

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF PELHAM, N. H.,

SHOWING THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1888.

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

LOWELL, MASS.

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1888.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1887.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

SAMUEL KELLEY, RICHARD B. HILLMAN,
DANIEL P. ATWOOD.

TOWN CLERK.

DANIEL P. ATWOOD.

TOWN TREASURER.

ENOCH M. MARSH.

FISH AND GAME WARDENS.

W. H. ATWOOD, HENRY LEWIS, MARCELL H. SMITH,
WILLIAM D. PAXTON, CHARLES G. MOORE.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

WESLEY SAWYER, M. D.

CONSTABLES.

OTIS G. SPEAR, CHARLES W. HOBBS,
DANIEL P. ATWOOD, DANIEL M. WEBSTER.

COLLECTOR.

DANIEL M. WEBSTER.

AUDITORS.

DANIEL MARSHALL, REI HILLS, CHAS. W. HOBBS.

FENCE VIEWERS.

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

SURVEYORS AND CORDERS OF WOOD AND MEASURERS OF LUMBER.

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

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

PATRICK J. COGGER,	ELMER W. BOUTWELL,
GEORGE S. BUTLER,	GEORGE H. CURRIER,
REI M. HILLS,	WARREN SHERBURNE.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

CHARLES W. HOBBS, JONATHAN N. WOODMAN,
JAMES R. GRIFFIN.

SUPERVISORS.

GEORGE S. BUTLER, DANIEL M. WEBSTER,
CHARLES W. SPEAR.

SEXTON.

KIMBALL J. CHAPLIN.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TOTAL VALUATION OF THE TOWN, APRIL 1, 1887.

Number of polls, 234.....	\$23,400 00
Number of horse, 259.....	20,645 00
Number of oxen, 18.....	1,185 00
Number of cows, 803.....	20,781 00
Number of neat stock, 113.....	1,575 00
Number of sheep, 53.....	155 00
Number of hogs, 40.....	408 00
Number of carriages taxable, 13.....	1,160 00
Value of bank stock in the state.....	2,800 00
Money at interest.....	24,295 00
Stock in trade.....	29,012 00
Mills and machinery.....	10,250 00
Land and buildings, resident and non-resident.....	409,473 00
	\$545,139 00
Total valuation of the Town, April 1, 1887.....	\$545,139 00

TAXES ASSESSED IN 1887.

State tax.....	\$1,116 00
County tax.....	812 34
For schools.....	1,200 00
For highways.....	1,000 00
For Town debt.....	1,000 00
For building and repairing school houses.....	2,400 00
For Town charges.....	300 00
For fencing common.....	300 00
Overlayings.....	67 50
Dog tax.....	110 00
	\$8,305 84
Whole amount of taxes assessed for the year 1887.....	\$8,305 84
Taxes committed to collector for collection, including dog tax, all of the non-resident highway tax, and resident highway tax in money.....	\$7,928 01

Rate of taxation, exclusive of highway tax, \$13.20 on \$1,000.

Rate of highway tax, \$1.90 on \$1,000.

SCHOOL MONEY.

Whole amount due the several old school districts, March 1, 1888.....		\$1,028 37
Balance due district No. 1, March 1, 1888....	\$234 76	
“ “ “ No. 2, “ “	144 91	
“ “ “ No. 3, “ “	219 99	
“ “ “ No. 4, “ “	157 55	
“ “ “ No. 5, “ “	165 69	
“ “ “ No. 6, “ “	105 47	
	<hr/>	\$1,028 37

SCHOOL MONEY APPROPRIATED.

For Town District, for 1887.....	\$1,200 00	
Amount unexpended March 1, 1887, of appropriation of 1886.....	253 58	
Literary fund of 1886.....	103 67	
Dog fund of 1886.....	114 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,671 25

PAID SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1888, FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Of appropriation of 1886, unexpended.....	\$253 58	
Literary fund of 1886.....	103 67	
Dog fund of 1886.....	114 00	
Town appropriation of 1887.....	978 24	
	<hr/>	\$1,449 49

AMOUNT OF MONEY UNEXPENDED.

Of appropriation of 1887.....	\$221 76	
Literary fund of 1887.....	122 10	
Dog fund of 1887.....	101 00	
	<hr/>	\$444 86

PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.**BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

Paid Charles W. Hobbs, for the year ending March, 1887	\$35 00
Jonathan N. Woodman, for the year ending March, 1887	11 05
George E. Pearson, for the year ending March, 1887	15 00

TOWN DISTRICT CLERK.

Paid Nathan S. Sleeper, for two years ending March, 1888.	20 00
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SUPERVISORS.

Paid George S. Butler, for two years ending Nov., 1886..	15 00
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SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Paid Charles L. Seavey, for the year ending Mar., 1887, including use of horse.....	\$112 75
Samuel Kelley, for the year ending March, 1887, including use of horse.....	32 50
Orlando W. Spaulding, for the year ending March, 1887, including use of horse.....	30 00

TOWN CLERK.

Paid Daniel P. Atwood, for the year ending March, 1887, including stationery, postage and express,	35 45
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COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Paid Charles W. Spear, balance for collecting taxes in 1885	10 00
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CONSTABLES.

Paid Otis G. Spear, for services as constable, in 1887...	2 00
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	\$318 75

HIGHWAYS.

Paid George P. Wood, for labor on highways, in District No. 14, above appropriation of 1885 and 1886..	\$20 00
O. W. Spaulding, for putting up railings at danger- ous places.....	4 50
Warren Sherburne, the highway money, for Dis- trict No. 6.....	18 07
Patrick J. Cogger, the highway money, for District No. 1.....	67 03
Elmer W. Boutwell, the highway money, for Dist. No. 4.....	68 95
George S. Butler, the highway money, for District No. 2.....	130 22
George H. Currier, the highway money, for District No. 5.....	104 78
Rei M. Hills, the highway money, for District No. 3.....	57 54
Rei M. Hills, amount expended in District No. 3 above appropriation.....	22 58
George H. Currier, for non-resident tax, paid in labor, on 1886 list.....	5 60
George H. Currier, for non-resident tax, paid in labor, on 1887 list.....	40 35
A. P. H. Brown, for repairing defective highway in District No. 4.....	1 00
James A. Hobbs, for repairing defective highway in District No. 9 in 1887.....	1 20
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	\$541 82

Received of Orandel Burt, for rent of Libby place, one year*.....	\$12 50
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*\$8.50 of this amount should have been added to the Treasurer's account.

TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid N. H. Assylum, for insane, for board and clothing of Frederick Titcomb, from January 1, 1887, to January 1, 1888.....	\$130 43
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COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid State Industrial School, for board, clothing and in- struction of Harry M. Gale, from January 1, 1887, to July 1, 1887.....	39 00
Mrs. Wright, for board of Winthrop Center, from February 3, 1887, to April 1, 1887.....	8 00

\$177 43

Received of the County of Hillsborough, on account of Harry M. Gale.....	\$57 43
Received of the County of Hillsborough on account of Winthrop Center.....	8 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid George S. Butler, for printing check lists.....	\$10 00
Abraham LaCroix, for public watering place in 1886.....	3 00
Morning Mail Printing Co., for printing 350 town reports.....	26 40
Congregational Society, interest on note.....	48 00
Geo. S. Butler, for labor in Gumpus Cemetery, 1886.....	6 50
Charles W. Hobbs, for help in finding non-resident lands.....	50
H. B. Atherton, for advice.....	1 00
C. H. Wyman, for damage to wagon caused by defective highway.....	3 00
James E. Butler, for public watering place in 1887.....	3 00
Patrick J. Cogger, for public watering place in 1887.....	3 00
D. W. Kent, for repairs on road machine.....	4 75
D. G. B. Burns, for two sheep killed by dogs.....	9 00
George S. Butler, for repairs on road machine.....	1 25
R. B. Hillman, for repairing bridge at North Pelham.....	3 25
R. B. Hillman, for two guide boards, and painting same.....	4 50

\$127 15

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid State tax.....	\$1,116 00
County tax	812 34

\$1,928 34

SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid Locating Committee, for school-house lot at Pelham Centre	\$15 00
Locating Committee, for school-house lot at North Pelham	35 00
School Board, for shingling Gage-Hill school-house:	
For labor.....	31 91
For shingles.....	51 09
Frank H. Hillman, for building two new school-houses	1,950 00
Building Committee, for plans and specifications of school-houses	25 00
Building Committee, for seats and furniture for two new school-houses.....	300 00

\$2,408 00

LOCATING SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid Charles W. Hobbs, for locating school-houses and procuring titles	\$13 61
Jonathan N. Woodman, for locating school-houses..	7 00
County Commissioners, for locating school-house at North Pelham	43 60

\$64 21

FENCING COMMON.

Paid Common Committee.....	\$305 00
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TOWN HALL.

Received for use of Town Hall, for the year ending March 1, 1888.....	\$67 75
Received of E. J. Atwood, for use of Hall in 1886...	50

\$68 25

Paid R. B. Hillman, for 3 cords wood furnished for Hall.	\$9 75
F. M. Woodbury, for articles furnished	7 94
Frank Stickney, for services as janitor.....	29 04
Frank Stickney, for cleaning hall, washing table clothes and articles furnished	18 65
R. B. Hillman, for zinc for Town Hall.....	1 25

\$66 63

SNOW BILLS.

Paid Patrick J. Cogger, for breaking snow paths to Mar. 1, 1888.....	\$57 73
James A. Hobbs, for breaking snow paths to March 1, 1888.....	1 95
Rei M. Hills, for breaking snow paths to March 1, 1888.....	50 80
George H. Currier, for breaking snow paths to Mar. 1, 1888.....	69 91
George S. Butler, for breaking snow paths to March 1, 1888.....	90 31
Samuel Kelley, for breaking snow paths to March 1, 1888.....	68 12
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	\$338 82

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Non-resident highway tax, paid in labor, 1886 list.....	\$125 62
Wilbur L. Booker, poll tax.....	1 40
Wilbur L. Booker, dog tax.....	1 00
Thomas Cowen, poll tax.....	1 40
Thomas Doherty, poll tax.....	1 40
Ellsworth E. Emerson, poll tax.....	40
Joseph F. Estey, poll tax.....	1 68
Robert Gibson's heirs, tax.....	2 80
Almon Herbert, poll tax.....	1 40
Horace A. Ham, poll tax.....	1 12
Asa W. Kent, poll tax.....	1 40
Alba T. Leavitt, poll tax.....	87
John C. Lipsett, poll tax.....	1 12
George Myers, poll tax.....	1 12
Joseph Prescott, tax.....	4 84
Calvin Coburn, tax.....	16 80
James Carr, part of tax.....	96
John Carr, highway tax.....	1 67
Jeremiah Farmer, highway tax.....	1 49
Nathan Gage, part of tax.....	4 00
Joshua Searles, dog tax.....	2 00
Edward Doherty, poll tax.....	1 12
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	\$175 61
Non-resident, highway tax paid in labor, 1887 list.....	15 06
Mark W. Simpson, 1887 tax.....	3 26
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	\$193 93

REPORT OF TOWN COMMITTEE.

For fencing and grading common at Pelham Center, and planting trees thereon :

Paid Asa Clement, for eight trees, at 75 cents each.....	\$6 00
Frank M. Woodbury, for phosphate and grass seed.	2 40
R. J. Chaplin, for labor on common.....	1 00
Samuel Kelley, for 48 granite posts, at \$3.70 each..	177 60
Samuel Kelley, for setting same.....	25 00
Andrews & Wheeler, for 372 feet galvanized pipe, at 25 cents per foot	93 00
Whole amount expended.....	<u>\$305 00</u>

The labor of planting the trees and grading the common was done gratuitously by citizens of the Town on Arbor Day, April 30th. The Committee return thanks to all that participated in the labor of planting the trees and grading the common, and they would especially thank the ladies who got them up so generous a dinner on Arbor Day at the Town Hall. The Committee are also under obligations to F. A. Cutter who presented them with three elm trees which were planted on the common.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. S. BUTLER,
FRANK M. WOODBURY,
DANIEL MARSHALL,
GEO. H. CURRIER,
JOHN WILSON,

Committee.

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 the following:

Births Registered in the Town of Pelham, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1887.

Date of Birth. 1887.	Name of Child (if any).	Sex and Condition.					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	Color.							
Jan. 8	Florence E.	"	"	L.	2d	W.	W. F. Marsh	Carrie L. Fox	W.	Pelham...	Milkman	Pelham	Dracut, Mass.
Feb. 8	John Levi	"	"	"	3d	"	Moses Raymond	Julia R. Lary	"	"	Laborer	Canada	Salem.
" 12	Carl	"	"	"	2d	"	Frank H. Hillman	Alice M. Greeley	"	"	Carpenter ..	Pelham	Pelham.
Mar. 10	Frank	"	"	"	1st	"	Edwin N. Sleeper	Mary J. Edwards	"	"	Clerk	Lowell, Mass.	F. E. Island.
Jun. 4	Effie J.	"	"	"	5th	"	Andrew K. Tallant	Angie L. Robey	"	"	Farmer	Meredith	Lawrence, Mass.
" 27	Lottie B.	"	"	"	2d	"	Gage A. Fox	Lula B. Kittredge	"	"	Stone Cutter ..	Haverhill, Mass.	Pelham.
" 29	.....	"	"	"	1st	"	Ref. M. Hills	Nellie O. Moore	"	"	Teamster	Windham	Windham.
Sep. 10	.....	"	"	"	7th	"	Charles W. Hobbs	Abbie J. Sleeper	"	"	Carpenter	Pelham	Lowell, Mass.
Oct. 14	.....	"	"	"	2d	"	— O'Keif	Alice Doherty	"	"	Weaver	England	Vernont.
Nov. 5	.....	"	"	"	10th	"	Frederic A. Cutter	Susan M. Hardy	"	"	Farmer	Pelham	Hudson.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, the undersigned, auditors of the Town of Pelham for the year ending March 1st, 1888, find the Selectmen have issued orders to the amount of \$7,919.57, and that said orders were properly receipted. And we find that the Town Treasurer has received \$8,254.65 and has paid orders above mentioned to the amount of \$7,884.57 leaving a balance in the Treasury to the amount of \$370.08.

CHARLES W. HOBBS.
REI HILLS,
Auditors.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Pelham, N. H., for the Year ending December, 31, 1887.

Date of Marriage. 1887.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Color.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Number of Marriage.	Name, Residence, and Official Station of person by whom married.
				All white.								
Feb. 3.	Methu'n Mass.	James H. Richardson	Pelham	35		Farmer	Dracut, Mass.	Oliver Richardson..	Dracut, Mass....	Farmer ..	1st	Rev. A. McGregor, Methuen, Mass.
		Hannah J. Willey....	"	45		Housekeep.	Pelham	Hepzabeth	Luther Coburn	"	Farmer ..		2d
May 3.	Pelham.	James A. Foster.....	"	42		Merchant ..	Westford,	Hannah	Pelham	Merchant.	2d	Rev. A. Berry, Pelham.
		Mary C. Marshall....	Windham..	35		Housekeep.	Middlebury,	Aaron E. Foster	Carlsle, Mass..				Wears.
July 7..	"	James H. Hansell....	Pelham.....	26	All white.	Shoemaker.	Pelham	Richard Buchanan..	N. Y.		1st	C. W. Hobbs, Esq., Pelham.
		Annie M. Codey	Stogebam, Mass.	21		Operative ..	Cambridge,	Lydia A. Hansell... Pelham	James Codey .....				Boston, Mass....	Mason ....
Sep. 6..	Hudson.	Elmer E. Chaplin ...	Pelham	26		Teamster...	Pelham	Nora	Cambridge, Mass	Farmer ..	.....	Rev. C. C. Speare, Hudson.
		Josephine Fuller....	Hudson	28		Housekeep	Dracut, Mass.	Kimball J. Chaplin. Rhoda E. Ditson ..	Hudson .....				Dracut, Mass....	Farmer ..
								Martha	Littleton, Mass.			

Deaths Registered in the Town of Pelham, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1887.

Date of Death. 1887.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex & 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.					
Jan. 11.	Anseme Pilladeau....	36	6	16	Rochester P. Q.	"	"	"	M.	Laborer.....	Canada.....	Canada.....	Jean Pilladeau....	Victoria Cote.
Feb. 7.	Kate L. Coburn.....	38	11	"	Chelmsfo'd, Ma	"	"	"	"	Housekeeper..	"	"	James Coburn.....	
" 18.	Mary Hayden.....	58	"	"	Ireland.....	"	"	"	"	Housewife.....	Ireland.....	Ireland.....	Paul McAloon.....	
Mar. 25.	Martha Marsh.....	72	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Housekeeper..	"	"	"	
" 26.	Daniel H. Webster....	65	11	21	Pelham.....	"	"	"	"	Farmer.....	Pelham.....	Atkinson.....	Simon B. Webster.	Lephy Johnson.
May 4.	Reuben Griffin.....	80	3	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Jun. 13.	John W. Wiley.....	45	5	12	Wellfleet, Ms..	"	"	"	"	Fish Dealer...	Wellfleet, Mass..	"	Jesse Wiley.....	Arabel Smith.
Sep. 23.	Eltzabeth King.....	70	"	"	Scotland.....	"	"	"	"	Housekeeper..	"	"	"	
Oct. 7.	Alpheus G. Hobbs....	65	4	17	Pelham.....	"	"	"	"	Farmer.....	Pelham.....	Pelham.....	James Hobbs.....	Pamelia _____
Dec. 22.	Abble C. Spaulding...	40	1	22	"	"	"	"	"	Housekeeper..	"	Nashua.....	Augustus Kent....	Lavinia B. Wallace___

DANIEL P. ATWOOD, *Town Clerk.*

ASSETS.

Amount in hands of Collector of 1886 list of taxes.....	\$99 75
Amount in hands of Collector of 1887 list of taxes	2,253 26
James F. McKissock, balance due for rent of Carlton Place.....	18 75
Heirs of Caleb Carlton, for aid furnished Sarah W. Carlton.....	87 25
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	\$2459 01

LIABILITIES.

Amount due the several old school districts Mar. 1, 1888	\$1,028 37
Amount due town district, unexpended town appropriation of 1887.....	221 76
Amount dog fund 1887.....	101 00
Amount literary fund 1887.....	122 10
Amount due on notes held against the town.....	900 00
Estimated amount of interest due.....	90 00
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	\$2,468 23

RECAPITULATION.

Paid State tax.....	\$1,116 00
County tax.....	812 34
School Board.....	1,449 49
Town officers.....	318 75
Highways.....	541 82
Town paupers.....	177 43
Miscellaneous.....	127 15
School houses.....	2,408 00
Locating school houses.....	64 21
Common Committee.....	305 00
Town Hall.....	66 63
Snow bills.....	338 82
Abatement of taxes.....	198 93
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	\$7,919 57

SAMUEL KELLEY,
RICHARD B. HILLMAN,
DANIEL P. ATWOOD,

Selectmen of Pelham.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer respectfully submits the following report for the year ending March 1, 1888 :

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To cash in Treasury March 1, 1887, including \$103.88 literary fund, and \$114.00 dog fund	\$353 94
Received of County Commissioners for aid furnished county paupers.....	65 43
Cash received from Calvin Coburn, abatement on his tax.	11 25
“ “ of Orandel Burt, in part pay for rent of O. C. Libby place.....	4 00
“ “ of Frank Stickney, for use of Town Hall..	67 75
“ “ of E. J. Atwood, for use of Town Hall....	50
“ “ State Treasurer, railroad tax.....	128 06
“ “ “ “ Savings bank tax.....	526 77
“ “ “ “ Literary fund.....	122 10
“ “ of C. W. Spear, taxes of 1885 list.....	59 47
“ “ of Daniel M. Webster, taxes of 1886 and 1887 lists.....	6,915 38
	\$8,254 65
Total amount received from all sources.....	

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By cash paid on sundry orders issued by the Selectmen..	\$7,884 57
Leaving amount of cash in treasury, March 1, 1888, including \$122.10 literary fund, and \$101.00 dog fund.....	\$370 08
Outstanding order against the Town.....	\$85 00

ENOCH M. MARSH,

Town Treasurer.

REPORT

OF

THE SCHOOL BOARD

OF THE

TOWN OF PELHAM,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1888.

SCHOOL BOARD.

CHARLES W. HOBBS, . . .	TERM EXPIRES MARCH, 1889.
JONATHAN N. WOODMAN, .	TERM EXPIRES MARCH, 1888.
JAMES R. GRIFFIN, . . .	TERM EXPIRES MARCH, 1888

REPORT.

The School Board of the Town of Pelham, as required by the law of the State, respectfully submit the following report.

The remarks that may be made from year to year, upon the cause of education and in reference to the schools of such a Town as ours, must, of necessity, be somewhat of a repetition of ideas as well as facts. The new school law has not grown in popularity during the last year, and we think it is having an injurious effect upon our schools. The change in public sentiment in regard to the Town system which was to follow its introduction into our State has been a plant of slow growth in our Town at least, and the benefits to be derived from the Town system have been of a negative character. One of the most important factors of a good school—a local pride and interest—seems to be disappearing and this is shown by the attendance or non-attendance of many of those who in past days made it a point to be present at the closing exercises of the schools in their respective districts.

It certainly has a good influence upon the school to have the representative men and women, the parents and friends, present at the close.

The School Board has endeavored to perform its duties in such a manner as to not create any undue prejudice against the law, although it is asserted in high places to the contrary.

It is impossible for every one to be suited in respect to the management of our schools, in the selection of teachers and in the methods of instruction that may be adopted, but an earnest desire to do the best thing possible for the schools



has governed the action of the Board, and the results of the last school year have been of a character that should encourage every friend of education.

The teachers during the past year have, with one exception, been those experienced in the art, and all have performed their duties in a satisfactory manner. The attention of the people should, we think, be called to the matter of text-books; they should be furnished by the Town for many reasons, among which are a better classification, and economy, not only saving money for the people of the Town but time for the teacher, and that in some of our large schools is quite an important item. In fact there are so many classes in some of our schools that it is impossible for a teacher to give each class the attention that is necessary for the best results.

Text-books and books of reference are a necessity in this age, as much so as a school house or a teacher and should be provided in the same manner, and when that is done we then shall have free schools in reality.

During the past year the school house in No. 4 has been repaired and the new school houses in No. 1 and No. 3 have been built, but not completed for occupancy, and the old houses have of necessity withstood the elements as best they could during the last winter. The house in No. 5 should be repaired or refurnished to be in keeping with the other houses.

The School Board by vote of the District located school-house lots in Districts No. 1 and No. 3, and in No. 1 procured the title to the land by purchase at an expense of \$20. In District No. 3, a portion of the District was aggrieved by the location and called on the County Commissioners, who laid out a new lot, and a majority of the Board procured this lot by purchase, paying \$35 for it. On these lots the new school houses were built.

The past year has been a favorable one in regard to the schools. Every term has been completed without interruption on account of sickness, although the fall term in District

No. 2 was, at the request of the teacher, closed at the end of the ninth week on account of ill health of the teacher, who, much to the regret of the Board and people of the District, closed her school labors for the year at that time.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following pupils have been neither absent or tardy during the school year :

ALICE STICKNEY,	CLARENCE STICKNEY,
CARRIE STICKNEY,	MILAN STICKNEY,
GEORGIE HOBBS,	EDWARD BUTLER,
ELLA CURRIER.	

STATISTICS.

DISTRICT NO. 1. MISS JULIA A. BIXBY of Lowell, Mass., teacher for the year. Number of weeks of school, 31. Length of first term, 8 weeks; second term, 11 weeks; third term, 12 weeks. Number of different pupils, first term, 35; second term, 41; third term, 33; for the year, 44; boys, 16; girls, 28. Average daily attendance for the year, 30. The whole school attended to reading, spelling, writing and arithmetic—25 to geography, 18 to grammar, 18 to composition, 4 to physiology, 4 to algebra. Wages of teacher, \$275.00. Miscellaneous expenses, \$20.23.

DISTRICT NO. 2. MISS M. AMANDA CLOYD, teacher of the first and second terms. Miss KATIE F. LEE, teacher of the third term. Number of weeks of school, 30. Length of first term, 9 weeks; second term, 9 weeks; third term, 12 weeks. Number of different pupils, first term, 22; second term, 27; third term, 28; for the year, 30; boys, 19; girls, 11. Average daily attendance for the year, 22. The whole school attended to reading, spelling, writing and vocal music, 26 to arithmetic 11 to geography, 16 to grammar, 14 to natural history and 2 to algebra. Wages of teachers, \$252.00. Miscellaneous expenses, \$25.50.

DISTRICT NO. 3. MISS LUELLA HOBBS, teacher of the first term; Miss KATIE F. LEE, teacher of the second term; MR. WILLIS E. PEARSON, teacher of third term. Number of weeks of school, 31. Length of first term, 8 weeks; second term, 11 weeks; third term, 12 weeks. Number of different pupils, first term, 15; second term, 12; third term, 17; for the year, 22; boys, 15; girls, 7. Average attendance for the year, 13. The whole school attended to reading and spelling, 12 to writing, 16 to arithmetic, 9 to geography, 9 to grammar, 11 to composition, 12 to drawing, 1 to book-keeping, 1 to algebra, 2 to philosophy, and 1 to botany. Wages of teachers, \$260.00. Miscellaneous expenses, \$14.26.

DISTRICT NO. 4. MISS BERTHA S. SIMPSON, of Lowell, Mass., teacher of first term; MISS SADIE M. WOODMAN, teacher of second and third terms. Number of weeks of school, 33; first term, 9 weeks; second term, 12 weeks; third term, 12 weeks. Number of different pupils, first term, 24; second term, 24; third term, 18; for the year, 28; boys, 14; girls 14. The whole school attended to reading and spelling, 23 to writing, 21 to arithmetic, 15 to geography, 7 to grammar, 2 to history, 7 to composition, 23 to drawing, 26 to vocal music, 1 to physiology, 1 to book-keeping and 2 to algebra. Wages of teachers, \$276.00. Miscellaneous expenses, \$29.92; and \$4.00 was received for apples from the school house lot.

DISTRICT NO. 5. MISS SUSAN M. SMITH, teacher of first and second terms; MISS LUELLE HOBBS, teacher of third term. Number of weeks of school, 32. Length of first term, 9 weeks; second term, 11 weeks; third term, 12 weeks. Number of different pupils, first term, 25; second term, 26; third term, 26; for the year, 31; boys, 14; girls, 17. Average attendance for the year, 22. The whole school attended to reading, spelling, writing and arithmetic, 23 to geography, 16 to grammar, 5 to history, 15 to composition, 27 to drawing, 6 to physiology, 4 to book-keeping, 5 to philosophy and 1 to algebra. Teachers wages, \$268.00. Miscellaneous expenses, \$24.00.

Amount of school money drawn from town treasury, \$1,449.49; amount received for apples, \$4.00; total amount expended, \$1,453.49. \$8.58 of this was balance due on last year in No. 5 school, leaving \$1,444.91 that has been expended during the year. Number of scholars attending school in town during the past year, 155. Expense per scholar, \$9.03.

CHARLES W. HOBBS,

For the School Board.