these old school houses have a history and memories very precious to those who have been pupils in them, still they had staid too long for the welfare of this generation, and the new ones are welcomed most gladly. Some commemoration of the old houses and dedication of the new ones, would have been interesting, profitable and appropriate. But the occupation of two new school houses, spacious buildings, pleasant, and furnished with modern school chairs and desks, must constitute an epoch in the educational interests of the town. Besides, a third house has been repaired and remodelled, furnished tastefully and substantially, and out-buildings erected, such as should be attached to every school house. The other two school houses were modernized some years since, but are in need of repairs. The one in No. 2 should receive attention immediately. It is true economy to keep school buildings in thorough repair. The furniture should be varnished often. Any defacement or injury to the buildings should receive immediate attention. Well kept school buildings are lessons in carefulness and thrift to the young. A neat and pleasant school room is the best kind of an educator, a moral power in the lives of children. It shames bad thoughts and checks rudeness and disorder. It is an inspiration to things that are pure, manly, womanly and noble. The atmosphere of such a room is a tonic to all the best impulses of children's natures.

FREE TEXT-BOOKS.

Another thing that will mark an era in the history of the schools is "The Commencement in Free Text-Books and School Supplies," in other words, free implements for school work. There is a necessity for a uniform and adequate supply of these. It is well understood that no work can be successfully conducted unless all employed have proper implements, and in nothing is this necessity more manifest than in school work. Each pupil must have the text-books of his studies. Two cannot advantageously use the same book. Borrowing and lending is attended with confusion and loss of time.

THE MEANING OF FREE TEXT-BOOKS.

The fundamental idea is helping to the largest efficiency in school work. It is not to GIVE the children books. It is not to provide books for those who have books; such are expected to use their own books until they need others; but to help those who have not, and make sure that there shall be no loss of time or inefficiency in the work of school from a want of books. There are families that will prefer to own their children's books. The idea is that the town buy the text-books and sell at cost to those who wish to own them, and loan to others, subject to certain rules and regulations, such as—the books must not be taken from the school room without permission; they must be used with care; there must be no marking or writing upon them, either with pencil or ink; and if lost or injured in any way, they must be paid for.

THE ADVANTAGES OF FREE TEXT BOOKS.

One is, that all who wish to buy, can purchase some 30 per cent. less. Publishers will sell to a town at 16 2-3 per cent. discount; to a trader at only 10 per cent. discount. The School Board thought it wise to change readers, and contracted, in conformity with the laws of New Hampshire,

to use the series of readers five years. The publishing firm specified in the contract that they would furnish the books *permanently* to the town at a discount of 16 2-3 per cent., and to a trader at 10 per cent. But no dealer can afford to handle the books, subject to the losses—that are inevitable from trusting, and the interest upon the stock that he must carry—short of a profit of some 20 or 25 per cent., which must increase the price to the buyer to some 30 per cent. above what the town could furnish them for.

But while this might seem to be the chief advantage of free text-books, there are others of more importance and greater economy. There is rarely a term of school, when the work is not delayed days because more or less of the children have not the necessary books. Somehow there is a reluctance about buying school books that is very peculiar. It is delayed and delayed, postponed and postponed. But if the town furnishes the books, this evil is corrected. Then there are those who find it very difficult to meet the expense of text-books for a family. *They* can be relieved of this heavy burden without the humiliation of a public charge, or depending on borrowing, an uncomfortable way to all parties and a source of much trouble. A book can be placed in the hands of every child who goes to school without one, by the town. He can attend at once to the business of the school, classes can be formed without delay. Parents who promptly provide their children with books, must inevitably suffer loss by those who do not, which free text-books will prevent.

The matter of "Free Text-Books," is of the nature of a Public Library. This will have patrons from the owners of private libraries. There are books that one wishes to read but once, he will go to the Public Library for these. So while there are certain text-books that it is very desirable that the pupil own and keep, it often happens that he needs a book for only a term or part of a term or some younger member of the family needs a book for a little while, till an older member has completed it, thus the single book will be

sufficient for the household. In such instances there will not only be the saving of the expense of the books, but the trouble of having needless books around.

There is also an advantage in facilitating the classification of the school. The value of a school,—other things being equal,—will depend on the classification. The reluctance with which scholars go into a class that would lessen the number of classes, often comes from the consideration that they will have to get a book. There are no lines in which we may consider the matter of free text-book, in which we do not find economy.

THE APPROPRIATION OF THE LAST YEAR.

Though this was inadequate to a supply of the schools, it has nevertheless done an important service and it is hoped — has prepared the way for the town to make an appropriation adequate to the wants of the schools. The change in geographies was a necessity. Something inevitable. The book in use had been in the schools some twenty years. The publishers had revised it, so that for the purposes of classification, it was a new book. The Board deemed it best to take another author, less expensive, and, as it seemed to them, better suited to the wants of the schools. In making this change the appropriation was needed. Some bought geographies outright, and to such as wished the town has loaned. The Board desired that more attention should be paid to penmanship and furnished free writing books, and the result has been better penmanship.

The Board would have gladly loaned books in other branches, but the appropriation was not sufficient to do this *in all the schools*, and it was not deemed just or wise to do in one school that which they could not do in all.

But from their private funds they have bought books and sold them to scholars at cost, which on some books has been a saving to the pupil of near 40 per cent.

Free text-books are on the stream of progress. They will come. It is inevitable. The schools are not really free

without them. The school cannot be truly free until it is furnished with text-books. The State may provide a house and a teacher; the children may occupy the free seats, and receive the free instruction of the teachers, but they cannot be scholars doing school work until they are provided with books. But while the State has not made the schools absolutely free, it has granted to the towns the power to do it. The last legislature came very near an enactment that would have obliged the towns to do it. The next legislature probably will do it. A people may exercise a commendable pride in a public sentiment in advance of any legislation, and in a progressive spirit that leads the legislation of the State.

THE END OF SCHOOL AND HOW ATTAINED.

The process of all education is not a taking in but a drawing out. The object of school is not primarily to acquire knowledge, but to learn how to acquire, to learn to think. When a scholar has learned to think, then he has attained the end of education. The teacher often fails to recognize this fundamental principle. Parents have not understood it. The only successful teaching is that which secures thinking. There are other things which are conditions to this, such as orderly habits, proper deportment, and right sentiments.

CLASSIFICATION.

This is of prime importance. The teaching may be the best, but school work cannot be well done without this. There are certain branches that should be pursued in the schools without regard to individual preferences; and these branches should constitute sort of a course of study that pupils of similar attainments should pursue together.

THE OBJECT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

This is to prepare for true citizenship. Hence the importance of attention to the culture of the virtues of life, a

respectful demeanor, and personal self-respect. The tones of voice in the school room should be carefully considered. The responsibility of life should be taught. The value of time, the importance of integrity, thrift, carefulness, economy—things on which the success and happiness of life depend.

SOME THINGS OF INTEREST.

In No. 4, Mr. Alton Wilson gave weekly lessons in music through the year. His services were generously recognized by the friends of the school at the close of the year. The children also presented their teacher with some appropriate and choice tokens of their gratitude and esteem.

No. 5, by some entertainments given by the school, has raised funds for the purchase of an organ for the school room. It is to be hoped that in the not distant future, each school room of the town will be furnished with a musical instrument.

CONCLUSION.

In three of the schools the same teachers have labored through the year, with very satisfactory results. The Board has sought and labored for the highest efficiency of the schools, and any failure in the realization of this has been a mortification, and the cause of poignant regret.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following scholars are reported in the Registers as not absent or tardy during the year :

CHESTER A. RICHARDSON,	CARRIE M. STICKNEY,
MABEL A. RICHARDSON,	CLARENCE A. STICKNEY,
MARION L. RICHARDSON,	MILAN C. STICKNEY,
GEORGIE L. HOBBS,	ETHEL H. WEBSTER.

STATISTICS.

SCHOOL No. 1, MISS JULIA A. BIXBY of Lowell, Mass., teacher for the year. Number of weeks of school, 31. The first term, 9 weeks; second term, 10 weeks; third term, 12 weeks. Number of different scholars the first term, 31; the second term, 34; the third term, 28; for the year, 35; boys, 18; girls, 17. Average daily attendance for the year, 28. The whole school attended to reading, spelling, pen-