

REGULAR POLICE AND NIGHT WATCH.

Appointed by Police Commissioners. Salary, \$825 each per annum.

DANIEL S. FLANDERS, Captain of Night Watch.

Salary, \$850 per annum.

Whitney D. Barrett,	Hoyt Robinson,
Charles H. Rowe,	Christopher T. Wallace,
Samuel L. Batchelder,	Samuel Rodd,
Victor I. Moore,	Cordon A. Lowell,
*Clark D. Stevens,	George E. Drury,
†Irvin B. Robinson,	George N. Fellows.

SPECIAL RESERVE OFFICERS.

GEORGE H. SILSBY, Captain and Drill Master.

O. H. Bean,	Charles E. Kelley,
W. A. Little,	James Jepson,
William H. H. Patch,	Oliver J. Raymond,
Alvin H. Urann,	Joseph A. Flanders,
Thomas P. Davis,	Fred S. Pendleton,
Elbridge F. Akeley,	Fred S. Bagley,
Fred H. Clifford,	Clark D. Stevens.

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS.

Appointed by Police Commissioners. Salary, \$2.25 each per day for actual service.

Almah C. Leavitt,	John T. Batchelder,
Oscar F. Richardson,	Alfred H. Walker,
Richard P. Sanborn,	George A. S. Kimball,
Edward H. Dixon,	James F. Ward,
William J. Ahern,	Charles E. Palmer,
George W. Waters,	Henry C. Mace,
Henry A. Rowell,	Justus O. Clark,

*Resigned April 30, 1904. †Elected to fill vacancy.

Joseph C. Eaton,	Ira C. Phillips,
Alphonso Venne,	W. H. Meserve,
Edward H. Haskell,	Moses T. Rowell,
Edward M. Nason,	George B. Russell,
Charles M. Norris,	Frank W. Johnson,
John J. Crowley,	George W. Johnson,
William H. Richardson,	Judson F. Hoit,
Victor Engel,	Albert P. Davis,
William S. Fisher,	Fred S. Sargent,
Frank W. Hobart,	Edward C. Hussey,
James Mercer, Jr.,	Horace B. Annis,
William H. Hammond,	John Knowlton,
James W. Lane,	Milton Colby,
Frank E. Gale,	Asbury F. Tandy,
Edward A. Moulton,	Henry J. Durrell,
Philip St. Peter,	George W. Chesley,
Bert S. Manley,	Harry E. Stevens.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS.

Elected annually in January by City Council. Bond, \$3,000. Salary, \$1,400 per annum.

ALFRED CLARK.

Office: City Hall.

LICENSED DRAIN LAYERS.

Appointed annually in January by Board of Mayor and Aldermen. No salary.

William Rowell,	James V. Kelley,
Simeon Partridge,	Henry P. Cilley,
J. Henry Sanborn,	Richard H. Lyna,
Zeb F. Swain,	G. Arthur Nichols,
George S. Milton,	Henry H. Morrill,

O. H. T. Richardson,	Fred L. Plummer,
Michael J. Lee,	Miles F. Farmer,
Edward H. Randall,	Charles L. Norris,
Timothy Kenna,	William A. Lee,
B. Frank Varney,	Richard J. Lee,
Isaac Baty,	Francis W. Presby,
John H. Clark,	Patrick A. Clifford,
John E. Frye,	Seth R. Hood,
R. N. Foster,	Rufus E. Gale,
W. Arthur Bean,	George A. Harwood,
William S. Dutton,	Albert S. Trask,
Willis H. Robbins,	Philip King,
George N. Berry,	William L. Regan,
Charles H. Berry,	Frederick T. Converse.
William H. McGuire,	Charles W. Bateman,
P. Henry D. Leary,	Harry R. Ritchie,
John Sweeney,	Thomas Matthews,
M. E. Clifford,	Edgar W. Sanborn,
Richard O'Brien,	Frederick Booth,
M. J. Finn,	Benjamin H. Orr,
Peter F. Smith,	Timothy W. Quinn,
Albert J. Long,	Louis Browning.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Elected biennially in January by Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Ward 1—FRED H. BLANCHARD, Penacook.

Salary, \$30 per annum.

Ward 2—JOHN W. SANBORN, East Concord.

Salary, \$10 per annum.

Wards 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9—HENRY E. CHAMBERLIN.

City Hall.

Salary, \$350 per annum.

CITY OF CONCORD.

CITY PHYSICIAN.

Elected biennially in January by City Council. Salary, \$1 for each visit to city poor.

DR. CHARLES H. COOK.

Office: 18 South State Street.

ASSISTANT CITY PHYSICIAN.

Elected biennially in January by City Council. Salary, \$1 for each visit to city poor.

DR. E. U. SARGENT.

Office: Penacook.

HEALTH OFFICERS.

One elected annually in March, for three years, by City Council. Salary, \$25 per annum.

RUSSELL WILKINS, M. D.,	Term expires March, 1905.
CHANCEY ADAMS, M. D.,	“ “ “ 1906.
GEORGE A. BERRY,	“ “ “ 1907.

SANITARY OFFICER AND INSPECTOR OF
PLUMBING.

Nominated by Board of Health in April and confirmed by the City Council. Salary, \$1,200 per annum.

CHARLES E. PALMER.

Office: City Hall.

REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS.

The City Clerk is made Registrar by General Laws. Fees, 15 cents for each birth, marriage, and death received, recorded, and returned to the State Registrar.

HENRY E. CHAMBERLIN.

Office: City Hall.

PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Two appointed annually in January, for three years, by Board of Mayor and Aldermen. No salary.

CHARLES R. CORNING, Mayor, *ex-officio*.

WILLIAM P. FISKE,	Term expires January, 1905.
*GEORGE A. YOUNG,	“ “ “ 1905.
BEN C. WHITE,	“ “ “ 1906.
WILLIS G. C. KIMBALL,	“ “ “ 1906.
WILLIS D. THOMPSON,	“ “ “ 1907.
GARDNER B. EMMONS,	“ “ “ 1907.

CEMETERY COMMITTEES.

One from each ward (except Wards 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, and part of Ward 7, consolidated) elected annually in January, for three years, by City Council. Salary, none.

WARD 1.

CHARLES H. SANDERS,	Term expires January, 1905.
D. WARREN FOX,	“ “ “ 1906.
OLIVER J. FIFIELD,	“ “ “ 1907.

WARD 2.

EDWARD J. LYLE,	Term expires January, 1905.
SCOTT FRENCH,	“ “ “ 1906.
W. A. COWLEY,	“ “ “ 1907.

* Died November 11, 1904.

WARD 3.

GEORGE R. PARMENTER,	Term expires January, 1905.
WILLIAM A. LITTLE,	“ “ “ 1906.
JAMES M. CROSSMAN,	“ “ “ 1907.

WARD 7.

FRANK G. PROCTOR,	Term expires January, 1905.
ISAAC N. ABBOTT,	“ “ “ 1906.
ALBERT S. TRASK,	“ “ “ 1907.

COMMISSIONERS OF CEMETERIES.

FOR WARDS 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, AND PART OF WARD 7.

Two members appointed annually in March, for three years, by Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Salary, none.

CHARLES R. CORNING, Mayor, *ex-officio*.

CHARLES G. REMICK,	Term expires March, 1905.
FRANK J. BATCHELDER,	“ “ “ 1905.
GEORGE A. FOSTER,	“ “ “ 1906.
*GEORGE O. DICKERMAN,	“ “ “ 1906.
†GEORGE W. ABBOTT,	“ “ “ 1906.
JOHN E. ROBERTSON,	“ “ “ 1907.
FRANK P. ANDREWS,	“ “ “ 1907.

SUPERINTENDENT BLOSSOM HILL AND OLD NORTH CEMETERIES.

EDWARD A. MOULTON.

UNDERTAKERS.

Elected biennially in January by City Council. Salary, none.

FOR OLD NORTH AND BLOSSOM HILL CEMETERIES.

GEORGE W. WATERS,
FRANK A. DAME,
LOUIS A. LANE,
HAMILTON A. KENDALL.

*Died April 3, 1904. †Appointed to fill vacancy.

FOR WOODLAWN CEMETERY, PENACOOK.

J. FRANK HASTINGS,
OLIVER J. FIFIELD.

FOR EAST CONCORD CEMETERY.

SCOTT FRENCH.

FOR WEST CONCORD CEMETERY.

ALVIN C. POWELL.

FOR MILLVILLE CEMETERY.

FRANK G. PROCTOR.

FOR SOUHOOK CEMETERY.

NAHUM PRESCOTT.

INSPECTOR OF PETROLEUM.

Appointed annually in January by Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Fees, one fourth cent per gallon for inspection, paid by owner of oil.

EDWARD M. COGSWELL.

FENCE VIEWERS.

Elected annually in January by City Council. Fees, \$2 per day, paid by parties interested.

GEORGE W. CHESLEY,
CHARLES P. ROWELL,
MOSES H. BRADLEY.

POUND-KEEPER.

Elected annually in January by City Council. Fees, two cents each for impounding sheep, and five cents each for all other creatures, paid by owners.

GEORGE PARTRIDGE.

SEALERS OF LEATHER.

Elected annually in January by City Council. Fees, reasonable price, paid by person employing.

JOHN C. THORNE,
CYRUS R. ROBINSON,
DAVID E. EVERETT,
FRED S. JOHNSON,
FRANK E. GALE.

INSPECTOR OF ELECTRIC WIRES.

ALFRED W. WALKER.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Elected annually in January by City Council. Fees, for sealing each scale beam, steelyard, or scale, 25 cents, and for each measure, 10 cents; five or more to one person, half price—paid by owners of scales or measures.

EDWARD K. GOVE.

Office: Rear of Police Station.

CULLER OF STAVES.

Elected biennially in January by City Council. Fees, bbl. staves, 28 cents; hhd. staves, 34 cents; pipe staves, 40 cents; butt staves, 45 cents; hoops, 50 cents; heading, 33 cents per M—paid by party for whom culling is done.

GEORGE F. HAYWARD.

WEIGHERS OF HAY, COAL, ETC.

Elected annually in January by City Council. Fees, reasonable price per load, paid by party requiring service.

Arthur G. Stevens,	Martin E. Kenna,
John N. Hill,	Frank E. Gale,
Hiram O. Marsh,	Evarts McQuesten,
Thomas Hill,	Oscar E. Smith,

John H. Mercer,	Amos Blanchard,
A. H. Campbell,	Mark M. Blanchard,
O. F. Richardson,	Lurman R. Goodrich,
Charles H. Day,	James H. Harrington,
Edward M. Proctor,	Simeon Partridge,
Alvah L. Powell,	Daniel Crowley, Jr.,
Seth R. Dole,	Alfred Beddow,
Arthur N. Day,	Charles H. Cook,
William H. Meserve,	John C. Farrand,
Hiram Brown,	John E. Rossell,
George W. Chesley,	Asher E. Ormsbee,
Everett L. Davis,	S. D. Walker,
George B. Whittredge,	George L. Danforth,
Harry Knapp,	A. C. Fisher,
Howard Perley,	William J. Mullen,
L. C. Prescott,	Elmer E. Young,
William J. Moulton,	Sylvester T. Ford.

CITY WEIGHER.

EDWARD K. GOVE.

Office: Rear Police Station.

SURVEYORS OF PAINTING.

Elected annually in January by City Council. Fees, reasonable price, paid by party employing.

Giles Wheeler,	Benjamin Bilsborough,
Edward A. Moulton,	Alvin H. Urann,
George Abbott, Jr.,	Fred Rollins.

SURVEYORS OF MASONRY.

Elected annually in January by City Council. Fees, reasonable price, paid by party employing.

Giles Wheeler,	O. H. T. Richardson,
Peter W. Webster,	Moses B. Smith,
William H. Kenney,	James E. Randlett,
Fred L. Plummer,	William Rowell.

SURVEYORS OF STONE.

Elected annually in January by City Council. Fees, reasonable price, paid by party employing.

Giles Wheeler,

Henry Morrill.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD, LUMBER, AND BARK.

Elected biennially in January by City Council. Fees, for surveying shingles and clapboards, 4 cents per M; boards and timber, 16 cents per M; measuring cord wood, 4 cents per cord or load, or 40 cents per hour for over twenty cords—paid by person employing.

Arthur G. Stevens,
John Ballard,
James F. Nelson,
Jonathan B. Weeks,
Charles Couch,
Wallace M. Howe,
John H. Rolfe,
John T. Batchelder,
Timothy Carter,
Weston Coffran,
John A. Blackwood,
Philip Flanders,
Cyrus Runnells,
Silvester P. Danforth,
Albert O. Preston,
William A. Chesley,
Alfred Clark,
John F. Scott,
J. Frank Hastings,
Edgar D. Eastman,
Peter W. Webster,
George W. Abbott,
Arthur N. Day,
Edward M. Proctor,
Ernest C. Smith,

George Partridge,
Oliver J. Fifield,
Fales P. Virgin,
Charles H. Day,
Hiram O. Marsh,
Edward Runnels,
Lowell Eastman,
Andrew S. Farnum,
Curtis White,
John N. Hill,
Abner C. Holt,
Levi M. Shannon,
Charles M. Brown,
Joseph E. Hutchinson,
Thomas Hill,
Fred A. Eastman,
Fred G. Chandler,
Frank L. Swett,
Harvey H. Hayward,
Edward H. Dixon,
Horace F. Paul,
William F. Hoyt,
Albert Saltmarsh,
Justus O. Clark,
Silas Wiggin,

Clinton O. Partridge,	Edward Stevens,
John Q. Woods,	Charles H. Swain,
Frank E. Dimond,	Charles L. Worthen,
Amos L. Coburn,	Clark D. Stevens,
Gilman H. Dimond,	Charles S. Dow,
John C. Farrand,	Everett L. Davis,
Fred W. Scott,	Nathaniel P. Richardson,
G. A. Hinds,	John E. Berry,
Arthur E. Maxam,	George B. Little.
Martin E. Kenna,	

WARD OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN.

Ward 1—WILLIAM H. GARLAND.
NELSON JEMERY.
ERNEST L. MESERVE.

Ward 2—JOHN E. FRYE.
FRANK P. CURTIS.
ALBERT H. C. KNOWLES.

Ward 3—JOHN T. PARKINSON.
HENRY FARNUM.
JOHN COLE.

Ward 4—ALBERT H. DAGGETT.
FRED G. CROWELL.
ROBERT F. KEANE.

Ward 5—CURTIS WHITE.
JAMES E. SEWALL.
EDWARD M. COGSWELL.

Ward 6—JOHN M. INMAN.
HERBERT M. DANFORTH.
ADDISON G. JEWETT.

Ward 7—CHARLES H. OSGOOD.
CHARLES R. DAVIDSON.
A. L. PELISSIER.

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK-LISTS.

- Ward 8*—VAUGHN E. STANDISH.
JOHN E. CARTER.
SYLVESTER T. FORD.
- Ward 9*—WILLIAM E. TRESSIDER.
JAMES J. REEN.
FRED W. GRIFFIN.
- Ward 1*—FRED J. GUILLES.
WILLIAM H. MESERVE.
JOHN G. WARD.
- Ward 2*—HARRY B. SANBORN.
JESSE G. STEVENS.
FALES P. VIRGIN.
- Ward 3*—ALVIN C. POWELL, JR.
ALBION H. KNIGHT.
ERVIN E. WEBBER.
- Ward 4*—EVERETT H. RUNNELLS.
J. WESLEY PLUMMER.
HARRY H. KENNEDY.
- Ward 5*—JOSEPH P. SARGENT.
BENJAMIN W. COUCH.
HARRY J. BROWN.
- Ward 6*—ARTHUR E. DOLE.
ARTHUR F. STURTEVANT.
JAMES F. FELLOWS.
- Ward 7*—DANA G. PRESCOTT.
WALTER C. HUNTOON.
CHARLES W. FOWLER.
- Ward 8*—THOMAS H. HIGGINS.
LEON B. SIMPSON.
WILLIAM H. GAY.
- Ward 9*—CHARLES L. WALDRON.
MICHAEL J. MURPHY.
CLOVIS T. BABINEAU.

WARD CLERKS.

- Ward 1*—HENRY A. BROWN.
Ward 2—HERBERT L. KNOWLES.
Ward 3—HERBERT S. FARNUM.
Ward 4—CHARLES C. SCHOOLCRAFT.
Ward 5—GEORGE E. CHESLEY.
Ward 6—HOWARD M. COOK.
Ward 7—GEORGE B. WHITTREDGE.
Ward 8—ARTHUR J. ADAMS.
Ward 9—D. H. GANNON.

MODERATORS.

- Ward 1*—EDMUND H. BROWN.
Ward 2—CHARLES H. SANBORN.
Ward 3—CLARK D. STEVENS.
Ward 4—JOHN B. ABBOTT.
Ward 5—CHARLES C. DANFORTH.
Ward 6—FRED E. CLOUDMAN.
Ward 7—MAITLAND C. LAMPREY.
Ward 8—HOWARD F. HILL.
Ward 9—FRED N. MARDEN.

MAYORS OF THE CITY OF CONCORD.

The original charter of the city was adopted by the inhabitants March 10, 1853, and until 1880 the Mayor was elected annually. Since 1880 the Mayor has been elected for two years at each biennial election in November.

HON. JOSEPH LOW	1853-'54
“ RUFUS CLEMENT*	—'55
“ JOHN ABBOTT	1856-'57-'58
“ MOSES T. WILLARD	1859-'60
“ MOSES HUMPHREY	1861-'62
“ BENJAMIN F. GALE	1863-'64
“ MOSES HUMPHREY	—'65
“ JOHN ABBOTT	1866-'67
“ LYMAN D. STEVENS	1868-'69
“ ABRAHAM G. JONES	1870-'71
“ JOHN KIMBALL	1872-'73-'74-'75
“ GEORGE A. PILLSBURY	1876-'77
“ HORACE A. BROWN†	1878-'79-'80
“ GEORGE A. CUMMINGS‡	1880-'81-'82
“ EDGAR H. WOODMAN	1883-'84-'85-'86
“ JOHN E. ROBERTSON	1887-'88
“ STILLMAN HUMPHREY	1889-'90
“ HENRY W. CLAPP	1891-'92
“ PARSONS B. COGSWELL	1893-'94
“ HENRY ROBINSON	1895-'96
“ ALBERT B. WOODWORTH	1897-'98
“ NATHANIEL E. MARTIN	1899-1900
“ HARRY G. SARGENT	1901-'02
“ CHARLES R. CORNING	1903-'04

* Died in office, January 13, 1856.

† Term closed in November, 1880.

‡ Term commenced in November, 1880.

VOTE FOR CITY OFFICERS.

November 8, 1904.

WARD ONE.

<i>Mayor.</i>		<i>Selectmen.</i>	
Corning, r.,	241	Meserve, r.,	224
Blackwood, d.,	219	Lessard, r.,	217
Foley, soc.,	5	Gray, r.,	224
		Driscoll, d.,	166
		O'Brien, d.,	170
<i>Aldermen.</i>		Holland, d. and cit.,	255
Allen, r.,	245		
Blanchard, r.,	215	<i>Ward Clerk.</i>	
Keenan, d.,	165	Perley, r.,	321
Twomey, d.,	171	Corbett, d.,	176
Barnett, cit.,	108		
Ward, cit.,	94	<i>Supervisors.</i>	
		Guild, r.,	220
<i>Councilmen.</i>		Meserve, r.,	300
Davis, r.,	215	Plankey, r.,	220
Rolfe, r.,	227	Farrand, d.,	170
Hoyt, d.,	178	Streeter, d.,	176
Roy, d.,	167	Fox, d.,	176
Prescott, cit.,	107	Runnells, cit.,	91
Dodge, cit.,	99	Rolfe, cit.,	108
<i>Assessor.</i>		<i>Moderator.</i>	
Fifield, r.,	321	Brown, r.,	230
McNeil, d.,	177	Sanborn, d.,	167
		Phillips, cit.,	94

WARD TWO.

<i>Mayor.</i>		<i>Councilman.</i>	
Corning, r.,	112	Field, r.,	114
Blackwood, d.,	100	Potter, d.,	98
<i>Alderman.</i>		<i>Assessor.</i>	
Cate, r.,	107	Cate, r.,	95
Morrill, d.,	104	Cowley, d.,	119

<i>Selectmen.</i>		<i>Supervisors.</i>	
Chamberlain, r.,	112	Cate, r.,	112
Strickford, r.,	109	Culver, r.,	111
Newell, r.,	108	Belanger, r.,	111
Gooden, d.,	101	Robinson, d.,	100
Robinson, d.,	104	Stevens, d.,	100
Drew, d.,	98	Sanborn, d.,	98
<i>Ward Clerk.</i>		<i>Moderator.</i>	
French, r.,	104	Virgin, r.,	108
Curtis, d.,	117	Knowles, d.,	101

WARD THREE.

<i>Mayor.</i>			
Corning, r.,	143	Parmenter, r.,	161
Blackwood, d.,	121	Piper, d.,	117
Foley, soc.,	8	Clark, d.,	105
		Spead, d.,	105
<i>Alderman.</i>		<i>Ward Clerk.</i>	
Abbott, r.,	134	Farnum, r.,	150
Daly, d.,	137	Murphey, d.,	114
<i>Councilman.</i>		<i>Supervisors.</i>	
Parkinson, r.,	161	Powell, r.,	148
Rowe, d.,	104	Currier, r.,	128
		Nordstrom, r.,	157
<i>Assessor.</i>		Carlson, d.,	134
Shepard, r.,	161	Swenson, d.,	141
Ballard, d.,	110	Phillips, d.,	107
<i>Selectmen.</i>		<i>Moderator.</i>	
Farnum, r.,	152	Stevens, r.,	149
Henry, r.,	162	Clark, d.,	117

WARD FOUR.

<i>Mayor.</i>			
Corning, r.,	514	Swasey, r.,	487
Blackwood, d.,	306	Danforth, r.,	501
Foley, soc.,	13	O'Callahan, d.,	287
		Robertson, d.,	316
		Phaneuf, d.,	270
<i>Aldermen.</i>		Burkett, soc.,	13
Matthews, r.,	502	Ivey, soc.,	13
		Richardson, soc.,	13

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<i>Councilmen.</i>		Putney, d.,	279
		Mason, d.,	304
Prescott, r.,	505		
Crowell, r.,	491	<i>Ward Clerk.</i>	
Schoolcraft, r.,	510	Roberts, r.,	496
Horner, d.,	282	Sanborn, d.,	277
Crowley, d.,	305		
Cahill, d.,	270	<i>Supervisors.</i>	
<i>Assessor.</i>		Plummer, r.,	517
		Kennedy, r.,	499
Parsons, r.,	476	Hollis, r.,	494
Abbott, d.,	285	Clough, d.,	273
<i>Selectmen.</i>		Smith, d.,	272
		Hutchinson, d.,	286
Keane, r.,	497		
Hammond, r.,	485	<i>Moderator.</i>	
Mansur, r.,	475	Abbott, r.,	501
Berry, d.,	289	Norris, d.,	282

WARD FIVE.

<i>Mayor.</i>		<i>Selectmen.</i>	
Corning, r.,	445	White, r.,	445
Blackwood, d.,	141	Gibbs, r.,	449
Foley, soc.,	5	Cogswell, r.,	449
<i>Aldermen.</i>		Adams, d.,	132
		Moseley, d.,	137
Waldron, r.,	444	Shallies, d.,	126
Rolfe, r.,	445	<i>Ward Clerk.</i>	
Crosby, d.,	132	Chesley, r.,	437
McIntyre, d.,	124	Macdonald, d.,	128
<i>Councilmen.</i>		<i>Supervisors.</i>	
		Sargent, r.,	432
Couch, r.,	445	Foster, r.,	434
Brown, r.,	454	Morrill, r.,	442
Gannon, d.,	123	Mace, d.,	142
Morse, d.,	124	Hill, d.,	130
		Adams, d.,	128
<i>Assessor.</i>		<i>Moderator.</i>	
Underhill, r.,	442	Woodworth, r.,	438
Bartemus, d.,	130	Badger, d.,	133

WARD SIX.

<i>Mayor.</i>		<i>Selectmen.</i>	
Corning, r.,	464	Dutton, r.,	449
Blackwood, d.,	322	Bourke, r.,	435
Foley, soc.,	5	Dalrymple, r.,	430
		Burr, d.,	323
<i>Aldermen.</i>		Williams, d.,	310
Dole, r.,	440	Stevens, d.,	314
Demond, r.,	419		
Elliott, r.,	419	<i>Ward Clerk.</i>	
Hall, d.,	350	Dyer, r.,	453
Holt, d.,	361	Dolan, d.,	308
Williams, d.,	329		
<i>Councilmen.</i>		<i>Supervisors.</i>	
Danforth, r.,	441	Dole, r.,	448
Farrar, r.,	445	Howe, r.,	453
Cressy, r.,	449	Colby, r.,	449
Crockett, d.,	341	McAuley, d.,	317
Martin, d.,	312	Lang, d.,	317
Spellman, d.,	323	Kenna, d.,	306
<i>Assessor.</i>		<i>Moderator.</i>	
Allen, r.,	449	Brown, r.,	448
Donovan, d.,	339	Nelson, d.,	326

WARD SEVEN.

<i>Mayor.</i>		Putnam, r.,	536
Corning, r.,	539	Bodwell, d.,	234
Blackwood, d.,	236	Brown, d.,	233
Foley, soc.,	3	Simmons, d.,	215
<i>Aldermen.</i>		<i>Assessor.</i>	
Wellman, r.,	534	Quimby, r.,	518
Kelly, r.,	467	Wheeler, d.,	255
Chesley, r.,	507		
Page, d.,	288	<i>Selectmen.</i>	
Conover, d.,	256	Osgood, r.,	527
Preston, d.,	238	Davison, r.,	522
<i>Councilmen.</i>		Benson, r.,	529
Sanders, r.,	526	Maxfield, d.,	233
Walker, r.,	519	Sargent, d.,	222
		Hammond, d.,	225

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BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF
UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT,
1904-1905.

MEMBERS.

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1905.

HON. JOHN M. MITCHELL, SUSAN C. BANCROFT,
HON. CHARLES R. CORNING.

1906.

HON. EDWARD N. PEARSON, HON. JOHN E. ROBERTSON,
MRS. ELLA H. J. HILL.

1907.

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ALICE M. NIMS *Secretary.*

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FINANCE.

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MR. VANNEVAR, MR. PEARSON, MRS. BANCROFT.

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PENACOOK.

MR. VANNEVAR, MR. PEARSON, MRS. NIMS.

COGSWELL.

MR. PEARSON, MR. CORNING, MRS. HILL.

RUMFORD.

MR. PEARSON, MRS. BANCROFT, MR. MITCHELL.

	CHANDLER.	
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	EASTMAN.	
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	HARRIET P. DAME.	
MRS. HILL,	MR. PEARSON,	MR. CORNING.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

LOUIS JOHN RUNDLETT.

3 Pine St. Office, Chandler Building, cor. Fayette and
South Sts.

Hours, 8 to 9 a. m., school days. Office generally found
open from 4 to 5 p. m.

CITY OF CONCORD.

FINANCIAL AGENT.

JOSEPH TIMOTHY WALKER.

274 No. Main St. At Superintendent's office, 9 to 10 a. m.

TRUANT OFFICER.

GEORGE WASHINGTON JOHNSON.

61½ School St.

At the Superintendent's office, 8 to 9.30 a. m., 11.30 to 12 m.,
1 to 1.45, 5 to 6 p. m.

OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT.

SAMUEL C. EASTMAN	.	.	.	.	<i>Moderator.</i>
LOUIS C. MERRILL	.	.	.	.	<i>Clerk.</i>
WILLIAM YEATON, ADAM P. HOLDEN	.	.	.	.	<i>Auditors.</i>

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF
UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT,
CONCORD, N. H.,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1905.

To the People of Union School District:

The Board of Education herewith presents its forty-fifth annual report, embracing the financial year from March, 1904, to March, 1905.

We are glad to commend to your favorable consideration the schools under our charge, which will, we are assured, compare favorably with those of any other locality, both in the amount and quality of the work done.

The crowded condition of some of the school buildings necessitates added accommodations in the immediate future. The new Harriet P. Dame school on the Plains has relieved the congestion in that growing section. But the high school has so outgrown its present quarters,—every available space aside from the coat-rooms being now used,—that a new building is an *immediate necessity* to ensure even acceptable results.

That part of the district surrounding the Merrimack and Walker schools is also in need of much larger facilities, while in the West Concord section the present building is far from adequate.

For that portion between Downing street and Rollins Park larger accommodations are needed to properly house the increasing number of children. The growing interest in manual training and the great possibilities of that branch of instruction suggest urgent need of more shop room in order that proper instruction be given and corresponding work done by the pupils. This is a very important and

popular part of our school system and should not be neglected. These matters we urge upon the careful consideration of the district.

The Chandler building is now used as the official quarters of the board, the superintendent and financial agent, also for the sewing and cooking schools.

The commercial work in the high school is developing naturally and as rapidly as the space will allow, and is destined to be very popular. Bookkeeping, now under the charge of Miss Bentley, is holding the interest of the pupils in a marked degree and should be immediately followed by stenography and typewriting. Quarters for the latter may be temporarily secured in the boys' coat-room.

A commendable feature has been introduced by Principal Doring, whereby certain afternoons are used for conferences between the high school teachers and parents, that the latter may come into closer touch with the school and become better acquainted with the standing and needs of their children.

The domestic science course is proving its usefulness and commanding interest among both pupils and parents throughout the district. Gratifying evidence of the approval of this work in the homes of the girls who take it has been received.

With many of the incidentals of the school system the superintendent's report will deal.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES R. CORNING,
JOHN M. MITCHELL,
SUSAN C. BANCROFT,
EDWARD N. PEARSON,
JOHN E. ROBERTSON,
ELLA H. J. HILL,
GEO. M. KIMBALL,
JOHN VANNEVAR,
ALICE M. NIMS,

Board of Education of Union School District.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND REPAIRS.

Buildings and Repairs Committee submit their report for year April 1, 1904, to March 31, 1905:

Furnaces taken out and larger ones substituted at West Concord schoolhouse. Old furnaces replaced by new and larger ones at Cogswell school. One furnace taken out from West Concord building and set up at Cogswell school for hall heater. Superintendent's office, cooking and sewing schools moved to the Chandler building. Chandler building overhauled and put in condition for occupancy. Former superintendent's office at high school made into schoolrooms. Office of financial agent fitted up for principal of high school. Former principal's office arranged for storage room for biological laboratory. Cases of stuffed birds taken from biological laboratory to the Dewey school in order to obtain more floor space. Physical laboratory changed to schoolroom and fitted with desks. Cooking-school room fitted up for physical laboratory. Steam radiators put into two rooms. Second floor Dame school finished by committee. As no appropriation was made for this work and it was necessary to have the additional room, the expense of same was met by using a part of the special repair fund and the balance from the general appropriation. In the four rooms of the Kimball school all desks, chairs and furniture were scraped and refinished. The numerous necessary small repairs were made during the year to furnish sewers, closets, etc.

JOHN E. ROBERTSON,
GEORGE M. KIMBALL,
EDWARD N. PEARSON,

Buildings and Repairs Committee.

**REPORT OF BUILDING COMMITTEE ON
PLAINS SCHOOL.**

RECEIVED.

Appropriation year April 1, 1903, to March 31, 1904	\$7,000.00
Appropriation year April 1, 1904, to March 31, 1905	1,200.00
W. L. Jenks & Co., credit on hardware returned	23.88
Cash from general appropriation, year April 1, 1904, to March 31, 1905	2,579.02
	\$10,802.90

EXPENDED.

Charles H. Elliot	\$200.00
E. R. B. Chapman	409.34
Danforth & Forrest	8,092.72
Concord Coal Co.	15.50
Marsh Coal Co.	20.25
Walter L. Jenks & Co.	147.90
Geo. L. Theobald	173.00
Geo. L. Lincoln & Co.	43.15
Chandler Adjustable Chair and Desk Works	377.40
R. B. Frost	31.80
Magee Furnace Co.	1,200.00
Orr & Downes	6.58
Clifton W. Drake	85.26
	\$10,802.90

GEORGE M. KIMBALL,
JOHN E. ROBERTSON,
EDWARD N. PEARSON,
Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCIAL AGENT
OF
UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT.

APRIL 1, 1904, TO MARCH 31, 1905.

RECEIVED.

Balance due Magee Furnace Company, appropriation 1903 and 1904	\$397.40
Appropriation to cover note for repairs Eastman school	800.00
Portion school money raised by law	35,642.00
Portion school money raised by district	25,980.00
Appropriation by district for special repairs	2,500.00
Appropriation for text-books by city	3,289.11
Literary fund	1,518.55
Dog tax	1,627.02
Tuition, kindergarten training school	\$95.00
Tuition, primary training school	5.00
Tuition, grammar and primary schools	227.00
Tuition, high school	2,928.76
	3,255.76
Miscellaneous sales, old iron seats, etc.	61.39
Sale text-books	34.99
Return insurance premium	50.52

Cash paid in advance, account tuition, April 1, 1905, to June 16, 1905	\$97.96
Cash from city for flag-poles	30.00
Cash from sale material at manual training school	21.43
	<hr/> \$75,306.13

EXPENDED.

Balance due Magee Furnace Co., 1903 and 1904	\$397.40
National State Capital bank, Eastman school note	802.17
Fuel	4,761.25
Miscellaneous	1,337.49
Supplies	2,747.17
Repairs, regular	2,942.11
Repairs, special	1,050.00
Insurance	1,102.60
Care of houses, janitors' salaries	4,666.98
Manual training, salaries and supplies	3,558.33
Military drill	188.03
Salaries	45,693.37
Text-books	3,324.06
Cash carried to Harriet P. Dame building account	2,579.02
Cash on account tuition, April 1, 1905, to June 19, 1905	97.96
Balance	58.19
	<hr/> \$75,306.13
From special repairs account	\$1,450.00
From general expenses, which would otherwise appear in the balance	1,129.02
	<hr/> \$2,579.02

CONCORD, N. H., MARCH 10, 1905.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts (except text-book account) of the financial agent and find the expenditures correctly cast and a proper voucher for each item.

WILLIAM YEATON,
ADAM P. HOLDEN,
Auditors.

CONCORD, N. H., MARCH 6, 1905.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account of text-books and find same correctly cast and proper voucher for each item of expenditure mentioned.

HENRY E. CHAMBERLIN,
City Clerk.

COST PER CAPITA.

Cost per pupil, including all current expenses .	\$26.52
Cost per pupil for tuition, including music, drawing, supt., etc.	15.77
Cost per pupil for tuition, exclusive music, draw- ing, supt. in all schools below the high school	11.83
Cost per pupil for tuition, exclusive music, draw- ing, supt. in the high school	34.64
Cost per pupil for text-books and supplies in all schools	1.17
Cost per pupil for text-books and supplies in high school	2.28
Cost per pupil for text-books and supplies in all schools below the high school	1.03
Cost per pupil for kindergarten material . . . . .	.304
Cost per pupil for kindergarten material and tui- tion	16.25
Cost per pupil for paper . . . . .	.109
Cost per pupil for pens . . . . .	.035
Cost per pupil for pencils . . . . .	.011
Cost per pupil for wood- and iron-working, in- clusive of instruction	8.30
Cost per pupil for wood- and iron-working, ex- clusive of instruction	1.43
Cost per pupil for cooking, inclusive of instruc- tion	3.06
Cost per pupil for cooking, exclusive of instruc- tion . . . . .	.71
Cost per pupil for sewing, inclusive of instruc- tion	2.31
Cost per pupil for sewing, exclusive of instruc- tion12
Cost per pupil for drawing, inclusive of instruc- tion44
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Cost per pupil for music, inclusive of instruction	\$0.46
Cost per pupil for music, exclusive of instruction	.06
Cost per pupil for military drill, inclusive of instruction	1.63
Cost per pupil for military drill, exclusive of instruction . . . . .	.76

TUITION RECEIPTS.

Dewey school	\$16.00
Dewey training school	100.00
High school	2,928.76
Kimball school	47.00
Merrimack school	42.00
Penacook school	42.00
Harriet P. Dame school	16.00
Rumford school	52.00
West Concord school	12.00

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH COUNTY DELEGATION.

The committee on the part of the Board of Education, in pursuance to a vote of the Union School District meeting, held in May, 1903, beg to submit this report:

The committee was instructed to confer with the county delegation relative to a mutual exchange or sale of the high school lot and building and the court house lot and building. Plans had been prepared by the committee showing a complete adaptation of the school building for county uses, and copies were given to the delegation.

In response to a request from your committee, the chairman of the county delegation appointed a committee to meet us and discuss the project. The members of that committee were Marcellus Gould of Penacook, Charles F. Ayers of Pittsfield and Barron Shirley of Franklin. The two committees met at the state house. Our instructions directed us to ascertain whether an exchange of property could be brought about and, if so, upon what terms. In view of the fact that neither committee was given any power to act definitely in the matter or to do anything other than to confer, it was finally agreed that the county committee should examine the high school and report to a meeting of the county delegation, to be held a week later at the county farm. Upon the opinion expressed by the delegation depended the negotiation.

The county committee made its report and the matter was discussed. Your committee was duly notified that the opinion of the delegates was emphatically opposed to any exchange with Union School District and that no further conference was deemed advisable.

CHARLES R. CORNING,
EDWARD N. PEARSON,
JOHN M. MITCHELL,
Committee.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Board of Education of Union School District:

The manner of conducting the work outlined for the elementary schools has followed closely that of the preceding years. The application of all who have the execution of this work in charge has been faithful and in most cases efficient.

What has been accomplished in the high school is set forth in the report of the principal, which appears later.

The character of our school work is still based upon the traditional lines of the academic education. The work of the new century, stimulated by the invention, scientific discovery and commercial development of the last, will be largely of other impulses and other objects. The old academic idea will be succeeded and measurably supplanted by a new education representing industrial progress and improved social conditions.

During the past year the cause of education in this district has suffered an irreparable loss in the death of Dr. Shadrach C. Morrill, a former member of the Board of Education. Dr. Morrill served the district for many years in a faithful and efficient manner. It having been my valued privilege to know him and work with him in some of his various capacities, I mourn his loss as a personal friend and as a sincere, capable educator, who had no superior in his limited field. His friendship was firm, faithful and just; as strong in storm as in calm and swayed by no wrongful impulses nor political exigencies. When once his stand was taken upon any matter which interested him his deductions were based upon intelligent analysis, and

his persistent nature seldom failed of carrying his object to a successful termination. As long as kindergartens, manual training, improved sanitation, heating and lighting prevail in our school policy, just so long will his name be remembered and his praises sung.

ATTENDANCE.

The last yearly tabulation shows a decrease of five in the annual enrollment over the previous year. The high school has an increase of twenty-four, the grammar schools an increase of forty-two, the primary schools a decrease of one hundred ten and the kindergartens an increase of thirty-nine.

The cases of tardiness have shown the following variations: The high school an increase of sixty-five per cent., the grammar schools a decrease of one per cent., the primary schools an increase of two per cent. The average daily attendance has increased one per cent. The attendance at the high school shows only a normal gain. In 1895 the enrollment is recorded as three hundred two. This evidently was abnormal, but, taking the average attendance for three consecutive years as a basis, the average increase per year for the last ten years has been nine. I do not discover anything which is likely to cause an unusual increase in the attendance of the elementary schools in the immediate future. The average increase in the number of pupils per year for the last twenty years has been about fifty, or rather more than one additional school per year. If this ratio continues—as it probably will—the provision for more room will constantly engage the attention of the board. The attendance has been regulated with a view to economy and efficient work.

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS.

It is one thing to have sufficient school room in the aggregate and another to regulate its distribution so that we may even approximate the best conditions for consummating the work. The room required for working the schools under the most favorable conditions and securing for them the scheme best suited to promote their interests has not been realized for fully twelve years. It is desirable that all children eligible for the primary classes should attend school two sessions each day. In buildings where there are kindergartens this cannot be done with the rooms arranged as they are now. To bring it about will require at least six more rooms, an additional teaching force and in some instances the removal of the kindergarten to other quarters. I think that in some of the buildings extra room can be furnished to expedite this plan. I refer particularly to the Dewey and Franklin buildings. There should be a new building at West Concord to satisfy the wants of that district, relieve the pupils from poorly lighted rooms and furnish the kindergarten more desirable quarters. It is possible to facilitate matters still further by using some of the vacant buildings for kindergartens. In rooms thus rendered available for primary work, tables and chairs can be used instead of desks to lessen expense. I believe these changes should be made gradually.

In connection with this subject I am constrained to say that the most economical buildings, both as regards accommodation and the expense of running them, are those which contain eight rooms or more. I do not advise the erection of a building anywhere of a less number of rooms, if intended for many grades, unless it be so constructed as to admit of additions which will not impair its usefulness nor mar the beauty of its architectural design. Much care should be exercised in locating new buildings. If the district is apart from the compact portion of the city, the cen-

ter of population of that district present and probable should be taken into account to avoid increasing long distances of travel for the pupils.

It is much easier to regulate the attendance with buildings far apart than too near together. Two eight-room buildings for a given area are more serviceable than four four-room buildings for the same area. It is now apparent that the Dewey building should have had eight rooms and that the Cogswell building should have been located farther south. Both were suggested at the time of their construction.

We should be furnished at once with ample accommodations for manual training. Sewing and cooking are well provided for but the wood- and iron-work is hindered almost beyond sufferance. The classes are too large and the mid-year promotions offered forty-six more pupils who could be granted no privileges for this work.

In the high school, conditions will prevail in two years which the present building cannot meet successfully. It is more than probable that in 1907 there will be between 400 and 450 pupils in this school. Looking over the attendance for the past forty years, I find a peculiar sequence of variation. Every other decade, beginning with the second, has shown a smaller per cent. of increase. The attendance for the last decade was much smaller than that for the one immediately preceding. Following this sequence, the next ten years will show a large increase. It is well to anticipate the construction of a new building by a careful consideration of the needs of the modern high school. I believe nothing short of a new building will be satisfactory from the viewpoints of economy and modern educational needs. The amount of money expended should be sufficient to finish, furnish and equip a building to accommodate six hundred or more pupils. This sum should not be so large as to imperil the future growth of the city, but should be expended chiefly upon the interior to make the working arrangement perfect in every detail. In view

of the prospects it is none too soon to take such action as will look to the early erection of a building adequate for the needs of the district for many years to come.

The new Harriet P. Dame school at Concord Bluffs was opened in September with three rooms in use, averaging about twenty-five pupils to a room. The conditions here are much improved. What they were may be inferred from the fact that the average age of last year's sixth grade pupils was about sixteen years, or four years below grade.

Only two M classes have been maintained in the compact part of the district, about fifty pupils in each. This number is too large for these schools and should be reduced to forty at the most and more reasonably thirty. Conditions next year will call for another school of this grade. Attention should be paid to the proper location of these schools, that more reasonable territorial divisions may be observed. Pupils would be better accommodated if the Walker, Kimball and Rumford buildings each had graduating classes.

KINDERGARTENS.

If it is deemed best to provide for the better accommodation of the primary classes next year, the effective work of our kindergartens should not be imperilled thereby. To abolish them would be neither wise nor popular, because their value is fully established in saving the average pupil one year's time in the primary classes. The cost of the kindergarten—the point always at issue—lies chiefly in the salary of the teacher, all other expense after the first cost being only about thirty cents a year per pupil. A study of the following table will enable one to make a just comparison of the relative cost based upon the teachers' salaries for the last ten years:

	Increase in cost of salaries.	Increase in pupils.	Average cost per pupil.
High school.....	75.16%	6%	37½% incr.
Grammar and pri- mary schools.....	15.46%	13.14%	13.32% “
Kindergartens.....	372.70%	390%	27-10% deer.

A committee recently appointed by the New England Superintendents' Association reported quite fully upon the subject of the kindergarten. Two of the questions and answers which appeared in the report follow and speak for themselves:

1. "Should every school system recommend the kindergarten?"

"Yes."

2. "When it comes to a financial question, where should you lop off?"

"If this question refers to the entire system, I should certainly not lop off at the kindergarten end but should curtail the higher education."

That many places, in a spasm of economy, abolished the kindergarten as an expedient, counts for less than it would were it not for the fact that in some cases public opinion forced their reinstatement. This shows a healthy condition of the public mind in appreciating the value of a system which is doing a definite work in the educational world. Not that the kindergarten is free from faults more than any other grade of public school work, but, aside from some bigotry, Froebel worship and other minor faults, the ethics of the kindergarten alone has a wholesome influence upon children that nothing but death can take from them. In addition it offers a decided increment to the acquisition of all forms of knowledge that the child is to acquire later in his school life.

SCHOOL EXPENDITURES.

The item of school expenditures interests the public because it forms a considerable part of the general public expense. From the viewpoint of the city's assessed valuation the school tax is large. Union School District stands sixth in the list of special districts of the state as regards the tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, and Concord

stands first in the list of cities. The reason for the last lies partly in the fact that District No. 20 has a rate which is fifty-eight per cent. higher than that of Union District and one hundred and twenty-two per cent. higher than that of the Town District. If the rate of taxation in Union District is large it is because the money has been spent with good judgment in improving the conditions of sanitation, heating and lighting buildings, in retaining the services of competent teachers and in keeping the schools up to a condition satisfactory to the most progressive part of the population. At that nothing seems to have been introduced or maintained that could be reasonably dispensed with and still sustain a strong, life-giving growth in educational matters. The city will continue to grow, the expense will grow, and the only course to pursue is to avoid waste and keep the schools up to the standard. The measure of a city's prosperity is due in no small degree to the character of the instruction which its schools furnish. In this respect its fame is spread over such an extended area as to give an inquiring public a true idea of the social conditions which prevail in our city, conditions which cannot fail of calling to our resident population such accessions as are desirable and permanent, even though the tax rate may be somewhat higher than that of other cities. Such a population has always been characteristic of Concord, and it can be maintained in no better way than by offering a high standard of public instruction.

DISCIPLINE.

The best asset an educational system can have is a wholesome discipline in its schools. The discipline of a room is determined by the governing power of the teacher; that of the building by the governing power of the principal. If this power be wanting, all known schemes of self-government, school councils, etc., will be worse than useless and school morale, efficient work and general progress will be scattered to the four winds.

The varied experience of a quarter of a century has revealed the short-sightedness of many parents, many teachers, the faults of many schools and many school systems; an experience which places one in a position to speak positively in regard to the value of a teacher who is strong in discipline. If the home, the school, the church, the workshop and the country at large were enabled to speak they would testify overwhelmingly in favor of such a teacher.

The parent for the time being transfers his parental authority to the teacher. In doing this he has a right to demand that his child share equally the rights and privileges accorded to other children, and not be unjustly used because his circumstances are not as easy as those of his classmates or because his mental capacity is not quite normal. He has a right to ask that his child be guided by a firm, kind, judicious discipline, which eschews all sentiment, panders to no patronage, stands firmly for the right at all hazards and has a standard to offer that merits the commendation of all right-minded people. The discipline should be of such force and character as to extend beyond the day's work, beyond the school, to the home and all other avenues which lead to social and moral uplift. A teacher has no right to shirk even implied responsibility, but always lend a saving hand to the reclamation of the youth from destructive influences and offer substantial aid in sustaining the good name of our schools.

A YEAR'S WORK.

The results accomplished by all the departments of school work, as far as I can determine, have been satisfactory. It is not necessary to go into minute detail, a short summary being sufficient. The teachers have attended the sessions of the Merrimack Valley Teachers' Association at Suncook and Manchester, and the State Teachers' convention at Concord. The Concord Teachers' Association has again demonstrated its usefulness by an excellent programme of lectures and social meetings.

The scheme of semi-annual promotion is popular and efficient. If we can have rooms and teachers enough to eliminate more than two classes in a room it will be ideal.

The study of arithmetic was continued for an additional half-year in class M and word study introduced.

Elementary bookkeeping was asked for by the teachers of the Rumford and West Concord M classes, English division, and excellent results are apparent.

The course in history has been revised for all the grades.

The instruction in music gives evidence of greater accuracy and improved tone qualities. The work in the first six classes is somewhat better than that of the succeeding classes. This is a logical condition but it in no wise excuses the upper grades from better work. Music should be taught as carefully as any other study because it counts materially in a child's standing in his class. The degree of success realized will be commensurate with the standard which a teacher is willing to accept.

The high school concert, given last May, produced Hayden's oratorio of "The Creation." This was the first time it was ever attempted by a high school chorus in the state.

The director recommends the use of the pianola in the high school for teaching musical classics and elevating the musical taste. I think the suggestion timely and worthy of a trial.

The training school has six pupils in the primary normal class and three pupils in the kindergarten normal class. The regularity of the work of the rooms has been somewhat disturbed by changes in the corps of teachers. It seems urgent that in this building, at least, the primary pupils should attend school all day to offer the best conditions for the normal training.

The work in drawing, though below the standard, increases in strength each year. The instructor wishes the time for each school increased from one hour to one and a half hours a week. The high school classes accomplish as much as can be expected of them with the meagre fa-

ilities which the building furnishes. Many students are devoting hours of extra time to drawing, which shows vital interest and a consequent progress.

The cooking school has had a most successful year. The new quarters in the Chandler building furnish better air, light, sunshine, sanitation and a more wholesome atmosphere. Formerly but sixteen pupils could be accommodated at one time, but now the maximum number is twenty-five. There are twelve more pupils enrolled than last year. Classes L and M of the lower schools and class four of the high school are pursuing the work which is planned and executed for educational and practical value.

The introduction of model work in sewing and the consequent change of quarters from the one central point to the regular rooms is proving satisfactory. This affects all classes except those of the high school and the M grammar classes. The system is perfectly planned and well executed.

Wood- and iron-work has lost none of its popularity, the usual good work and interest being manifested. I have spoken of the needs of this department previously.

Military drill in the high school is reported to be as efficient as ever. The prize drill and field day, annual events, occurred as usual. Revised infantry drill regulations have been adopted to conform to the regular service, our battalion being the first in the state to adopt them. The number of uniformed cadets increases each year, but the arms and accoutrements are not sufficient for complete work. The instructor asks for longer drill periods.

The plan of relieving the grades of too much work has been pursued with much satisfaction to all. In connection with this subject, permit me to say that it is not advisable that pupils below class K should be assigned work of any kind to be done at home. Five hours a day upon school work is long enough for children of these ages, and the remaining time can be spent to better advantage in exercise

out of doors. This is true also of classes K and L, except a limited amount of home reading for a better understanding of the approved works of standard authors.

The work of class M calls for a limited amount of home study. This being essentially a high school grade, such work is not out of place and obtains generally throughout the country.

A decided improvement is shown in mathematical reasoning, in general culture, in independent thought and in expressing those thoughts naturally and spontaneously.

General culture is strengthened by the dignity of the standard literature required by the course. A better command of the English language has been realized to some extent by attempting to make the correct use of the mother tongue a matter of habit. Were it not for the pernicious vernacular of the street, correct speech in the school would be easy of accomplishment.

A new plan for reading has been tried in classes K and L with success. More time is given to reading as an art, the work in literature being done partly by home reading. This scheme has great possibilities. The pupil gains in independent thought and power. The plan tends to keep the pupil at home nights. He is held responsible for reproduction and etymology. He is given abundant practice in the use of the dictionary. He is guided along lines of standard literature. The plan tends to elevate the tone of the family reading. Some of these things have already come to my notice and the future should prove the wisdom of the scheme.

Each pupil in classes E to K inclusive has been furnished a record book in which to keep his every-day observations in nature study for future reference. This work has proved to be very popular with the pupils, many having purchased extra books for summer use. The laws against killing birds and destroying their eggs and young have been printed on the covers so that they may become more widely distributed and more generally known than they are now.

Our schools are not perfect but they are good and conscientiously managed. If they have faults, as undoubtedly they have, the faults should be sought, discovered and remedied without delay. There is never time in the history of any system of schools when the spirit of progress is out of place. They always need the stimulus of new ideas from the young blood of the growing generation of our growing nation. Whatever success they may have achieved in the past has been due in no small degree to the community of interests which has ever manifested itself in the educational work of Concord. The tremendous power of a common purpose to accept nothing but the best, to treat the subject of educational opportunity and educational privilege in the light of a sacred trust and to reject nothing which would redound to the success and credit of our schools—this power has furnished the impetus for success. The elementary schools at least are a boon to the poor man granted him by the generous laws of a liberty-loving people. This privilege should be jealously guarded from every destructive influence that is prone to creep into public school matters. The standard of work can never be too high for any man's child. The common school is the most powerful agency by which native ability is allowed to develop for sustaining our civil institutions and enjoying those opportunities which our constitution vouchsafes to all men, whether they be possessed of great wealth, a modest competence or the humblest of homes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. L. J. Rundlett, Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR: There has been no especial improvement in the congested conditions, notwithstanding the two additional rooms and the somewhat smaller number of tuition pupils. Yet in the work of the year good progress has been made. No effort has been spared to stimulate a high degree of interest and the teachers have special afternoons each week to help any who may wish to consult them.

From the beginning of the year systematic encouragement has been given to the backward. By interviews with parents and individual instruction an improvement has been made in a majority of cases, and it is hoped that the number of complete failures will be reduced to a minimum.

A striking feature of the elective system has been the large numbers enrolling in the traditional studies. As early as the beginning of the second semester conferences have been held to select the studies suited to individual cases. A course is being planned for those intending to enter the training school, in which everything possible will be done to add to the equipment of the prospective teacher.

The work of the special teachers has progressed smoothly and in each department the results are substantial.

The number of college preparatory pupils is steadily increasing, and the course of study is designed to give to those who select their college in season every facility for the most thorough training.

Applied bookkeeping or business practice has already produced marked results. As it is confined to the well-grounded pupils of the junior and senior classes the prin-

ciples have been readily grasped and the progress rapid. Half of the members of the graduating class of over sixty elected the subject and the record of an unusually high average rank is matched by the significant fact that there has not been a single instance of total failure.

Even in the face of the present crowded conditions, I hope that the introduction of stenography and typewriting will not be postponed beyond the opening of another year. There is bound to be an increase, and if the pupils cannot take these subjects they must elect other branches. In either case there must be an additional teacher who may as well be employed in giving instruction which will be of incalculable value to our boys and girls. The boys' dressing room can be utilized for typewriting by substituting hall wardrobes, and, as a final expedient, the remaining space in the forward part of the hall can be filled with regular desks.

The interest that the pupils take in the commercial course—feeling as they do, that they are getting what will be of practical value in future years—proves the demand that exists. In meeting this demand the high school will only be giving these pupils the proportion which is their due.

Respectfully submitted,

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Principal.