

hundred and ninety-one samples of milk were collected and examined, and forty-five dairies were inspected. In the examinations of milk made, the average per cent. of cream was 4.25%, of solids exclusive of fat 8.68%, and total solids 12.93%. It will be noticed that the average per cent. of cream runs high, while the per cent. of solids exclusive of fat run low; but the total solids give a fair average. This showing is accounted for in this way, that dairymen in general strive to get cows that will produce milk rich in cream and of good quantity, the matter of solids being completely ignored. The public are to an extent chargeable with blame on this point, as they have insisted on this quality of milk. Milk solids are to an extent essential to the maintenance of the normal functions of the body. The law wisely demands a milk much higher in solids exclusive of fat than our milk will ordinarily test, and it is the intention of the board to improve the milk in this respect; this is no mean undertaking and will require some years of careful attention to accomplish. Public sentiment, in the meantime, must be taught that milk to be a food, well-balanced in its chemical constituents, must contain more of solids exclusive of fat, and less fat.

Our experience in the past year has taught us that milk dealers do not exercise the proper amount of care in the distribution of their milk, neither is there a proper amount of cleanliness observed. There is so much detail that has to be watched by the inspector that frequent inspections are necessary to detect frauds and adulterations. We are keeping an accurate account of all inspections, both of the milk and of the dairies, and by this record we are better able to look up the standing of each man.

We have been hampered considerably in obtaining a good collector, as it requires a man with considerable tact and experience. The inspection of farms has been taken up in a small way and enough has been learned to convince the board that the sanitary conditions are not what they should be, and that a lot of hard and persistent work should be put in along this line. Out of forty-five dairies inspected only five came

up to the requirements. Many of the sanitary evils could be eliminated if owners of dairies would only exercise a minimum amount of care and slight expenditure of money.

RUSSELL WILKINS, M. D.,  
GEORGE A. BERRY,  
LOREN A. SANDERS, M. D.,

*Board of Health.*

## REPORT OF THE SANITARY OFFICER.

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*To the Board of Health:*

GENTLEMEN,—It is my pleasure to present to you my tenth annual report as your sanitary officer, which embraces the entire work of this department, except the milk inspection, for the year ending December 31, 1902.

This work has been fruitful in the betterment of sanitary conditions all along the line and throughout the entire city.

The general health conditions of the city have been good during the year as compared with previous years, as will be observed by reference to the mortuary table herein presented.

The total number of deaths during the year was 381, including all who died at public institutions coming here for treatment, but are not included in making up the death-rate.

It is with a good deal of personal pride that I refer to some of the reforms accomplished in the interest of public health during the past ten years. The removal of sixteen hundred privies and substitutes of water-closets, the licenses of garbage teams and control of receptacles, the inspection and tests of plumbing, the establishment of the Foster Ward at the Margaret Pillsbury General Hospital, where a large number of contagious and infectious diseases can be treated coming from localities and families too poor to afford proper facilities for the management and treatment of such diseases, the free distribution of diphtheria antitoxin to the afflicted poor, the frequent fumigation of schoolhouses; also the fumigation of cases of death from tuberculosis, and assistance given the poor who are placed in quarantine when necessary, and deemed a legitimate expense for the protection of the public health and are not made paupers thereby.

The law giving the board of health the authority to enforce vaccination in schools, and many other minor reforms, have been put into effect, which has enabled us to put the health department in a better position to protect the lives of the citizens of our city than has been possible heretofore.

## CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

The following table shows the number of contagious diseases reported during each month of the year and the deaths resulting therefrom :

MONTHS.	Diphtheria.		Scarlet fever.		Typhoid fever.		Small-pox.		Measles.	
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
January .....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....
February .....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....
March.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....
April.....	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
May.....	1	1	.....	.....	1	1	1	.....	3	.....
June .....	.....	.....	3	.....	2	1	.....	.....	2	.....
July .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
August.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
September.....	2	.....	.....	.....	13	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
October.....	4	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
November.....	9	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....
December .....	4	.....	1	.....	1	.....	1	.....	11	.....
Totals.....	29	2	6	.....	23	3	2	.....	27	.....

## RECORD OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES BY WARDS.

WARDS.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Totals.
Diphtheria.....	2	.....	2	4	3	9	5	2	2	29
Scarlet fever..	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	5	.....	.....	6
Typhoid fever..	1	1	.....	4	3	.....	8	1	5	23
Smallpox.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Measles.....	1	1	1	3	7	2	2	.....	10	27

## COMPARATIVE TABLE.

The following table contains the number of cases of contagious diseases and the deaths resulting therefrom, for the years since and including 1890:

YEARS.	Diphtheria.		Scarlet fever.		Typhoid fever.		Measles.		Small-pox.		Totals.	
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
1890.....	6	2	9	.....	17	5	6	.....	.....	.....	38	7
1891.....	12	3	7	.....	14	6	2	.....	.....	.....	35	9
1892.....	13	3	37	3	7	1	2	.....	.....	.....	59	7
1893.....	48	.....	41	.....	13	.....	300	.....	.....	.....	402	.....
1894.....	17	3	113	6	13	3	21	.....	.....	.....	164	12
1895.....	55	8	4	.....	15	5	452	.....	.....	.....	526	13
1896.....	38	8	44	8	21	3	158	.....	.....	.....	261	19
1897.....	13	1	22	1	17	2	138	.....	.....	.....	190	4
1898.....	4	.....	8	.....	8	4	120	.....	.....	.....	146	4
1899.....	9	5	99	1	14	1	299	.....	.....	.....	421	7
1900.....	29	5	39	.....	18	1	476	1	.....	.....	562	7
1901.....	65	4	11	.....	13	3	40	.....	1	1	130	8
1902.....	29	2	6	.....	23	3	27	.....	2	.....	87	5

## NUISANCES, COMPLAINTS AND INSPECTIONS.

A statement of the number and character of the nuisances which have been abated by this department during the year appears below :

Accumulation of decayed fruit and coal ashes . . . . .	8
Bad sink drainage . . . . .	4
Broken sewer-traps . . . . .	1
Catch-basins not trapped . . . . .	4
Dead animals . . . . .	37
Decayed meat . . . . .	1
Dumping rubbish . . . . .	9
Filthy cellars . . . . .	2
Filthy swill-barrels . . . . .	5
Filthy yards . . . . .	4
Filthy alleyways . . . . .	1
Keeping hens . . . . .	8
Keeping hogs . . . . .	14
Offensive manure heaps . . . . .	5
Offensive privy vaults . . . . .	30
Offensive odor in house . . . . .	13
Offensive odor from stables . . . . .	5
Sinks found without traps . . . . .	2
Stagnant water . . . . .	2
Street sewers obstructed . . . . .	6
Throwing slops in street . . . . .	2
Water-closets foul and offensive . . . . .	3
Water in cellars . . . . .	4
Wells condemned . . . . .	2
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Total . . . . .	172

## HOUSE INSPECTION.

Dwelling houses inspected . . . . .	117
Tenement houses . . . . .	146
Stores . . . . .	23
Stables . . . . .	31
Schoolhouses . . . . .	12
Penacook lake . . . . .	9
Total . . . . .	<u>338</u>

## INSPECTION OF PLUMBING.

The number of inspections made will be found in the table herewith annexed :

Plumbing permits granted . . . . .	187
Water-closets put in . . . . .	235
Bath-tubs put in . . . . .	120
Urinals put in . . . . .	24
Wash trays put in . . . . .	25
Sinks put in . . . . .	151
Shower baths . . . . .	13
Wash-bowls put in . . . . .	191
Soda fountains . . . . .	1
Number sewers . . . . .	81
Total number inspections of plumbing . . . . .	<u>352</u>

## SUMMARY.

Houses placarded in cases of contagious diseases . . . . .	50
Placards removed . . . . .	50
Visits made to contagious diseases . . . . .	492
Rooms fumigated . . . . .	378
Churches and schoolhouses fumigated . . . . .	9
Hacks fumigated . . . . .	8
Burial permits issued . . . . .	381
Burial permits issued to non-residents . . . . .	91
Transfer permits issued . . . . .	113

Garbage licenses issued . . . . .	57
Number of reports of contagious diseases sent to state board of health . . . . .	52
Number of mortuary reports sent in exchange to other cities . . . . .	984
Number of vaccination certificates issued for children to attend school . . . . .	772

In conclusion, I desire to express my thanks to the mayor, members of the city council and the board of health for the aid and encouragement they have freely given, and many courtesies shown me in the performance of my duties.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. PALMER,

*Sanitary Officer.*

# MORTALITY REPORT.



















# PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

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*To the City Council:*

The trustees of the public library present herewith the report of our efficient librarian, which gives a comprehensive view of the work that has been accomplished and the prospective benefits that will result if the library is well supported. An examination of her report discloses some of the needs of the library — as, for instance, the need of more room. This is a necessity which is daily growing more urgent and which will demand and require practical attention in the near future if the benefits of the library are to be fully and adequately enjoyed by its numerous patrons.

The librarian's suggestion in regard to the use of the money derived from fines and the sale of catalogues seems to be a reasonable one, and it is hoped it will receive your favorable consideration.

CHARLES H. SANDERS,  
CHARLES E. STANIELS,  
PAUL R. HOLDEN,  
JOHN M. MITCHELL,  
AMOS J. SHURTLEFF,  
REUBEN E. WALKER,  
WILLIAM W. FLINT,  
EDSON J. HILL,  
MOSES H. BRADLEY,

*Trustees.*

CONCORD, December 31, 1902.

## REPORT OF THE CITY LIBRARIAN FOR 1902.

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*To the Board of Trustees of the Concord Public Library:*

GENTLEMEN,— The notable thing about the year's work at the library has been the increased use of the reference room. Time was when the only clubs ladies belonged to were literature classes which began with the study of Chaucer and ended with Gray's "Elegy." Now women everywhere are studying everything, and our townswomen are not behind any one in the pursuit of knowledge. Each hour of each day is sacred to some club, and the members thereof largely prepare their lessons therefor in our reference room. Is not that gratifying? The diversity of lines along which clubs work has caused a general dusting of our non-fiction books; many works on prehistoric America have been used for the first time in a decade, and there has even been a waiting list for Smithsonian Reports. On the other hand, a contrasting demand has been for the current magazines which are wanted by those writing on topics as modern as "Contemporaneous American painters."

Besides the club use of the library thus inadequately mentioned, its use by the schools deserves description. On the reference room table are rows of books labelled with different teachers' names and consisting of volumes selected by those teachers for consultation by their pupils. For instance, a principal who teaches American history has twenty-five volumes selected — Fiske, Lodge, Parkman, Justin Winsor, etc. — and has marks put in at pages where there is a live thought he wants assimilated. High school pupils come across the street, by permission, in school hours to this room for work, and if the library is thus privileged to become a higher school, we realize it is owing to the co-operation of the teachers in the city. Not only are pupils thus introduced to the weightier

books, but they are required to read many on our shelves which make for general culture, and it is owing to teachers' requirements that some of Scott, Dickens, and Thackeray are going to be known to some of this generation. Pupils who enter for the annual prize speaking contest do excellent work in looking up material for their efforts, particularly those who prepare original declamations.

With an assistant in the reference room interested to help all comers, with every shelf laden with books labelled for some special club or class, and with every chair taken, we realize keenly that more and better reference work could be done in a room four times the size of the present one. A little girl was lately caught just in time as she was coming away from the reference room because there was no vacant seat there. It is not unreasonable if a lady complains that as she is trying to get into the spirit of an art critique, she has to rub elbows literally with a boy cribbing a composition on "Sports, Ancient and Modern." A library wants to be a beehive of industry, but it does not want to be a jumble, and we sometimes feel we are getting too thick to have the true library atmosphere.

Yet a crowded building is not the only drawback a library can have. A poor location would injure its usefulness in a community. One has only to go, for instance, to the rather inaccessible and gloomy library in Manchester to understand what up-hill work the librarian there has to do in order to attract just such patronage as comes naturally to us here, where the ideal proximity of schoolhouse and library, and the central, sunny situation of the latter must be credited with much of our desirable custom above recounted.

With several hundred dollars less to spend than last year, our purchases have not been noteworthy, excepting possibly the New International Encyclopædia, bought with the interest on the Cogswell fund. Though unable to buy expensive books, we have tried to buy timely ones. This does not mean that the commercial spirit, inquiring "Who will read this?" has governed our purchasing so much as the query,

“Is this a book which a general library of this size in this particular town ought to possess?” We hear of two new books on the same subject; it is made a matter of conscience to puzzle out which is the better one for our library to buy. Sometimes light is thrown in an unexpected way. For example, Abbot’s “American Merchant Ships and Sailors,” and Marvin’s “American Merchant Marine,” appear this winter and cover the same ground. I ponder over the style and tables of contents of both, and the clerk in the bookstore volunteers: “Judge Corning took both home and kept Abbot’s.” Knowing our mayor to be an authority concerning works on American history, I do not hesitate to suggest Abbot’s to my book committee as the one to purchase.

We have several times during the year availed ourselves of our privilege of drawing books for borrowers from the Public Library and the General Theological Library of Boston. Some teachers preparing for Dartmouth examinations were thus enabled to get some rare books they needed, which our library could not afford to own permanently.

In connection with this subject of books which the library would like to own but cannot, I wish to quote from the Salem, Mass., librarian who says, “I would suggest to persons interested in special classes of books that a very small fund would enable the library to build up departmental libraries which would be a credit to the library and of use to readers. For example, the interest of \$1,000 annually expended for music would soon give us a very creditable collection, and a gift of \$5,000 would enable us to build up a valuable fine arts department. All books bought with funds given the library would bear the name of the donor on the book-plate.”

The Library Art Club has periodically sent us exhibits, and while pictures are plentiful in store windows and magazines, there is no museum in town to show intelligently made collections of views, and therefore the library feels justified in spending five dollars a year to give this stimulus to the higher tastes of the community. An exhibit of the paintings in the National Gallery at London appealed to all, as was to be expected, but it was a happy surprise to see the hold the

photographs of the Sistine Chapel took upon people as they came and went. Even the children were arrested by the power of the Michael Angelo frescoes.

Yet no feature should be introduced into a library which would prevent people from thinking primarily of books in connection with it. A public library ought to implant such a confidence in the ability of books to instruct, delight and inspire that any townsman in need of these benefits would instinctively think of finding them in *books*. I am not sure that a library better have a lecture hall or an art museum attached. Certainly it ought not to be so zealous in showing it is up-to-date as to become a variety show, and it ought not, in spite of due interest in children, to become a kindergarten.

It may seem to many as if our wish for a children's room contradicted the above. But a children's room would not be a playground. An account of a week of work in the children's room at the Providence, R. I., public library proves conclusively that such a department need not lessen the usefulness and dignity of a library.

At present the best magazines in our reading-room are often appropriated by the little folks. I recently found three boys, not one of whom could read, contentedly holding upside down the current numbers of the "Century," "McClure's" and "World's Work." On a busy afternoon this misappropriation might go on for some time before we had leisure to discover and remedy it. And lately a small girl, required to do the school's collateral reading, and taken by the title "A Fool's Errand," which seems to have a strange fascination for all whether they are in the first or the eighth grade, asked if that "Tom Fool Errand" was "right for little girls?" These same juveniles, turned adrift in a children's room, would find only the material suited to them and not flounder out of their depth. With all the noble stateliness or intimate delights a public library can maintain, it is at best a poor foster-mother to a child who has not grown up in a father's library. And with upspringing Tabard Inns and Booklovers libraries, the next generation of children will not have had even a grandfather's library to browse in.

During the year several hundreds of children have been to our so-called boys' room, but there should be more solid attractions and more careful surveillance in a room which they frequent; and our little basement room is so cold in zero weather and so flooded during thaws that we then have to deny the children access to it, even the little fellow who urged that he had on rubber boots.

We of the library staff, feeling that with the pressure of work we might lose the spirit of a library while fulfilling its mechanical duties, have a literature lesson every week, and from time to time put ourselves through examination papers obtained from library schools.

There is a little financial matter to which I should like to call your attention. We receive between \$175 and \$200 annually from fines and the sale of catalogues, and this money is not made part of the library's revenue, but goes into the city treasury for general outlay. In other cities the fine money is spent by the libraries and our borrowers suppose that such is the case in Concord; hundreds have cheerfully remarked, as they handed over their pennies, "Well, I'm glad to help the library;" they seem disappointed at learning that their payments do not buy new books or otherwise make the library directly more acceptable to themselves. If it would be satisfactory to yourselves and to the city government to have it enacted that beginning with this year the money accruing from fines and catalogues should be credited to the library's account, I am sure that such an arrangement would be pleasing to the general public. The fact that this extra sum would be a much-needed help in the yearly running of the library should also have weight.

Before closing this report we would insert some figures, for as the Salem librarian again says, "The library is not run for the sake of statistics but they are often suggestive."

During 1902, 704 new borrowers have registered; a larger number than in 1901.

One hundred and twenty volumes have become worn out.

We have added 800 volumes — 409 by purchase of new works, 177 by binding of magazines, 132 by purchase of new copies to replace worn-out books, 60 by gifts, 22 by purchase of duplicate copies of books in great demand.

Eighty-eight thousand three hundred and ninety-six books have been given out; libraries estimate this desk circulation to represent only a third of their entire use by the community.

The reading of fiction has decreased from 76 to 72 per cent. in the past twelve months. Only one book has been lost in that time.

There are now 25,082 bound volumes in the library. I have heard that the present building was intended to accommodate 20,000.

We would herewith thank the many who have brightened the library with flowers or enriched it with gifts of books and periodicals.

Without the support of trustees and assistants, the successful administration of a library would be impossible. As it is, I feel our library is in a fair way to do what every library should do, that is, as it grows, serve higher uses.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE BLANCHARD,

*Librarian.*

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1902.

*To the Taxpayers of the City of Concord:*

The board of assessors respectfully submit for your perusal information regarding the valuation of the city for 1902 as compared with the previous year.

## VALUATION OF THE CITY BY WARDS.

1901.		1902.	
Ward 1 . . .	\$822,973	Ward 1 . . .	\$824,715
2 . . .	295,009	2 . . .	295,127
3 . . .	394,721	3 . . .	396,765
4 . . .	2,443,603	4 . . .	2,455,988
5 . . .	3,125,761	5 . . .	3,130,193
6 . . .	2,050,150	6 . . .	2,030,700
7 . . .	1,053,762	7 . . .	1,045,950
8 . . .	882,400	8 . . .	884,000
9 . . .	325,315	9 . . .	330,780
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	\$11,393,694		\$11,394,218

Lands and buildings improved and unimproved, 1901 \$9,596,979

“ “ “ “ 1902 9,528,786

Decrease in 1902 . . . . . \$68,193

Number of polls assessed, 1901 . . . . . 5,378

“ “ “ 1902 . . . . . 5,249

Decrease in 1902 . . . . . 129

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS' REPORT.

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Horses :				
Number of horses in 1901	.	.	1,510	\$74,355
“ “ 1902	.	.	1,589	81,765
Increase in 1902	.	.	.	<u>\$7,410</u>
Oxen :				
Number of oxen in 1901	.	.	24	\$1,235
“ “ 1902	.	.	31	1,705
Increase in 1902	.	.	.	<u>\$470</u>
Cows :				
Number of cows in 1901	.	.	1,329	\$27,495
“ “ 1902	.	.	1,380	28,100
Increase in 1902	.	.	.	<u>\$605</u>
Neat stock :				
Number of neat stock in 1901	.	.	254	\$3,192
“ “ 1902	.	.	193	2,560
Decrease in 1902	.	.	.	<u>\$632</u>
Sheep :				
Number of sheep in 1901	.	.	254	\$579
“ “ 1902	.	.	192	440
Decrease in 1902	.	.	.	<u>\$139</u>
Hogs :				
Number of hogs in 1901	.	.	3	\$15
“ “ 1902	.	.	35	340
Increase in 1902	.	.	.	<u>\$325</u>
Carriages :				
Number of carriages in 1901	.	.	394	\$25,635
“ “ 1902	.	.	277	26,370
Increase in 1902	.	.	.	<u>\$735</u>

Stock in public funds in 1901 . . . . .	\$13,700
“ “ “ 1902 . . . . .	17,260
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Increase in 1902 . . . . .	\$3,560
Stock in banks, 1901 . . . . .	\$230,949
“ “ “ 1902 . . . . .	213,791
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Decrease in 1902 . . . . .	\$17,158
Stocks out of the state, 1901 . . . . .	\$16,595
“ “ “ 1902 . . . . .	30,700
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Increase in 1902 . . . . .	\$14,105
Money on hand or on deposit, 1901 . . . . .	\$150,710
“ “ “ “ 1902 . . . . .	151,586
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Increase in 1902 . . . . .	\$876
Stocks in trade, 1901 . . . . .	\$644,750
“ “ “ 1902 . . . . .	712,515
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Increase in 1902 . . . . .	\$67,765
Mills and machinery, 1901 . . . . .	\$69,690
“ “ “ 1902 . . . . .	73,400
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Increase in 1902 . . . . .	\$3,710

APPROPRIATIONS, TAX RATE, AND VALUATION OF THE CITY  
AND PRECINCTS IN 1902.

Name of tax. Items of general tax.	Appropri- ations.	5 per cent. added.	Tax on \$1,000 as made by board.	Valuation of city and precincts.
{ State.....	\$30,714.75			
{ County.....	41,462.85	\$8,126.98	\$14.80	\$11,394,218
{ City.....	47,000.00			
{ School tax.....	43,362.00			
	\$162,539.60			
Special school:				
Union district.....	33,514.00	1,675.70	3.50	9,956,421
Town district.....	500.00	25.00	.70	751,267
District No. 20.....	3,460.00	173.00	5.10	686,530
Precincts:				
Water.....	6,000.00	300.00	.60	10,519,333
City gas and sewer.....	15,545.00	777.25	1.70	9,336,933
City sprinkling.....	5,000.00	250.00	.60	8,757,568
Penacook sewer.....	2,400.00	120.00	3.70	665,600
Penacook lights.....	1,300.00	65.00	2.00	667,405
West Concord sewer.....	1,180.00	59.00	4.20	290,300
East Concord sewer.....	152.50	7.62	4.80	33,650
St. Paul's School sewer.....			2.53	82,660

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE F. UNDERHILL,

*Chairman of Board of Assessors.*

CHARLES A. HERBERT,

*Clerk.*

## REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR.

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*To the City Council:*

I herewith submit the report of collection of taxes to the close of business, December 31, 1902:

### Year 1900.

Total amount submitted for collection, \$233,992.85	
Interest . . . . .	1,155.86
Cash paid treasurer . . . . .	\$229,765.27
Abatements ordered by board of assessors . . . . .	5,383.44
	\$235,148.71
	\$235,148.71

### Taxes for 1901.

Resident list as committed . . . . .	\$240,658.94
Errors and omissions to date added . . . . .	1,839.21
	\$242,498.15
Resident list as corrected to date . . . . .	\$242,498.15
Non-resident list . . . . .	\$929.63
Interest collected to date . . . . .	1,096.44
Unadjusted accounts . . . . .	38.55
	\$244,562.77
Cash paid treasurer as per report, December 1, 1902	\$237,282.35
Abatements to date . . . . .	7,227.13
Cash in office December 31, 1902, at closing . . . . .	14.43
Uncollected December 31, 1902, at closing . . . . .	38.86
	\$244,562.77

## Taxes for 1902.

Resident list as committed . . . . .	\$240,301.81
Errors and omissions to date added . . . . .	1,781.52
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Resident list as corrected to date . . . . .	\$242,083.33
Non-resident list . . . . .	\$915.02
Interest collected to date . . . . .	28.65
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	\$243,027.00
Cash paid treasurer as per report, December 1, 1902	\$131,825.00
Cash paid treasurer during month of December . . . . .	58,675.00
Discounts allowed amounting to . . . . .	471.26
Abatements to date . . . . .	4,378.70
Cash in office December 31, 1902, at closing . . . . .	185.98
Uncollected December 31, 1902, at closing . . . . .	47,491.06
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	\$243,027.00

WENDELL P. LADD,

*Collector.*

CONCORD, N. H., January 1, 1903.

# POOR DEPARTMENT.

## THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1902.

*To the City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—The undersigned herewith submits the thirty-fifth annual report of expenditures for the poor, including Wards 1 and 2, for the year ending December 31, 1902, as follows :

Families and individuals having a settlement in the city have been aided, in part or in full, during the time, to the amount set opposite their respective names.

Mrs. Octave Morin . . . . .	\$227.97	
Charles E. Mitchell . . . . .	56.00	
Mrs. Thomas J. Moran . . . . .	163.45	
Michael Fournier . . . . .	148.49	
Kate Elliott . . . . .	2.00	
Mrs. A. G. Moore . . . . .	14.50	
Clara Emery . . . . .	2.50	
George E. Ingalls . . . . .	28.00	
Mrs. John Casey . . . . .	62.38	
	<hr/>	\$705.29
Thomas J. Moran, aid 1901, returned to county; error in fixing settle- ment . . . . .		210.75
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Total amount paid out . . . . .		\$916.04

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COUNTY POOR.

Mrs. Ethel Perry . . . . .	\$141.17
Isaac Leonard . . . . .	78.50
Mrs. John J. Gurley . . . . .	197.10
Mary Williams . . . . .	130.25
Maxim Melanson . . . . .	24.00
Mrs. J. F. O'Neil . . . . .	166.63
Mrs. William Hunneman . . . . .	106.75
R. Belaire . . . . .	14.75
Margaret Trainor . . . . .	199.67
Walter E. Chase . . . . .	207.75
Chester F. Laird . . . . .	188.46
Robbins T. Orr . . . . .	182.57
Mrs. J. J. Veasey . . . . .	196.81
Charles A. Tracy . . . . .	156.00
Frederick Paradis . . . . .	95.98
George Tonkin . . . . .	280.88
Elmer S. Quimby . . . . .	34.48
Mrs. Coleman Bray . . . . .	76.38
Sarah McConnell . . . . .	45.55
John E. Beckett . . . . .	138.25
Jane Clinton . . . . .	64.00
T. H. Clark children . . . . .	96.00
Mrs. Oscar H. Thomas . . . . .	88.00
Mrs. George M. Lamprey . . . . .	92.73
Henry A. Ward . . . . .	191.32
George Clews . . . . .	113.50
Benjamin A. Johnson . . . . .	8.00
Daniel Faubert . . . . .	10.00
Frank H. Ash . . . . .	2.00
Charles Truchon . . . . .	154.13
Joseph Benoit . . . . .	181.00
Mrs. J. H. Kelley . . . . .	204.00
George B. Baker . . . . .	48.72
Mrs. Charles Dennen . . . . .	115.70
Fred Charrette . . . . .	67.75
Mrs. Peter Olson . . . . .	94.34
Mrs. Ella Friend . . . . .	126.46

W. G. Tandy . . . . .	\$191.50
William H. Knights . . . . .	35.67
William H. Ash . . . . .	14.96
Carter Sayles . . . . .	24.50
M. J. O. Connell . . . . .	40.00
Mrs. J. W. Elliott . . . . .	8.70
Stephen A. Marston . . . . .	203.94
Fred Cyr . . . . .	44.00
James H. T. Crague . . . . .	155.20
Peter Truchon . . . . .	144.00
James B. Frasier . . . . .	10.10
Charles F. Purrington . . . . .	12.73
Mrs. Samuel Morley . . . . .	95.95
Mrs. O. C. Quiet . . . . .	86.00
Mary Carter . . . . .	72.00
Mrs. Thomas Mitchell . . . . .	49.00
Patrick McGowan . . . . .	84.00
Fred E. Berry . . . . .	12.89
Frank E. Lovely . . . . .	15.13
Frank Bodeau . . . . .	35.13
Michael Daly . . . . .	22.50
E. S. Royce . . . . .	6.23
Thomas Knuckey . . . . .	21.50
Fred Nyquist . . . . .	20.50
Mrs. M. A. Robertson . . . . .	5.00
William A. Edmunds . . . . .	12.88
Lydia S. Couch . . . . .	54.28
John Storin . . . . .	104.00
Mary Collins . . . . .	30.86
Annie Rushlow . . . . .	96.00
Elizabeth Aldrich . . . . .	10.00
Polly Z. Knight . . . . .	30.00
Nancy Murphy . . . . .	60.00
Mattie J. Wheeler . . . . .	8.00
Anna Goun . . . . .	36.50
Mrs. Christopher Stearns . . . . .	40.00
Albert Mason . . . . .	60.18
Mrs. Carl Hill . . . . .	171.54
Edward Osier . . . . .	196.38

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Levi Chenette . . . . .	\$120.15	
Mrs. Stephen Currier . . . . .	120.18	
A. Moquin . . . . .	40.65	
Mary Durgin . . . . .	33.94	
Walter Hatch . . . . .	24.03	
Otis Starkweather . . . . .	38.22	
Mrs. Julia Beaulieu . . . . .	25.90	
Francis Runnells . . . . .	19.65	
Domino LeClair . . . . .	20.75	
Mary Morris . . . . .	51.25	
Louis Marshall . . . . .	67.75	
Sarah Abbott . . . . .	48.00	
John R. Birch . . . . .	44.12	
John E. Ineson . . . . .	23.75	
John E. McGuire . . . . .	28.50	
Fred Sanville . . . . .	1.00	
William Churchill . . . . .	18.00	
Joseph Merrill . . . . .	14.00	
Mrs. Fred Naud . . . . .	8.00	
Kate Donovan . . . . .	4.00	
Mrs. George Papineau . . . . .	44.50	
Louis Carrow . . . . .	2.50	
Mrs. John Farrell . . . . .	47.66	
Stephen Hamilton . . . . .	21.50	
Arthur Rollean . . . . .	20.05	
Transients . . . . .	99.76	
		\$7,629.14
Amount paid for support of city poor . . . . .	\$705.29	
Amount returned to county on account of aid to Thomas J. Moran, 1901 . . . . .	210.75	
Amount paid by the city for the sup- port of county poor . . . . .	7,629.14	
Total amount paid on account of poor		\$8,545.18

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. COCHRAN,

*Overseer of the Poor.*

**Aid to Dependent Soldiers and their Families Rendered  
during the Year 1902.**

CHARGEABLE TO CITY.

Orrin Larkin . . . . .	\$9.50	
Philander C. White . . . . .	92.25	
Lewis C. Carter . . . . .	3.50	
	\$105.25	

CHARGEABLE TO COUNTY.

Honora Sullivan . . . . .	\$144.24	
Mary J. Oakley . . . . .	145.88	
Otis H. Reister . . . . .	132.88	
John E. Farrell . . . . .	111.20	
Nathaniel W. Davis . . . . .	115.25	
George Kelley . . . . .	84.00	
Harriet Ash . . . . .	57.02	
Eli Sturgeon . . . . .	22.50	
William Wallace . . . . .	113.39	
Helen L. Griswold . . . . .	39.36	
Mrs. Henry M. Sanborn . . . . .	9.75	
Eliza B. Tandy . . . . .	15.75	
Peter Bergeron . . . . .	16.85	
Mrs. L. A. Danforth . . . . .	7.00	
Mrs. Abial Stevens . . . . .	14.38	
Morris A. Lamprey . . . . .	13.46	
Charles H. Norton . . . . .	78.00	
J. M. Otis . . . . .	1.75	
C. B. Prentiss . . . . .	3.50	
Mrs. John H. Heath . . . . .	40.00	
Michael Storin . . . . .	175.00	
Charles T. Much . . . . .	72.00	
Emeline C. Drew . . . . .	43.00	
Mary A. Huntress . . . . .	44.00	

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Robert Crowther . . . .	\$163.05	
Charles M. Davis . . . .	12.75	
Lester Fletcher . . . .	96.30	
William Jameson . . . .	82.96	
Mrs. William D. Locke . . . .	73.85	
Stephen Lamprey . . . .	96.00	
Mary Bresnahan . . . .	8.00	
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		\$2,033.07
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Total amount . . . . .		\$2,138.32

## REPORT OF HISTORY COMMISSION.

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*To the City Council:*

The City History Commission has the pleasure of reporting that the first volume of the "History of Concord" is printed, and that the two volumes will be ready for delivery early this summer. The estimate of the printer is that the work will be completed some time in June.

As authorized by vote of the city council, the History Commission applied to the legislature for an act of incorporation, and reports that the commission was duly incorporated by an act approved March 24, 1903.

April 4, 1903, the incorporators accepted the act of incorporation, and organized by the choice of Lyman D. Stevens as president, Howard F. Hill as secretary, and Benjamin A. Kimball as treasurer.

JAMES O. LYFORD,  
*Secretary City History Commission.*

CONCORD, N. H., April 6, 1903.

## REPORT OF CITY PHYSICIAN.

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*To His Honor the Mayor and the City Council:*

I have the honor to submit the following report of the work in my department for the year ending December 31, 1902 :

Examined for insanity . . . . .	3
Calls . . . . .	95
Office consultations . . . . .	5
Vaccinations . . . . .	69

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. COOK,

*City Physician.*

CONCORD, N. H., January 31, 1903.

# CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

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## REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CEMETERIES.

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*To the City Council of Concord:*

Your commissioners of cemeteries have simply to state that your appropriation of last year has been expended in the planting of trees and shrubs, and in the general care and improvement of both cemeteries committed to our care.

We have assurance that the chapel, the generous gift of Miss Susan Perkins, will be built the coming season. This will fill a long felt want.

It is the desire of the commissioners to plant still more shrubs and trees to meet the growing demand.

The burials of the year have been one hundred and ninety-four. One hundred and sixty-nine of this number have been laid at rest in our beautiful "Blossom Hill Cemetery."

A generous appropriation by your body will enable us to beautify more and more this last resting-place of our dead.

Whatever sum you may place at our disposal will be expended, we trust, in a manner that will merit your approval.

GEORGE O. DICKERMAN,

*Secretary of Commissioners.*

## MILLVILLE CEMETERY.

*To His Honor the Mayor and City Council:*

The Millville Cemetery committee respectfully submit the following report of the receipts and expenditures for the year 1902:

## RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year . . . . .	\$2.86	
From city treasurer . . . . .	50.00	
“ sale of lots (one half) . . . . .	27.50	
Given by individuals . . . . .	30.57	
Total . . . . .		\$110.93

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid George W. Chesley . . . . .	\$12.00	
Walter L. Jenks & Co. . . . .	8.50	
F. E. White . . . . .	1.15	
F. G. Proctor . . . . .	57.75	
C. H. Martin & Co. . . . .	6.13	
A. H. Britton & Co. . . . .	19.40	
V. C. Hastings . . . . .	6.00	
Total . . . . .		\$110.93

F. G. PROCTOR,  
ISAAC N. ABBOTT,

*Committee.*

## WEST CONCORD CEMETERY.

WEST CONCORD, N. H., January 1, 1903.

*To the City Council, Concord, N. H.:*

Your committee on West Concord Cemetery report for the year 1902 as follows:

Jan. 1. Cash on hand . . . . .	\$24.54	
Sale of lot . . . . .	9.00	
Appropriation . . . . .	50.00	
		\$83.54

## CITY OF CONCORD.

## EXPENSES.

Oct. 1.	Paid water bill . . . . .	\$6.00
Dec. 30.	G. R. Parmenter . . . . .	5.00
31.	J. M. Crossman . . . . .	5.00
	W. F. Thayer . . . . .	4.50
	Pay-rolls . . . . .	46.95
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		\$67.45
	Balance in hands of commissioners . . . . .	13.04
	Balance of appropriation . . . . .	3.05
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		\$83.54

Approved by committee,

J. M. CROSSMAN,  
G. R. PARMENTER.

## PINE GROVE CEMETERY.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$300.00
Joint resolution . . . . .	13.50
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	\$313.50

## EXPENSES.

Fred S. Farnum . . . . .	\$250.00
Scott French . . . . .	63.50
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	\$313.50

## OLD FORT CEMETERY.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$25.00
Scott French . . . . .	15.60
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Balance . . . . .	\$9.40

SCOTT FRENCH,  
*Secretary.*

# PUBLIC PARKS.

## REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

*To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen :*

The report of the park commissioners for the year 1902 is respectfully submitted :

Appropriations were as follows :

	Appropriations.	Expenditures.
White park . . .	\$2,000.00	\$2,008.46
Rollins park . . .	600.00	739.25
Penacook park . . .	200.00	238.16
Bradley park . . .	40.00	42.14
Ridge Avenue park . . .	25.00	29.14
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	\$2,865.00	\$3,057.15

The appropriations were nearly one thousand dollars less than for the year 1901.

The amount thus appropriated is barely sufficient for the maintenance of the parks, so that practically all new work has to be postponed. It would seem as if the value of this development had already been demonstrated, so that it would merit a more generous consideration. In the incompleting state in which the larger parks remain to-day, a wrong impression is gained, whereas if the scheme were fully carried out, a more active interest would result. Just as an incompleting building or structure of any kind is an eye-sore, so it is with an incompleting park; the unfinished part detracts from that which has been wrought out.

## WHITE PARK.

The work the past year at White park has been in trying to maintain what has already been accomplished, for with rain and tornadoes, much extra work has been necessitated. The commissioners had hoped to build a new tool house, but only the foundation was put in, and it is hoped that for the coming year a sufficient appropriation may be made to provide for the erection of this building, in which shall be placed much needed toilet rooms. The unfinished condition of the Centre street side must remain until funds are provided to remedy the work of widening the street.

In May a disastrous tornado visited the west part of the city and much damage was caused in this park by the loss of over forty trees. This park is largely used during the summer months, and the pond has given pleasure to many in the good skating during the winter.

The expenditures have been: For labor, \$1,708.38; keeping ice clear for skating, \$29.78; swan, \$25; grain and fertilizer, \$35.65; seed and shrubs, \$18.50; water, \$15; repairs, \$29.71; lumber, \$32.29; hardware, \$30.23; incidentals, \$83.92; a total of \$2,008.46.

## ROLLINS PARK.

Rollins park has been enjoyed by many as heretofore. Some new work in constructing paths and preparing the east side for extensive planting has been accomplished, and work will be pushed forward as fast as the funds will allow. Mr. Flanders has kept good order, and very little damage has been done. A toilet room has been provided and a new pump installed.

A very disagreeable condition exists on the north side of the park in the shape of pig-pens and hen-yards, a feature which was foreseen by the commissioners, but their requests were denied, so that now we are favored with these conditions.

The expenditures have been: For labor, \$512.05; shrubs, \$60.80; grain and fertilizer, \$24.70; lumber, \$15.20; repairs, \$43.79; hardware, \$25.54; incidentals, \$57.17; a total of \$739.25.

## PENACOOK PARK.

The increased appropriation was used to repair and paint the pavilion, which was fast disintegrating. This park has been used by many picnic parties during the summer, and the increased number of boats have drawn more people there than of late years.

The expenditures have been : For labor, \$161.37 ; lumber, \$39.13 ; incidentals, \$38.66 ; a total of \$238.16.

## BRADLEY PARK.

The work at this park is simply keeping it in good condition, as is the case in regard to Ridge Avenue park, which is growing more attractive year by year.

The expenditures of Bradley park have been : For labor, \$35.89 ; fertilizer, \$6.25 ; a total of \$42.14.

The expenditures at Ridge Avenue park have been : For labor, \$25.39 ; fertilizer, \$3.75 ; a total of \$29.14.

The work of grading and seeding Fiske park was completed under the supervision of the superintendent ; 146 loads of loam were used. The expense, amounting to over \$300 in excess of the appropriation made in 1901, has been borne by private contributions. Some shrubs should be planted, then the only cost will be for maintenance.

In the process of developing a park system, there will be stimulated a corresponding improvement in the private grounds about a city, showing that there is a love for the beautiful, if only it can find expression. A demonstration of such work, if made practical, as shown in the small parks and plots of land which have already been developed will provide an object lesson.

The care of the trees along the public thoroughfares should have better attention. Under the existing law ample provision is made for such care. It is also hoped that in the near future the gift of a fountain to the city, which has been suggested, may be realized.

It is the aim and desire of the commissioners to do what they can to make Concord a beautiful city, and it should be the ambition of every loyal citizen to help on this good work.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY G. SARGENT, *Chairman*,  
BENJAMIN C. WHITE,  
WILLIS D. THOMPSON,  
GARDNER B. EMMONS,  
GEORGE A. YOUNG,  
WILLIS G. C. KIMBALL,  
WILLIAM P. FISKE,

*Park Commissioners.*

PARKS.	Year.	Appropriation.	Gifts.	Receipts from other sources.	COST TO DATE.		Total.	Area.	NOTES.
					Land.	Construction and maintenance.			
WHITE PARK, the gift of Mrs. Nathaniel White.....	1884	\$33,650.70	\$2,250.00	\$1,022.50	\$2,100.00	\$38,331.65	\$40,431.65	30 acres.	White park has received the following gifts: Mrs. N. White . . . \$1,700.00 Mrs. C. H. Newhall . . . 500.00 Mr. C. H. Newhall . . . 50.00 for bridge . . . . . The city made addition to original gift, paying therefor \$2,100. Rollins park. The city has made addition to original gift, paying \$3,250 therefor.
ROLLINS PARK, gift in part of citizens of Concord.....	1892	5,000.00	.....	192.50	{ 2,000.00 1,250.00	5,391.75	9,181.75	18 acres.	
PENACOOK PARK.....	1883	649.50	.....	.....	.....	887.18	887.18	.....	Penacook park on the shore of Penacook lake came under control of the park commissioners in 1895. City had charge before, and has spent from commencement of work in 1883 an additional sum of \$4,444.13.
BRADLEY PARK.....	1896	965.72	.....	.....	.....	1,007.86	1,007.86	1/4 acre.	
RIDGE AVENUE PARK, gift of the West End Syndicate.....	1898	132.10	.....	.....	.....	161.24	161.24	1/4 acre.	
FISKE PARK.....	1901	200.00	.....	.....	.....	199.61	199.61	1 acre.	
		\$39,998.02	\$2,250.00	\$1,215.00	\$5,350.00	\$46,519.30	\$51,869.30		

THE YEARLY APPROPRIATIONS.

APPROPRIATIONS.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.
White Park.....	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,250.00	\$3,250.00	\$2,850.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00
Rollins Park.....									1,000.00	1,000.00	750.00	650.00	400.00	400.00	800.00	600.00
Penacook Park.....									160.00	100.00	100.00	75.00	75.00	100.00	75.00	200.00
Bradley Park.....										550.00	175.00	75.00	25.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
Ridge Avenue Park..														100.00	25.00	25.00
Fiske Park.....															200.00	
GIFTS.																
Mrs. N. White.....	1,700.00															
Mrs. C. H. Newhall..	500.00															
Mr. C. H. Newhall...										50.00						
INCIDENTAL RECEIPTS.																
White Park.....	242.86	162.24				70.00	120.20	116.95		116.65		122.00				
Rollins Park.....									103.55	30.50						
FOR LAND PURCHASED.																
White Park.....						700.00										
Rollins Park.....							2,000.00							1,250.00		
	\$9,442.86	\$1,162.24	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,570.00	\$5,120.20	\$3,116.95	\$4,203.55	\$5,037.15	\$4,275.00	\$5,172.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,140.00	\$3,640.00	\$2,865.00



# TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

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## TRUST FUNDS.

CITY TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS AS CUSTODIAN OF TRUST FUNDS.

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### ABIAL WALKER TRUST.

For the benefit of the School fund.

Capital . . . . .	\$1,000.00
Income received, 1902 . . . . .	32.50
Paid into the city treasury . . . . .	32.50

Invested in Merrimack County Savings Bank.

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### COUNTESS OF RUMFORD TRUST.

For the benefit of the Concord Female Charitable Society. Income to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said society, and under its direction.

Capital . . . . .	\$2,000.00
Income received, 1902 . . . . .	80.00
Paid Fanny E. Minot, treasurer of the society . . . . .	80.00

Invested in Eagle and Phenix Hotel Company 4% notes, secured by mortgage.