

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,
HIGHWAY AGENT,
The School Board,
AND
Library Committee
OF THE
TOWN OF HAMPTON,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

EXETER, N. H.:
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Town Officers.



Moderator,

SAMUEL A. TOWLE.

Town Clerk,

JOHN M. AKERMAN.

Representative to General Court,

WARREN M. BATCHELDER.

Selectmen,

WILLIAM E. LANE, JOSEPH B. BROWN,

SIMEON A. SHAW.

Treasurer,

HOWARD G. LANE.

Collector of Taxes,

CLINTON J. EATON.

Highway Agent,

GEORGE M. DEARBORN.

Supervisors of Check Lists,

W. H. HOBBS, HENRY J. PERKINS,

JOSHUA E. JAMES.

Board of Education,

WILLIAM T. MERRILL, ABBOTT L. JOPLIN.

CHARLES M. LAMPREY.

High School Board.

WILLIAM T. MERRILL, JOHN A. ROSS,

ELIZABETH B. NORRIS.

Library Committee.

SIMEON A. SHAW, CHARLES M. BATCHELDER.

Police.

ABBOTT L. YOUNG, CHARLES SNYDER.

Selectmen's Report.

INVOICE, APRIL 1, 1896.

Resident invoice,	\$557,931	
Non-resident invoice,	90,905	
		<u>\$648,836</u>
Improved and unimproved land and buildings,	\$572,255	
Polls, 308,	30,800	
Horses, 235,	14,565	
Oxen, 15,	805	
Cows, 399,	8,340	
Neat stock, 1,	25	
Sheep, 44,	181	
Fowl, 1,610,	660	
Carriages, 12,	905	
Stock in banks,	1,500	
Money on hand or at interest,	8,150	
Stock in trade,	9,550	
Mills and machinery,	1,100	
		<u>\$648,836</u>

TAXES, 1896.

Resident taxes,	\$6,025 65	
Non-resident taxes,	981 77	
		<u>\$7,007 42</u>
State tax,	\$1,245 00	
County tax,	1,312 73	
Town tax,	1,200 00	
School tax,	1,245 00	
Library tax,	100 00	
High school tax,	500 00	
Town clock,	400 00	
Beach hill,	500 00	
School house repairs,	150 00	
Memorial day,	75 00	
Percentage,	279 69	
		<u>\$7,007 42</u>

Resident highway tax,	\$1,393 64
Non-resident highway tax,	226 91
	<u>\$1,620 55</u>
Total committed to Collector,	\$8,627 97
Collector has paid Treasurer,	8,230 13
	<u>\$397 84</u>

RATE OF TAXATION.

For all purposes except highways,	\$1.08 on \$100 00
highways,	.25 on 100 00

TOWN NOTES AND FUNDS.

Date.	Payable to.	Amount.	Rate.	Int. paid to.	When Payable.
May 2, '87,	Towle fund,	\$2,000	6	Mar. 1, '97.	
April 1, '95,	Congregational Society,	4,000	4	April 1, '97,	on demand.
Feb. 15, '95,	Rock. Lodge, I.O.O.F.,	500	4	Nov. 10, '96,	"
Jan. 1, '91,	Dow fund,	100			
Feb. 17, '94,	Abbie Leavitt fund,	200			

Total town obligations,	\$6,800 00
Paid note and interest of Rock. Lodge, I. O. O. F., in full,	\$514 73
Due from Collector,	397 84
Cash in hands of Treasurer aside from \$400, appropriated for town clock,	54 86
Taxes and costs due on property of F. A. Hill and John Elkins,	49 87
	<u>\$1,017 30</u>
Balance against the town Feb. 15, 1897,	\$5,782 70
" " " 1896,	6,248 80
	<u>\$466 10</u>

We have this day examined the distribution of the Towle Fund, as made by the Selectmen, and approve the same.

GEO. A. JOHNSON, }
OTIS H. WHITTIER, } Auditors.

February 17, 1897.

RECEIPTS ASIDE FROM TAXES.

FROM STATE.

Railroad tax,	\$291 07	
Savings bank tax,	387 55	
Literary fund,	99 40	
Bounty on hawks,	66 00	
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FROM COUNTY.

In case of Wyman Dearborn,	\$96 83
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FROM LEASE OF LAND AT BEACH.

W. P. Tucker,	\$10 00	
James B. Charnley,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$20 00

CEMETERY LOTS.

Mrs. George E. Blake,	\$12 00	
From balance in treasury, Feb. 20, 1896,	\$418 21	
“ E. P. Young, Collector, 1895,	132 49	
“ dog licenses,	116 00	
“ rent of town hall,	84 50	
“ Abbott Norris, Collector, 1894, taxes and costs on estate of Thos. Philbrick,	24 76	
“ Horace Hobbs, railroad ties,	75	
	<hr/>	\$776 71
Total aside from taxes,	\$1,749 56	
Collector has paid Treasurer,	8,230 13	
	<hr/>	\$9,979 69
Total receipts for the year,		\$9,979 69

The following bills have been paid by orders on the Treasurer.

SALARIES.

Horace M. Lane, Joseph Johnson, Otis H. Whittier, Auditors, 1896,	\$6 00
W. E. Lane, services as Selectman,	65 00
S. A. Shaw, " "	45 00
J. B. Brown, " "	45 00
J. B. Brown, Overseer of Poor,	5 00
S. A. Shaw, " "	5 00
J. E. James, Supervisor,	20 00
W. H. Hobbs, "	20 00
H. J. Perkins, "	20 00
Joseph F. Holmes, Ballot Clerk,	5 00
Walter L. Drake, "	5 00
Fred B. Dunbar, "	5 00
Joseph B. Brown, "	5 00
Clinton J. Eaton, Collector,	75 00
John M. Akerman, Town Clerk,	30 00
H. G. Lane, Treasurer,	25 00
C. M. Lamprey, member of School Board,	30 00
S. A. Towle, Moderator,	10 00
Abbott L. Young, Police,	25 00
Charles Snyder, "	10 00
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	\$456 00

BREAKWATER AT BEACH.

Boston & Maine R. R. Co., for 800 old ties,	\$40 00
C. G. Toppan, oak trees,	30 00
J. W. Mason & Co., nails and spikes,	14 45
A. L. Young, bolts,	11 71
S. W. Dearborn, lumber,	18 18
John A. Philbrick, labor with team,	12 00
E. H. Perkins, " "	12 00
W. S. Brown, " "	38 00
Aiken S. Coffin, " "	17 60
Orren Lane, " "	18 00

B. H. Blake, cutting oak posts,	\$4 05
Ira E. Lane, " "	4 05
C. W. Ross, labor,	24 32
Fred C. Willcutt, "	22 68
Austin B. Mace, "	11 34
E. G. Lane, "	22 68
Chas. A. Blake, "	19 44
J. A. Dearborn, "	32 75
N. P. Lamprey, "	17 82
A. W. Gookin, "	16 00
J. H. Philbrick, "	11 34
J. H. Dow, "	25 11
W. E. Lane, "	46 00
J. L. Nudd, "	9 72
L. S. Lamprey, "	9 72
Frank T. Jenness, "	8 10
John W. Mace, "	8 10
C. W. Clements, "	8 10
Howard Lamprey, "	6 48
Perley D. Lamprey, "	8 10

 \$527 84

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Solon A. Carter, State tax,	\$1,245 00
Arthur L. Emerson, County tax,	1,312 73
Abbott L. Joplin, note and interest of Rock Lodge, I. O. O. F.,	514 73
Clinton J. Eaton, discount on taxes paid on or before Aug. 1, 1896,	308 22
John H. Fogg, interest on Congregational So- ciety note to April 1, 1897,	160 00
S. A. Shaw, library appropriation,	100 00
J. G. Mace, Memorial day appropriation,	75 00
A. L. Joplin, for school house repairs,	150 00
E. P. Young, Collector 1895, taxes and costs on property of Frank A. Hill and John Elkins,	49 87

J. A. Lane & Co., lead and oil for cemetery fence,	\$15 35
Austin Johnson, painting old cemetery fence,	13 00
Clarence B. Johnson, " " "	8 00
C. M. Lamprey, Justice in case of State vs. Towle, 1890,	12 68
John Templeton, printing town reports,	30 00
Abbott Norris, insurance on North and East District schoolhouses and library,	58 00
J. M. Akerman, license fees on dogs and blanks,	10 70
John Brown, labor in cemeteries, driving hearse, ringing bell, and labor on Dow and Leavitt lots,	49 00
W. E. Lane, establishing line at beach, labor on fence at Mrs. Hobbs' corner, and labor on guide boards,	12 00
Joseph B. Brown, establishing line at beach,	4 00
S. A. Shaw " "	2 00
Clarence T. Brown, watching fire on N. Mars- ton wood lot,	2 00
Fred J. Greenleaf, watching fire on N. Marston wood lot,	2 00
Norman Sanborn, watching fire on N. Marston wood lot,	2 00
J. L. B. Thompson, labor in cemetery,	3 60
J. G. Brown, " "	4 74
B. H. Blake, " "	4 86
E. G. Lane, " "	4 50
Ira E. Lane, " "	4 86
A. L. Young, labor on bell,	1 20
J. W. Mason, stone posts for line at beach,	8 00
J. A. Dearborn, labor on guide posts, fence and road, with team,	7 81
C. M. Lamprey, Justice in case of Dearborn vs. Knowlton,	6 75
Horace Partridge & Co., flag for town house,	8 80
James H. Batchelder, invoice, order, receipt and Collector's books,	5 60

J. C. Coleman, posts and pickets,	\$6 78
A. L. Young, work on hearse,	1 00
Mrs. G. E. Blake, cleaning town house,	4 50
John Hobbs, posts for guide boards,	2 50
Dr. S. W. Ward, return of births and deaths,	2 50
W. E. Lane, stationery, postage and express,	1 22
B. & M. R. R., freight on posts and pickets,	25
O. L. Blake, special police,	2 00

\$4,217 75

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Elizabeth D. Berry, board and care of Wyman Dearborn,	\$68 58
Dr. M. F. Smith, medical attendance,	12 00
J. B. Brown, journeys to Portsmouth, Stratham and Boston,	7 40
J. B. Brown, cash paid for car fares, hack, etc., in taking W. Dearborn to Soldier's home in Chelsea, Mass.,	9 00
W. E. Lane, two trips to Portsmouth, one to Exeter, in case of W. Dearborn,	6 00
Hugh Brown, services in case of W. Dearborn,	4 00
Horace M. Lane, services in case of W. Dearborn,	1 50
O. H. Whittier, use of hack, in case of W. Dearborn,	3 25

\$111 73

W. E. Lane, J. B. Brown, S. A. Shaw, Selectmen, interest on Towle fund,	\$120 00
M. J. Dimond, board of Ellen Brown,	138 00
A. L. Young, care of 149 tramps,	37 25
O. H. Whittier, care of tramps, 1894,	22 85
J. W. Mason & Co., supplies for tramps,	4 97
A. L. Joplin, car fares for two individuals to Newburyport and Portsmouth,	50

Paid W. E. Lane, wood for Eliza Blake,	\$5 50
W. S. Brown, " "	6 00
Emma H. Berry, cleaning for Eliza Blake,	2 00
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	\$337 07
Total for poor,	<hr/>
	\$448 80

ABATEMENTS.

Mary C. Chase, on land not owned,	\$25 56
Samuel Poor, " "	6 69
Loring D. Shaw, on land overtaxed,	1 33
O. L. Blake, " "	2 66
J. R. Sanborn, school tax,	1 80
Wm. A. Lewis, on poll,	1 33
Estate of Norman Marston, on watering trough,	3 00
Clinton J. Eaton, Collector, on polls, as follows :	
Augustus D. Akerman, \$1.33; Charles C.	
Brown, 1.33; Charles Dukeshire, 1.33;	
Herbert B. Marston, 1.33; John W. Morrill,	
1.33; Wm. H. Norris, 1.33; Samuel Palmer,	
1.33; Erving N. Perkins, 1.33;	
Fred B. Towle, 1.33;	
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	11 97
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	\$54 34

TOWN HOUSE.

O. L. Blake, janitor of town house,	\$28 00
" wood for "	13 00
J. W. Mason & Co., supplies for town house,	13 05
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	\$54 05

HIGHWAYS.

Paid George M. Dearborn, Highway Agent,	\$1,532 01
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SCHOOLS.

Paid A. L. Joplin, appropriation for schools,	\$1,447 70
W. T. Merrill, " high school,	500 00
" school supplies,	200 00
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Total for schools,	\$2,147 70

STATE BOUNTY ON HAWKS.

Received of Solon A. Carter, State Treasurer,	\$65	50
“ “ “ “ due 1895,	50	
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The above has been paid as follows :

	NO.	
Clinton J. Eaton,	56	\$14 00
Austin B. Mace,	12	3 00
Fred L. Godfrey,	4	1 00
C. E. Page,	4	1 00
Fred R. Batchelder,	5	1 25
Charles R. Palmer,	25	6 25
Uri Lamprey,	23	5 75
Milo W. Hook,	8	2 00
Everett L. Godfrey,	5	1 25
George Cutler,	4	1 00
J. A. Blake,	6	1 50
Irving E. Lamprey,	10	2 50
Fred M. Morrill,	3	75
Alvah Blake,	2	50
Winthrop D. Blake,	6	1 50
Wm. E. Lamprey,	10	2 50
Austin G. Gill,	2	50
Wm. F. Eaton,	12	3 00
G. E. Garland,	3	75
F. N. Garland,	2	50
Chas. C. Gill,	2	50
Everett L. Blake,	3	75
J. W. Blake,	11	2 75
H. E. Lamprey,	10	2 50
Robert Leavitt,	5	1 25
Fred W. Blake,	4	1 00
Elroy G. Shaw,	3	75
Fred D. Truman,	3	75
E. S. Elkins,	2	50
J. G. Lamprey,	2	50
Geo. H. Elkins,	1	25
Lester Mace,	1	25

	NO.		
E. G. Lane,	1	\$o	25
Lewis L. Mace,	2		50
Geo. J. Dearborn,	1		25
H. W. Emery,	1		25
G. B. Lamprey,	1		25
W. J. Palmer,	1		25
E. S. Batchelder,	1		25
E. Snyder,	1		25
W. H. Hobbs,	1		25
J. S. Gilman,	1		25
C. W. Blake,	1		25
O. W. Hobbs,	1		25
Total for Hawks,	262		\$65 50

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

Salaries,	\$456 00
Miscellaneous,	4,217 75
Schools,	2,147 70
Breakwater,	527 84
Support of poor,	448 80
Highways,	1,532 01
Abatements,	54 34
Town house,	54 05
Hawks,	65 50
Total expenditures by orders on Treasurer,	\$9,503 99

WILLIAM E. LANE, } Selectmen
 JOSEPH B. BROWN, } of
 SIMEON A. SHAW, } Hampton.

HAMPTON, Feb. 17, 1897.

We have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen, and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

GEORGE A. JOHNSON, }
 OTIS H. WHITTIER, } Auditors.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury,	\$418 21
Received of E. P. Young, balance taxes 1895,	132 49
" County Treasurer,	96 83
" W. P. Tucker, rent of land at Beach,	10 00
" Jas. B. Charnley, " " "	10 00
" Clinton J. Eaton, Collector of Taxes, 8,230	13
" Abbott Norris, taxes and costs, heirs Thomas Philbrick, 1894,	24 76
" Town Clerk, dog tax,	116 00
" State, railroad tax,	291 07
" " savings bank tax,	387 55
" " literary fund,	99 40
" O. L. Blake, rent of town hall,	84 50
" Mrs. George E. Blake, for cemetery lot,	12 00
" Horace Hobbs, for railroad ties,	75
" State, bounty on hawks,	66 00
Total receipts,	
	\$9,979 69

EXPENDITURES.

Paid state tax,	\$1,245 00
County tax,	1,312 73
Town note and interest,	514 73
Interest on town notes,	280 00
Discount on taxes paid prior to August 2,	308 22
Memorial day appropriation,	75 00
A. L. Joplin, for schools,	1,447 70
" " for school house repairs,	150 00

Paid Dr. W. T. Merrill, for High School,	\$500 00
“ “ for school supplies,	200 00
Bounty on hawks,	65 50
Library appropriation,	100 00
M. J. Dimond, board of Ellen Brown,	138 00
George M. Dearborn, for roads,	1,532 01
Outstanding orders,	57 60
Orders from Selectmen,	1,598 34
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Total expenditures,	\$9,524 83
Cash in treasury,	\$454 86

HOWARD G. LANE, Treasurer.

We have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer and find them well vouched and correctly cast.

GEO. A. JOHNSON, }
 OTIS H. WHITTIER, } Auditors.

Hampton, N. H., Feb. 17, 1897.

Highway Agent's Report.

Paid self, team and lumber,	\$324 75
A. D. Brown, for labor on highways,	10 50
M. H. Hobbs, “	10 75
E. J. Mace, “	3 24
J. W. Mace, “	19 44
J. E. Leavitt, “	23 96
Eben Lamprey, “	12 59
J. W. Dearborn, “	27 00
E. S. Elkins, “	31 16
O. L. Blake, “	6 03
J. L. B. Thompson, “	6 48
Elisha Lamprey, “	8 75
J. I. Page, “	5 96
F. A. Lamprey, “	3 24
Wm. S. Brown, labor and lumber,	40 75
J. A. Philbrick, for labor,	33 26
L. H. Brown, “	25 00
O. L. Lane, “	44 00
J. C. Blake, “	3 60
L. O. Blake, “	5 00
J. G. Mace, “	4 14
G. W. Barbour, “	30 37
H. T. Weare, “	8 95
B. H. Blake, “	39 00
J. L. Godfrey, “	6 19
I. E. Lane, “	12 77
R. Price, “	1 62
A. L. Young, “	1 00
J. H. Nudd, “	16 48
C. Leavitt, “	72
W. Leavitt, “	72
J. H. Philbrick, “	7 20
T. L. Lock, “	4 50
H. E. Lamprey, “	1 46
J. T. Collier, “	23 28
I. Godfrey, “	72

Paid J. G. Brown,	for labor,	\$10 61
W. L. Drake,	"	4 50
John James,	"	4 97
J. J. Dearborn,	"	8 00
J. H. Fogg,	"	8 00
J. P. Hoyt,	"	12 00
S. D. Taylor,	"	11 24
H. Brown,	"	4 86
A. F. Redman,	"	14 10
F. Godfrey,	"	60
H. Emery,	"	4 86
E. Emery,	"	3 24
J. Snider,	"	5 58
A. L. Johnson,	"	14 00
E. Brown,	"	10 71
O. Hobbs,	"	4 86
B. Leavitt, for gravel,		13 70
" labor,		20 10
S. W. Dearborn, labor and lumber,		25 75
M. Holmes, labor,		7 50
A. W. Gookin,	"	72
G. Cutler,	"	1 62
A. Palmer,	"	3 24
J. Godfrey,	"	4 50
W. E. Davis,	"	3 24
J. L. Nudd,	"	15 04
T. A. Brown,	"	72
F. T. Jenness,	"	13 03
Batchelder Bros., for gravel,		8 60
" labor,		11 24
E. P. Young,	"	14 56
F. E. Perkins,	"	17 89
N. H. Sanborn,	"	7 50
D. S. James,	"	3 24
J. Wingate,	"	12 00
C. Cutts,	"	3 24
D. A. Philbrick,	"	5 62
A. Dukeshire,	"	1 44

Paid E. G. Lane,	labor,	\$4 86
H. Mace,	"	36
A. Godfrey,	"	2 80
J. T. Leavitt,	"	2 88
W. Emery,	"	12 00
W. Clemonts,	"	11 00
S. G. Hobbs,	"	6 48
A. Coffin,	"	5 62
S. Nudd,	"	1 08
W. G. Cole,	"	11 61
H. Hobbs,	"	4 93
G. P. Mace,	"	12 00
G. F. Green,	"	5 62
F. N. Garland,	"	5 94
J. W. Mason,	"	4 00
J. A. Lane,	"	10 00
O. H. Godfrey,	"	27
O. M. Lamprey,	"	3 24
A. B. Towle,	"	4 00
J. M. Pearl,	"	5 00
H. Mace,	"	2 70
C. A. Blake,	"	3 24
J. Hobbs,	"	1 53
F. A. Palmer,	"	1 62
W. H. Hobbs,	"	2 34
C. DeLancey,	"	13 00
C. E. Page,	"	1 62
G. Redman,	"	3 03
H. M. Lane,	"	14 00
R. M. Lamprey,	"	11 55
W. Mace,	"	8 81
E. H. Perkins,	"	4 56
Cole, & Perkins, gravel,		21 60
G. B. Lamprey, labor on highways,		1 62
J. Johnson,	"	11 86
G. S. Blake,	"	1 62
F. B. Brown, gravel,		1 30
F. B. Brown, labor,		7 00

Paid C. Ross, labor,	\$9 00
J. Lock, "	1 44
J. A. Dearborn, for labor on highways,	7 31
F. P. Towle, for posts,	1 00
G. W. Brown, for labor on highways,	1 27
A. Harris, " "	1 62
Estate of S. P. Towle, for gravel,	16 00
S. L. Godfrey, for labor,	1 58
F. E. Worthen, for freight,	4 25
Geo. Tyler & Co., cutters to road scraper,	8 50
Daniel Littlefield, for drain pipe,	48 28
O. H. Whittier,	11 35

\$1,459 49

SNOW PATHS.

Paid F. E. Greenleaf, for labor,	\$2 80
I. E. Lane,	2 00
O. W. Hobbs,	72
E. P. Brown,	63
E. P. Young,	99
A. T. Johnson,	1 59
J. A. Johnson,	72
J. Snider,	54
C. Snider,	72
W. Emery,	1 66
N. S. Batchelder,	45
G. W. Brown,	54
W. S. Emery,	54
E. H. Perkins,	1 08
F. E. Perkins,	1 13
J. T. Leavitt,	2 16
H. J. Perkins,	1 44
T. S. Blake,	1 26
Wm. G. Cole,	54
G. W. Brown,	72
J. Lock,	54
J. I. Page,	18
J. A. Philbrick,	3 00

Paid G. W. Barbour and men,	\$6 21
O. L. Blake,	1 75
C. A. Towle,	75
C. DeLancey,	3 69
F. E. Jenness,	36
S. G. Hobbs,	1 08
J. H. Philbrick,	54
C. W. Leavitt,	1 17
J. T. Godfrey,	1 17
J. A. Moulton,	54
G. E. Garland,	1 17
C. W. Ross,	2 70
J. H. Dow,	2 16
J. Lightbody,	72
G. Cutler,	90
T. H. Nudd,	90
P. Lamprey,	1 17
C. E. Page,	1 44
R. Price,	72
W. H. Hobbs,	90
W. H. Hobbs, Jr.,	1 26
O. H. Godfrey,	63
O. L. Lane,	1 75
J. B. Brown,	2 16
E. S. Elkins,	4 00
F. Palmer,	36
F. E. James,	4 10
A. Coffin,	3 34
J. L. Nudd,	1 08
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	\$74 67
Amount expended,	\$1,534 16
Total amount received from Treasurer,	<u>\$1,534 16</u>

GEORGE M. DEARBORN, Highway Agent.

Report of Library Committee.

Received balance from last year,	\$13 45
From town,	100 00
Estate of the late James M. Ballard,	100 00
Charles M. Batchelder,	1 00
Joel Jenkins,	5 00
Sale of cards and catalogues,	75
Fines,	1 80
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	\$222 00
Paid for 124 new books,	\$136 78
freight, stationery, postage,	2 20
assistance in delivering books,	8 00
fuel, oil, mucilage, etc.,	3 75
covering paper and express,	1 05
covering 320 books,	3 20
salary of Librarian,	25 00
extra work opening library on Saturday afternoons through July, August and part of September,	4 00
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	\$183 98
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Balance on hand,	\$39 02

Number of books added by purchase, 124. Presented by a friend, 75 vols. ; by Miss Maria Dow, 11 vols. ; by Miss Isabel R. Stuart, 4 vols. ; by State of New Hampshire, 5 vols. ; city of Boston, 1 vol. ; Dr. S. M. Ward, 1 vol. ; making the total number of volumes added for the year, 219. Total number of books on catalogue, 2,227. Number of volumes issued during the year 2,420.

Largest number on any one evening, 70. Least number on any one evening, 13. Average per evening, 42.

It is with pleasure that your committee report that the interest in the library has been well sustained through the past year, more books being issued than in any one year for several years.

By request the library was opened on Saturday afternoons through July, August and a part of September, which proved to be quite popular, especially with summer visitors, and those who did not care to go out evenings.

Through the generosity of friends your committee have been able to purchase a number of valuable reference books for the library, which heretofore have been very much called for, the most important being a fine set of Chamber's Encyclopedia. Many thanks are also due those friends who have generously remembered our library with gifts of valuable books.

SIMEON A. SHAW, } Library
CHARLES M. BATCHELDER, } Committee.

Hampton Academy and High School.

JACK SANBORN,	Principal.
MISS ANNA M. COLE,	Assistant.
MRS. SARAH NEAL HARRIS,	Instructor in Elocution.

CALENDAR, 1897-98.

Spring term of 12 weeks begins March 22, 1897.

Fall term of 12 weeks begins September 7.

Winter term of 12 weeks begins November 29.

Baccalaureate sermon, Sunday, June 13.

Class Day Exercises, Wednesday, June 16.

PUPILS ENROLLED FROM MARCH, 1896, TO MARCH, 1897.

Senior Class,	9
Advanced Middle Class,	13
Middle Class,	21
Junior Class,	15
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Total,	58
Average attendance for the year,	.92

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Received of the Town,	\$500 00
Treasurer of Academy,	350 00
Non-resident pupils,	255 00
Rent of hall,	35 00
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	\$1,140 00
Prof. Sanborn's salary,	\$800 00
Miss Cole's " "	300 00
Mrs. Harris's " (one term)	25 00
Janitor's " "	21 00
Fuel,	40 00
Incidentals,	9 75
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	\$1,195 75

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

At the end of November term there was

Due Mr. Sanborn,	\$127 83	
“ Miss Cole,	125 00	
For the term ending March 5 there will be		
Due Mr. Sanborn,	185 00	
“ Miss Cole,	100 00	
“ Mrs. Harris,	25 00	
“ Janitor,	7 00	
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Total indebtedness,		\$569 83

RESOURCES IN ADDITION TO TOWN APPROPRIATION.

Interest on invested funds,	\$352 00	
Fees from non-resident pupils,	200 00	
Rent of hall,	35 00	
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Total income less town appropriation,		\$587 00

The above is a full and frank statement of the Academy's financial condition. A debt has been steadily accumulating. This must stop. Your committee has made a careful estimate of income and expenses. If we can get from the town an appropriation of \$600, the Academy can be continued, and be kept up to its present standard. But it cannot be done with less. None of us want this school discontinued, or its efficiency lessened. This would cripple every school in town. And it has a reputation which we cannot afford to sacrifice. Let the town, always generous in what pertains to its schools, make this appropriation, and we can continue the school, and handle the indebtedness. But not otherwise.

J. A. ROSS, Chairman.

Hampton, N. H., February 17, 1897.

School Report.

TO THE CITIZENS OF HAMPTON :

The schools of Hampton have lost, in the death of Dr. Wm. T. Merrill, a most worthy and conscientious Superintendent, and the teachers and scholars a kind and obliging friend. One who had the interests of the schools at heart, and was always ready to do anything for their advancement. May we be as fortunate in the future in securing as good a Superintendent.

Our schools have made good progress during the last year. Our teachers need no commendation from me, as the parents know them and of their untiring work full better than I do.

If at any time there is any complaint to make, the Committee is ready to hear such, and correct any wrongs that may exist, to the best of their ability.

It is very important that our school meetings should be better attended by the parents and friends of the scholars, so that anything for the improvement of the schools may have their hearty support.

At our next meeting a question of importance ought to be decided ; that is, in regard to transportation. Since our school laws were changed we have conveyed the children from Bride Hill District, to and from school, at considerable cost. During the last year, citizens from other Districts have presented to the Board petitions for compensation for carrying their children, and if we should continue to take in district after district, it would leave our school fund in a crippled condition. Therefore it is important that this question shall be decided, when all will have a chance to say something for or against it, and relieve the Committee of a great responsibility.

The school houses are in very good repair. They are beginning

to show the need of paint, and I think it would be good economy to take one school house each year and give it one coat of paint, instead of waiting for the paint to all wear off and then give it two coats. This is a matter for you to decide.

The North District needs a new outbuilding large enough to contain a good supply of wood, and for other purposes.

I hope the citizens will think these matters over, and come to the school meeting ready to do what they can to advance the interests of the schools of Hampton.

I will also repeat the request of our late Superintendent, for the parents and friends to visit the schools as often as possible and encourage the teachers and pupils in well doing.

A. L. JOPLIN.

HAMPTON, Feb. 18, 1897.

TEACHERS.

Grammar School,	Elizabeth B. Norris.
Center Primary,	Fannie F. Carswell.
North Primary,	Annie M. Downs.
East Primary,	Isabelle T. Hobbs.

PERCENTAGE OF ATTENDANCE.

Grammar School,94
Center Primary,91 plus.
North Primary,88 "
East Primary,88

NUMBER OF PUPILS ENROLLED.

In Grammar School,	41
In Center Primary,	26
In North Primary,	10
In East Primary,	26

ROLL OF HONOR.

Drucilla K. Blake,	Edwin L. Batchelder,
Jessie M. Blake,	John E. Thompson,
Addie C. Marston,	Marian W. Cook,
Laura C. Lamprey,	Ruth L. Gilman,
Dora L. Redman,	Everett L. Blake,
Amos T. Redman.	

REPORT OF A. L. JOPLIN, TREASURER OF BOARD OF
EDUCATION.

Cash on hand,	\$46 96
Received of Howard G. Lane, for schools,	1,447 70
" " repairs,	150 00
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	\$1,644 66

Paid E. B. Norris, salary,	\$230 00
F. F. Carswell, "	182 40
S. N. Harris, "	88 00
E. D. Shelton "	88 00
A. M. Downs, "	96 00
I. T. Hobbs, "	96 00
B. & L. Leavitt, transportation,	130 00
S. L. Blake, Janitor,	2 50
Harry Godfrey, "	2 50
Lewis T. Lamprey, "	5 00
Chester Lamprey, "	2 50
Walter Snider, "	5 00

Paid J. F. & F. B. Brown, wood,	\$29 68
C. M. Lamprey, “	3 00
Uri Lamprey, sawing wood,	2 25
J. L. B. Thompson, “	4 00
Howard Godfrey, “	2 00
E. Stoodley, cleaning school house,	6 00
Emma H. Berry, “	1 50
Ira Atkinson, “	2 50
Ella Wiggin, “	5 25
J. S. Gilman, cleaning clocks,	1 50
J. A. Lane, water pail,	40
J. W. Mason & Co., supplies,	8 98
Geo. Collum,	5 08
Geo. A. Johnson, repairs,	12 25
John W. Dearborn, “	30 00
A. L. Joplin, “	57 30
Warren Lane, wood,	1 50
Cash on hand,	533 59
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	\$1,644 66

There will be bills to pay at end of this term for salaries and wood, amounting to about \$475.00.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Balance on hand,	\$25 18
Received of H. G. Lane,	200 00
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	\$225 18
Paid American Book Co.,	\$61 74
King & Merrill,	79 36
J. L. Hammet,	1 53
Ginn & Co.,	3 70
Prang Educational Co.,	3 08
Wm. Ware & Co.,	13 60

Paid Maynard & Merrill,	\$10 80
Jackson's Express,	20
B. & M. R. R.,	1 30
American Express,	1 80
Cash on hand,	48 07
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	\$225 18

We have examined the foregoing accounts for schools and school supplies, and find them well vouched and correctly cast.

GEO. A. JOHNSON, }
OTIS H. WHITTIER, } Auditors.

BIRTHS Registered in the Town of Hampton, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1896.

Date 1896.	Name of Child (if any).	Male or Female.	No. of Child.	Living or Still- born.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Jan. 7		M	8	L	Frank Fogg,	Minnie Capson,	North Hampton,	St. John, N. B.
Feb. 3		"	4	"	Levi W. Blake,	Vina P. Jones,	Hampton,	Seabrook.
4		F	1	"	Howard E. Lamprey,	Ednah S. Graves,	Hampton,	Sussex, N. B.
11		M	2	"	George E. Garland,	Annie E. Lamprey,	Hampton,	Hampton.
22		"	1	S	Frank James,	Addie Perkins,	Hampton,	Hampton.
April 17		"	3	L	Charles Dukeshire,	Alberta Dukeshire,	Nova Scotia,	Nova Scotia.
May 28		"	1	"	J. O. Perkins,	Emma N. Chandler,	Hampton,	Lewiston, Me.
June 1		F	4	"	Charles E. Tarlton,	Carrie M. Lamprey,	Hampton Falls,	Hampton.
July 29		M	3	S	Herbert E. Lamprey,	Annie L. Randall,	Hampton,	Seabrook.
Aug. 14		F	2	L	Wm. T. Keene,	Mary D. Shaw,	Charlestown, Ms.	Kingston.
Sept. 27		"	3	"	Geo. E. Moulton,	Mary Otis Moulton,	Hampton,	Rochester.
Oct. 27		"	4	"	Geo. J. Dearborn,	Agnes J. Whenal,	Hampton,	Scotland.
Nov. 24		M	2	"	Joseph A. Blake,	Elizabeth Richardson,	Hampton,	Andover, Mass.
Dec. 29		"	4	"	Lucian W. Cook,	Effie A. Laird,	Concord,	Hampton.

MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of Hampton, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1896.

Date 1896.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Place of Birth of each.	Name of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
July 30	Hampton,	Nathaniel Spinney, Mary J. Little,	68 34	W "	Eliot Me., Ireland,	Samuel Spinney, Hannah Ayers, John Hunter, Elizabeth Hunter,	2d, 2d,	David W. Downes, Clergyman.
Jan. 1	Northwood,	Austin B. Mace, Lillian Brown,	42 20	" "	Hampton, Northwood,	Joseph Mace, Eliza Garland, Albert Brown, Frances Waterhouse,	1st, "	F. E. Freese, Clergyman.
July 29	Hampton.	Fred W. Blake, Mabel E. Morgan,	21 22	" "	Suncook, Hampton,	Thomas S. Blake, Sarah Weare, John Morgan, Emma Whitney,	1st, "	John A. Ross, Clergyman.
Aug. 22	Hampton,	Frank E. Brewster, Mabel S. Newton,	25 28	" "	Boston, Mass., NewBedford, Ms	Geo. H. Brewster, Susan T. Hanley, John A. Thomas,	1st, "	David W. Downes, Clergyman.
Sept. 19	Hampton,	Wm. B. Hayward, Margaret Leary,	21 18	" "	Boxboro, Mass., Auburn, Mass.,	Herbert N. Hayward, Sarah Baldwin, Daniel F. Leary, Margaret Head,		David W. Downes, Clergyman.
Nov. 10.	Hampton,	Clarence M. Dearborn, Marion A. Lamprey,	22 22	W "	Hampton, North Hampton,	Samuel W. Dearborn, Sarah O. Mason, David J. Lamprey, Clara M. Nudd,	1st, "	J. A. Ross, Clergyman.
Dec. 22	Hampton,	Ernest E. Herrick, Josephine G. Story,	24 23	" "	Gloucester, Ms. Essex, Mass.	Chas. H. Herrick, Annie D. Coffin, Samuel L. Story, Alice Clairborne,	1st, "	J. A. Ross, Clergyman.
24	Hampton,	Milo W. Hooke, Mary S. Whittier,	25 21	" "	Hampton, Hampton Falls,	Allen E. Hooke, Martha A. Blake, David A. Whittier, Clara A. Brown,	1st,	David W. Downes, Clergyman.

DEATHS Registered in the Town of Hampton, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1896.

Date 1896.	Name and Surname of Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Male or Female.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.						
Feb. 15	Daniel J. Trefethen,	54	5	21	Rye,	M	W	M	Daniel J. Trefethen,	Sabrina ———.
May 9	Norman H. Marston,	47	7	9	Hampton,	"	"	"	David Marston,	Josephine Dearborn.
June 11	Mary Leavitt,	91	4	13		F	"	"		
24	Samuel Palmer,	62	1	1	Hampton,	M	"	M	Aaron F. Palmer,	Betsey Barker.
28	George E. Blake,	50	1	10	Hampton,	"	"	"	George T. Blake,	Elizabeth Ayers.
July 11	Alice May Jenness,	21	3	15	Hampton,	F	"	S	Frank T. Jenness,	Ida F. Trefethen.
18	Robert Bruce Laird,	68	3	17	Newburyport Ms	M	"	M	Robert Laird,	Ann E. Follansby.
23	Isaac Emery,	83	11	21	Hampton,	"	"	"	Isaac Emery,	Sally Towle.
August 8	Clarissa Ann Sanborn,	78	9		Hampton,	F	"	S	Nehemiah Sanborn,	Lydia Lovering.
25	Orren A. Bailey,	55			Salem,	M	"	"	Samuel Bailey,	Mary Sheldon.
27	Thomas Jefferson Towle,	69	1	14	Hampton,	"	"	W	Simon Towle,	Lydia Leavitt.
Sept. 9	Oliver Nudd,	82	4	20	Hampton,	"	"	M	Thomas Nudd,	Abbie Towle.
Oct. 9	Helen C. Mace,	62	2	11	Hampton,	F	"	"	Levi Brown,	Mary Ann Emery.
11	Augustus D. Akerman,	49	11	20	Hampton Falls,	M	"	S	Meshech S. Akerman,	Mary A. Dow.
21	Hannah P. Blake,	58	4		Hampton,	F	"	M	Benjamin Palmer,	Sarah Page.
Nov. 14	Martha E. Palmer,	65	5		Boston, Mass.,	"	"	W	George Nowes,	Mary Freeman.
Dec. 6	Abby E. Paul,	74		12	Hampton,	"	"	"	David ———,	Abigail ———.
23	Susan L. Cole,	67	4	4	Exeter,	"	"	M	Josiah Page,	Susan Leavitt.
29	John A. Nudd,	71	9	16	Hampton,	M	"	W	David Nudd,	Abigail Emery.
Oct. 27	Fred B. Towle,	29	6	24	Hampton,	"	"	S		