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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OF BOSCAWEN
1908.

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Annual Reports

of the

Selectmen, Treasurer, Auditors, School

Committee *and* Agents

of the

TOWN OF BOSCAWEN

For the Year Ending February 15, 1908.

PENACOOK, N. H.
W. B. RANNEY, PRINTER,
1908

Town Officers

Selectmen

FRANK L. GERRISH,
B. F. BUTLER,
C. W. CARTER.

Town Clerk

GUY H. HUBBARD.

Treasurer

WILLIAM B. RANNEY.

Tax Collector

EDWARD WEBSTER.

Auditors

GEORGE A. RAYMOND,
ROBERT WEIR.

Board of Education, Penacook District

MARY R. FARNUM,
EDSON H. MATTICE,
ALMON G. HARRIS.

Board of Education, Town District

ALLA J. CARTER,
ALICE G. ADAMS,
E. A. GRIFFIN.

Supervisors of Checklist

EDSON H. MATTICE,
SAMUEL N. ALLEN,
LEVI P. FISHER.

Board of Health

WILLIS G. BUXTON,
DR. E. E. GRAVES,
DR. A. C. ALEXANDER.

Police Officers

CHARLES H. YOUNG,
JOSEPH F. STONEHAM.

Report of Town Officers.

FOR YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1908.

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1907,	\$ 13.13
Total receipts during year,	<u>24,742.97</u>
	\$24,756.10

DISBURSEMENTS.

Total disbursements during year,	\$24,273.84
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1908,	<u>482.26</u>
	\$24,756.10

DEBTS.

Liabilities Feb. 15, 1907,	\$10,310.85
Assets Feb. 15, 1907,	<u>1,326.83</u>
Balance against town Feb. 15, 1907,	\$8,984.02

Liabilities Feb. 15, 1908,	\$16,803.60
Assets Feb. 15, 1908,	<u>2,286.46</u>
Balance against town Feb. 15, 1908,	\$14,517.14

Increase of debt,	\$5,533.12
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RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1907,	\$ 13.13
Receipts as per Treasurer's report,	<u>24,742.97</u>
	\$24,756.10

DISBURSEMENTS.

Miscellaneous,	\$ 605.23
County Pauper,	545.42
Highways,	1,968.82
Sewers,	251.59
Iron Bridge,	6,744.75
Trust fund,	36.00
School Penacook,	2,012.84
" Town,	1,284.74
" Salaries,	100.00
" High,	647.49
Police,	269.22
Library,	251.25
Moths,	320.46
Fire Department, Muchido Co.	71.36
" " Torrent,	363.92
Lighting, Penacook Dist.	550.00
" Town,	165.19
Notes and Interest,	3,034.60
State tax,	1,515.00
County tax,	1,926.40
Decorations,	25.00
Tax claims bought,	59.28
Sheep killed by dogs	11.00
State Road, 1906,	218.28
" " 1907,	750.00
Town Officers,	546.00
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	\$24,273.84

LIABILITIES.

Trust Funds,	\$ 988.20
W. G. Buxton, note,	3,260.00
John E. Rines Estate,	1,000.00
Henry Coffin Estate,	500.00
Samuel Choate,	1,060.00

First Congregational Church,	200.00	
Mechanicks National Bank,	5,930.00	
Town Bonds,	3,000.00	
Charles D. Glidden,	500.00	
State Road, 1906,	150.00	
Dog licenses,	215.40	
		<u>\$16,803.60</u>

ASSETS.

Due from G. H. Hubbard, collector for 1904,	\$ 9.13	
Due from G. H. Hubbard, collector for 1905,	84.58	
Due from Edward Webster, collector for 1906,	48.86	
Due from Edward Webster, collector for 1907	1,402.40	
Due from Merrimack County,	49.95	
“ State Road appropriation,	150.00	
“ C. E. Hannaford, tax 1906,	15.18	
“ Susan W. Smith, tax 1906,	13.32	
“ Henry Bean Estate,	30.78	
Cash on hand,	482.26	
		<u>2,286.46</u>

TRUST FUNDS.

Abial Chandler fund \$50.00, accrued interest 2.09,	52.09	
Paid W. W. Flint, care of lot	4.00	
		<u>\$48.09</u>
J. H. Gill fund, \$100.00, accrued interest 17.14,	\$117.14	
Paid W. W. Flint, care of lot,	5.00	
		<u>\$112.14</u>

Sarah A. Webber fund \$100.00, accrued interest, 15.35,	\$115.35	
Paid W. W. Flint, care of lot,	5.00	
		<u>\$110.35</u>
Mary G. Cogswell fund, \$100.00, accrued interest 10.33,	\$110.33	
Paid W. W. Flint, care of lot	4.00	
		<u>106.33</u>
Andrew J. Taylor fund, 50.00, accrued interest 5.15,	55.15	
Paid W. W. Flint, care lot,	4.00	
		<u>51.15</u>
Ambrose Smith fund, 75.00, accrued interest 7.28,	82.28	
Paid W. W. Flint, care of lot.	4.00	
		<u>78.28</u>
Samuel B. G. Corser fund, 100.00, accrued interest 9.49,	109.49	
Paid W. W. Flint, care of lot,	4.00	
		<u>105.49</u>
Frances S. French fund. 75.00, accrued interest 4.37	79.37	
Paid W. W. Flint, care lot,	4.00	
		<u>75.37</u>
Rachel S. Fox fund, 50.00, accrued interest 2.00,	52.00	
Paid W. W. Flint, care of lot,	2.00	
		<u>50.00</u>
Daniel Flint fund, 50.00, accrued interest 1.00.	51.00	
		<u>51.00</u>
Helen Plummer fund, 200.00,		200.00

MISCELLANEOUS.

1907

Mar.	29	Penacook Water Precinct rent	23.50
		R. E. Lane, dog license book,	2.26
		James Bent, digging grave,	4.00
April	25	Fowlers' Drug Store, formaldehyde,	1.50
May	25	Charles E. Palmer,	3.00
		F. W. Hale, digging grave,	6.00
		John Hadlock, repairs.	8.60
June	29	W. O. Smith, wood,	4.50
		C. H. Young, expense,	6.50
		F. L. Bartlett, digging grave,	2.00
July	29	W. W. Flint, " "	2.00
		G. P. Chadwick, watering trough,	3.00
Aug.	26	F. L. Flanders, mowing cemetery,	3.50
Sept.	28	F. L. Bartlett, digging grave,	2.00
		Geo. Hale, care of Boscawen cemetery,	4.50
Oct.	29	G. H. Hubbard, copying,	12.00
		George Neller, Tres., water rent,	23.50
		James Bent, digging grave,	3.00
		Byron Holt, over-tax,	2.42
Nov.	30	J. Sarah Barney, M. D., return births,	.50
		Robert L. Harris, over-tax,	3.66
		Buxton & Sherburne, insurance on books,	9.00
Dec.	28	W. W. Flint, digging graves,	6.00
		Buxton & Sherburne, insurance town hall,	14.00
Feb.	14	J. J. Weir abatement highway tax	9.50
		W. W. Flint, digging graves	2.00
		" " " " " "	6.00
	15	" " " " care of Plain cemetery	10.00
		Ed Webster, bridge signs	.75
		" " discount on taxes	235.43
		" " abatements for 1907	59.21
		G. H. Hubbard, recording births, and deaths	7.95
		F. L. Gerrish, cash paid out	3.20

Feb. 15	J. W. Bent, sawing wood	1.00
	G. A. Raymond, wood	4.50
	J. E. Colby, care of hall	12.00
	Mary F. Colby, watering trough	1.50
	Dr. E. E. Graves, vaccination	12.00
	M. R. Farnum, M. D. return births and deaths	2.00
	M. R. Farnum, M. D. vaccination	8.00
	A. C. Alexander, births and deaths	4.00
	W. G. Buxton, retainer fee	10.00
	E. T. Drake, M. D. births and deaths,	15.00
	E. E. Graves " " "	2.00
	W. B. Ranney, printing	43.50
	Ed Webster, abatements for 1906	2.00
	Dr. A. J. Rowe, returns births and deaths	2.75
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		605.23

COUNTY PAUPERS

Mar. 30	Mary Wooley, aid to	Lizzie Conant	9.00
	E. L. Davis, "	Mrs. Lavoie	3.50
	Sanborn Bros. "	Wm. Thomas	12.24
	" " "	Mrs. Geo. Miner	15.00
	" " "	Joe Lavoie	13.50
	" " "	Peter Durant	18.00
	Mrs. Gross, "	Mrs. Holt	14.00
	Carter Bros. "	Ann Bowles	1.80
Apr. 27	B. F. Butler, "	Albert Miner	6.00
	Mary Wooley, "	Lizzie Conant	6.00
	Sanborn Bros. "	Peter Durant	9.00
	" " "	Wm. Thomas	9.00
	" " "	Mrs. Geo. Miner	10.00
	Mrs. B. Gross, "	Mrs. Thos. Holt	8.00
May 25	Mary Wooley, "	Lizzie Conant	6.00
	B. F. Butler, "	Albert Minor,	2.00
	Mrs. Gross, "	Mrs. Holt.	8.00

May	25	Sanborn Bros,	aid to	Ed Miner,	1.32
		" "	"	Mrs. Geo. Miner,	6.10
		" "	"	Wm. Thomas,	9.00
		" "	"	Peter Durant,	7.50
June	29	Mrs. Gross,	"	Mrs. Holt,	10.00
		Sanborn Bros.	"	Peter Durant,	12.50
		" "	"	Wm. Thomas,	6.00
July	27	Mrs. Gross,	"	Mrs. Holt,	8.00
		Sanborn Bros.	"	Wm. Thomas,	2.50
		" "	"	Peter Durant,	10.00
Aug.	31	Mrs. Gross,	"	Mrs. Holt,	15.00
		Sanborn Bros.	"	Peter Durant,	12.50
Sept.	26	Sanborn Bros.	"	Peter Durant,	10.00
		H. W. Carter,	"	Mike Lavalley,	6.00
		G. H. Hubbard,	"	Mrs. Ed. Miner	2.25
		Mrs. Gross,	"	Mrs. Holt,	12.00
Oct.	28	Mrs. Gross	"	Mrs. Holt,	8.00
		Sanborn Bros.	"	Brown boy,	7.85
		Fowler's D. Store	"	Brown boy,	.95
		G. W. Vinica,	"	Geo. Baker,	4.45
		Sanborn Bros.	"	Peter Durant,	22.50
		F. L. Gerrish,	"	Arthur Brown	5.00
Nov.	30	Edward Allen,	"	Arthur Brown	7.28
		Mrs. Gross,	"	Mrs. Holt,	10.00
		G. H. Hubbard	"	Mrs. Geo. Miner,	2.50
		G. H. Hubbard	"	Arthur Brown,	2.00
		Sanborn Bros.	"	Mrs. Brown	11.50
		Sanborn Bros.	"	Geo. Baker	2.00
Dec.	28	E. L. Davis	"	Geo. Baker	7.00
		G. W. Vinica	"	Geo. Baker	4.20
		W. E. Sweatt	"	Mrs. Brown	2.00
		Mrs. Gross	"	Mrs. Holt	8.00
		Sanborn Bros.	"	Mrs. Holt	11.00
		" "	"	Peter Durant	10.00
Jan'y	25	Annie Ketchum	"	Mrs. Foye	7.00
		Mrs. Philbrick	"	"	8.00

Jan'y 25	Mrs. Benj. Gross, aid to	Mrs. Holt	8.00
	E. L. Davis	" Mrs. Brown	5.00
	W. A. Cowley	" "	3.78
	S. A. Remington	" Henry Remington	14.00
	G. H. Hubbard	" Mrs. Geo. Miner	3.00
	" "	" Mrs. Brown	6.65
	Sanborn Bros.	" Mrs. Geo. Miner	2.50
	" "	" Peter Durant	10.00
	" "	" LaClair	8.00
	" "	" Mrs. Brown	11.60
Feb'y 14	G. H. Hubbard	" D. LaClaire	7.45
	H. W. Carter	" P. Osier	2.00
	W. E. Sweatt	" Mrs. Brown	2.75
	G. H. Hubbard	" "	2.25
	Sanborn Bros.	" "	8.50
	" "	" Mrs. Geo. Miner	7.50
	" "	" Peter Durant	7.50
	" "	" D. LaClaire	12.00
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			\$545.42

HIGHWAYS.

Frank W. Hale, pay-roll,	\$109.40
Fred L. Bartlett, pay-roll,	211.65
William G. Goodhue, pay-roll,	141.58
Oscar F. Shaw, pay-roll,	183.50
F. B. Folsom, pay-roll,	67.42
A. E. Sweatt,	1,072.98

BRIDGES AND CANALS,

A. E. Sweatt,	169.89
Town of Webster, $\frac{1}{2}$ Jackman bridge.	12.40
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	182.29

SEWER,

A. E. Sweatt,	251.59
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NEW STEEL BRIDGE,

United Construction Co.,	6,550.00	
John W. Storrs, engineer	163.75	
F. W. Hale, approaches	6.00	
C. W. Carter, services	25.00	
		\$6,744.75

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

MUCHIDO Co.

The company for the year ending Feb. 15, 1908, has responded to seven bell and two still alarms. The apparatus is in good shape but needs one or two things to make it complete. We ought to have about 250 feet more hose which would make 1000 feet.

C. H. CARTER, Fire Ward.

Apr. 27	Carter Bros., wood,	\$5.50	
Dec. 26	Geo. A. Raymond, wood,	5.62	
Jan'y 8	H. L. Brown, wood,	5.62	
Feb. 14	Fred James, supplies,	3.77	
	H. W. Carter, supplies,	.85	
	Joseph Stoneham, pay-roll,	50.00	
			71.36

TORRENT HOSE Co.

During the year 1907 Torrent Hose No 1 held 12 regular and 4 special meetings. Responded to 8 bell alarms and 4 still alarms.

W. G. CHAMBERLIN, Clerk.

Ambrose Sweet, horse,	101.75	
E. L. Davis, coal,	42.68	
E. E. Babb, plumbing,	11.65	
Sanborn Bros., supplies,	3.84	
C. M. & A. W. Rolfe, wood,	4.00	
Henry C. Rolfe, pay-roll,	200.00	
		\$363.92

SCHOOLS.

PENACOOK DISTRICT.

Paid W. G. Buxton, Treas., money raised	
by law,	\$1,463.49
Extra School money,	350.00
Literary fund,	86.01
Dog licenses,	113.34
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	\$2,012.84

TOWN DISTRICT.

Paid Charles H. Carter, Treas., money	
raised by law,	\$809.01
Extra School money,	360.00
Literary fund,	53.07
Dog licenses,	62.66
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	\$1,284.74

SALARIES.

Charles H. Carter, Treasurer, and School	
Board,	\$70.00
W. G. Buxton, Treas., Penacook,	10.00
Dr. Mary R. Farnum,	10.00
Edson H. Mattice,	10.00
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	\$100.00

HIGH SCHOOLS.

Concord High School,	\$498.96
Penacook Dist. No. 20,	123.19
Kimball Union Academy,	12.00
Tilton Seminary	13.34
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	647.49

NOTES AND INTEREST.

W. B. Ranney, town bonds,	\$500.00
" " interest,	140.00
Mechanicks National Bank, note,	1,019.00
" " " " "	193.75
W. G. Buxton, interest,	195.60

Congregational Church,	12.00
Estate John E. Rines,	60.00
Samuel Choate,	60.00
Mary F. Colby, note and interest,	104.25
Estate Marilla M. Rines,	500.00
Estate John E. Rines,	250.00
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	\$3,034.60

PENACOOK LIGHTING PRECINCT.

Geo. Neller, Treas., appropriation,	\$550.00
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TOWN LIGHTING.

Penacook Electric Light Co.	149.19
W. W. Flint, watering trough,	16.00
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	\$165.19

LIBRARY.

Henry Bean, conveying books,	\$12.50
D. P. Webster, " "	18.75
Mrs. Eliza Bent, librarian,	70.00
E. E. Graves, Treas., appropriation,	150.00
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	\$251.25

MOTHS.

Feb. 16	John Amor,	1.00
	Napoleon Miner,	3.00
	Howard Holmes,	12.04
	Charles Hodge,	5.67
	B. F. Butler,	23.28
	Sanborn Bros.	187.61
	H. W. Carter,	87.86
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		\$320.46

POLICE.

C. H. Young, services,	215.47
James T. Brooks, " "	2.25
George H. Gross, " "	7.00

Samuel N. Allen, truant officer,	5.00
Ed. Colman, " "	25.00
H. W. Carter, Handcuffs,	4.50
Joseph Stoneham,	10.00
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	269.22

STATE TAX.

Solon A. Carter, Treasurer,	1,515.00
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COUNTY TAX.

P. C. Clough, Treasurer,	1,926.40
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DECORATION.

G. W. Fisher,	25.00
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TAX CLAIMS BOUGHT.

C. E. Hannaford, tax of 1906,	15.18
Susan W. Smith,	13.32
Henry W. Bean Estate,	30.78
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	59.28

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Bertha Silver,	6.00
Clarence Silver,	5.00
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	11.00

STATE ROAD OF 1906.

Paid A. E. Sweatt,	28.25
Charles Bailey,	190.03
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	218.28

STATE ROAD OF 1907.

W. B. Ellis,	750.00
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TOWN OFFICERS.

G. H. Hubbard, clerk,	42.00
W. B. Ranney, treasurer,	50.00
F. L. Gerrish, selectman,	100.00
B. F. Butler, " "	100.00
C. W. Carter, " "	50.00

Edward Webster, collector,	125.00
W. G. Buxton, board of health,	15.00
E. E. Graves, " "	15.00
A. C. Alexander " "	15.00
E. H. Mattice, supervisor,	10.00
L. P. Fisher, "	10.00
S. N. Allen, "	10 00
Fred Holt, auditor,	2 00
L. P. Fisher, "	2 00
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	\$546 00

Treasurer's Report

Your treasurer herewith submits the annual report of receipts and expenditures for the year ending February 15, 1908.

RECEIPTS

Rec'd of	W. G. Buxton	\$	13.13
	Borrowed of Mechanicks Bank		
	on notes		7930.00
	Edw. Webster, Col. on taxes 1907		11,261.24
	Edw. Webster 10 per cent int.		.
	on taxes after Dec. 1 '07		8.02
	Edward Webster, Col. of taxes '06		650.80
	" " 10 per cent int.		
	on taxes after Dec. 1, 1906		25.66
	Guy H. Hubbard, Col. taxes 1905		112.30
	" " " " " 1904		4.87
	" " " town clerk,		
	dog licenses		215.40
	State of N. H., railroad tax		901.55
	Savings bank tax		1346.94
	literary fund		139.08
	High Sch. tuition		216.72
	insurance tax		7.50
	proportion of school		
	fund		72.50
	Highway dept		153.57
	Merrimack County, aid to paupers		493.22
	Town of Canterbury		6.25
	W. G. Buxton fines imposed		12.00
	Edw. Webster, " "		1.00
	" " land sold for taxes		33.07

Rec'd of	Estate of Rachel Fox, trust fund	50.00
	“ Daniel Flint “ “	50.00
	“ Helen Plummer “	200.00
	Selectmen on notes	810.00
	Sale timber in Old bridge	27.30
	Selectmen, tax claims bought	13.98
		<u>24,756.10</u>

EXPENDITURES

Paid on Selectmen's Orders 1 to 319 inclusive	24,273.84
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1908	482.26
	<u>24,756.10</u>

Respectfully submitted,
 WILLIAM B. RANNEY
Treasurer.

AUDITORS REPORT

The undersigned auditors of the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer for the year 1907-08, report that they have examined the accounts and find the receipts to have been \$24,756.10 from Feb. 15, 1907 to Feb. 15, 1908 and disbursements paid on orders by selectmen from 1 to 319 inclusive equal \$24,273.84 all of which are properly vouched and correctly cast.

GEO. A. RAYMOND,
 ROBERT W. WEIR,
Auditors.

Report of Town Library

Whole number of books purchased the last year	105
Received by gift	7
There have been loaned	6229
Largest number any month	697

Another year has put one hundred and twelve new books on the shelf and hope they will be as readable as in the past. You will notice the familiar names of Burroughs, Chapman and Long if interested in nature study, and in travel Bryan's *The Old World and Its Ways*. A few hours of fun may be had in Fraulein Schmidt, and McAustruthers and Margaret Deland always attract our attention. Surely Dr. Grenfell's stories find a place in every heart as well as Ralph Connor's.

For deeper study there is *The Intellectual Autobiography* of Victor Hugo, besides many works of science and history. These are but a few of the many treasures found on the list and hope the patrons will be well repaid by reading the books of the year. On the catalogue you will notice seven books have been restored which may remind us to have a little more care for them so that they may present a good appearance to the reader and be ornaments to the shelf in every sense.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS

Received from town	150.00
" " sale of catalogues and fines	5.25
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	155.25

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid for books and magazines	125.18
binding and labor	3.00
supplies	3.75
express	.20
register	8.50
book labels	1.75
catalogues 1907	5.00
due treasurer 1907	3.05
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	152.43
Balance in treasury	2.82

Respectfully submitted.

G. L. PILLSBURY,

E. E. GRAVES,

W. G. BUXTON,

Trustees.

School Report

PENACOOK SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

I herewith respectfully submit to you my first annual report which is the second in the series of reports of the superintendent of schools in District Number 7, Penacook. I shall confine myself mainly to the discussion of the school-room work.

PROGRAM OF STUDIES.

As far as it could be adapted to the various classes we have followed the general lines of the State Program of Studies, supplementing and interpreting it to the best of our knowledge.

READING. Much of the work in reading is unsatisfactory although I judge that there has been much improvement in the last two years. The children as a whole are not able to perceive groups of words quickly and are hampered by trying to use books that are too difficult for their mastery. There is still a tendency in some schools "to hear the class read" rather than to teach reading which is a matter requiring a good deal of careful planning for word and thought development on the part of the teacher.

LANGUAGE. The study of the mother tongue in oral and written language exercises is second only to reading in importance. I am positive that in the first five grades technical grammar as such should be almost an unknown quantity. It may be begun in the sixth grade and studied intensively in the seventh and eighth grades, thus giving the child sufficient practice in the technique of language to enter upon his high school work. Too much of the language work as done by the teachers in the past has, I

believe, over-emphasized the mechanical part of the subject. In my opinion, language in the lower grades should consist for the most part of the telling of simple stories by the teacher, then oral reproduction by the pupils followed by written reproduction. The correction of grammatical errors in speech and writing is sufficient technical work without any reference to the "rule."

GEOGRAPHY. As was pointed out by your superintendent last year, the work that had been attempted in geography was far beyond the comprehension of the children. I have not yet found a book that could be safely placed in the hands of third grade children for geography study. Our plan, therefore, has been to begin this work with nature study followed in the latter part of the year by home geography—that is the study of their own environment. This naturally leads to the study of New Hampshire and New England in the fourth year and to the study of the world as a whole in the fifth year. Language work and drawing are correlated with geography thus lending interest to the subject. The teachers have also secured with the aid of the children some interesting collections of earths, minerals and so forth.

ARITHMETIC. In this subject I am inclined to believe that too much time has been put upon formal drill work at the expense of the more rational features of number relations. The "times tables" are indispensable but they can be just as accurately developed and memorized by perception drill which interests and problems which show their application as by meaningless drill work which dulls the mind. I have furnished the teachers with detailed outlines in arithmetic based upon the State Program of study which specify the amount of work to be covered from month to month. These outlines are always subject to changes which the needs of the classes seem to require.

MUSIC. Mrs. Martha Gale's teaching and supervision of music, supplemented by the conscientious effort of the teachers, are producing pleasing results.

TEXT-BOOKS.

It cannot be said that the teachers are hampered by an insufficient supply of text-books as the committee have been liberal in their allowance for all necessary school-room helps. The following are some of the books that have been added this year: Smith arithmetics, Wilson History Reader, With Pen and Pencil, and additional copies of the American Music Readers. Two new maps have also been purchased for the ninth grade study of ancient history.

ATTENDANCE.

I wish to bespeak the co-operation of the parents in securing better attendance on the part of the children. We are marking absences this year for every child absent a longer or shorter period until the child returns or ceases to be a member by removal from the district. This often makes a bad looking register but it is in accordance with the State Department interpretation of "absence". To offset this it is essential that the parents and children help the teachers in every way possible to keep up the percentage of attendance. The first lesson which the child should learn is cleanliness, the next is the importance of punctuality and regularity in school attendance.

Mr. Coleman has looked after truancy cases with commendable keenness and tact.

THE SCHOOL-HOUSE.

The school-house, though an old building, has been kept in excellent repair as far as means would allow. Window-boards would greatly assist in the ventilation of the rooms. The closets are a disgrace to the district and should be thoroughly overhauled and renovated at the

earliest possible time. The mere association with such environments is enough to undo and negate all the moral teaching that can be given.

The heating and care of the building have been efficiently looked after by Mr. Coleman.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. SLAYTON.

Superintendent of Schools.

*At the school building Thursday
mornings 8.00-11.00*

STATISTICAL TABLE, PENACOOK DISTRICT.

Teachers.	Grades	No. of weeks	Total Enrollment		Av'rg'e daily attend.	Av'rg'e daily absence	Av'rg'e Membership	Per cent attendance	No. cases tardiness	No. visits by Supt.	No. visits school board	No. visits by parents and others.	No. pupils not tardy
			Boys	Girls									
Laura W. Hager	7,8,9,	35	21	912	18	119	93	37	30	10	32	0	
Mina E. Pike	5, 6,	35	23	1211	18	220	88	22	28	11	26	0	
Ethel I. Hoffman	3, 4,	35	37	2116	27	229	90	108	35	10	29	0	
Eliz. H. McCleery	1, 2,	35	53	2825	44	347	92	37	41	9	28	3*	
Total			134	7064	107	8115	90.7	204	134	40	115	3	

*Pupils neither absent or tardy for the year:

Antonio Champagne,
Elsie Merchant,
Violet Merchant.

BOSCAWEN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT.

The schools in town have been in session the usual number of weeks viz:—30 weeks in all besides the Upper Department at the Plain and 36 weeks in that.

We feel that as a whole our schools have been successful. No sickness has caused a break in the attendance and the first of the winter was unusually favorable for travel.

In our village school, we have had teachers of experience, and the results are apparent.

In June, 1907 at the close of the spring term Miss Stillings gave up her school and Miss Collins, who has had much experience in this grade work has been chosen as her successor, and the pupils who attend school regularly are making good progress.

Many of our last year's pupils succeeded in passing the examinations for entrance to the High School of Concord, and as a result of this our Plain Grammar school has an enrollment of only 18 pupils in all three grades.

We are pleased to note the interest taken in music. Miss Sawyer has voluntarily given much valuable instruction in this branch. Mrs. Bartlett also has kindly spent many hours time in order that we may have instrumental music with our singing. Mr. Abbott, the music teacher of the Manchester schools, took pains to visit our Plain schools, one day and gave us, not only a musical forenoon, but much timely and helpful advice in regard to the singing. Many of our children have pleasing voices, and we would like to be able to go forward with this work.

We regret to see many absent and tardy marks in our registers. In some cases this is necessary, either on account of sickness in the home or for some unavoidable cause, but often a little effort and sacrifice would find means to bring pupils to school.

Of course there is always recourse to law, but compulsory attendance is almost equal to none, and to be resorted to only when other means have failed.

If all parents who realize the worth of an education, would take pains to see that their children attend school *regularly* and *punctually*, we could easily compel the few others to obey the law.

If a cloudy day or a pleasure excursion, or company, or any other trivial reason is to be the excuse to keep a child from school the one so kept loses interest in his work, and also the whole class or school of which he is a member.

A day consists of twenty four hours, only six of which are spent in the school-room. During these six hours various lessons are taught which may be helpful all through life. But are these all the lessons the child has to learn? Is he not constantly learning both by precept and example as well as by experiment? Parents have great opportunities for making their influence felt in guiding their children's choices, and in shaping their ideals. Shall we say they do this and have no part in the work of the school? Shall that be left entirely to the teacher, who though well fitted for their work, is prevented by circumstances from having the fullest knowledge of the abilities of those intrusted to her care? A teacher has much to do in forming character in her pupils; but when her commands are slighted or even countermanded by the parents, as they *occasionally* are, because of misunderstanding between parents and teacher, the results to the whole school and district are deplorable.

The pupils who make the most of their school privileges are generally those whose parents correlate the school work at home, and encourage and aid those in authority.

No change has been made in text-books this year. A set of New Education Readers, for the lower grades, has been added to the books already in use, and the teachers speak well of the advantages gained.

Some of our books are worn and will soon need to be renewed or changed as circumstances demand.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

FOR ONE YEAR

Vernon Silver

FOR TWO TERMS

Marjorie Goodhue, Margaret Houston, Bayard Houston,
Hazel Goodhue

FOR ONE TERM

Carlton Coffin, Lester Bartlett, Arthur Bartlett, Maude
Bartlett, Marion Chadwick, Catherine Hall, Abbie Thomp-
son, Sherly Folsom, Ernest Sleeper, Andrew Thompson,
Chester Silver, Daniel Flint, Albert Flint, George Russell,
Karl Flanders, Laura Folsom, Lelia Hall, Elsie Pepler.
Willard Flanders, Jennie Flanders, Everett Colby, Ellen
Bean, John Bean.

ALLA J. CARTER,
ALICE G. ADAMS,
ERVIN A. GRIFFIN.

School Board, Town District.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Schools	Terms	Names of Teachers.	Wages per month.	Weeks of School.	Number pupils.	Av. daily attend.	Tardiness.	Visitors.
PLAIN Upper Dept.	2	Camilla M. Stillings.	34	11	27	22	71	13
	3	" " "	34	11	24	23	23	20
	1	Angie D Collins.	36	14	18	16	33	33
PLAIN Lower Dept.	3	Sarah E. Sawyer.	34	11	28	22	23	17
	1	" " "	34	14	25	23	33	57
	2	" " "	34	5	19	18	26	7
GULF.	2	Pearl E. Huse.	26	5	7	6	16	4
WATER STREET.	3	Mattie L. Hardy.	26	11	12	11	0	22
	1	Cora G. Coffin.	24	13	11	9	16	26
	2	" " "	24	6	11	8	21	3
HIGH STREET.	3	Alice L. Hale.	22	11	6	5	36	13
	1	" " "	24	14	9	7	115	29
	2	" " "	24	5	7	6	13	2

Number of boys in district between ages 5 and 16, 39

Number of girls in district between ages 5 and 16, 36

Town School District Treasurer's Report.

C. H. Carter, treasurer, 1907-1908.

Proportion of money raised by law	809.01
Extra school money	360.00
Literary Fund	53.07
Dog licenses	62.66
Received for salary of School Board	70.00
" from Academy fund	100.00
Supplies sold	.51
Tuition received from Canterbury	6.25
Withdrawn from Tuttle fund	35.00
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1907	71.34
Total Receipts	<u>1567.84</u>

TEACHERS SALARIES INCLUDING BOARD

Spring term	319.00
Fall " "	407.00
Winter " "	234.50
Frank Park, teaching Latin in grade IX	36.00
Total	<u>996.50</u>

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

H. W. Carter & Co., Supplies	10.85
Sarah E. Sawyer " "	4.25
White River Paper Co. " "	30.44
American Book Co., books	10.56
Masury, Young & Co., Nodust	12.00
Alla J. Carter, supplies	1.64
Total	<u>69.74</u>

REPAIRS

Geo. L. Pillsbury work at Plain School house	9.92
Wm. A. Hale work at Plain and Gulf school houses	3.10
Total	<u>13.02</u>

WOOD

Geo. Marden,	for High street	4.00
Mrs. Nellie Lakin	“ South “	2.50
L. R. Flanders	“ Plain and Gulf	3.00
Geo. H. Folsom	“ High St.	6.00
Ervin A. Griffin	“ So. Water St.	9.50
C. W. Carter	“ Plain Schools	46.00
Loie C. Coffin,	kindlings for So. Water St.	1.50
Total		<u>72.50</u>

CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Everett and Geo. Colby.	Plains,	10.25
Sarah E. Sawyer	“	2.75
Robert Houston	“	13.80
Orissa O. Flanders,	Gulf,	1.75
Cora G. Coffin,	South Water St.	4.75
Charles Griffin,	“ “ “	1.50
Alice M. Hale,	High St.	7.50
		<u>\$42.30</u>

CLEANING SCHOOL HOUSES.

Florence Stoneham,	Plain,	4.00
E. A. Griffin,	So. Water St.	1.50
Orissa O. Flanders,	Gulf,	1.25
		<u>6.75</u>

CONVEYING PUPILS.

Boston & Maine R. R.,	tickets from North	
Boscawen to Boscawen,		46.80
Alice G. Adams,	Gulf to Plains,	100.00
Ervin A. Griffin,	No. to So. Water St.	47.50
Martha L. Hardy,	No. to So. Water St.	26.75
		<u>221.05</u>

MISCELLANEOUS.

Geo. Neller, Treas.,	Water Rent at Plains,	6.00
Geo. Folsom,	sawing wood and work at High St.	1.50
C. H. Carter,	cash paid for repairing clock,	.75
		<u>8.25</u>

SALARY OF SCHOOL BOARD.

Alla J. Carter, member of School Board,	20.00
Ervin A. Griffin, " " "	20.00
Alice G. Adams, " " "	20.00
C. H. Carter, treasurer,	10.00
	<u>70.00</u>

RECAPITULATION OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

Total Receipts, \$1,567.84

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' Salaries, including board,	\$996.50
Books and supplies,	69.74
Repairs,	13.02
Wood,	72.50
Care of School-houses	42.30
Cleaning School-houses,	6.75
Conveying pupils,	221.05
Miscellaneous,	8.25
Salary of School Board,	70.00
Total expenditures,	<u>\$1,500.11</u>
Cash on hand,	\$ 67.73
Tuttle fund with interest, deposited in N. H. Savings Bank,	\$267.66

WE, the undersigned hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account of C. H. Carter, Treasurer of Boscawen School District, from Feb. 15, 1907 to Feb. 15, 1908, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

EDWARD WEBSTER,
SAMUEL N. ALLEN,

Auditors.

WOOD

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EDWARD WEBSTER,
SAMUEL N. ALLEN,

Auditors.

Births Registered in the Town of Boscowen, for the Year ending December 31, 1907.

Date of Birth	Name of child [if any]	Sex	Lying or still-born	No. of child 1st, 2d etc.	Color	Name of Father	Maiden name of Mother	Color of parents	Residence of parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
1907												
Jan. 16	.....	F		5	..	Frank Miner, Jr.....	Maud Brouillard.....	..	..	Laborer.....	Massachusetts.....	Manchester.....
Feb. 8	.....	M		6	..	Albert Hardy.....	Mary E. McLeod.....	..	..	Farmer.....	Boscowen.....	Chelsea, Mass.....
Mar. 16	Brenda E.....	F		6	..	Charles F. Cleveland.....	Ella B. Houser.....	..	..	Carpenter.....	Hyde Park, Vt.....	Morrisville, Vt.....
Mar. 29	.....	F		1	..	Leo Gagnon.....	Nellie S. Ducharme.....	..	..	Laborer.....	Canada.....	Barrington.....
Apr. 4	.....	M		12	..	Domino LaClair.....	Josephine Merchant.....	..	..	".....	".....	Canada.....
Apr. 23	.....	M		2	..	George L. Stone.....	Emma Fredette.....	..	..	".....	Champlain, N. Y.....	Rutland, Vt.....
July 6	William Spurrier.....	F		1	..	Edward P. Robinson.....	Anna Spurrier.....	..	..	Manufacturer.....	Tamilton, Mass.....	Lancaster, Pa.....
July 6	Doris Lillian.....	F		1	..	Edward P. Robinson.....	Lena H. Knowlton.....	..	..	Clerk.....	Suncook.....	Concord.....
Aug. 4	.....	M		5	..	Nathaniel Waterson.....	Minnie Emerson.....	..	..	Laborer.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	North Weare.....
Aug. 10	.....	F		12	..	Joseph Mossea.....	Mary Jardi.....	..	..	".....	Canada.....	Canada.....
Aug. 13	Henry William.....	M		3	..	Henry Blanchard.....	Vina Miner.....	..	..	".....	Vermont.....	Laconia.....
Sept. 7	Ruth Elvise.....	F		2	..	Lewis Gebeau.....	Harriet Cassavaugh.....	..	..	".....	Plattsburg, N. Y.....	Plattsburg, N. Y.....
Oct. 27	Raymond Eugene.....	M		1	..	Walter Cassavaugh.....	Annie Gebeau.....	..	..	".....	Boscowen.....	".....
Nov. 30	Elwia Rubnells.....	F		4	..	Robert W. Weir.....	Myrtle L. Runnells.....	..	..	Electrician.....	Acworth.....	Pierson.....
Dec. 3	Goldie May.....	F		7	..	Freeman L. Young.....	Mary A. Perkins.....	..	..	Blacksmith.....	Canada.....	Nashua.....
Dec. 29	.....	F		2	..	Thomas W. Gay.....	Minnie J. Basset.....	..	..	Laborer.....	Canada.....	Lebanon.....

MERRIMACK COUNTY FARM

June 30	Joseph.....	M	L	w	Arctine Bergeron.....	Odille Amault.....	w	Brick Maker.....	Canada.....	Suncook.....
July 5	.....	M	L	w	Jean Boucher.....	Anzetha Boucher.....	w	.....	".....	Canada.....

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

GUY H. HUBBARD, TOWN CLERK

Marrriages Registered in the Town of Boscawen, for the Year ending December 31, 1907.

Date	Name and surname of bride and groom.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age	Occupation.	Place of birth.	Name of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Name, residence and official station of person by whom married.
Jan. 2	Henry Hayward	Boscawen	37	Blacksmith	Canterbury	Alvin G. Hayward	West Concord	Whitman S. Bassett, Boscawen, clergyman.
	Arvilla N. Ames	West Alton	37		Alton	Amira A. Abbott. Gosham Ames	East Concord Giltford	
Feb. 23	John F. Roberts	Boscawen	34	Laborer	Concord	Georgianna Flanders Charles Roberts	Alton Canada	Whitman S. Bassett, Boscawen, clergyman.
	Rosie Lena Frollie	"	35		Stilling, Conn.	Eliza Supry Alice Laro	N. Y.	
June 8	David F. Rheume	"	20	Laborer	Canada	Nap. Rheume	Canada	D. W. Fitzgerald, Concord, Roman Catholic Priest.
	Olevine Daniel	Concord	21		"	Edmund Dantel	"	
July 4	Edgar Hannaford	Boscawen	36	Farmer	Sanbornton	Alphonse Audath Charles Hannaford	Sanbornton	David F. Dudley, Concord, Justice of Peace
	Maggie Jemery	"	50		Canada	Sarah Page Charles Dennis	"	
July 29	George William Foy	"	30	Laborer	Ireland	Fannie LaValley Thomas Foye	Ireland	Whitman S. Bassett, Boscawen, clergyman.
	Angenia Boivin	"	21		Canada	Julia O'Dea Ludger Boivin	Canada	
Sept. 24	Robert E. Wiggin	"	21	Electrician	Boscawen	Louisa Tremble Charles S. Wiggin	Canada Canterbury	C. C. Sampson, Tilton, clergyman
	Mildred L. Bresnahan	Tilton	20		East Boston, Mass.	Mary A. Canlin J. H. Bresnahan	England	
Nov. 3	Glenn A. Hall	Boscawen	37	R. R. Station Agt	Concord Vt.	William Hall	Vt.	Frank Park, Boscawen, clergyman
	Hannah E. Gleason	Concord	35		Canterbury	Julia A. Brigham George H. Gleason	Concord, Vt.	
Nov. 6	Willie W. Marden	Boscawen	41	Farmer	Boscawen	Martha Gage William Marden	Canterbury	D. W. Fitzgerald, Concord, Roman Catholic Priest.
	Jennie Houston	"	18		Webster	Maria A. Scribner Frank Houston Louise Broudane	Salisbury	

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

GUY H. HUBBARD, TOWN CLERK.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Boscawren, for the Year ending December 31, 1907.

Date of death.	Name and surname of the deceased.	Place of birth.	Age			Condition	Place of birth.		Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.
			Years	Months	Days		Father	Mother.		
Jan. 12	Thelma G. Cleaveland.....	Boscawen	1	7	27	S	Hyde Park, Vt.	George Cleveland	Delia Demarest	
20	George H. Gleason.....	"	63			W	Concord	Henry Gleason	Sida Gale	
24	Myron W. Fowles.....	Bath	70	9	26	M	Franceonia	Miles Bowles	Judith Coggswell	
Feb. 9	Moses A. Fellows.....	Canterbury	84	2	24	W	Canterbury	Ruben Fellows	Sally Emery	
10	Myron Sweet.....	Champlain, N. Y.	42	4	14	S	Champlain, N. Y.	William Sweet	Eliza Pelkey	
16	Susan Hannaford.....	Warner	85	0	10	W	"	Thomas Hackett	"	
21	Moses Simons.....	Boscawen	77	3	20	W	Pelham	Alpheus C. Flint	Jamison Glines	
22	Daniel Flint.....	"	76	2	15	W	"	Simon Spooner	Melinda Harris	
Mar. 12	Angeline L. Keniston.....	Franceonia	45	10	21	M	Northfield	Knos H. Nudd	Clarissa Hadley	
13	Flora Jane Piper.....	Center Harbor	71	4	13	M	"	David Call	Polly Fellows	
16	Emily P. Carl Greeley.....	Webster	64	10	22	M	Hancock	James E. Boutelle	Joanna Sprague	
26	Adelbert D. Boutelle.....	Nashua	79			M	"	Peter Lemieux	Shariot Aganon	
29	Fleete Bourdeau.....	Canada	5	6		M	Bethel, Me.	Arthur Narborne	Mary L. Divane	
Apr. 3	Henry W. Bean.....	Boscawen	55	9	9	M	Londonderry	Joshua Bean	Mehitable Bartlett	
3	Corothy Narborne.....	Boscawen	68	1	27	M	Hancock	Leonard Morrison	Sally Cole	
7	Maria L. Rolfe.....	Boscawen	57	0	11	All White	"	James E. Boutelle	Joanna Sprague	
10	John S. Boutelle.....	Nashua	77	5	13	M	Canterbury	Luke Shepard	Mary Adams	
May 12	James C. Sheppard.....	Boscawen	64	6		M	Penn.	Benj. Faknestock	An'te Faknestock	
13	Lucretia F. Frizelle.....	Ohio	8			Canada	"	I. Boulea	Alice Grafton	
17	Leslie Boulea.....	Swanton, Vt.	1	3		W	Boscawen	Levi P. Fisher	Myrtia Rowe	
20	Siblyl L. Fisher.....	Boscawen	17	22		S	Andover	Henry L. Smith	Louisa M. Rayno	
23	Ernest H. Smith.....	Andover	18	3	23	W	"	Stephen Marcy	Kachel Elliott	
July 6	Eliza E. Colby.....	Bow	77	3	17	W	Wells, Me.	Jacob Kimbal	Submit Haskell	
16	Sophronia B. Richardson.....	Green, Me.	70	6	28	M	Boscawen	Farnum Coffin	Judith Gerrish	
Aug. 29	Henry Coffin.....	Boscawen	54	5	15	S	"	Ephriam Plummer	Lucy Gerrish	
Sept. 11	Helen Plummer.....	"	73			W	Md.	George Ragon	Adaline	
19	Rebecca Flanders.....	Jifin, Ohio	72			S	"	Francis Perry	Frances Nudd	
Dec. 12	David Perry.....	Lena, Ill.	37	14		S	Canterbury	Eli Hibbard	"	
22	Marilla M. Rimes.....	"	69	11	8	W	"	"	Laura Folsom	

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GUY H. HUBBARD, TOWN CLERK

Deaths Registered at the Merrimack County Farm, for the Year ending December 31, 1907.

Date of death.	Name and surname of the deceased.	Place of birth.	Age			Color	Condition	Place of birth.		Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.
			Years	Months	Days			Father	Mother.		
Jan. 1	Frances Rannels	Concord	78								
22	Mary Drake	Warner	68								
Feb. 3	Sarah Locke	Warner	69								
3	George Hale	Me.	64								
12	Charles G. Smith	Me.	57								
15	Martha Berry	Chichester	75					W	Frank Harris	Edith Morse	
Mar. 4	Helen Harris	Boscawen	71								
26	Helen Michie	England	71								
May 15	David Boynton	Sanbornton	68								
June 30	Joseph Wilkerson	Hooksett	18								
July 5	Joseph Boucher	Boscawen	18								
20	Hattie Ordway	Mich	50								
Aug. 6	Adeli Harvey	Vermont	50								
28	Ezra Holton	Henniker	70								
Sept. 8	Caroline Farrar	Canaan	72								
27	Larry Marden	Canaan	69								
28	Sylvester Sweet	Boscawen	72								
Oct. 2	Elbridge Williams	Mass.	83								
13	Jane Terry	N. Y.	75								
22	Peter LaClair	France	45								
Nov. 13	Wm. F. Richardson	N. Y.	39								

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