

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

To the City Council:

The trustees of the Public Library herewith transmit the annual report of the librarian, and bespeak for it that thoughtful consideration which the evident care and labor involved in its preparation amply merit. When it is remembered that the circulation of books during the past year aggregates more than 88,000 volumes—a circulation exceeding that of the libraries of many larger cities—the immense educational influence thus exerted in the community demonstrates the fact, that our library is a civilizing agent of the first importance. It is an institution that ought to be fostered and supported upon a broad basis of public utility and policy. In no other department does the money appropriated result in more substantial or useful returns.

The citizens of Concord may well take pride in the work that the able librarian and her competent assistants are accomplishing under a limitation of essential conveniences in library work which the present inadequate and ill-adapted building necessarily imposes.

R. E. WALKER,

President of Board of Trustees.

CONCORD, N. H., February 17, 1906.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR 1905.

To the Board of Trustees of the Concord Public Library:

GENTLEMEN.—By means of library meetings, library journals, and reports from other libraries, the knowledge of each librarian becomes the possession of all. My management is only a composite of others' ideas which strike me as good and new—they furnishing the bricks to which I add but the straw of interest in my work.

It is the exceptional library, however, which is not hampered by lack of money, lack of space, lack of time and lack of help from grafting on itself all the improvements of which it hears. We have been hampered; but what we have been able to bring to pass in 1905 is herewith reported.

The desk circulation was 88,369 volumes, over 1,100 more than in the preceding year. Four books were lost: usually, we lose none, while other cities with a home circulation as large as Concord's lose from 40 to 100 books annually.

Estimating the quality of reading by percentages, we find it about as usual, except that magazines have circulated more and story-books less than heretofore. But if the per cent. of fiction reading had not thus decreased, worry would not have fastened upon us, for it is agreed that a library should furnish milk as well as meat. In their literary tastes we find many customers are vegetarians, preferring fresh, green things, which the "six best-sellers" certainly are.

I wish this were the time and place to quote John Morley's article on "The Great Commonplaces of Reading," in the February *Critic*, in which he justifies the claim of poetry and fiction to be classed among the books called useful, as rousing and stirring the imagination. He adds, "If fiction takes a large place in a library, I do not care so far as it promotes cheerfulness and good humor, for that is wanted."

The popularity of a library depends chiefly upon its circulating department, that being the part of the institution known to the majority, and the large figures of our circulation are a tribute to our desk attendants. Their waiting on people alternates with an amount of book-mending which is incalculable; a library whose books have seen wear and tear only one twelfth as many years as ours says they repair at least 10,000 volumes annually.

Concord might be said to furnish a *reading* public, as 703 new patrons registered during 1905, whereas in a manufacturing city twice this size only 552 new customers were reported in 1904.

We have added 1,025 new volumes, 677 being new works. We have, as usual, spent more money on non-fiction than fiction, and our lists of monthly additions show consideration for the student and the artisan; yet we are liberal toward our novel readers compared with the Boston Public Library which purchased but 112 out of 702 new novels examined, and with Scranton, Pa., which bought only 126 works of new fiction. We bought 275 stories adult and juvenile. We have felt particularly solicitous to serve well the returned prodigals who had been feeding on the Booklovers and Tabard Inn libraries.

One hundred and forty of the year's acquisitions came from the bindery and were volumes of magazines, now become our best reference material by means of three indexes to periodicals. One hundred and fifty-one books were bought as duplicates of old favorites or of new novels. One hundred and thirty have been discarded as worn out, and 74 have been replacements. The net gain to our shelves during the year was 895 volumes, making the number now in the library 27,830. We received 68 gifts from state and city institutions, from government, religious and college societies and from private individuals, those known to Concord people being Mrs. A. S. White, Mrs. Edson C. Eastman, Joseph B. Walker, John Kimball, Allen Folger, Elwin C. Page and Dr. Jane Greeley. Mrs. Frank Blanchard of West Concord annually gives a book to the library, saying, "I've always done it and my mother did it before me." Mr. Samuel C. Eastman took abroad a memoran-

dum of the *Revue des Deux Mondes* he gave in 1903 and secured the missing volumes to the number of about fifty—a characteristically thorough and scholarly and generous proceeding. Now when we have secured the index to this file of the *Revue*, we shall have at one's call the best French literature of the last half century.

The New Hampshire Bible Society has generously given us Bibles in nine different tongues. Perhaps some of our foreign population will take pattern by Macaulay and learn English from our polyglot collection as he learned foreign languages from reading their renderings of the Bible.

Fewer volumes were bought in 1905 than usual because \$400 were diverted from book buying to printing. Our catalogues, issued in 1897, seemed antiquated to many who called for supplements; consequently spring brought me the job of preparing copy for entries of the fiction and non-fiction books added in the past eight years, and summer the task of reading proof. Almost any library would have asked an extra appropriation for this unusual bill and it has required planning to pay that, buy enough new books to have it seem a normal year to the public, and also to add a few works of value, such as the *Historians' History of the World*, Garnett & Gosse's *Illustrated English Literature*, a set of Shakespeare and art books for the art department of the Woman's Club.

For several months we have tried the postal-card reserve, by which a borrower leaves a cent for notification when a desired book is in. The system seems gratifying to patrons.

The summer branch was maintained this year in the district known as Fosterville. During July and August a central room supplied with books, seats, tables and pictures was open two afternoons a week, and was filled with Swedish, Irish, Armenian, American, Greek, Italian and Norwegian children. Each afternoon I read aloud a story, and Miss Alcott was soon a favorite. Adults and toddlers freely took books home. The children, though not the cleanest possible, were far from being the naughtiest imaginable; and now I am never more pleased than when a little Fostervillian, recalling the joys of the vacation branch, gets down to this main library for a book.

Your librarian now takes fresh lots of books monthly instead of weekly to West Concord, but these books are exchanged there every Tuesday by Mrs. Sarah Quimby, whose capable oversight is a labor of love for the cause. A box is sent similarly to East Concord, where Mrs. Grace Farnum kindly gives it hall-room, and at hours convenient and inconvenient for herself changes and charges the books. The distribution of books at Penacook was interrupted for three weeks by the fire in Exchange Block. Mr. R. E. Gale, who has been our reliable agent for about fifteen years, removed the books from his smoking store in season to prevent serious damage. I hope to be able to run our vacation branch this summer in Penacook. Perhaps by fall the delivery agency of the past years can become the next thing in library development—a permanent deposit station. Residents of Ward 1 would doubtless agree with the librarian who wrote: "When a book is taken from the shelves in an agency, the chooser has only a few hundred books from which to select. But if he takes books on his card, the resources of the whole central library are at his disposal. But yet the freedom of selecting one's own book by coming in direct contact with it is appreciated so highly that readers much prefer to select their books personally from a very meagre collection, rather than to draw them by card from a very large collection."

This sending out of boxfuls of books is a practical good in that it relieves our congested shelves. But agencies have far-reaching immaterial benefits which alone offset their slight expense. At a national library meeting it was said: "People will not go so far as a mile for books. If their own gratification only were concerned, they might be left to suffer, but for the good of the municipality they should be provided with library agencies where they will use them; being made to realize, however, that a branch is a local representative of a great system; never a mere substitute for it. There are thousands of citizens who either do not know or do not care for the library. A deposit station quietly advertises the library and helps solve the great problem of library management, which,

is to get its books generally read. Such deliveries are the only way to bring the benefits of the library to outlying wards." But to get such stations taken care of competently by local residents is necessary. The recurrent summer branch, devolving in plan and execution wholly upon your librarian, makes all the demand upon her time and strength which she can meet in the fierce heat of our summers, when the staff is depleted by vacations.

Reports from city libraries have stated that manufacturing establishments feel interested to secure the benefits of the library for their employés. Therefore, in September, we offered to send boxes of books to the Boston & Maine shops, but the offer has not been accepted. We may have a proposal from some Sunday-school to take its old library and in return send it weekly books to deliver to its pupils. We shall be able, we hope, to offer to send lots to the Odd Fellows' Home and the Home for the Aged. The St. Louis librarian says books should be carried to people as groceries and other necessities of life. But if our efforts in this direction are not taken up with, we shall conclude, with Woburn, Mass., that methods in use in larger places are not yet needed in Concord because the majority of citizens can reach the library.

We continue to send supplementary reading to schoolrooms; at present, Penacook, East Concord and West Concord teachers have books in charge; they are not burdened with a request to keep account of the circulation, but each volume is counted as circulated once in every two weeks. The North Adams library report says: "We constantly hear teachers say, they can pick out 'library boys and girls' by their brightness in their studies." An ex-teacher recently told me that she used to quietly place a certain attractive red-covered library book on the desk of the bad boy in her schoolroom when she saw an unruly mood coming on, and in ten minutes he was diverted, and engrossed in reading.

The principals of St. Mary's School and of the Chandler Grammar School have given your librarian opportunity to talk to pupils in a practical way either about books or the way to use them. Mr. Doring and others of the High School faculty

are good users of the library. We fear that adult students and members of women's clubs are somewhat deterred by its crowded condition from using the reference room, which it is impossible to ventilate.

The semi-centennial of the library's establishment occurred on August 25. I thought it should be observed and undertook a celebration, the chief features of which you will recall were as follows: The staff wore the dress of 1855. The books displayed on the open shelf were the favorites of fifty years ago. The writings of Concord authors were shown by themselves. An art exhibit consisted of the original sketches from which were made the illustrations for the recent two-volume History of Concord; there was also a large exhibit of pictures of old-time furniture. An interesting souvenir bookmark was given each caller. Instead of closing at six, as usual in August, we kept open till nine o'clock, and hundreds of our best citizens honored us by dropping in. Mr. L. D. Stevens and Mr. Amos Hadley of the first board of trustees were two of our visitors. We of the staff enjoyed the occasion greatly, and as Old Home Day was omitted in Concord this year, people were pleased to say that our anniversary celebration, being of a reminiscent nature, came at just the right time.

What was said by the president of this board in his report last year to the city council was so clear and forcible that it needs only to be repeated with emphasis. If Concord people who have supplanted their stoves with furnaces, their lamps with gas, would only realize that their public library needs modern improvements! A Massachusetts library reports: "Good work was done in the old building; but the new building with its modern accommodations has enabled better work to be accomplished in all directions."

Every movement for civic improvement requires two things—the hour and the man. Mayor Corning certainly is the man. For years a trustee of this institution, and appreciative of the value of books and of the reading habit, he would be interested in any movement to better the library. This may not be the hour. Yet is not the difficult problem, *What to do for the public library*, the next one for the city fathers to solve?

Does any trustee doubt that citizens would vote in an enlightened and liberal way on this subject? Why fear on this point for a library which has been in such active use for fifty years, since St. Louis statistics show that "those who are best acquainted with a library and have received most benefit from it, are most willing to vote appropriations for its maintenance and enlargement."

That we have not as yet been a drain upon Concord may be seen by comparison. Our circulation is over 88,000; our cost of maintenance, \$5,423. Recently, Manchester circulated 67,670 and had an appropriation of over \$7,000. Portland, Me., with a circulation of 94,912, spent over \$12,000. Lawrence, Mass., circulating 102,000 volumes, cost \$17,120.

Many other reports might be quoted to prove how economically we have got on, but one more comparison must suffice. A Vermont city has recatalogued its public library. At the end of six and one half months an expert with two assistants had done 6,380 volumes, at an expense of \$1,000 for salaries and \$400 for supplies. When this library was made over we hired an expert cataloguer but he had only the help of our regular staff. In eleven months we had done 18,157 volumes, spent only \$500 for cataloguer and \$265 for supplies.

At your last annual meeting you kindly granted me a long vacation that I might take a trip to California. In the cities visited, I sought out the libraries and librarians with profitable and pleasant results. At one place, where a trustee fills the library with orchids of his raising, the librarian, in March, had ready for us to take away literally more rare garden flowers than we could carry.

Our public library has a very small staff for the amount of work annually turned off; the large results accomplished by the few assistants are due partly to the personnel of the staff remaining unchanged, but chiefly to the fact that each gives the best service of which she is capable. I am off and on more as the library's interests expand and multiply, and cares have increased for my three assistants, who have met them with both patience and energy.

My report is respectfully submitted, as Mr. E. H. Anderson submitted one of his, with the closing remark: "It is impracticable to make any very great proportion of the public understand this; it would be unfortunate if it were not fully understood by the members of the Board of Trustees."

GRACE BLANCHARD,

Librarian.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PLUMBERS.

CONCORD, N. H., December 30, 1905.

To the City Council:

The sixth annual report of the Board of Examiners of Plumbers is herewith submitted for your consideration.

The members of the board are Russell Wilkins, M. D., Henry P. Cilley, a practical journeyman plumber, and Will B. Howe, city engineer.

The board retained its former organization, viz., Henry P. Cilley, chairman, and Will B. Howe, clerk.

There has been 12 regular and four special meetings, a total of 16, to complete the work of the board. We have examined and issued licenses to four journeyman plumbers, and have examined two applicants for master's license and issued a license to one, the other failing to meet the requirements of the board; making a total of six applicants examined. The receipts of the board were \$26.50, for which amount the clerk of the board holds the receipts of the city treasurer.

The expenses of the board were \$8.52.

The following is a list of all the registered plumbers, given in the order in which they appear on the register:

MASTER PLUMBERS.

W. Arthur Bean, certificate renewed.		
Seth R. Hood,	"	"
Willis H. Robbins,	"	"
William A. Lee,	"	"
Benjamin H. Orr,	"	"
Richard J. Lee,	"	"
George A. Harwood,	"	"
Michael J. Lee,	"	"

Albert S. Trask, certificate renewed.
 E. H. Randall, " "
 Frederick Booth, " "
 G. Arthur Nichols, license renewed.
 Charles W. Bateman, " "
 Burton A. Curtis, " "
 W. M. Trottier, " "
 Albert L. Worthen, " "
 John C. Smith, " "
 P. Wallace Orr, license issued July 27, 1905.

EMPLOYING PLUMBERS.

George S. Milton, certificate renewed.
 M. E. Clifford & Co., " "
 Isaac Baty, " "

JOURNEYMAN PLUMBERS.

Charles H. Berry, certificate renewed.
 Henry P. Cilley, " "
 Philip King, " "
 William L. Reagan, " "
 William H. McGuire, " "
 Harry H. Kennedy, " "
 P. Harrison D. Leary, " "
 Patrick A. Clifford, " "
 George N. Berry, " "
 Richard O'Brien, license renewed.
 Frederick F. Converse, license renewed.
 Charles F. Bascom, " "
 Arthur W. Buntin, " "
 Louis Browning, " "
 Michael J. Finn, " "
 Elmer E. Babb, " "
 Thomas Mathews, " "
 Thomas F. Foley, license issued August 28, 1905.
 William F. O'Neil, license issued September 13, 1905.
 Harris S. Parmenter, license issued April 7, 1905.
 William J. Tierney, license issued November 3, 1905.

Master plumbers' certificates issued	11
Master plumbers' licenses issued	7
Employing plumbers' certificates issued	3
Journeyman plumbers' certificates issued	9
Journeyman plumbers' licenses issued	12
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Total number on register to date	42

Respectfully submitted,

H. P. CILLEY,
RUSSELL WILKINS,
W. B. HOWE,

Board of Examiners of Plumbers.

SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

To His Honor the Mayor and the City Council:

The work of the Board of Health for the past year has been of the regular routine character, there having been no large epidemics and nothing of unusual interest to record. The general health of the city has been good, and the death rate (12.7) extremely low as will be seen by the detailed report of the sanitary officer. The membership of the board and its organization remain the same as last year, and Mr. Palmer has performed his duties in the same capable and efficient manner as in the past. The work has been greatly facilitated and much assistance rendered to the board by Miss Helen Monier as office clerk, and we wish to express our appreciation of her careful and painstaking services.

During the past year there have been twenty-three cases typhoid fever with three deaths. Several of these cases came from out of town to be treated at our hospitals, and are not directly chargeable to local conditions of water or food supply. As usual measles formed the largest part of the contagious diseases reported. There were only fifteen cases of diphtheria with one death.

Since the records of vaccination of school children has been transferred to this board considerable time and work have been given to this and we now consider the records full and complete. Much assistance in this work has been rendered by the superintendent of schools, the teachers and the truant officer.

The department of milk inspection has been conducted as formerly without hardship to any, and with good results to the

general public. The number of samples examined during the past year was 396, of which 11 or less than three per cent. were below standard. There has been but one prosecution by this department during the past year. Lack of care and cleanliness in the storage and handling of this product is the principal cause of complaint.

RUSSELL WILKINS, M. D.,
GEO. A. BERRY,
CHANCEY ADAMS, M. D.,
Board of Health.

REPORT OF SANITARY OFFICER.

To the Board of Health of the City of Concord, N. H.:

GENTLEMEN: Herewith is submitted my annual report as Sanitary Officer, giving in detail the general work of the Health Department for the year ending December 31, 1905.

Comparison of the death rates show that the rate for 1905, 12.7, is the lowest on record for the past 13 years in our city, except in 1898, when it was 12.13. There were during the year 402 deaths, eight less than in 1904. 131 bodies were sent to other places for interment, and 89 were brought here to be interred.

The expenditures of this department for the year 1905 were much less than usual, owing to the fact that less aid was required by persons placed in quarantine, as will be seen by the financial statement.

The inspection of dwelling houses and blocks has been made as thoroughly as time would permit. This work has been made where the inspections were most needed, and also of all premises complained of.

The demand for fumigation is constantly increasing. After a death from tuberculosis, or the removal of a patient suffering from that disease, the rooms are fumigated in compliance with the Session Laws of 1905. Also, we are constantly called upon to fumigate after deaths from cancer, bronchitis, erysipelas, pneumonia, and various other causes aside from contagious diseases.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

There were 299 cases of contagious diseases reported to this department during the year 1905, with five deaths, compared with 116 cases and four deaths in 1904.

There were 80 cases of scarlet fever with no deaths resulting therefrom. During the past six years, 193 cases have been reported with no fatalities. This is a record that is encouraging and of interest to many.

Diphtheria did not prevail to any extent during the year, there being only 15 cases with one death.

There were 23 cases of typhoid fever with three deaths. Several of the cases at the hospital were brought here for treatment from other places.

An epidemic of measles in Ward 1, the first of the year, made the total of 181 cases with one death.

EXPENDITURES.

Expenditures of the Health Department of the City of Concord, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1905 :

Charles E. Palmer, health officer, salary	\$1,200.00
Russell Wilkins, M. D., George A. Berry, Chancey Adams, M. D., board of health, salary	75.00
Helen O. Monier, clerk, services	257.53
Russell Wilkins, acting for health officer	50.00
Charles E. Palmer, postage	21.13
Rumford Printing Co., mortuary reports	18.00
Ira C. Evans Co., printing	19.75
Edson C. Eastman, office supplies	1.00
W. A. Chamberlin, seal press	2.50
George A. Berry, antitoxin, etc.	15.73
George A. Berry, fumigation supplies	87.80
A. Perley Fitch, fumigation supplies	16.80
A. H. Britton & Co., fumigation supplies	2.05
Margaret Pillsbury Hospital, care of James H. Jordan, scarlet fever	78.28
Margaret Pillsbury Hospital, care of Minnie Comier, measles	11.43
Margaret Pillsbury Hospital, care of Josephine Curn, measles	17.29
C. H. Dudley, supplies furnished George Malanson, scarlet fever case	10.11

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Concord Coal Co., fuel furnished George Melanson, scarlet fever case	\$6.13
A. P. Baker, supplies furnished Mr. Mahoney, scarlet fever case	12.52
W. A. Cowley & Co., supplies furnished Mrs. Blan- chard, scarlet fever case	10.91
Mrs. E. J. Lyle, milk furnished Mrs. Blanchard, scarlet fever case	1.26
C. H. Cook, M. D., professional services	23.00
George W. Waters, moving patients	4.00
J. H. Coburn, use of team burying animals	5.00
George L. Theobald, burying animals	8.00
C. D. Marsh, burying horses	2.00
John Prentiss, burying horse	1.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., rental and tolls	23.88
Russell Wilkins, milk inspection	201.77
Charles Seavey, collecting milk	14.26
E. H. Calvert, collecting milk	25.78
George A. Berry, supplies for milk inspection	1.30
Total	<u>\$2,225.21</u>

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.		Smallpox.		Measles.	
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
January.....	4	.....	16	.....	3	1	.....	.....	2	.....
February.....	2	.....	10	.....	1	1	.....	.....	3	.....
March.....	.....	.....	11	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	16	.....
April.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	.....
May.....	2	1	15	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	49	1
June.....	4	.....	12	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	7	.....
July.....	2	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
August.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
September.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
October.....	.....	.....	2	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	24	.....
November.....	.....	.....	3	.....	4	1	.....	.....	23	.....
December.....	.....	.....	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Totals.....	15	1	80	.....	23	3	.....	.....	181	1

RECORD OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES BY WARDS.

Wards.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Totals.
Diphtheria.....	1	1	.....	2	4	.....	7	.....	.....	15
Scarlet fever.....	8	1	23	5	4	9	14	13	3	80
Typhoid fever...	1	4	1	2	5	4	6	.....	.....	23
Smallpox.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Measles.....	82	2	1	35	23	6	20	12	.....	181

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	.....
1901	65	4	11	.....	13	3	40	.....	1	1	130	8
1902.....	29	2	6	.....	23	3	27	.....	2	.....	87	5
1903.....	42	4	39	.....	17	3	532	4	2	.....	682	11
1904.....	55	3	18	.....	12	1	31	.....	.....	.....	116	4
1905.....	15	1	80	.....	23	3	181	1	.....	.....	299	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	6
Catch-basins not trapped	5
Collecting swill unlawfully	1
Collecting swill without license	1
Dead animals	51

Decayed meat and fish	3
Defect in house sewers	2
Defective plumbing	6
Dropping manure in street	1
Dumping rubbish	22
Filthy alleyways	2
Filthy cellars	6
Filthy premises	11
Filthy stables	1
Filthy swill barrels	4
Filthy yards	3
Keeping hens	9
Keeping hogs	10
Odor from gas in houses	2
Offensive manure heaps	5
Offensive odor from stables	10
Offensive odor in houses	10
Offensive privy vaults	21
Pediculosis	3
Private sewers obstructed	11
Sewerage backed into cellars	2
Sewerage backed on to land	1
Sewer traps broken	4
Sink drain obstructed	1
Sinks found without traps	2
Sinks with imperfect drainage	6
Stagnant water	2
Suspected contagious disease	1
Throwing ashes in street	1
Throwing out slops	7
Throwing swill in yards and alleyways	4
Washing ice at watering trough	1
Water-closets foul and offensive	6
Water-closets out of repair	4
Water-closets without water supply	4
Water in cellars	5
Total	257

INSPECTION OF PLUMBING.

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

Plumbing permits granted	150
Water-closets put in	231
Sinks put in	138
Bath-tubs put in	108
Wash-bowls put in	160
Wash-trays put in	24
Urinals put in	13
Ranges put in	7
Shower baths put in	8
Number sewers	54
Total number inspections of plumbing	250

SUMMARY.

Houses placarded in cases of contagious diseases	200
Placards removed	200
Visits made to contagious diseases	631
Rooms fumigated	576
Schoolhouses fumigated	5
Cellars fumigated	3
Wards at hospitals fumigated	7
Hacks fumigated	2
Books and pieces of clothing fumigated	132
Pieces of bedding and clothing burned	423
Burial permits issued	402
Burial permits issued to non-residents	89
Transfer permits issued	131
Garbage licenses issued	48
Number of reports of contagious diseases sent to State Board of Health	52
Number of mortuary reports sent in exchange to other cities	1,032
Number of vaccination certificates issued for children to attend school	940

Number of permits issued for children to return to school	106
Number of collections of food for analysis at the laboratory	7
Water sent for analysis	10

In closing this report I wish to express my thanks to His Honor the Mayor, members of the City Government and the Board of Health for the courteous treatment shown this department during the year.

CHAS. E. PALMER,
Sanitary Officer.

DEATHS REPORTED BY WARDS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

Months.	Wards.												Totals.			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	New Hamp- shire State Hospital.	Margaret Pillsbury General Hospital.	New Hamp- shire Me- morial Hos- pital.		Odd Fellows Home.	Home for Aged.	New Hamp- shire State Prison.	Totals.
January....	1	1	.....	9	10	6	6	3	2	6	3	.....	1	.....	.....	48
February..	5	.....	1	3	6	3	7	4	4	7	4	.....	1	1	.....	46
March.....	10	.....	1	5	4	1	3	3	4	4	5	.....	1	.....	.....	41
April.....	4	2	1	2	3	.....	2	2	2	7	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	30
May.....	3	1	3	6	4	1	6	2	4	8	3	.....	.....	.....	1	42
June.....	2	2	.....	8	.....	3	5	1	2	7	3	.....	1	.....	.....	36
July.....	5	.....	.....	5	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	24
August.....	3	1	3	4	2	4	4	.....	.....	18	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	42
September.	3	.....	2	2	3	2	1	.....	1	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	21
October....	2	.....	1	3	2	2	4	3	3	5	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	28
November..	2	.....	2	.....	3	1	1	.....	1	6	8	.....	.....	1	.....	25
December..	1	1	1	4	1	2	3	2	.....	2	.....	1	.....	.....	1	19
Totals...	41	8	15	51	40	27	43	22	25	75	40	7	4	2	2	402

MORTALITY REPORT.

REPORT OF CITY PHYSICIAN.

To the City Council:

I have the honor to submit the following report of the work done in my department during the year ending December 31, 1905:

Number of calls	18
Office consultations	8
Children examined for school	5
Vaccinations and certificates	146

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. COOK, JR.,

City Physician.

CONCORD, N. H., March 5, 1906.

PUBLIC PARKS.

REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

The park commissioners present herewith their report for the year ending December 31, 1905 :

General appropriation for parks	\$3,500.00	
Appropriation for Penacook Park	125.00	
Appropriation for extra	75.00	
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		\$3,700.00
Gift of J. Eastman Pecker		200.00
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		\$3,900.00

The amount of money available for park work was \$3,900.00 for the past year and has been spent as follows :

WHITE PARK.

For labor (including superintendent's salary)	\$1,909.39	
grade	112.05	
grain	17.15	
fertilizer	17.60	
plants and shrubs	42.25	
tools, etc.	56.88	
incidentals	119.63	
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		\$2,274.95

ROLLINS PARK.

For labor	\$559.35	
grain	27.70	
plants and shrubs	180.58	
fertilizer	27.50	

For lumber	\$41.17
tools, etc.	89.88
incidentals	78.75
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	\$1,004.93

BRADLEY PARK.

For labor	\$65.00
fertilizer	10.95
incidentals	13.10
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	\$89.05

FISKE PARK.

For labor	\$36.50
incidentals	8.25
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	\$44.75

RIDGE ROAD.

For labor	\$26.50
incidentals	11.20
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	\$37.70

COURT HOUSE.

For labor	\$22.00
labor	21.75
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	\$43.75

PENACOOK PARK.

For labor	\$117.80
lumber	9.03
repairs	43.00
incidentals	15.22
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	\$185.05

The expense of improving Pecker Park, in East Concord, was borne by Col. J. Eastman Pecker, who gave \$200. This money was expended as follows:

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For labor	\$53.50
grade	103.50
shrubs and trees	30.16
incidentals	12.12
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	\$199.28

The total expenditures on account of parks was \$3,879.46.

The work at White Park has been almost wholly in keeping the grounds in good order. The pond has been improved by edging it with stones and 600 loads of grade have been drawn on to the playground.

The commissioners did not have sufficient funds to begin the fence, as they had hoped to do, but it is a matter which will require immediate attention. We hope, also, that the grounds may be policed, especially after the hour when the men quit work.

An addition of $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres to Rollins Park has been made, for a playground, at an expense of \$3,307.50. This will be improved as the funds will warrant. The deer park has been an attraction to many, and it is hoped to have an enlarged enclosure by the purchase of the run below the present location. The Angora goats were sold at the time of the state fair, as the enclosure was not large enough for the deer and goats together.

Penacook Park has been used very extensively as a picnic ground, and should be more closely supervised. New lamps were put up and needed repairs made. It will be necessary to cut some of the trees, which are dead or soon will be. The shores should be improved by the erection of a rustic house and benches, and restrictions as to the erection of wharves should be made. All who intend to locate should ask permission of the commissioners.

The other parks have been maintained as usual, and have been objects of much satisfaction and pleasure for all.

The plot of ground in the rear of the Court House has had some work done on it, but owing to the building operations going on nothing permanent could be accomplished.

Owing to the increase of the area and the many needed improvements, the commissioners should be allowed a larger sum to expend upon the parks. It is possible that other lots of land will be donated to the city for its care and maintenance.

Mr. John F. Jones, a valued member of the board, died early in the year, and Dr. Charles P. Bancroft was chosen to fill his place.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES R. CORNING, *Chairman.*

WILLIS G. C. KIMBALL,

BENJAMIN C. WHITE,

WILLIS D. THOMPSON,

GARDNER B. EMMONS,

CHARLES P. BANCROFT,

WILLIAM P. FISKE,

Commissioners.

PARKS.	Year.	Appropriation.	Receipts from other sources.	Cost to date.		Total.	Area.	Notes.
				Land.	Construction and maintenance.			
White Park, the gift of Mrs. Nathaniel White.....	1884	*\$37,550.70	\$1,022.50	\$2,100.00	\$45,968.90	\$48,068.90	23½ acres.	White Park has received the following gifts: Mrs. N. White . . . \$1,700.00 Mrs. C. H. Newhall . . . 500.00 Mr. C. H. Newhall, for bridge . . . 50.00 The city made addition to original gift, paying therefor \$2,100.
Rollins Park, gift in part of citizens of Concord.....	1892	*6,350.00	192.50	{ 2,000.00 1,250.00 3,307.50	8,851.27	15,408.77	25 acres.	Rollins Park. The city has made addition to original gift, paying \$6,557.50 therefor.
Penacook Park.....	1883	1,426.22	.....	.....	1,406.34	1,406.34	.....	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	*1,050.72	.....	.....	1,196.27	1,196.27	½ acre.	
Ridge Avenue Park, gift of the West End Syndicate.....	1898	*182.10	.....	.....	252.65	252.65	½ acre.	
Fiske Park.....	1901	*230.00	.....	.....	320.40	320.40	½ acre.	
Pecker Park.....	1905	200.00	.....	.....	199.28	199.28	.....
Court-House Park.....	1905	.....	.....	.....	43.75	43.75	1 acre.	A small piece of land in East Concord was developed and was paid for by a gift of \$200 from J. Eastman Pecker, and named Pecker Park.
		\$54,389.74	\$1,215.00	\$8,657.50	\$58,238.86	\$66,896.36		

*Appropriation for main system, \$3,500.00.

THE YEARLY APPROPRIATIONS.

Appropriations.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	*1903.
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	\$2,500.00
Rollins Park									1,000.00	1,000.00	750.00	650.00	400.00	400.00	800.00	600.00	750.00
Penacook Park									100.00	100.00	100.00	75.00	75.00	100.00	75.00	200.00	100.00
Bradley Park										550.00	175.00	75.00	25.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	45.00
Ridge Avenue Park.....														100.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Fiske Park															200.00		30.00
GIFTS.																	
Mrs. N. White.....	1,700.00																
Mrs. C. H. Newhall.....	500.00																
Mr. C. H. Newhall.....									50.00								
INCIDENTAL RECEIPTS.																	
White Park	242.96	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										
	\$3,442.96	\$1,162.24	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,570.00	\$5,120.20	\$3,116.95	\$4,203.55	\$5,097.15	\$4,275.00	\$5,172.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,140.00	\$3,640.00	\$2,865.00	\$3,450.00

*Appropriations, 1904: Main park system, \$3,500; Penacook Park, \$275.72; extra, Rollins Park, deer enclosure.

*Appropriations, 1905: Main park system, \$3,500; Penacook Park, \$200.

CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE.

Expenditures.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.
White Park	\$1,838.84	\$4,766.86	\$1,800.00	\$2,570.00	\$3,120.20	\$3,116.95	\$3,071.50	\$3,416.35	\$3,384.58	\$2,982.60	\$1,677.73	\$2,193.49	\$2,424.60	\$2,008.6	\$2,743.94	\$2,618.35	\$2,274.95
Rollins Park	942.35	1,022.86	983.84	636.60	387.09	387.04	764.87	739.25	755.54	1,159.05	1,004.93
Fenacock Park	84.93	94.15	103.72	80.81	77.86	111.16	88.08	238.16	109.32	224.79	185.05
Bradley Park	550.00	218.73	78.25	44.50	38.52	34.72	42.14	44.07	55.29	89.05
Ridge Avenue Park	89.82	42.28	29.14	31.88	21.88	37.70
Fiske Park	199.61	*	28.89	47.15	44.75
Pecker Park	199.28
Court-House Park	48.75
Land purchased	700.00	.....	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,400.00	.....	1,250.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,307.50
	\$1,838.84	\$4,766.86	\$2,500.00	\$2,570.00	\$5,120.20	\$3,116.95	\$4,068.73	\$5,153.36	\$4,650.87	\$5,178.26	\$2,186.98	\$4,069.03	\$3,534.16	\$3,057.13	\$3,713.59	\$4,126.51	\$6,186.96

*Fiske Park, completed by private contribution at an expense of over \$300.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS OF CEMETERIES.

To the City Council of the City of Concord:

Your commissioners of cemeteries have but little to report. The expenditures during the year have been small, as the appropriations placed at our disposal have prevented any permanent improvements. The burials in the past year have been one hundred and forty-seven (147) in Blossom Hill Cemetery, and twenty-one (21) in the Old North.

For the financial standing of the cemeteries we would refer you to the report of the city treasurer.

We would again recommend that a small appropriation be made for the employment of a competent landscape architect to lay out the new section at Blossom Hill which was purchased a few years ago of Mr. Bradley, so that when needed for new lots it may be ready for use.

We would also recommend that an appropriation be made for the erection of a waiting room and toilet rooms near the entrance to Blossom Hill, which has long been needed, and we have had plans made for a suitable building, which can be built at an estimated cost of not exceeding three thousand dollars.

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

JOHN E. ROBERTSON,
FRANK P. ANDREWS,
CHARLES G. REMICK,
FRANK J. BATCHELDER,
GEORGE A. FOSTER,
GEORGE W. ABBOTT,

Commissioners.

GEORGE A. FOSTER, *Secretary.*

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 1905:

RECEIPTS.

From city treasurer, appropriation	\$50.00
From city treasurer, interest on trust funds	15.75
From sale of lots (one half)	32.50
From interested individuals	35.75
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Total receipts	\$134.00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid C. H. Martin & Co.	\$9.85
W. L. Jenks & Co.	16.13
George W. Chesley	3.00
F. W. Sanborn	4.50
F. G. Proctor	80.50
V. C. Hastings	6.00
I. N. Abbott, cash paid for flowers and loam	2.75
Cash to balance account	11.27
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Total expenditures	\$134.00

ALBERT S. TRASK,
FRANK G. PROCTOR,
ISAAC N. ABBOTT,
Committee.

WEST CONCORD CEMETERY.

To His Honor the Mayor and City Council:

Your committee on West Concord Cemetery submit the following report of the receipts and expenditures for the year 1905:

Jan. 1, 1905.	Cash on hand	\$30.09	
	Sale of lots	41.00	
	Care of lots	1.50	
			\$72.59
1905.	Paid out :		
June 6.	Simeon Partridge	\$14.50	
Aug. 9.	A. C. Powell	20.00	
Nov. 20.	Water bill	6.00	
Dec. 6.	W. F. Thayer, one half sale of lots	20.50	
Dec. 29.	J. M. Crossman	5.00	
	G. R. Parmenter	5.00	
			\$71.00
Jan. 1, 1906.	Cash on hand	1.59	
			\$72.59

J. M. CROSSMAN,
GEO. R. PARMENTER,
Committee.

PINE GROVE CEMETERY.

To His Honor the Mayor and City Council :

Your committee on cemeteries in East Concord submit the following report for the year 1905 :

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	\$150.00
Joint resolution	1.00
One half sale of lots	12.50
	\$163 50

EXPENSES.

Jeremiah Carter, mowing	\$17.00
Samuel Cunningham, mowing	17.00
C. M. Radford, labor	14.85

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L. J. Fairfield, labor	\$39.60	
J. T. Batchelder, grade	4.80	
S. Lowell French, labor	12.15	
Scott French, labor	45.60	
Balance with committee	12.50	
		\$163.50

OLD FORT CEMETERY.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	\$15.00
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EXPENSES.

Scott French, labor	\$8.85	
Balance of appropriation	6.15	
		\$15.00

W. A. COWLEY,
SCOTT FRENCH,
Committee.

REPORT OF CITY SOLICITOR.

To the City Council :

I respectfully submit the following report for the year 1905 :

At the time I made my last report, December 31, 1904, the following suits against the City of Concord were pending in the Superior Court: *Concord Street Railway v. Concord*, an appeal taken by the Concord Street Railway from an award of damages to it by the board of mayor and aldermen upon laying out a highway in Penacook; *Joseph Stickney v. Concord*, a petition for an abatement of taxes for the year 1900; *Joseph Stickney v. Concord*, a petition for an abatement of taxes for the year 1901; *Jennie E. Martin v. Concord*, a suit to recover damages for injury to her property on the corner of South State and Downing streets, alleged to have been caused by the backing up of water and sewage by reason of an insufficient and defective sewer; *H. Cohen v. Concord*, a petition for a writ of mandamus to compel the board of mayor and aldermen of Concord to issue to him a license to deal in old junk.

The cases of the Concord Street Railway, Joseph Stickney, and Jennie E. Martin have not been pressed by the plaintiffs and are still on the docket. I have been told by counsel for Jennie E. Martin that if the conditions causing the damage are remedied by the city she will not ask for large damages. I have called this matter to the attention of the city engineer and I think it would be well for the city government to investigate the sewer conditions and facilities in the vicinity of Mrs. Martin's property with a view to ascertaining if there is some practical way of preventing future damage to property in that neighborhood.

The petition of H. Cohen for a writ of mandamus to compel the board of mayor and aldermen of Concord to issue to him a

license to deal in old junk was, at the time of my last report, before the Supreme Court on an exception of the plaintiff to the ruling of the Superior Court sustaining a demurrer to the petition. At the last session of the Legislature the law relating to dealers in old metals, old junk, etc., was amended in such a way that the determination of the questions raised by the petition of H. Cohen would be of little or no value. Counsel for H. Cohen have not pressed the matter of their exception to the ruling of the Superior Court and no decision has been rendered by the Supreme Court.

After the amendment of the law relating to junk dealers I instituted proceedings in the Police Court against H. Cohen for being a dealer in and keeper of a shop for the purchase, sale and barter of old junk, old metals, etc., without a license. Upon trial in the Police Court Mr. Cohen was found guilty and ordered to pay a fine. He appealed from this finding and order of the Police Court to the Superior Court. He was found guilty by the Superior Court and appealed to the Supreme Court, claiming that the law relating to dealers in old metals, etc. (chapter 124 of the Public Statutes), was unconstitutional and that his business, as shown by the facts, was not within the meaning of the law. This case is in order for argument in the Supreme Court at the February term. This is a very important case to the City of Concord, as well as to all other cities and towns in the state which have adopted the provisions of chapter 124 of the Public Statutes, because it will settle the law as to the power boards of mayor and aldermen and boards of selectmen have with reference to regulating the junk business. I hope that the constitutionality of the law will be sustained, as my experience as city solicitor has shown me that this business is one that requires supervision and regulation by reason of the character of the men who usually engage in it and of the opportunity the business affords for the disposition and concealment of stolen property and by reason of the danger to public health and safety if such business is conducted without any restrictions or regulations.

I have during the year prosecuted many criminal cases for the police department before the Police Court. I have also

given advice and assistance when required to the various departments of the city government and to committees and members of the city council. Some of these matters have been of importance and have required considerable time on my part to be able to properly advise in regard to them.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND S. COOK,

City Solicitor.

December 31, 1905.