ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF PELHAM, N. H.

FOR THE

Year Ending February 15th, 1900.

LOWELL, MASS.: MORNING MAIL PRINT, 277 CENTRAL STREET. 1900.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1899.

SELECTMEN.

HENRY M. CURRIER,

SHERMAN HOBBS.

WILLIAM G. BUTLER.

TOWN CLERK.

DANIEL P. ATWOOD.

TOWN TREASURER.
ENOCH M. MARSH.

MODERATOR.

GEO. S. BUTLER.

GEO. H. CURRIER.

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LISTS.

FRANK M. WOODBURY.

ISAAC C. MARSHALL,

EZEKIEL C. GAGE.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

W. H. PEABODY,

O. W. SPAULDING.

CONSTABLES.

FRANK M. WOODBURY, WILLIS H. ATWOOD,

DANIEL M. WEBSTER,

GEO. S. BUTLER.

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

SHERMAN HOBBS.

FRANK M. WOODBURY,

GEO. S. BUTLER.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES.

E. M. MARSH, GEO. H. CURRIER, D. M. WEBSTER, GEO. S. BUTLER,

F. A. CUTTER.

CHAS. W. HOBBS.

FISH AND GAME WARDENS.

GEO. S. BUTLER, BERT G. WEBSTER, FRANK WILKINS, HENRY LEWIS,

HENRY S. RUSS.

ALBION C. CHASE.

FENCE VIEWERS.

DANIEL N. ATWOOD,

CHAS. L. SEAVEY,

GEO. P. WOOD.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER.

GEO. S. BUTLER,
GEO. P. WOOD,
CHAS. W. HOBBS,
THOMAS LEWIS,
C. H. COLMAN,
CHAS. L. SEAVEY,
J. N. COLMAN,

J. N. WOODMAN,
BERT G. WEBSTER,
FRANK H. HILLMAN,
W. G. BUTLER,
ORLANDO WILSON,
O. W. SPAULDING,
GEO. H. CURRIER.

AUDITORS.

CHAS. W. HOBBS,

GEO. H. CURRIER,

D. M. WEBSTER.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS.

SCHOOL BOARD.

GEO. S. BUTLER,

*AUGUSTUS BERRY.

GAGE A. FOX.

CLERK.

DANIEL P. ATWOOD.

TREASURER.
GEO. S. BUTLER.

AUDITORS.

GEORGE H. CURRIER, FRANK M. WOODBURY, CHAS. W. HOBBS.

MODERATOR.
CHAS. W. HOBBS.

^{*}Deceased.

TOWN WARRANT.

 $\left\{ \widehat{L.s.} \right\}$ THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Pelham in the County of Hillsboro in said State, Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Pelham, on Tuesday, the Thirteenth 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 appropriation of the same.
- 3. To see what disposition the Town will make of the literary fund for the ensuing year.
- 4. To see what disposition the Town will make of the dog fund for the ensuing year.
- 5. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for school purposes for the ensuing year.
- 6. To choose one person for Trustee of Public Library for three years.
- 7. To choose two persons for Trustees of Cemeteries for three years.

- 8. To see how much money, if any, the Town will vote to raise for the Public Library for the year ensuing, in addition to the amount required by law.
- 9. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for cemeteries for the year ensuing.
- 10. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise to pay on the town debt for the year ensuing.
- 11. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for the repair of highways for the year ensuing.
- 12. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for the observance of Memorial Day.
- 13. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount of two per cent. on taxes on 1900, list that are paid before Sept. 1st, 1900.
- 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept and care for the cemetery in the north part of the town.
- 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt Chapter 29 of the pamphlet laws of 1899, the same being an act in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 73 of the Public Statutes, relating to the repairs of highways in towns.
- 16. To transact any further business that may legally come before said meeting.

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

HENRY M. CURRIER, SHERMAN HOBBS, WILLIAM G. BUTLER,

Selectmen of Pelham.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM, TAKEN APRIL 1st, 1899.

non-resident valuation 99,916 o Number of polls, 217 21,700 o horses, 332 14,128 o cows, 901 23,480 o	0000
horses, 332	0
horses, 332	o
	О
neat stock, 109 1,934 5	О
sheep, 14 56 o	
hogs, 8 50 o	0
fowls, 1000 500 o	0
carriages, 14 805 o	o
Stock in banks and other corporations in this state 3,000 or	0
Money at interest	o
Stock in trade	0
Mills and machinery 7,700 oc	0
Total	0
TAXES ASSESSED IN 1899.	
State tax \$845 73	5
For town charges	5
County tax 1,100 4	5
For schools, amount required by law	0
voted by town	o
supplies and text books	0
For public library 100 oc	o
For highways	o
To pay town debt	0
Interest on town debt	o
For snow rollers	
Overlay 205 38	3

TAXES COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR.

The state of the s		
Resident tax	\$4,884 1,305	
	\$6,190	43
Rate of taxation for 1899, \$13.00 per \$1,000.		
PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.		
SELECTMEN.		
Paid Chas. L. Seavey, year ending March, 1899	\$75	00
Henry M. Currier, " "	-	00
Forest E. Kelly, " "	_	50
	136	50
TOWN TREASURER.		
Paid Enoch M. Marsh, year ending March, 1899	40	00
TOWN CLERK.		
Paid Daniel P. Atwood, year ending March, 1899	40	00
SCHOOL BOARD.		
Paid Augustus Berry, for year ending March, 1899 Geo. S. Butler, for member of school board and school district treasurer for year ending	40	00
March, 1899	25	00
Gage A. Fox, for two years ending March, 1900,	20	00
	85	00
BOARD OF HEALTH.	•	
Paid Samuel Kelly, for two years, 1897-'98	5	00
TAX COLLECTOR.		
Paid Geo. H. Currier, for year ending March, 1899.	85	00

SEXTON.

Paid Kimball J. Chaplin, for 4 burials for year ending Feb. 15th, 1900	\$14 00
MEMORIAL DAY FUND.	
Amount of appropriation unexpended Feb. 15, 1899	\$28 88
Paid for fife and drum \$4 50	
for flags 2 50	•
music bought 5 23 Harry H. Atwood, for opening and	
cleaning church 1 00	
	13 23
Balance of Memorial Day appropriation on hand Feb.	
15th, 1900	15 65
SCHOOL MONEY.	
Balance of 1898 appropriation in treasury	\$470 00
Literary fund of 1898	88 20
Dog fund of 1898	190 0 0
Amount required by law	995 00
voted by town	400 00
voted by town for text books	70 00
Paid Geo. S. Butler, school district treas-	2,213 20
urer, balance of 1898 appropria-	
tion	
literary fund, 1898	
part of 1899 appropriation 821 So	
appropriation for text books 70 00	
	1,640 00
Leaving balance of school money in town treasury Feb. 15, 1900	573 20

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid Frank M. Woodbury, treasurer, 1899 appropria-		
tion	\$100	00
Chas. W. Hobbs, care of library to Feb. 15, 1900	52	00
Chas. W. Hobbs, window brush		50
Chas. W. Hobbs, window glass	1	25
Chas. W. Hobbs, labor on window		50
F. M. Woodbury, oil, chimneys, shovel, etc	5	31
W. E. Livingston, 3 tons coal	15	6 0
Geo. S. Butler, cartage on 3 tons coal	3	75
Geo. S. Butler, insurance on library to Oct. 1st,		
1900	35	00
	213	91
ABATEMENT OF 1898 TAXES.		
Paid Geo. H. Currier, collector, abatements as follows:		
— Dancereau	\$1	89
Joseph Greenwood		22
Joseph H. Donovan	_	22
Archie Mathews	_	22
Abram Newell	_	22
Nelson Proctor	_	22
Peter Pelrine	-	22
Geo. N. Roberts		22
Lucius D. Reynolds	_	22
Albert St. Lawrence	1	71
Geo. Witham		22
	14	58
ABATEMENTS ON 1899 TAX LIST.		
Paid Warren Sherburne, heirs of	\$26	00
Samuel Kelley, executor C. Boardman	•	80
Frank A. Hale	,	50
Geo. H. Currier, discount on taxes paid before	U	20
Sept. 1st	55	48
	95	7 8

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Central Savings Bank interest to Nov. 22, 1899, Chas. W. Hobbs, interest on \$300 note to Feb.	\$115 34
15th, 1900	15 00
on town debt	300 00
terest on note of \$250, to Feb. 15th, 1900,	10 00
Chas. L. Seavey, temporary loan and interest	507 71
Sherman Hobbs, temporary loan and interest Geo. H. Currier, treasurer cemeteries' trustees,	513 68
interest on the several notes of trust funds	18 00
	1479 73
DEPENDENT SOLDIERS. COUNTY A	ID.
Paid James A Foster, groceries, etc., furnished Mark W. Simpson, from Feb. 1st, 1899 to Jan. 1st,	
1900	69 05
Chas. W. Hobbs, rent of Berlinda Stratton	- 7 - 3
place, from Feb. 1st, 1899 to Feb. 1st, 1900,	36 00
	105 05
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Paid Daniel P. Atwood, stationery and postage D. P. Atwood, recording births, deaths and mar-	\$1 00
riages	4 65
F. M. Woodbury, printing check-lists, 1898	7 00
Morning Mail Co., printing town reports	46 20
J. N. Colman & Son, 2 snow rollers	140 00
Geo. H. Currier, tax bills and postage, 1898	5 7 9
P. J. Cogger, public watering trough	3 00
A. D. Corliss, public watering place	3 00
Alberts	3 00
Amount carried forward	\$213 64

Amount brought forward	\$213 64	ŀ
Paid W. H. Peabody, keeping two tramps Dr. Edward Hyde, returning births and deaths	1 50	
from Jan 1st, 1896, to Jan. 1st, 1900	14 75	í
J. N. Colman & Son, repairs on road machine	1 90	
Henry M. Currier, expenses to Nashua	85	j
Henry M. Currier, tax collector's books for 1899		
and 1900	4 29	
Henry M. Currier, postage and stationery Henry M. Currier, expenses to Concord and	75	•
Manchester	2 90)
	240 58	3
TOWN HALL.		
Paid Moses Raymond, opening hall 25 times	\$12 10	,
sawdust	50	
cleaning hall	50	
O. W. Spaulding, 2 cords wood	5 00	
F. M. Woodbury, sundries for hall	8 85	;
1901	15 00	
Geo. S. Butler, 2 cords wood	6 oo	•
	47 95	5
Received of Moses Raymond for use of town hall		
to Feb. 15th, 1900	35 50)
Running expenses of town hall for 1898 exceeds in-		
come	12 45	;
STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.		
	••	
Paid state treasurer, state tax	\$845 75	
county treasurer, county tax	1,100 45	
	1,946 20	,

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REPORT OF W. H. PEABODY, ROAD COMMISSIONER.

MARCH 1st to JUNE 1st, 1899.

Paid W. H. Peabody, labor	18	days	9 h	our	8	\$37 80
man labor	24	4 4	8	44		37 20
team labor	12	4.6	$3\frac{1}{2}$	"		24 70
team labor, R. M.	8	66				20 00
A. J. Richardson, man labor			2	"		30
Willis Hobbs, man labor	10	4.4				15 00
team labor, R. M.	S	66				20, 00
team labor	2	"				4 00
J. Greenwood, man labor	15	46	5	66		23 25
W. J. Livingston, man labor	8	44				12 00
F. M. Carleton, man labor	3	6.6	5	66		5 25
boy labor	2	46				2 40
team labor	3	44	5	44		7 ∞
Jason Worcester, man labor	1	6.6	4	44		2 10
team labor	I	66	4	"		2 80
A. R. Hobbs, man labor	2	44				3 00
team labor	2	"				4 00
David Hubley, man labor	2	4.4				3 00
team labor	2	66				4 00
Geo. H. Currier, man labor	4	46				6 00
team labor	2	66				4 00
W. F. Richardson, man labor	2	"				3 00
team labor	2	6.6			4.	4 00
Geo. P. Wood, man labor	2	"				3 00
team labor	2	44				4 00
F. L. Peabody, man labor	2	66.				3 00
team labor	2	44				4 00
Clough Bros., man labor	2	"				3 00
team labor	2	"				4 00
Geo. Kent, man labor	2	66				3 00
D. M. Webster, man labor	2	4.6				3 00
team labor	2	"				4 00
Chas. Colburn, man labor	2	44	3	"		3 45
team labor	2	46	3	44		460
Gendreau, man labor	1	"				1 50
gravel		load	ls			1 8o
Road Machine repairs						15
					-	

JUNE 1st to DEC. 1st, 1899.

Paid W. H. Peabody, labor	25	days	g k	oui	rs	51	80
man labor	28	"	2	"		42	
team labor	18	66	81	"		37	
Chas. Colburn, man labor	4	44	1	44		-	15
team labor	4	46	1	46			20
J. Greenwood, man labor	19	66				28	50
W. J. Livingston, man labor	4	44	7	44	٠.		05
E. C. Gage, man labor	I	4.6	•			•	50
team labor	I	66					00
Gendreau, man labor	I	"	•			1	50
D. M. Webster, man labor	ī	44	5	"		2	25
team labor	I	"	5	"		3	00
Geo. H. Currier, man labor	9	4.6	3	"		13	95
team labor	5	44	5	"		11	00
H. Lewis, man labor	2	44	5 1	"		3	83
F. L. Peabody, man labor	2	"			• •	3	00
team labor	2	66			•	4	00
Willis Hobbs, man labor	I	66			• 4	I	50
team labor	1	"				2	00
J. Worcester, man labor	I	4.6	8	"		2	70
team labor	1	6.6	8	44		3	60
Geo. Kent, man labor	4	66	3	6.6	• •	6	45
A. R. Hobbs, man labor	3	6,6	•	44		5	40
team labor	3	46	6	"		7	20
Chas. Scott, man labor	1	"	8	66	• •	2	70
Clough Bros., man labor	2	"	7	"		4	05
team labor	2	44	7	"	• •	5	40
D. E. Hubley, man labor	2	"	7	"		4	05
team lábor	2	"	7	"	• •	5	40
F. M. Carlton, man labor	2	"	7	"		4	05
team labor	2	44	7	66	• • '	5	40
Arthur Richardson, man labor	I	46	3	44		I	95
Ed. Young, man labor	16	"	7	"	• •	25.	05
team labor	3	66	4	"	• •	7	40
Jas. Hobbs, man labor	I	14	9	"	••	2	85
Reisman, man labor	2	46			• •	3	00
Harris Bros., gravel 62 lo	ads.	• • • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	3	10

Amount brought forward	\$330	98
Paid Ed. Titcomb, gravel 27 loads	1	35
W. F. Richardson, gravel 20 "	I	00
D. M. Gould, gravel 20 "	1	00
W. H. Peabody, spikes 30 lbs	I	20
\$14 per M	23	94
_	359	47
March 1st to June 1st	\$287	30
June 1st to Dec. 1st	359	47
	646	77

Snow Bills for 1899—February and March.

MARCH.

Paid Edward Young, man labor	3	days	б	hou	s5 40	
team labor	1	"	2	46	2 40	
W. H. Atwood, man labor	1	44	4	66	2 10	
O. A Gage, man labor			8		1 20	
F. L. Peabody, man labor	5	44	5	44	8 25	
team labor	2	6.6	3	66	4 60	
Sherman Hobbs, man labor			6	46	90	
						24 85
Total amount paid W. H. Peabod	ly,	ea s t	sid	le		671 62
Amount appropriated for east side	e, 1	899.	• •			750 no
Amount of 1899 appropriation for	eas	st sid	e n	ot e	xpended	78 38

REPORT OF O. W. SPAULDING, ROAD COMMISSIONER

APRIL.

Paid O. W. Spaulding, labor	84 days	• •	\$17 00
man labor	18 ''		27 00
boy labor	5 "		5 00
team labor, R. M.	10 "		25 OO
team labor	5 "		10 00
Albert Searles, man labor	4 ''	• •	6 00
Joshua Searles, man labor	3 "		4 50
Robert Dean, man labor	3 "	• •	4 50
			99 00
Ma	Υ.		
Paid O. W. Spaulding, labor	151 days		\$31 00
man labor	351 "		53 ² 5
team labor	28 "		56 00
team labor, R. M.	6 "		15 00
boy labor	7 "		7 00
Albert Searles, man labor	14 "	• •	21 00
Robert Dean, man labor	14 "	• •	21 00
W. Keyes, man labor	<u>.</u>	urs .	10 35
F: Lord, man labor		4	2 70
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			217 30
Juni	E.		
Paid O. W. Spaulding, labor	4 days		\$8 oo
man labor	11 "		16 50
team labor	4 ''		8 00
			32 50
Augu	ST.		
Paid O. W. Spaulding, labor	31 days	,	\$7 00
team labor	21 "	• •	5 00
man labor	10 "	• •	15 00
		-	27 00

SEPTEMBER.

12 days

\$24 00

Paid O. W. Spaulding, labor

I aid O. W. Spaulding, labor	12 days	• •	\$24 OO
man labor	24 "		36 oo
team labor	19 "		38 oo
Albert Searles, man labor	8 "		12 00
Robert Dean, man labor	9⅓ "		14 25
Gilbert Searles, man labor,	51 "		5 50
Joseph Hamblett, man labor	23 "	• •	3 50
		_	133 25
Осто	BER.		
Paid O. W. Spaulding, labor	101 days		\$19 50
man labor	201 "	• •	30 75
team labor	13 "	• •	26 0 0
Albert Searles, labor	6 ",		9 00
Robert Dean, labor	114 "		17 25
Gilbert Searles, labor	3 "		3 00
Joseph Hamblett, labor	6 <u>1</u> "	••	9 75
Joseph Hambiett, 2001	9	••-	9 13
			115 25
Paid J. N. Colman & Son, bridge	plank,		
etc.			\$25 68
J. C. Whitehouse, gravel, 51			2 55
Orton Moore, gravel, 151 los	ıds		7 55
spikes for bridges			2 20
powder			50
M. L. Jones, man labor	2 days		3 00
team labor	2 "		4 00
Will Smith, man labor	2 "	• •	3 00
team labor	2 "	• •	4 00
Willis Pearsons, man labor	I "	• •	1 50
team labor	1 "	• •	2 00
Repairs on Road Machine	••••••	· · · · · _	2 00
			57 98

SNOW BILLS FOR 1899.

FEBRUARY AND MARCH.

Paid O. W. Spaulding labor	2 (days	s, 6‡	hout	'S	\$ 5	30
man labor	6	• 6	81	4.6		10	27
team labor	5	44	5 1	4.6		11	10
Albert Searles, man labor		. 44				3	75
Albert Searles, 2nd, man labor	3]	**				3	75
W. G. Sherburne, man labor	3	46	1	4.6		4	65
team labor	3	44				6	00
Joseph Hamblett, man labor	1/2	44			• •	·	7 5
						45	57
Total amount paid O. W. Spaulding	, w	est s	side .	• • • •		\$727	85
Amount appropriated for west side,	189	9				750	00
Amount of 1899 appropriation for we	st s	ide	not e	xpe	nded	22	15

RECAPITULATION.

Paid town officers	\$405 50
memorial day	13 23
school money	1,640 00
library	213 91
abatement of taxes and discount	110 36
notes and interest	1,479 73
dependent soldiers	105 05
miscellaneous	240 58
town hall	47 95
state and county taxes	1,946 20
road commissioners	1,399 47

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN FEB. 15, 1900.

LIABILITIES.

Due Central Savings Bank, note	\$2,800	00
Chas. W. Hobbs, note	300	00
C. L. Seavey, guardian of T. O. Richardson,		
note	250	00
cemetery trustees, notes	525	00
school appropriation unexpended	573	20
estimated outstanding bills	400	00
_	\$4,848	_ 20
Cash in treasury \$798 07		
due from collector		
son 36 oo		
	\$1,194	01
Town's indebtedness Feb. 15, 1900	\$3,654	19
Town's indebtedness Feb. 15, 1899	4,127	85
Town debt decreased in 1899	473	66

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. CURRIER, SHERMAN HOBBS, WILLIAM G. BUTLER,

Selectmen of Pelham.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The town treasurer respectfully submits the following report for the year ending Feb. 15th, 1900:

DR.

To cash in treasury Feb. 15th, 1899	\$474	79
Received of cemetery trustees, "Spear fund"	150	
Moses Raymond, use of town hall	35	50
Miss Howe, for stone from pound		00
D. P. Atwood, dog licenses for 1899	140	55
connty commissioners, for relief of depend-		
ent soldiers	69	05
C. L. Seavey, temporary loan	500	00
Sherman Hobbs, temporary loan	500	00
state treasurer, railroad tax	142	02
state treasurer, savings bank tax	188	47
state treasurer, literary fund		82
G. H. Currier, balance of tax of 1898	292	36
G. H. Currier, tax of 1899	5,830	_
Total	8,400	<u> </u>

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By cash paid on sundry orders issued by the selectmen,	\$7,601	98
Leaving amount of cash in treasury Feb. 15th, 1900, in-		_
cluding \$140.55 dog fund and \$71.82 literary fund.	708	07

ENOCH M. MARSH,

Town Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

We, the undersigned, auditors of the Town of Pelham for the year ending Feb. 15th, 1900, have examined the books of the selectmen and treasurer and find the selectmen have issued orders on the treasurer to the amount of \$7,601.98 and that said orders are properly receipted. We also find that the treasurer has received \$8,400.05, and has paid the orders abovementioned leaving a balance in the treasury Feb. 15, 1900, of \$798.07.

GEORGE H. CURRIER, DANIEL M. WEBSTER, CHARLES W. HOBBS,

Auditors.

VITAL STATISTICS.

In compliance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, I respectfully submit the following:

Marriages Registered in the Town of Pelham for the Year ending December 31, 1899.

Date of Marrings	Place of Marriage.	Name and Sur- name of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in Years.	Color.	Occupa- tion of each.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	1st, 2nd or 3rd Marriage.	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom married.
Feb. 22	Pelham	Harry H. Atwood	Pelham	21		Clerk	Pelham	Daniel N. Atwood Ella F. Sleeper	Pelham	1st	Augustus Berry, Clergyman,
		Carrie M. Stickney	Pelham	19		Housek'p'r	Pelham	Frank Sticknev	Pelnam	1st	Pelham.
Apr. 26	Windham	Sherman Hobbs	Pelham	34		Farmer	Pelham	Serena S. Batchelder Alpheus G. Hobbs. Helen M. Simpson.	Pelham	1st	
		Ildegertle Prescott	Windham	23	-	At home	Windham	Samuel L. Prescott	Medford, Mass	18t	Clergyman, Pelham.
June 6	Pelham	George F. Wiggin	Boston, Mass.	28	je.	Motorman.		Eila A. Emerson James Wiggin Sarah Moulton		1st	
		Agnes S. Emery	Pelham	30	Whit	Housek'p'r	Newfield, Me	Gilmore Emery		1st	Clergyman, Pelham.
July 6	Nashua	Frank Duffen	Pelham	21	All W	Milkman	Lawrence, Mass.	Elizabeth Chellis John T. Duffen	Lawrence, Ms.	ıst	
		Minnie F. Bodwell	Pelham	18	∣₹	Housek'p'r	Methuen, Mass	Sarah E. Lockwood. Frank Bodwell	*******	1st	Clergyman, Nashua.
July 25	Pelham	Samuel B. Bennett	Methuen, Ms.	68		Farmer	Nova Scotia	Susan —— Elijah Bennett		3rd	Augustus Berry,
		Ann Garner	Methuen, Ma.	48		Housek'p'r	Dover	sarah J. Martin James ——		2nd	Clergyman, Pelham.
Oet. 25	Tewksb'y, Ms.	Benj. F. Cutter	Pelham	25		Milkman	Pelham		Pelham		H. W. O. Millington,
		Ellen C. Fuller	Tewksh'y, Ms.	25		Milliner	Hudson	Susan M. Hardy Lorenzo Fuller Carrie Trull	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	1st	Clergyman, Lowell.

Births Registered in the Town of Pelham, for the Year ending December 31, 1890.

Name of Child	Date of Birth.	Living or Still- born.	Sex.	Color.	Number of Births.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupati'n Of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Rstelle Moulton Victor Clair Fox Fiorence Smith — Johnston Ciarence W. Richardson Leona B. Greenwood — Dierig — Francis J. Ducharme — Hamblett — Lewis — Lewis — Harold E. Coburn — Annie M. Greenwood — Webster — Annie T. Doherty — Henderson — Mabel F. Whitman — Daniel Stickney Atwood John M. Livingstone	Jan. 2h Jan. 23 Feb. 16 Apr. 27 May 16 May 16 May 16 June 22 July 4 July 2 July 2 July 15 Sep. 29 Oct. 22	8 L	MAMMALAMMANAMAMAMAMAMAMAMAMAMAMAMAMAMAMA	All White.	2 6 2 7 1 3 2 1 11 1 4 2 3	John Doherty	Barbara I. Barrett Grace J. Simpson. Sarah Murray i Edith A. Wright Victoria Bussiere. Emma M. Stiehler Josephine Eno t dattle Sawyer Aunie Welch Mabel E. Smith Mary Bussiere Grace A. Hall Mary Green EttaW. Hallburton Marj'e J. Ferguson Carrie M. Stickney	All White.	Pelham Lowell, Mass Pelham Pelham Pelham Pelham Pelham Pelham Pelham Pelham Pelham	Farmer Farmer Farmer Farmer Stone Cut'r Farmer Blacks 'th Farmer Machinist 'f'armer Farmer	Dracut. Mass Franklin Sebec, Maine	Germany Canada Ireland Nashua Canada Canada Tyngsboro' Mass Ireland Nova Scotia Nova Scotia Nova Scotia

Deaths Registered in the Town of Pelham for the year ending Dec. 31, 1899.

Name of Deceased of Deat		Color.	Single, Mar- ried or Widowed.	Mos.	Occupation.	Place of Birth.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Discuse or Cause of Death.
John Tarbox Jan. Jeremiah Farmer. Jan. George W. Ham. Feb. Ann E. Farmer. Mar. Bertha Morin July Augustus Berry Oct.	20 M 22 M 17 F	H	M M W S	82 9 79 10 27 69 6 7 14	Farmer Farmer Housekeep'r	Epsom Concord, Mass Lowell, Mass.	Chelmsf'd, Ms. Concord, Ms. Canada	Concord, Ms Canada	Isaac L. Ham Daniel Barrett Alexis Morin	Elizabeth Flint	Typhoid Fever. Chronic Bron. Cholera Infant.

The following persons were brought to this Town for Burial during the year.

1			ace of , eath.		
William G. Chase. Mar. 29. M Mary F. Griffin Apr. 30 F 2 William B. Giles May 21 M ∃ Hattle D. Giles Nov. 21 P ≥ Isalah W. Titcomb	W W M M M	92 7 8 Have 36 Lowe 25 7 22 Cone	erh'l, Ms Fryeburg, Me ell, Ms. ord.		Pneumonia. Tuberoulusis. Shock.

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

DANIEL P. ATWOOD, Town Clerk.

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of the Trustees of the cemeteries respectfully submits the following report for the year ending February 15, 1900.

Dr.

Nov. 27.	To cash in the Treasury Feb. 15, 1899 \$ 99 58 To cash received of Joseph Farmer for one lot in Gibson Addition
1900	
Jan. 17.	To cash received of Mrs. Amanda Titcomb of
	Haverhill for one lot in Gibson Addition 15 00
Jan. 24.	To cash received of Moses Raymond for one lot
	in Gibson Addition 2 00
	Total \$118 58
	C _R .
April 26.	By cash paid Geo. S. Butler for digging
1	and teaming 65 rock maple trees 6 80
·· 28.	To labor setting out trees 3 00
	To hay for mulching trees 5 00
many viv	To labor with two men 3 00
	To one load of dressing 1 00
A	To seven days labor cutting clearing and
Aug.	burning bushes in Gumpus Cemetery 10 50
· Oct. 11.	To 2 10 days lahor 3 45
Amount	carried forward\$32 75

Amount	brought forward	\$32	75			
	To nine hours team labor	ľ	80			
	To dynamite fuse and caps		50	,		
Oct. 12.	To one day and 8 hours labor	,	70			
	To nine hours team labor		80			
11 12						
" 13.			70			
	To nine hours team labor		80 			
	:	\$43	25			
April 1.	To cash paid Dumas & Co. for cemetery					
•	certificate book	6	50			
June	To cash paid Geo. H. Currier for one days					
	labor for man	I	50			
	To cash paid for record book		87			
June 1.	To cash paid Daniel M. Webster for					
	setting grave stones and gate posts	2	00)		
Oct. 14.	To 61 days work on cemetery road at \$1.50	9	30			
•	To 61 days labor man and team at \$3.50	-	-			
1900						
Jan. 15.	To 11 days labor man and team at \$3.50	5	25			
	To 11 days labor at \$1.50	2	2 5			
	•	\$ 40	50			
Feb. 15.	To cash paid Kimball J. Chaplin for one stone socket		00			
	To cash paid Angeline Kent for one lot in					
	Centre Cemetery	I	00	_		۲.
			_	Þ	94	02
Leaving	amount of cash in the treasury Feb. 15,					
_	00			\$	23	q6
					- 0	

TRUST FUNDS.

Aug. 15, 1899. Received from the estate of Betsey G. Spear one hundred and fifty dollars to be known as the Spear Fund and have loaned it to the Town taking their note at 4 per cent. interest.

The following is a list of the several funds with the amount of fund, also the amount unexpended.

The Barker	Fund,	\$100.00,	amount	unexpend	ded\$3 oc	0
Skinner	6.	\$50.00,	4.4	6.6	4 oc	0
Jackson	for ca	re of Cari	lot, \$50	oo amoi	int unexpended 3 25	5
*Gorrell	Fund	, \$50 ∞,	amount	unexpen	ded 2 6:	2
Seavey	"	\$100.00,	4.6		5 85	3
Spear	44	\$150.00,			3 00)
*Gage		25 CÓ,	a mt. exp	oended me	ore than rec'd 3 42	2

^{*} The Gorrell Fund was originally \$100 and the Gage Fund was originally \$50 but through the suspension of Nashua Bank are now Gorrell \$50 Gage \$25.

GEO. H. CURRIER,

Treasurer of Cemeteries Trustees.

REPORT

OF

THE SCHOOL BOARD

OF THE

TOWN OF PELHAM, N. H.,

FOR

THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1900.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS.

SCHOOL BOARD.

CLERK.

DANIEL P. ATWOOD.

TREASURER.

GEO. S. BUTLER.

AUDITORS.

GEO. H. CURRIER. FRANK M. WOODBURY. CHAS. W. HOBBS.

MODERATOR.

CHARLES W. HOBBS.

TEACHERS.

- No. 1. MARY EDNA BUSWELL. Spring.
 EMOGENE BURRILLE. Fall and Winter.
- No. 2. ALICE GRAY. Year.
- No. 3. ETHEL MAE CHASE. Year.
- No. 4. E. FRANCES WOODMAN. Year.
- No. 5. JULIA A. BIXBY. Year.

^{*}Deceased.

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 20th day of March, 1900, at Two o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

- 1st. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
- 2nd. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
- 3rd. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- 4th. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
- 5th. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing year.
- 6th. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
- 7th. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subjects embraced in this Warrant.
- 8th. To see how much money this District will raise and appropriate for the support of Schools, in addition to that required by law.
- 9th. To see how much money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for text books and School Supplies for the ensuing year.
- 10th. To see how much money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the repair of School Houses for the ensuing year.
- 11th. To transact ony other business that may legally and properly be brought before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Pelham, this Third day of March, 1900.

GAGE A. FOX,
GEORGE S. BUTLER,
School Board.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Town of Pelham for the Year Ending March 1, 1900.

The time has arrived when it again becomes necessary for the School Board, in compliance with the statutes of the state, to report the condition of the public schools. At the commencement of the school year it was little thought that the duties of making out the annual report of the condition of the public schools of this town would devolve upon other than the superintendent elected at the commencement of the year. ways of an over-ruling Providence have otherwise ordered. In the loss of Rev. Augustus Berry the public have lost one who always at all times had the best interests and welfare of all the children who attended, and who were under his supervision. It is but just to say that his place will be hard to fill, and the suggestions and methods which he embodied in former school reports will always be good for reference in the coming years.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

Our school houses are all in fairly good repair. No. 2 has been reshingled the past year, with no especial

appropriation, the Board considering that five per cent. of the school money would be sufficient for repairs the past year. The coming year it will be necessary to reshingle the house at School No. 5, and also make some repairs on the piazza of the same house. The houses at Schools Nos 1 and 3 should have a coat of paint; it would be economy to paint them before another year.

THE PAST YEAR.

We have had thirty-three weeks of school, divided into three terms of equal length. In our judgment this is the right number of weeks to have in a school year. The estimate of the work for the past year is, that it has been a successful and prosperous year. Good work has been accomplished and we thank the teachers for their labors; they have been diligent and untiring in their efforts. Good progress has been made in all the studies undertaken, and the teachers without any exception have been fully alive to their duties. The want of sufficient volume of voice on the part of the scholars was a prominent failing in one or two of the schools at the closing exercises - answers from a large proportion of the pupils were so low as not to be audible across the school room. This we trust will be remedied in the future, as we have every reason to believe that these children can speak up when occasion requires.

The attendance of the scholars has not perhaps been quite so good the past year as in some previous years.

This is to be regretted. When a scholar is absent, if only for a half day or a day, it makes a break in the class and in the lessons. I fully agree with our late superintendent, who in his last report said, that when a pupil had been absent, that on his return the teacher should insist upon his making up the lessons that he had lost; of course, if sickness is the cause there is some excuse for the scholar. In School No. 1, the Spring term was abbreviated about ten days on account of so many pupils being sick, and the same school suffered to some extent the last term on account of a throat epidemic.

What we want in our schools is to have our children's mind increase in strength, and have them come in contact with that which is good and true. In short, we desire them to become true men and women. And the greatest power to accomplish this outside the home is the teacher. Children absorb that which they hear and see, as a sponge does water, hence the importance of hearing nothing but the best language and seeing nothing but the most courteous actions. Let us visit the schools during the term and see for ourselves if our children are getting all out of the schools that they can, and by so doing encourage the teacher and pupils in their labors.

The amount expended for school supplies is about double that of the previous year. The reason of this was that several new books of reference have been purchased, and a large number of the old text books were so badly worn that they have had to be replaced with new ones.

In conclusion, I will say to all citizens of Pelham, let us do all that lays in our power to make our schools a success; let us visit them and encourage the teachers and scholars. Suffer not your interest to flag in the least degree, but rather let it be stimulated into ever increasing zeal, to advance the prosperity of our public schools.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Perfect attendance for two years:

MARTIN ERNEST JONES. RICHARD HENRY CURRIER. GRACE MABEL HALL,

Perfect attendance for the year:

RUSSELL DAVID BUTLER.

ARTHUR H. PEABODY,

Perfect attendance for two terms:

BESSIE F. HYDE. FLORENCE AMANDA CUTTER, ROY EDWIN JONES. CLARA CORINNE CUTTER, MARY SEMPLE HILLMAN, HARRIET ISABEL HASKELL. CLARA EVELYN JONES.

LOTTIE ADELL JOHNSON. GEORGE HERBERT SEAVEY, ALICE MERRIAM KELLEY, FOREST A. RICHARDSON.

Perfect attendance for one term:

DELIA BLANCHE ATWOOD, JOHN L. RAYMOND. CARRIE E. RAYMOND. ROSWELL M. RAYMOND, ELMER G. RAYMOND, SERENA A. STICKNEY. CHARLES B. STICKNEY, CARRIE FRANCIS HOBBS,

VIRGINIA FRANCES CUTTER, CHARLES AUGUSTUS JOHNSTON, BLANCHE HARRIET HILLMAN, ALICE PAULINA MARSH, FLORENCE EMELINE MARSH, CARL RICHARD HILLMAN. NELLIE JANE ALEXANDER, GERTRUDE SARAH ALEXANDER, VERA W. HYDE,
BERYL G. HYDE,
ESTHER E. KEYES,
MARY EDITH KEYES,
CARRIE LILLIAN BANNISTER,
ELLA C. BURTON,
PHILENA AGNES CLOYD.

ALBERT ADDISON TALLANT.

MARY ELIZABETH DOHERTY,

LULA GRACE WRIGHT,

MARY GENEVERE QUIGLEY,

ANNIE WINNIFRED QUIGLEY.

OLIVE FRANCES KELLEY,

BERTHA A. LEWIS.

STATISTICS.

The school year was 33 weeks, divided into three equal terms. School No. 1 was abbreviated one and one-half weeks in the Spring term on account of sickness. School No. 4, the Spring term was made 12 weeks to make up for one week lost in the previous year.

ATTENDANCE AND STUDIES.

SCHOOL No. 1.—First term, 23 scholars; second, 23; third, 29; for the year, 29—8 boys and 21 girls. Average attendance, 19.

All attended to reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic and vocal music; 20 to geography, 14 to grammar, 13 to history and drawing, 9 to physiology, 5 to book-keeping and 4 to composition.

School No. 2.—First term, 31 scholars; second, 31; third, 28; for the year, 31—16 boys and 15 girls. Average attendance, 25.

All attended to reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, drawing and vocal music; 27 to geography, 22 to grammar, 21 to history, 6 to physiology, 6 to book-keeping, and 7 to algebra.

School No. 3.—First term, 20 scholars; second, 21; third, 23; for the year, 23—8 boys and 15 girls. Average attendance, 14.

All attended to reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, drawing and vocal music; 18 to geography, 16 to grammar, 9 to history, 21 to physiology, 2 to book-keeping, 5 to algebra, and 16 to composition.

SCHOOL No. 4.—First term, 18 scholars; second, 15; third, 13; for the year, 18—9 boys and 9 girls. Average attendance, 12.

All attended to reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, drawing and vocal music; 9 to geography, 7 to grammar, 7 to history, 4 to physiology, and 7 to composition.

School No. 5.—First term, 15 scholars; second, 14; third, 16; for the year, 16—9 boys and 7 girls. Average attendance, 12.

All attended to reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic and drawing, 13 to geography, 13 to grammar, 6 to history, 1 to algebra, and 13 to composition.

The amount expended for teachers and miscellaneous expenses, \$1767.45. The amount for school supplies, \$145.75. Number of scholars attending school during the year, 117—50 boys and 67 girls. Expense per scholar for teaching and miscellaneous expenses, \$13.91; for school supply per scholar, \$1.24.

GEORGE S. BUTLER,

In Behalf of the Board of Education.

EXPENSES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

As rendered by Chairman of the same March 1. 1900.

No. 1 SCHOOL.

Paid Mary Edna Buswell, spring term, 81 weeks at \$8	\$68	00
Emogene Burrille, fall term, 11 weeks at 8	88	00
Emogene Burrille, winter term, 11 weeks at 8	88	00
_	244	00
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.		
Paid Augustus Berry, for 2 brooms and 1 drink-		
ing cup\$ o 60		
Augustus Berry, for repairing organ 1 00		
Geo. S. Butler, for 3 cords of hard wood,		
cut and put in shed 16 00		
Geo. S. Butler, for 2 cords of pine wood,		
cut and put in shed 7 75		
Geo. S. Butler. for thermometer and snow		
shovel42		
cleaning house 1 00		
building fires for the year 6 75		
	33	52
Total expense No. 1 school	277	52
No. 2 SCHOOL.		
Poid Alice T. Grey spring term, 11 weeks at \$8	\$88	00
Paid Alice T. Gray, spring term, 11 weeks at \$8 Alice T. Gray, fall term, 11 weeks at 8	, доо	
Alice T. Gray, winter term, 11 weeks at 8	88	
		_
	264	00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Augustus Berry, for 2 brooms \$0	50
Geo. S. Butler, for 3 cords of hard wood, cut and put in shed	00
Geo. S. Butler, for 2 brooms	75 30
Geo. S. Butler, for incidental repairs and	
new flag rope 2 (
cleaning house 1 c	
building fires for the year 5	90 34 05
Market and ST and 1	
Total expense No. 2 school	298 05
No. 3 SCHOOL.	
Paid Ethel Mae Chase, spring term, 11 weeks at \$8.	\$88 00
Ethel Mae Chase, fall term, 11 weeks at 8.	
Ethel Mae Chase, winter term, 11 weeks at 8.	
	264 00
Miscellaneous Expenses.	•
Deld Assessed Demos Come business and sustain	
Paid Augustus Berry, for 2 brooms and water	2-
pail \$0 8	35
pail\$0 8 Geo. S. Butler, for 2 cords of pine wood,	_
pail\$0 8 Geo. S. Butler, for 2 cords of pine wood, cut and put in shed	_
pail	75
pail\$0 8 Geo. S. Butler, for 2 cords of pine wood, cut and put in shed	75
pail	75 xx xx
pail	75 xx xx
pail	75 50 50
pail	75 20 20 30 33 90
pail	75 20 30 33 90 297 90
pail	75 20 30 33 90 297 90 8, \$96 00
pail	75 20 30 33 90 297 90 8, \$96 00 8, \$8 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Gage Fox, for new stove\$13 00	
Willis Hobbs, for 3 cords hard wood 12 00	
Willis Hobbs, for 1 cord pine wood 3 00	
Geo. S. Butler, for 2 brooms, dust pan and	
brush 1 30	
Gage Fox, for cutting 41 cords of wood and	
putting in shed 2 60	
Gage Fox, for \(\frac{1}{2} \) cord pine wood and putting	
in shed 1 78	
cleaning house 1 00	
building fires for the year 6 40	
	41 08
_	
Total expense No. 4 school	313 08
Zour expense troi q senson	3.3 00
No. 5 SCHOOL.	
Paid Julia A. Bixby, spring term, 11 weeks at \$8	\$88 oo
Julia A. Bixby, fall term, 11 weeks at 8	88 00
Julia A. Bixby, winter term, 11 weeks at 8	88 oo
Julia II. Dinoy, which toring II weeks at office.	
-	264 00
	204 00
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.	
Paid Augustus Berry, for incidental repairs \$0 37	
Geo. S. Butler, for 2 cords hard wood, cut	
and put in shed 10 50	
Geo. S. Butler, ror 2 cords and 2 feet pine	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Geo. S. Butler, for incidental repairs and	
new flag rope 2 00	
building fires for the year 7 05	
	28 42
_	
Total expenses No. 5 school	392 42
- · ·	

No. 6 SCHOOL.

Expense carrying school children to school No. 2.		
Paid John F. Johnston, for carrying school child- ren to school No. 2\$100 00		
Total expense No. 6 school	\$100	00
REPAIRS ON SCHOOLHOUSE No. 2.		
Paid Geo. S. Butler, for 6 M. shingles at \$3.50 per M	\$21	00
teaming same from Lowell	1	50
nails for shingling and staging	1	50
labor shingling and putting up staging		00
teaming stage and use of lumbercash paid for cleaning up yard and packing	1	50
shingles in shedcash paid J. N. Colman, for lumber for saddle		75
boards		50
cash paid for labor of blacksmith on blinds for 15 squares of glass, putty, and setting same		00
for 15 squares of glass, putty, and setting same	2	23
REPAIRS ON No. 5.		
TELEFATING ON TWO. 31		
Paid Geo. S. Butler, for glass, putty, springs and patching roof	τ	75
Paid Geo. S. Butler, for glass, putty, springs and patch-		75 73
Paid Geo. S. Butler, for glass, putty, springs and patching roof		
Paid Geo. S. Butler, for glass, putty, springs and patching roof		73
Paid Geo. S. Butler, for glass, putty, springs and patching roof	42 \$11	73
Paid Geo. S. Butler, for glass, putty, springs and patching roof	\$111 50 11	73 40 19 34
Paid Geo. S. Butler, for glass, putty, springs and patching roof	\$111 50 11	73 40 19 34 00
Paid Geo. S. Butler, for glass, putty, springs and patching roof	\$111 50 11	73 40 19 34 00 24
Paid Geo. S. Butler, for glass, putty, springs and patching roof	\$111 50 11 12	73 40 19 34 00 24 96
Paid Geo. S. Butler, for glass, putty, springs and patching roof	\$111 50 11 12 1	73 40 19 34 00 24

Amount brought forward	\$103.91
Paid American Book Co., for geographies	10 82
A. Donnelly, for wire globes	1 50
Werner & Co., for readers	1 00
Thompson, Brown & Co., for arithmetics and	
book-keeping books	5 77
Silver, Burdette & Co., for books	5 00
Geo. F. King, for stationery	4 50
A. L. Kittredge, for drawing material	1 50
American Express Co	2 75
D. C. Heath & Co., for grammars	9 00
Total "Book Account"	145 75
RECAPITULATION.	
Paid teachers, No. 1	
miscellaneous expenses	
	\$277 52
Paid teachers, No. 2	
miscellaneous expenses	
	298 O5
Paid teachers, No. 3	
miscellaneous expenses	
	297 90
Paid teachers, No. 4 272 00	
miscellaneous expenses 41 08	
	313 08
Paid teachers, No. 5 264 00	
miscellaneous expenses	
	292 42
Paid No. 6, carrying children to No. 2	100 00
book and supply accounts for all schools	145 75
repairs on school houses.	42 73
Total expended for the year ending March 1, 1900	1,767 45

GEORGE S. BUTLER,

For School Roard

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Of the Town School District for the year ending March 1, 1900.

The Treasurer charges himself as follows;

DR.

To cash in treasury March 1, 1899 received of selectmen, balance of town and	\$ 192	74
town district appropriations 1898 received of selectmen, balance of town and	470	00
town district appropriations 1899	821	80
received of selectmen literary fund 1898	88	20
received of selectmen dog fund 1898	190	00
received of Gage A. Fox cash from sale of		
apples in school house yard No. 4	2	
	\$1,764	74
Cr.		
By sundry orders drawn by chairman of school board		
amounting to	1,621	70
Leaving a balance in the treasury March 1, 1900	\$143	04
There is now due from the town treasury, by an order		
from the selectmen, a part of the town appro-	•	,
priation of 1899 amounting to	\$573	20
BOOK ACCOUNT.		
Dr.		
To cash in treasury, March 1, 1890	\$78	80
received from selectmen, town district appro-	·	
priation, 1899	70	00
received proceeds from the sale of school sup-		
plies		93
Total received	\$150	73
Cn.		
By sundry orders drawn by chairman of school board	\$145	7 5
Leaving a balance in the treasury, March 1, 1900	\$4	98
Respectfully sumitted,		

GEORGE S. BUTLER,

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the School Board of the Town of Pelham for the year ending March 1, 1900, find the Chairman of the School Board has issued orders to the amount of \$1,621.70. and we find the Treasurer of the School Board has received \$1,764.74. has paid orders mentioned leaving a balance in the treasury of \$143.00.

Treasurer has received on Book Account \$150.73 and has paid orders amounting to \$145.75, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$4.98.

GEO. H. CURRIER, FRANK M. WOODBURY, CHARLES W. HOBBS,

Auditors.

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PELHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

In making their annual report the library trustees feel that it needs must be a brief one for the year, although a successful one, has been marked by no events of special moment in the history of the library.

The number of books added by the trustees for the past year has fallen somewhat below the average, only 84 new books having been bought, this number being as many as we thought it prudent to purchase considering the amount of money in the treasury.

Many books of much literary value have been presented to the library for which we are very thankful.

We are indeed truly grateful for the manifest trust the people seem to have in our ability to select suitable books, for only two or three lists of books have been handed in during the past year. We should be better pleased if the people showed more interest in this direction, but enough has already been said on this subject in our past reports and I suppose if others are satisfied we shouldn't find fault. The choice of books for a public library is rather an important matter. First, because it does make a difference what kind of literature is furnished a public to read. Second, because the manifestly prevailing taste of said public must in a measure be satisfied, and third, because of the small number of books we are limited to and the very large number to be selected from, many of them being less valuable than the paper upon which they are written. If any of the latter class should be found in our purchases it is due solely to an error of judgment not to wilful neglect, for we endeavor to get only the best.

We would gladly see the number of volumes in the library increase more rapidly, but for the present, I suppose we must content ourselves with a slow but steady growth and indeed I think the library has done very well considering the time it has been in existence, and we see no reason why this steady growth is not assured for the future.

We again express our thanks for the efficient services of the librarian and a hope that she will continue to serve the library for the ensuing year.

With sincere thanks to the friends of the library for their good offices and hoping that their number may increase, this report is respectfully submitted.

> FRANK M. WOODBURY, SHERMAN HOBBS, GEORGE S. BUTLER,

Trustees of Free Public Library.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer respectfully submits the following report for the year ending March 1, 1900.

DR.

March 1, 1899. Feb., 1900. " 24, 1900.	Amount of cash in treasury Received town appropriation Received cash from librarian, fin		\$ 32 100 5	-
	Total receipts	• • • • •	\$137	91
	Cr.	•		
Libras Courie S. Ho	olfe, Fiske & Co. for books rian's salary er Publishing Co bbs, express to Boston ss, paper, ink, mucilege, etc	\$80 74 30 00 2 30 2 00 1 34		38
Leaving amount	of cash in treasury March 1, 1900		\$ 21	53

FRANK M. WOODBURY,

Treasurer of Library Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Trustees of the Pelham Free Public Library:

The following report is respectfully submitted:

The library now contains 1659 volumes. 116 have been added during the past year, 32 of these being gifts.

Circulation of books, 2529.

Largest number taken out in one month, April, 1899	312
Smallest number in one month, August	166
Average number in one month	210
Amount received in fines	\$ 5 6 6

12 cards have been issued since March 1, 1899.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. HOBBS, Librarian.