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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

By cash in treasury February 15, 1896,	\$1,325.06
balance on D. C. Ayer's list, 1895,	535.05
amount of taxes committed to F. C. Fife for collection :	
Resident,	\$4,661.41
Non-resident,	666.66
	<hr/> \$5,328.07

RECEIVED OF STATE TREASURER.

Insurance tax,	\$24.00
Railroad tax,	235.47
Savings-bank tax,	1,043.06
Literary fund,	99.40
	<hr/> \$1,401.93

RECEIVED OF MERRIMACK COUNTY.

For aid rendered county paupers, viz. :

Harrison Wentworth,	\$2.75
Hiram Hartford,	27.08
Mrs. L. Randall,	33.65
Mrs. S. Batchelder,	67.50
Isaac Hall,	138.50
Chas. E. Witham,	2.89
Ozum Dowst,	72.72
	<hr/> \$345.09

RECEIVED OF STATE TREASURER.

Bounty on hawks,	\$4.25	
Peddler's license,	2.00	
Town clerk, license on dogs,	112.34	
F. C. Fife, interest on taxes,	9.05	
Borrowed money,	1,200.00	
Use of hearse out of town,	4.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,331.64
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		\$10,266.84

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Silsby & Son, for supplies,	\$1.46
Ira C. Evans, printing town reports,	35.90
J. T. Cotterell, dinners for selectmen and auditors,	13.80
Geo. H. Hoyt Post, No. 66, G. A. R., appropriation for Memorial Day,	50.00
Edson C. Eastman, supplies,	10.00
Daniel Yeaton, “	2.61
A. D. Sherburne, attendance with hearse,	50.00
For watchers at fire of C. H. Osgood,	12.00
Expenses of court on road case,	27.12
James F. Dunn, detective work on M. M. Steele case,	31.88
Chas. H. Palmer, public watering place,	3.00
A. S. Ladd, public watering place,	3.00
C. H. Osgood, “ “ “	3.00
A. L. Brown, “ “ “	3.00
G. C. Knowles, “ “ “	3.00
Lucian Heath, “ “ “	3.00
Geo. W. Marden, public watering place,	3.00

Paid Joseph Lawrence, damage to cow falling off bridge,	\$10.00
Jas. L. Bickford, expense of perambulating line,	8.37
Public library, appropriation,	60.00
“ “ sundry expenses,	31.69
Samuel Bickford, damage to wagon,	8.00
H. S. Knowles, board of James Dunn,	4.00
Jas. L. Bickford, bounty on 17 hawks,	4.25
H. A. Holmes, wood furnished at town house,	1.00
D. G. Chesley, sheep killed by dogs,	18.00
Geo. Sanders, “ “ “ “	9.00
Luther Hall, mowing Epsom cemetery,	3.00
John G. Dow, damage to carriage on highway,	3.63
Albin, Martin & Howe, for legal services,	63.00
Jas. L. Bickford, supplies,	2.10
Roscoe Hill, reporting births and deaths,	9.00
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	\$490.81

REPAIRING HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Geo. H. Burnham, work from February 15, 1896, to March 15, 1896,	\$326.97
S. R. Yeaton, work from March 15, 1896, to February 15, 1897,	3,710.71
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	\$4,037.68

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid S. A. Carter, state treasurer, state tax,	\$995.00
Warren Abbott, county treasurer, county tax,	1,102.92
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	\$2,097.92

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Paid M. L. Wallace, member of school board,	\$20.00
Daniel Yeaton, member of school board,	10.00
J. H. Dolbeer, superintending school committee,	30.00
B. M. Towle, treasurer of school board,	10.00
B. M. Towle, treasurer, repair money,	50.00
“ “ school books,	78.20
“ “ balance of dog money,	121.96
B. M. Towle, treasurer, literary fund,	99.40
“ “ town appropria- tion,	1,100.00
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	\$1,519.56

SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid J. B. Tennant :

supplies for Hiram Hartford,	\$10.63
Silver and Hall :	
supplies for Harrison Wentworth,	1.25
“ Hiram Hartford,	1.70
“ Mrs. L. Randall,	10.90
“ Mrs. S. Batchelder,	67.50
“ Isaac Hall,	130.00
“ Charles E. Witham,	1.64

A. C. Heath :

supplies for Ozum Dowst,	58.47
“ Harrison Wentworth,	1.50

Roscoe Hill, M. D. :

medical attendance on Isaac Hall,	8.50
“ “ Charles E. Witham,	1.25
“ “ Hiram Hartford,	14.75
“ “ Ozum Dowst,	3.00

Paid E. P. Winkley, digging grave of Mrs. L. Randall,	\$1.75
Lewis Bunker, burial outfit for Mrs. L. Randall,	15.50
Daniel Yeaton, procuring burial outfit for Mrs. Randall,	3.50
Rev. J. W. Scribner, services at funeral of Mrs. Randall,	2.00
B. M. Towle, wood for Ozum Dowst,	11.25
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	\$345.09

PAUPERS CHARGEABLE TO THE TOWN.

Paid Merrimack county farm, 56 $\frac{5}{7}$ weeks board of Susan R. Dutton,	\$170.14
Merrimack county farm, 56 $\frac{5}{7}$ weeks board of Shuah Sanborn,	113.42
Mrs. John Murby, 15 weeks board of Mrs. J. Haynes,	75.00
C. P. Morse, burial outfit for Mrs. J. Haynes,	17.25
Géorge T. Dutton, digging grave of Mrs. Haynes,	1.50
E. E Wells, expenses of Mrs. Haynes,	3.75
Roscoe Hill, M. D., medical attend- ance on Mrs. Haynes,	8.50
Chesley Brothers, keeping tramps,	11.00
Joseph Minard, keeping tramps,	3.00
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	\$403.56

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid C. S. Heath, as treasurer,	\$16.25
James W. Fowler, as auditor,	1.50
C. F. Haynes, as supervisor,	9.00
D. C. Ayer, as constable,	23.00

Paid G. H. Burnham, as supervisor,	\$6.00
Fred C. Fife, as collector, in part,	50.00
Daniel Yeaton, as selectman,	75.00
E. E. Wells, “	48.80
James L. Bickford, “	44.00
J. T. Cotterell, as town clerk,	32.65
James B. Tennant, as treasurer for balance of year,	13.75
D. C. Ayer, as tax collector,	15.00
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	\$334.95

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Freeman Marden, dead horse,	\$1.48
C. H. Osgood, “	.83
C. F. Haynes, dead cow,	.33
C. W. Doe, “	.36
S. R. Yeaton, 2 “	.76
C. W. Towle, 2 “	.59
A. E. Hartford, over-tax,	.26
D. N. Lewis, dead dog,	1.00
E. K. Spurlin, “	2.00
James O. Fiske, “	1.33
Lucian Heath, “	1.67
F. C. Fife, abatements on tax list,	21.19
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	\$31.80

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

Miscellaneous expenses,	\$490.81
Repair of highways and bridges,	4,037.68
State and county tax,	2,097.92
School account,	1,519.56
Support of county paupers,	345.09
Support of town paupers,	403.56
Town officers,	334.95
Abatement of taxes,	31.80
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	\$9,261.37
Taxes uncollected,	504.05
S. M. Chesley, estate in trust,	50.00
Balance in treasury,	451.42
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	\$10,266.84

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL YEATON,
 EDGAR E. WELLS,
 JAMES L. BICKFORD,

Selectmen.

REPORT OF ROAD AGENTS.

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT, 1895.

Paid Edwin R. Yeaton,	\$ 1.50
Walter L. Pickard,	6.37
James M. Burnham,	.75
Jonathan Marden,	1.15
Clarence W. Brown,	.60
C. E. Kendall,	2.70
S. W. Bickford,	2.10
Geo. P. Cass,	2.25
William Brown,	.45
A. B. Cass,	1.65
J. L. Brackett,	2.50
J. C. Tripp,	1.35
Silas B. Page,	1.50
Philip Fowler,	2.70
Lucian Heath,	2.00
Charles A. Brown,	.75
Calvin Dowst,	2.53
Samuel R. Yeaton,	19.00
Benjamin Fowler,	1.00
E. K. Spurlin,	2.10
H. Fowler,	1.50
Lewis Spurlin,	2.10
A. L. Ricker,	3.65
A. L. Healey,	6.75
F. Marden,	2.25
Cyrus Marden,	6.15
D. G. Chesley,	9.82

Paid Charles E. Cilley,	\$6.45
J. A. Edmunds,	1.50
E. M. Kelley,	20.30
Walter H. Yeaton,	13.90
David Barton,	16.95
Geo. C. Towle,	6.75
Joseph Lawrence,	2.35
D. Yeaton,	2.50
J. K. Tarlton,	1.20
H. G. Hartford,	.75
James L. Bickford,	8.25
A. L. Sanders,	32.55
G. P. Rand,	10.80
Edgar E. Wells,	14.45
James Yeaton,	4.61
J. E. Griffin,	2.85
M. Q. Burnham,	5.50
Geo. H. Burnham,	40.74
B. M. Towle,	12.75
Hollis Hall,	3.25
J. B. Tennant,	31.40
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	\$326.97

GEO. H. BURNHAM,

Agent.

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT FOR 1896.

Paid Albert L. Healey, for labor,	\$25.50
Eben P. Winkley, “	2.40
A. M. Tilton, “	10.20
A. C. Heath, “	3.75
J. H. Dolbeer, “ and team,	7.50
Samuel Fowler, for team,	21.00
Joseph W. Marden, for labor,	41.70

Paid J. P. Lock, for labor	\$66.75
Robert Jones, “	3.00
James H. Tripp, for labor and team,	84.75
Henry Bickford, for labor,	10.50
G. E. Rogers, “	7.87
J. E. Griffin, for team,	6.75
J. L. Wells, for labor,	15.00
C. M. Steele, “	19.50
T. B. Langley, “	6.00
W. H. Knowles, for labor,	9.75
Daniel Yeaton, for labor and team,	4.12
Philip Fowler, “ “	12.05
C. F. Stevens, for labor,	1.50
F. W. Yeaton, “	4.50
A. D. Sherburne, “	1.50
David Barton, for labor and team,	23.98
George H. Philbrick, for labor and team,	11.80
S. L. Clark, for labor and team,	2.55
Charles E. Cilley, for labor and team,	11.75
James Yeaton, for labor,	9.00
Sam Stanley, for labor,	7.50
S. B. Page, for labor and team,	12.30
George S. Bixby, for labor,	6.00
John B. Demers, “	14.00
Norman H. Munroe, for labor and team,	68.62
E. K. Spurlin, for labor,	11.60
J. O. Fisk, “	4.50
David Lovely, “	3.00
W. H. Yeaton, for labor and team,	32.70
W. H. Yeaton, for lumber,	15.00
Peter Momnie, for labor,	24.75
A. L. Brown, “	7.50
H. C. Lovejoy, for labor and team,	9.61

Paid C. E. Kendall, for labor,	\$3.00
J. C. Brown, for labor and team,	11.45
B. M. Towle, " "	6.50
H. G. Leighton, for grade and land damage,	3.50
J. E. Eastman, for labor and team,	12.50
C. S. Hall, " "	3.00
J. G. Witham, " "	7.65
C. A. Yeaton, for labor,	12.75
E. R. Yeaton, for plank,	23.37
E. R. Yeaton, for labor and team,	74.00
S. W. Bickford, " "	25.30
George Sanders, " "	17.98
C. H. Foss, for labor,	8.10
Kidder Fisk, "	3.00
George A. Pike, for labor,	5.93
A. B. Cass, for labor and team,	17.18
W. L. Pickard, " "	11.10
J. M. Clark, for labor,	2.00
A. L. Yeaton, for labor and team,	13.40
F. C. Fife, for labor and team,	8.00
W. G. Weeks, for labor,	6.75
George T. Dutton, for labor,	11.25
H. L. Hilliard, "	1.50
Alonzo Batchelder, for labor and team,	53.48
Chesley Bros., " "	69.31
Chesley Bros., for plank,	43.93
George H. Haynes, for labor,	5.70
F. A. Bickford, "	15.00
E. M. Hall, "	6.00
S. B. Cofran, "	9.75
W. C. Burnham, " and team,	3.00
Calvin Dowst, "	3.00
C. H. Palmer, " and team,	8.25
J. T. Cotterell, "	.50

Paid H. N. Smith, for labor,	\$0.65
C. O. Brown, " and team,	12.50
C. O. Brown, for plank;	11.40
C. W. Doe, for labor,	1.00
Joseph Lawrence, for labor and team,	8.25
Horace Fowler, " "	25.20
Lewis Spurlin, "	23.25
W. H. Tripp, " and team,	44.75
A. E. Hartford, "	2.70
Benjamin Fowler, "	3.45
Cyrus Marden, "	.75
Hollis Hall, "	19.75
John C. Yeaton, "	15.38
Charles Bickford, "	3.53
R. C. Brown, " and team,	10.95
Lucian Heath, "	2.25
Samuel Martin, "	3.00
H. O. Cass, " and team,	1.60
W. J. Brown, "	.75
G. P. Cass, " and team,	9.00
James M. Burnham, "	2.02
Guy T. Pike, "	1.05
E. E. Wells, "	10.00
D. C. Waterhouse, "	3.00
Walter J. Philbrick, for plank,	13.93
Minot R. Yeaton, for labor,	.75
A. P. Bickford, "	5.00
William Lent, blacksmith bill,	3.32
A. L. Ricker, "	6.67
Moses Q. Burnham, blacksmith bill,	3.07
F. J. Fellows, "	.63
J. C. Tripp, for guideboards,	2.00
Hiram A. Holmes, repairs on road machine,	2.75
B. H. Fowler, for labor and team,	4.50
W. P. Babb, " "	11.50

Paid A. L. Sanders, for labor and team,	\$2.70
A. O. Carter, “ “	32.02
J. B. Tennant, as per bill,	20.55
Silver & Hall, as per bill,	.85
Thompson & Hoague, sewer pipe,	46.50
Boston & Maine Railroad Co.,	5.01
J. Hadlock, road machine repairs,	24.75
E. Cutting, for labor on bridge near Knowles mill,	5.00
S. R. Yeaton, for labor,	164.20
S. R. Yeaton, for teams and other help,	154.26
S. R. Yeaton, express, traveling, expenses on cars, postage, etc.,	7.02
Total,	<u>\$1,882.04</u>
Summer work,	\$1,786.80
Winter work,	95.24
	<u>\$1,882.04</u>

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT FOR 1896, ON SHOE FACTORY BRIDGE.

Paid C. A. Bailey, for stone,	\$297.50
P. S. Huckins & Co., for lumber,	90.86
Daniel G. Joy & Co., for iron,	20.34
Tripp, Tennant & Fellows, for lumber,	6.00
William P. Ford & Co., for iron,	12.57
Boston & Maine Railroad Co., for freight,	19.65
E. Cutting, for labor, use of tools and derrick,	123.12
Silver & Hall, for spikes and nails,	2.07
J. C. Tripp, for lumber,	32.26
A. L. Ricker, for sharpening tools,	.74
F. J. Fellows, for irons,	.88
Moses Q. Burnham, sharpening tools,	16.93

Paid C. F. Haynes, for painting,	\$10.63
J. M. Burnham, for labor and team,	3.75
Alonzo Batchelder, “ “	11.25
B. H. Fowler, “ “	30.00
J. H. Tripp, for labor,	12.00
E. P. Winkley, “	1.50
J. P. Lock, “	1.50
W. H. Knowles, “	33.00
F. W. Yeaton, “	2.25
E. R. Yeaton, “	34.50
George A. Pike, “	1.50
J. M. Clark, “	2.00
Charles Marden, “ and lights,	50.50
J. E. Pierce, “ “	10.15
H. L. Hilliard, “	31.95
E. M. Hall, “	39.00
F. A. Bickford, “	37.50
Joseph W. Marden, for labor,	74.10
G. E. Warren, “	12.00
John C. Yeaton, “	7.50
A. L. Brown, “	1.50
B. M. Towle, for labor and team,	49.45
W. C. Burnham, “ “	60.45
S. W. Bickford, “ “	59.70
C. W. Royal, for land damage and lights,	8.70
C. H. Osgood, “	5.00
Lewis Spurlin, for labor,	1.50
W. H. Tripp, for team,	9.00
J. Marden, for labor,	4.20
S. R. Yeaton, “	96.60
S. R. Yeaton, for teams and other help,	98.85
S. R. Yeaton, express, traveling, expenses on cars, use of telephone, postage, etc.,	9.53
Total,	<u>\$1,433.98</u>

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT FOR 1896 ON SHORT FALLS
BRIDGE.

Paid Tripp, Fellows & Tennant, for lumber,	\$32.37
J. B. Tennant, for spikes and nails,	4.99
J. C. Tripp, for lumber,	6.75
J. H. Tripp, for labor,	5.25
W. H. Tripp, " and team,	2.50
Horace Fowler, "	4.30
F. A. Bickford, "	1.50
Head & Dowst Co., as per bill,	45.65
S. R. Yeaton, for board of Head & Dowst Co. men,	3.00
S. R. Yeaton, for labor, teams and other help,	17.09
Total,	<u>\$123.40</u>

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT FOR 1896 ON NEW RYE
BRIDGE.

Paid E. Cutting, for labor, use of tools and derrick,	\$71.87
B. M. Towle, for labor and team,	1.50
B. & M. Railroad, for freight,	4.76
A. L. Brown, for labor,	.75
C. H. Foss, " "	18.00
George H. Haynes, for labor,	15.71
F. A. Bickford, " "	17.25
George T. Dutton, for labor and lights,	24.55
E. E. Wells, " and team,	5.70
Lewis Spurlin, for labor,	1.50
S. W. Bickford, " "	16.70
W. J. Brown, " "	.75

Paid F. J. Fellows, for irons,	\$0.24
A. L. Ricker, for sharpening tools,	3.33
C. F. Haynes, for painting,	2.65
Daniel G. Joy & Co., for irons,	2.23
C. S. Hall, for stone, grade, and land damage,	25.00
S. R. Yeaton, for labor,	31.40
S. R. Yeaton, for teams and other help,	27.40
Total,	<hr/> \$271.29

S. R. YEATON,
Road Agent.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following is the report of the town treasurer of the receipts and disbursements for the year ending February 15, 1897 :

RECEIPTS.

By balance on hand as per settlement February 15, 1896,	\$1,275.06
amount received of town clerk, for license on dogs,	110.24
amount received of Daniel C. Ayer, collector 1895,	335.00
amount received of Fred C. Fife, collector 1896,	832.00
Total,	<hr/> \$2,552.30
September 26, to 30 orders paid by C. S. Heath,	2,461.21
To balance in hands C. S. Heath estate,	<hr/> \$91.09
By balance received from C. S. Heath estate,	\$91.09
cash received Fred C. Fife, collector, 1896,	4,112.07
Fred C. Fife, interest 1896,	9.05
Daniel C. Ayer, collector 1895,	80.00
borrowed money,	1,200.00
amount received town clerk, for dog license,	2.10

By State treasurer, as follows :

Insurance tax,	\$24.00
Railroad tax,	235.47
Savings bank tax,	1,043.06
Literary fund,	99.40
Eli Cohen, for peddler's license,	2.00
State treasurer, bounty on hawks, of the county of Merrimack for support of paupers,	4.25
A. D. Sherburne, use of hearse,	345.09
	4.00
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	\$7,251.58

DISBURSEMENTS.

To amount of orders paid, 31 to 105 inclu- sive,	\$6,800.16
Balance in treasury,	451.42
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	\$7,251.58

JAMES B. TENNANT,
Treasurer.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF TOWN, FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

Indebtedness by note and interest,	\$4,644.78
Trust fund (care of Chesley lot in cemetery),	50.00
Due school district, dog licenses,	85.34
Due D. C. Ayer, collecting taxes, 1895,	50.00
Due Fred C. Fife, " 1896,	15.00
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	\$4,845.12

ASSETS.

Remaining on D. C. Ayer's list,		
collector 1895,	\$120.05	
Remaining on F. C. Fife's list,		
collector 1896,	384.00	
Balance in treasury,	451.42	
S. M. Chesley fund,	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,005.47
Actual indebtedness,		\$3,839.65
The town holds 177 shares of stock in the Suncook Valley Railroad.		

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have carefully examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

D. G. CHESLEY,
JOHN H. DOLBEER,
Auditors.

EPSOM, February 15, 1897.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The library still continues to be an attraction for quite a good number of our citizens, who repair to it each week for some reading matter.

We had intended before this to have added a number of books, but have now placed an order with a Massachusetts firm for one hundred and twenty-four books, which we hope to have placed upon the shelves of the library by the time this report comes before you.

The library has been the recipient of a bequest of one hundred dollars by the will of the late Mary Lawrence.

A list of the books ordered is herewith appended.

CLASS B. — BIOGRAPHY.

No.		Author.
12.	Life of P. H. Sheridan, Vol. 1,	Sheridan.
13.	“ “ Vol. 2,	“
14.	Life and Art of Joseph Jefferson,	Wm. Winter.

CLASS D. — DRAMA AND POETRY.

11.	Holmes' Poems,	Holmes.
12.	Tennyson's Poems,	A. Tennyson.
13.	Celia Thaxter's Poems,	C. Thaxter.

CLASS F. — FICTION.

276.	Bernicia,	Amelia E. Barr.
277.	A Knight of the Nets,	“ “
278.	Briseis,	Wm. Black.
279.	Slain by the Doons,	R. D. Blackmore.
280.	The Wise Woman,	C. L. Burnham.
281.	Sweet Clover,	“ “
282.	The Bondman,	Hall Caine.

No.	Author.
283. The Deemster,	Hall Caine.
284. Joan of Arc,	S. L. Clemens.
285. The Moonstone,	Wilkie Collins.
286. The New Magdalen,	"
287. The Woman in White,	"
288. The Two Destinies,	"
289. Thelma,	Maria Corelli.
290. Cameos,	
291. The Mystery of Witchface Mountain,	Craddock.
292. Casa Braccio,	F. M. Crawford.
293. Katharine Lauderdale,	"
294. The Ralstons,	"
295. The Raiders,	S. R. Crockett.
296. Clegg Kelley,	"
297. The Grayman,	"
298. Roxy,	E. Eggleston.
299. Mystery of Metropolisville,	"
300. Echoes from Sabine Farm,	Eugene Field.
301. Ships that Pass in the Night,	Beatrice Harraden.
302. A Virginia Cousin,	Mrs. B. Harrison.
303. Nicholas Mintwin,	J. G. Holland.
304. Arthur Bonnicastle,	"
305. Tempest and Sunshine,	M. J. Holmes.
306. Darkness and Daylight,	"
307. Lena Rivers,	"
308. Samantha Among Colored Folks,	M. Holly.
309. The Chronicles of Court Antonio,	Athony Hope.
310. The Day of their Wedding,	W. D. Howells.
311. The Lady of the Aroostook,	"
312. Dr. Breen's Practice,	"
313. The Life of Nancy,	S. O. Jewett.
314. Fort Frayne,	Capt. Charles King.
315. A Garrison Tangle,	" "
316. Noble Blood,	" "
317. A West Point Parallel,	" "

No.	Author.
318. Hypatia,	C. Kingsley.
319. Westward Ho,	"
320. Yeast,	"
321. Two Years Ago,	"
322. Hereward,	"
323. Alton Locke,	"
324. Heroes, Poems, Babies, etc.,	"
325. How and Lady Why,	"
326. Beside the Bonnie Briar Bush,	Ian McLaran.
327. The Days of Auld Lang Syne,	"
328. Kate Carnegie,	"
329. When all the Woods are Green,	S. W. Mitchel.
330. Katharine North,	M. L. Pool.
331. In a Dike Shanty,	"
332. The Adventures of Capt. Horn,	F. R. Stockton.
333. Mrs. Cliffs' Yacht,	"
334. A Chosen Few,	"
335. A Fool's Errand,	A. W. Tourgee.
336. Bricks Without Straw,	"
337. Murvale Eastman,	"
338. Robert Ellsmere,	Mrs. H. Ward.
339. Marcella,	"
340. A New England Nun,	M. E. Wilkins.
341. Madelon,	"
342. East Angels,	C. F. Woolson.
343. Jupiter Lights,	"
344. On Horseback,	C. D. Warner.
345. Southern California,	"
346. Tom Crogan,	F. H. Smith.
347. For King or Country,	James Barnes.
348. Chapters from a Life,	E. S. Phelps.
349. The White Mountains,	J. H. Ward.
350. The Ship's Company,	J. D. Kelley.
351. Under Two Flags,	Ouida.
352. The Wardship of Steepcomb,	Charlotte Yonge.

No.	Author.
353.	The Heir of Redclyffe, Charlotte Yonge.
354.	Solomon Crow's Christmas Pockets, R. McE. Stuart.
355.	An Accidental Romance, etc., W. S. Rosster.
356.	Adventures in the Adirondacks, W. H. H. Murray.
357.	Lake Champlain and its Shores, “
358.	Words Fitly Spoken, “
359.	Doctor Gray's Quest, Dr. Underwood.
360.	A Woman Hater, Charles Reade.
361.	Hard Cash, “
362.	Foul Play, “
363.	White Lies, “
364.	Griffith Gaunt, “
365.	Love Me Little, Love Me Long, “
366.	The Cloister and the Hearth, “
367.	Bible Characters, “
368.	It is Never too Late to Mend, “
369.	Peg Woffington and Christie Johnstone, “
370.	Put Yourself in His Place, “
371.	A Terrible Temptation, “
372.	A Simpleton and The Wandering Heir, “
373.	Good Stories, “
374.	A Perilous Secret, “

CLASS H. — HISTORY.

107.	History of Presidential Elections,	Stanwood.
108.	Illustrious Americans.	
109.	Manchester up to Date,	D. L. Perkins.

CLASS J. — JUVENILE FICTION.

54.	Try and Trust,	H. Alger, Jr.
55.	Bound to Rise,	“
56.	Risen from the Ranks,	“
57.	Herbert Clark's Legacy,	“
58.	Brave and Bold,	“

No.	Author.
59. Jack's Ward,	H. Alger, Jr.
60. Shifting for Himself,	"
61. Wait and Hope,	"
62. Field and Forest,	Oliver Optic.
63. Plane and Plank,	"
64. Desk and Debit,	"
65. Cringle and Crosstree,	"
66. Bivouac and Battle,	"
67. Sea and Shore,	"
68. Four Girls at Chautauqua,	Mrs. G. R. Alden.
69. From Different Standpoints,	"
70. The King's Daughter,	"
71. What They Couldn't,	"
72. Aunt Hannah and John,	"
73. Wise and Otherwise,	"

FINANCIAL REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

Received of estate of Mary Lawrence,	\$100.00
of town (appropriation),	60.00
" for incidental expenses,	31.69
of librarian (fines),	3.30
Balance from last year,	.47
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	\$195.46
Paid for new books,	\$103.50
librarian for services,	25.00
for insurance,	5.00
for printing 200 cards,	1.69
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	\$135.19
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Balance,	\$60.27

Respectfully submitted,

ROSCOE HILL,
 WARREN TRIPP,
 J. H. DOLBEER,

Trustees.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Benjamin M. Towle in account with the school district of Epsom for the year ending February 15, 1897 :

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To balance in treasury 1896 :	
For repairs,	\$ 37.64
For schools,	182.47

AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY FOR 1896.

Dog license,	\$ 121.96
Town appropriation,	1,100.00
Literary fund,	99.40
For repairs,	50.00
Received of town treasurer for school books,	78.20
Received of town of Allenstown, tuition of pupils,	19.50
Received of town of Deerfield, tuition,	15.75
Received for books sold pupils,	1.90
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	\$1,706.82

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By amount paid for teaching,	\$1,311.75
School books,	78.20
School board of Chichester, tuition,	14.00
Amount paid for conveyance of pupils,	15.00
“ “ repairs,	72.90
“ “ wood and incidental expenses,	92.06
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	\$1,583.91

Total receipts,		\$1,706.82
Total expenditures,		1,583.91
Balance in treasury :		
For repairs,	\$ 15.74	
For schools,	107.17	
	<hr/>	\$122.91

BENJAMIN M. TOWLE,
Treasurer.

Having examined the accounts of the treasurer of the school board of Epsom for the year ending February 15, 1897, I hereby certify that I find them correct and properly vouched.

C. J. BROWN,
Auditor.

EPSOM, February 15, 1897.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

In compliance with the statutes of the state, the board of education herewith submit their annual report.

There have been seven schools kept the past year of three terms, of nine weeks each, taught by thirteen different teachers, and attended by one hundred and twenty-two pupils.

Two of our schools have had the same teacher the whole year, four had the same one for two terms each, and one changed each term.

We feel that we were fortunate in the selection of teachers and are confident that they were all interested in their work, and endeavored to make each term a success, and were all the parents as interested as they should be to secure the best results from our schools by supporting the efforts of the teachers and by having their children constantly at school, greater progress would have been made.

We were pleased to meet so many visitors in the schools at the close of the several terms, but think that they could judge better of the capabilities of the teacher, and the progress of the school, should they make their calls earlier in the term and witness the every-day work of the school.

While we have our regular list of text-books, yet we are inclined to allow some deviation to meet the varying condition of different schools and of different scholars in the same school, hence you may find a variety of reading books, some schools using their histories; others, physiologies; and still others, reading from their geog-

raphies or newspapers, anything to break the monotony of reading the same selections over and over again.

There never was a time in the history of our country, when there was so much study of education as at the present.

It is said that there are more books published in English upon education, in one year, than existed in this language previous to the year 1875.

There are professional schools scattered all over the country; teachers' associations and conventions are organized and conducted everywhere. This disposition to study the matter of school development is not only on the part of the teachers, but the people as well, for the people are becoming more and more interested in educational matters.

The strength of the common school lies in the fact that the people believe in this system of education.

There are, all over the land, people who are alive to the possibilities of education, and the teacher must be alive and progressive.

Principal Parker, of Cook county normal school, of Englewood, Illinois, said in one of his papers, "There is a science of education founded upon a knowledge of the laws of human needs and growth. This science comprehends a knowledge of the child and a knowledge of the conditions by which a child may reach its full stature of manhood and womanhood." Thus, the study of psychology, or the possibilities of the child's environment and condition, must claim the first attention of the teacher, that his work may show the best results.

It is a growing conviction that the teacher who, consistent with good order, can allow the greatest freedom to the scholar, having impressed upon the mind that individual freedom belongs only to right action, and who can direct by the force of his own character, will

not only secure their esteem but have the satisfaction of seeing a growth of true moral qualities in the pupil.

We all realize that our schools are important factors in our community, for the establishing of a future citizenship depends, in part, upon the faithfulness and energy of the teacher.

How to secure the constant attendance of all the pupils in our schools, still remains an unsolved problem. The fact that the roll of honor of our schools contains the names of those who rank the highest in scholarship ought to stimulate all to like constancy.

An examination of the report of the treasurer of the district will show a smaller amount remaining in his hands than last year, so that in order to have the same number of weeks of school the coming year it will be necessary to raise a larger sum of money.

The past year the North Road school house has been painted, and one side of the Centre school house has been shingled.

The New Rye school house needs to be shingled upon one side, the one at Gossville could be improved by painting, and some of the others would be benefited by paint and whitewash upon the inside.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Where the pupil has been perfect in attendance at school for more than one term it is indicated by the figure 2 or 3 placed after the name.

CENTRE SCHOOL.

Eva A. Lawrence,	Charles F. Rogers,
Elnora S. Chesley, 2	May A. Philbrick, 2
Nora E. Philbrick, 2.	

GOSSVILLE.

Ethel Goss, 3	Ada F. Marden, 3
Ethel A. Marden, 3	Lena A. Marden, 3
Alice B. Yeaton, 3	Grace F. Leighton, 2
Nellie F. Sherburne, 2	Iva D. Stokes, 2
Alfred P. Eastman, 2	Maude S. Critcherson,
Eva J. Davis,	Helen G. Towle,
Mabel Dow,	Florence M. Dow,
Ada Brown,	Amy E. Etheridge,
Walter Marden,	Fred Bickford,
Arthur Brown,	Arthur Friel,
Harry Silver,	Fred Davis,
Leland Edwards.	

SHORT FALLS.

Florence E. Yeaton, 3	Almon M. Worth, 2
Ralph L. Bickford, 2	Sophronia Yeaton.

NEW RYE.

Tillie R. Doe,	Phebe Trickey,
George H. Brown,	John Cox.

NORTH ROAD.

Olive A. Sullivan, 3	Willie Sullivan, 3
Adora Demers,	Gertie M. Chase,
Joseph Bastile.	

NEW ORCHARD.

Myrtie H. Paige,	Sadie O. Clark,
Geo. H. Yeaton,	Walter A. Woodbury.

MOUNTAIN.

Alida L. Cass,	Ralph J. Cass.
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MARY L. WALLACE,
 JOHN H. DOLBEER,
 JAMES E. PHILBRICK,
School Board.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Name of school.	Teachers.	Wages per month.	No. of weeks.	Scholars.	Average attendance.	Reading.	Spelling.	Pennmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Drawing.	Physiology.	Book-keeping.	Algebra.	Composition.	Visitors.	No. different pupils.
{ Centre.....	Evangeline Brown.....	\$26.00	9	10	6	10	10	10	10	10	11	1	10	9	1	10	30	{ 36 36 33 39
	Lillie M. Bickford.....	28.00	9	11	10	11	11	11	11	11	6	1	11	9	....	1	....	36
	Lillie M. Bickford.....	30.00	9	13	11	13	13	13	12	7	6	1	13	2	....	1	....	33
	Emma F. Griffin.....	32.00	9	37	36	37	37	33	31	11	19	11	37	13	5	1	12	47	
{ Gosville.....	Emma F. Griffin.....	32.00	9	37	36	39	39	39	33	11	19	10	39	5	4	2	25	57	{ 24 24 23 24
	Chapin H. Osgood.....	30.00	9	36	31	36	36	36	30	15	8	8	....	12	....	1	....	24
	Grace E. Marden.....	28.00	9	16	14	16	16	16	7	4	7	....	....	....	....	2	11	23
	Grace E. Marden.....	28.00	9	16	14	16	16	10	8	5	2	....	....	....	....	1	....	24
{ Short Falls.....	Grace E. Marden.....	28.00	9	14	10	14	14	10	10	6	5	2	1	11	{ 16 16 17 13
	Lizzie M. Warren.....	28.00	9	13	10	13	13	13	10	6	5	....	....	....	....	1	....	17
	Mary L. Wallace.....	28.00	9	13	11	13	13	13	13	7	13	4	5	....	3	1	....	22
	Mary L. Wallace.....	28.00	9	13	9	13	13	13	13	7	13	4	5	....	3	1	....	38
{ Mountain.....	Helen G. Green.....	24.00	9	13	10	12	12	11	9	6	5	1	9	6	13	{ 14 14 14 14
	Ida M. Fowler.....	24.00	9	12	7	12	12	10	7	3	6	1	9	8	....	....	....	13
	S. B. Coffran, Jr.....	26.00	9	14	11	13	14	14	9	5	6	1	9	8	....	....	....	14
	Mary J. Prescott.....	26.00	9	13	12	13	15	12	13	8	7	1	....	....	....	....	....	14
{ New Rye.....	Mary J. Prescott.....	25.00	9	16	13	16	16	13	13	5	4	1	13	5	2	26	{ 19 18 18 27
	Mary J. Prescott.....	25.00	9	17	13	17	17	16	9	6	2	10	8	....	....	3	1	18
	Mary L. Wallace.....	27.00	9	8	7	8	8	8	8	3	4	4	....	....	....	3	....	27
	Lizzie M. Warren.....	26.00	9	9	7	9	9	9	9	4	4	4	....	....	....	3	....	11
{ New Orchard.....	Lizzie M. Warren.....	26.00	9	9	6	8	8	8	8	4	3	3	3	3	1	3	10	{ 8 11 17 10
	Lizzie M. Warren.....	26.00	9	8	6	8	8	8	8	4	3	3	....	3	3	1	3	10

Births Registered in the Town of Epsom, for the Year ending December 31, 1896.

Date of birth.	Place of birth.	Name of the child (if any).	Sex.	Living or still-born.	No. of child.	Color.	Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	Color of parents.	Residence of parents.	Occupation of father.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.	Age of father.*	Age of mother.*
Jan. 27		Sadie May	M.	S	2	B.	Harrison Wentworth	Margaret Mills	B.	All in Epsom.	Farmer	Boscawen	New York, N.Y.	34 19	34 19
Mar. 7		Truworth	M.	1	1	W.	John F. Etheridge	Annie McDonald	W.		"	Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia	29 28	29 28
Apr. 14		Helen Marie	F.	2	2	"	Edward M. Kelley	Sybil H. Brown	"		"	Pembroke	Epsom	30 30	30 30
May 21		Percy Edward	M.	1	1	"	Charles E. Cilley	Ada L. Locke	"		"	Northwood	Epsom	34 34	34 34
"		Albert James	M.	4	4	"	Edward M. Hall	Clara A. Alton	"		Laborer	Epsom	Portsmouth	33 36	33 36
" 26		Roger William	M.	1	1	"	Edwin R. Yeaton	Ella M. Eastman	"		Farmer	"	Deerfield	35 30	35 30
June 1		Helen May	F.	1	1	"	Philip Fowler	Lizzie F. Johnson	"		"	"	Hooksett	35 29	35 29
" 9		Thelma Etta	M.	1	1	"	George T. Dutton	Hettie E. Langley	"		Farmer	Deerfield, Me.	Deerfield	34	34
July 19		Ernest Leon	M.	2	2	"	John F. Sullivan	Roxie O. Meloon	"		Shoemaker	Deerfield	Northwood	35 33	35 33
Aug. 4		Olin	M.	4	4	"	Charles H. Davis	Martha O. Edmunds	"		Farmer	Pittsfield	Northwood	32 34	32 34
" 18		Walter Clayton	M.	8	8	"	Frank O. Rollins	Sarah F. Ordway	"		Mechanic	Loudon	Canterbury	36 37	36 37
Sept. 1		Kathleen	F.	9	9	"	James L. Bickford	Eliza I. Hardy	"		Farmer	Epsom	Temple	46 35	46 35
Oct. 20		Merton Brown	M.	1	1	"	Hosea L. Hilliard	Lizzie J. Fowler	"		Blacksmith	New Hampton	Alexandria	37 32	37 32
Nov. 23		Percy Carleton	M.	1	1	"	John C. Tripp	Emma E. Clifford	"		Mechanic	Epsom	New York, N.Y.	25 31	25 31
Dec. 23		Chester Yeaton	M.	2	2	"	George E. Battefelder	Katherine Woodbury	"		Laborer	"	Epsom	30 27	30 27
" 23				3	3	"		Nettie A. Stewart	"		"	"	"	30 27	30 27

* At last birthday.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN T. COTTERELL, Town Clerk.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Epsom, for the Year ending December 31, 1896.

Date of marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age, yrs.	Color of each.	Occupation of groom and bride.	Place of birth of each.	Names of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Occupation.	What marriage.	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married.
Feb. 10	Pembroke.	Edward M. Hall.....	Epsom.....	33		Farmer	Epsom.....	Lacy Hall	Epsom.....	.....	1	Paul E. Bourne, clergyman, Pembroke.
		Clara Sherburne.....	"	36		Domestic	Portsmouth.	William Alton	.....	.....	2	
Apr. 8	Epsom.	Charles R. Dutton	"	39		Farmer	Readfield, Me.	Eben S. Dutton.	Hooksett.	Deceased	1	J. W. Scribner, clergyman, Epsom.
		S. Edith Fowler.....	"	28		Teacher	Epsom.....	Benjamin Fowler.	"	Farmer	1	
" 25	"	Charles H. Pike.....	"	23		Mechanic.....	Hillsboro'	Sam'l M. Brown	Hillsborough	Farmer	1	J. W. Scribner, clergyman, Epsom.
		Eliza A. Burnham.....	"	34		Domestic	Epsom.....	George A. Pike	Connecticut.	Farmer	1	
June 3	Concord....	Fred T. Cass.....	"	23		Blacksmith ..	"	Augusta E. Bowen.	Epsom.....	Deceased	1	C. B. Crane, clergyman, Concord.
		Elida M. Kelley	Northwood..	22		Shop girl.....	Northwood	Mary J. Wells.	Epsom.....	Domestic	1	
" 3	Chichester	Fred Lear.....	Epsom.....	26	All white.	Dairyman	Epsom.....	Eliza B. Philbrick.	Allenstown	Shoemaker ..	1	S. H. Amsden, clergyman, Chichester
		Nettie A. Sanders	Chichester..	23		Dressmaker ..	Chichester	Benjamin F. Kelley.	Dover	Housewife ..	1	
Sept. 1	Epsom.....	Charles Franceur	Epsom.....	28		Laborer	Canada	Maudie F. Gray	Epsom.....	Housewife ..	1	J. W. Scribner, clergyman, Epsom.
		Matilda Harmel.....	"	27		Domestic	"	J. Calvin Lear	Chichester.	Farmer	1	
Dec. 16	"	Alfred W. Burnham...	"	19		Clerk.....	Epsom.....	Eleanor Brown	Canada	Housewife ..	2	
		Nellie R. Marden	"	17		Domestic	"	Abbie M. Ayer.	" .....	.....	1	J. W. Scribner, clergyman, Epsom.
								Joseph Franceur.	Canada	Farmer	1	
								Matilda Gonyer.	"	Deceased ..	1	
								Julian Harmel	Epsom.....	Mechanic ..	1	
								James M. Burnham.	Lowell, Mass.	Housewife ..	1	
								Mary J. Wells.	Epsom.....	.....	1	
								Freeman Marden	Lowell, Mass.	.....	1	
								Lavinia Bickford.....	Epsom.....	Housewife ..	1	

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN T. COTTERELL, *Town Clerk.*

Deaths Registered in the Town of Epsom, for the Year ending December 31, 1896.

Date of death.	Place of death.	Name and surname of the deceased.	Age.			Place of birth.	Sex.	Color.	Single, married, or widowed.	Occupation.	Place of birth.		Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.
			Years.	Months.	Days.						Father.	Mother.		
Jan. 12	Epsom.	Silas G. Bickford.....	70	11	12	Epsom.....	M.	W.	W.	Farmer.....	Seabrook.....	Seabrook, N.Y.	Thomas Bickford..	Kezia Collins.
Feb. 27	"	Phillip F. Holt.....	73	5	16	Pembroke.....	"	B.	"	"	Boscawen.....	New York, N.Y.	H. Wentworth....	Margaret Mills.
Mar. 23	"	Louisa A. Randall.....	79	7	18	Barnstead.....	F.	W.	W.	Farmer.....	Pembroke.....	Jackson.....	Jesse Holt.....	Betsy Richardson.
Apr. 16	"	Hannah Prescott.....	92	"	"	Deerfield.....	"	"	"	Domestic.....	Barnstead.....	Deerfield.....	Lemuel Twombly..	Abigail Hayes.
May 9	"	Hannah Hayes.....	74	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	Willnot.....	"	John Langley.....	Hannah Bartlett.
" 16	"	Daniel Philbrick.....	41	9	"	Epsom.....	M.	"	S.	Farmer.....	Epsom.....	Deerfield.....	David M. Philbrick	Sarah A. Stearns.
" 28	"	Sarah E. Marten.....	64	2	25	Deerfield.....	F.	W.	W.	Housewife.....	Deerfield.....	"	True Langley.....	Melitable Dow.
June 6	"	Nellie M. Hartford....	15	1	8	Candia.....	"	"	S.	Invalid.....	Candia.....	Concord.....	Thomas Fields.....	Sally Nichols.
" 13	"	Daniel Goss.....	75	11	"	Goshen.....	M.	"	W.	Farmer.....	Newport.....	Goshen.....	A. E. Hartford....	Abbie J. Silver.
" 21	"	Caroline Sanders.....	86	11	"	Epsom.....	F.	"	W.	Domestic.....	Epsom.....	Epsom.....	John Yeaton.....	Deborah Gunnison.
" 21	"	Estella R. Edwards....	33	11	1	Epsom.....	"	"	M.	Housewife.....	Chateaugay, N.Y.	"	John Yeaton.....	Caroline Bickford.
Sept. 14	"	Waitly Yeaton.....	45	"	"	Chateaugay, N.Y.	"	"	"	"	Epsom.....	Hooksett.....	James Hardwick..	— Douglass.
" 20	"	Corridan Hartford....	26	11	23	Candia.....	M.	"	S.	Laborer.....	Willnot.....	Epsom.....	Joseph Lawrence..	Esther J. Gale.
" 22	"	Mary F. Lawrence.....	52	11	18	Epsom.....	F.	"	"	Milliner.....	Willnot.....	Epsom.....	David Heath.....	Lacy M. Philbrick.
Oct. 2	"	Christopher S. Heath..	68	6	2	Thetford, Vt....	M.	"	"	Carpenter.....	Cornith, Vt....	Crafton.....	Arthur Lamontaine	Zemurhi-Smith.
" 8	"	Rose Lamontaine.....	"	5	8	Lawrence, Mass.	F.	"	"	Invalid.....	Nottingham....	Deerfield.....	Francis Randall....	Delia Desobos.
" 12	"	Ruth E. Prescott.....	78	2	3	Deerfield.....	"	"	W.	"	Hooksett.....	"	Roger Dutton.....	Betsy Sanborn.
" 18	"	Betsy S. Tarleton....	81	10	12	Hooksett.....	"	"	"	Domestic.....	Hooksett.....	"	"	Mary Sawyer.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN T. COTTERELL, *Town Clerk.*



