

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

To the City Council:

The Trustees of the Public Library beg to submit the annual reports of the Librarian and Treasurer.

It will be seen by the report of the Librarian that the number of subscribers during the past year has been increased, and that the number of volumes taken out is in large excess of any year since the Public Library was opened. We could point to no better evidence of public favor and appreciation than the fact that the circulation of books in 1887 increased to nearly 7,000 volumes over that of the preceding year. The people of Concord expect and demand such liberal appropriations on the part of the city government as will enable them to obtain all the literature which a popular library ought always to have. With a generosity unexcelled, a gentleman and his sister, natives of our city, are about to present to Concord a building properly devoted to the uses of a modern library, and we recommend that the council take this matter into careful consideration. Such a gift as is contemplated carries with it a deep responsibility on the part of our city. The usual appropriation will be inadequate to maintain a public building like the one in view, and the municipality will be asked to show a liberal disposition when this splendid memorial is given into their hands. In nearly every city and important town in New England magnificent buildings containing free libraries have been established by citizens who have the welfare of the community at heart; and now that our own goodly city is to be adorned like her sisters, let those who

have her interests in charge see to it that so noble a donation receive the fullest appreciation.

In conclusion, we congratulate our people on the newly acquired interest manifested in the Public Library, and we see no reason why it should not continue to grow every year.

WILLIAM L. FOSTER,
CHARLES R. CORNING,
ABIAL ROLFE,
JOSEPH T. CLOUGH,
JAMES S. NORRIS,
PAUL R. HOLDEN,
WILLIAM W. FLINT,

Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Concord Public Library:

The Librarian herewith presents his report of the library work during the year 1887.

The library has been open for the delivery of books 285 days, during which time 42,341 volumes have been given out, being a gain of 6,814 volumes over the number given out in the year preceding.

Deducting the books in the library that are seldom or never called for, the whole library has been given out between six and seven times over.

Seven hundred and forty-four books have been purchased, and about 125 have been received from the national and state authorities and private individuals.

Eighty-one volumes of pamphlet books have been purchased, which supply a class of reading much called for, at a cheap rate.

Sixty-one volumes have been laid aside, being worn out and defective, unfit for further use.

About 1,150 cards are now in constant use, making an average of about thirty-six books given out on each, each book being kept out on an average between ten and eleven days.

Volumes 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 of the "Courier of New Hampshire," the first newspaper printed in Concord, have been secured for the library, also two volumes of the "New Hampshire Courier," and three volumes of the "Farmer's Monthly Visitor," for which thanks are due to Mrs. Arthur Fletcher and to Woodbridge Odlin, Esq.

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. SECOMB, *Librarian.*

January 2, 1888.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the City Council:

The balance in the hands of the treasurer, January 1, 1887, was \$446.50, to which has been added city appropriation \$2,200, and library receipts of \$319.05, making a total of \$2,965.55 as available funds for the purposes of the library. Of this sum, \$2,200 has been expended as per itemized account in the expenses of the city, and \$726.99 from the funds in the hands of the treasurer in addition to the appropriation, leaving a balance of \$38.56 in the treasurer's hands to be carried to next year.

BALANCE SHEET.

DR.	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1887,	\$446.50
Received from city,	2,200.00
Receipts of library,	319.05
	<u> </u> \$2,965.55
CR.	
Paid as per city account,	\$2,200.00
Paid Edson C. Eastman, books,	726.99
Cash on hand,	38.56
	<u> </u> \$2,965.55

TRUST ACCOUNT.

DR.	
Balance cash on hand Jan. 1, 1887,	\$80.00
Received interest from Pierce fund,	60.00
" Lyon fund,	60.00
	<u> </u> \$200.00
CR.	
By paid for books,	\$200.00
	<u> </u> \$200.00

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. FISKE,
Treasurer.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF THE CITY MARSHAL.

To the City Council:

The undersigned respectfully submits the following report of the doings of the Police Department of the city of Concord for the year ending December 31, 1887 :

The whole number of arrests made during the year, not including those made at Penacook, was 337
as follows :

Arson,	1
Assault and battery,	15
Assault of an aggravated nature,	4
Assault upon an officer,	2
Adultery,	1
Breaking and entering,	4
Common drunkard,	5
Discharging fire-arms in the public street,	2
Evading car fare,	4
For being out late at night,	11
For out of town officers,	2
For driving team farther than stipulated,	2
Gambling,	4
Insane persons,	6
Intoxication,	123
Keeping liquor for sale,	25
Keeping beer for sale,	54
Keeping saloon open after 10 o'clock,	1
Larceny,	19

Obtaining goods by false pretences,	4
Rude and disorderly conduct,	31
Rape,	1
Stubborn child,	1
Suspicious persons,	15
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Total,	337

Of the above cases, 178 were arraigned before the police court, charged with the following offences, to wit :

Arson,	1
Assault and battery,	9
Assault of an aggravated nature,	4
Assault upon an officer,	2
Adultery,	1
Breaking and entering,	4
Common drunkard,	5
Discharging fire-arms in the public street,	2
Evading car fare,	3
Gambling,	4
Intoxication,	42
Keeping liquor for sale,	25
Keeping beer for sale,	54
Keeping saloon open after 10 o'clock,	1
Larceny,	10
Obtaining goods by false pretences,	3
Rude and disorderly conduct,	6
Rape,	1
Stubborn child,	1
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Total,	178

And were disposed of as follows :

Sentenced to pay fine,	66
Sentenced to the Industrial School,	2
Sentenced to jail,	3
Sentenced to the house of correction,	3
Ordered to recognize to appear at supreme court,	82

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Placed on file,	13
Discharged by court,	6
Nol. prossed,	3
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Total,	178
Discharged without complaint,	159
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Total,	337

Twenty-eight buildings have been found open, and secured.
 The whole number of lodgers accommodated at the station-
 house during the year was 205.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CONNELL,
City Marshal.

Concord, Dec. 31, 1887.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CITY MARSHAL.

To His Honor the Mayor and City Council:

The undersigned would submit the following report of the Police Department in Penacook, Ward 1, city of Concord, for the eleven months and five days ending Dec. 31, 1887:

Whole number of arrests made during this time,	. 47
Assault and battery,	. . . . . 2
Assault on an officer,	. . . . . 1
Disturbing the peace,	. . . . . 3
Disorderly conduct,	. . . . . 4
For safe keeping,	. . . . . 3
Intoxication,	. . . . . 20
Larceny,	. . . . . 1
Insane,	. . . . . 1
Bastardy,	. . . . . 1
Selling spirituous liquor,	. . . . . 1
Keeping malt liquor for sale,	. . . . . 6
Keeping lager beer for sale,	. . . . . 2
Keeping saloon open on Sunday,	. . . . . 1
Stubborn child,	. . . . . 1
Total,	. . . . . <u>47</u>

Of the above cases, 28 were arraigned before the police court, charged with the following offences, to wit:

Assault and battery,	. . . . . 1
Assault on an officer,	. . . . . 1
Larceny,	. . . . . 1
Stubborn child,	. . . . . 1
Selling spirituous liquor,	. . . . . 1
Keeping malt liquor for sale, 6
Keeping lager beer for sale, 2
Keeping saloon open on Sunday, 1

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Intoxication,	13
Disorderly conduct,	1
Total,	<u>28</u>

And were disposed of by the court as follows :

Sentenced to pay a fine,	20
Ordered to recognize to appear at the supreme court,	5
Sentenced to the Industrial School,	1
Sentence suspended,	1
Nol. prossed,	1
Total,	<u>28</u>
Committed to insane asylum,	1
Discharged without complaint,	18
Total,	<u>47</u>

Fourteen buildings have been found open, and secured.

Whole number of lodgers accommodated at the station-house during the eleven months and five days was 35.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. COREY,
Assistant City Marshal.

Penacook, N. H., Dec. 31, 1887.

REPORT OF THE POLICE JUSTICE.

To the City Council:

The Police Justice herewith submits his report for the year 1887:

Number of civil actions entered in the police court,	. . . 103
Number of persons of foreign birth who have filed their primary declarations to become citizens,	. . . 5
Number of persons of foreign birth who have be- come naturalized,	. . . . . 1
Number of complaints entered against persons charged with commission of criminal offences,	. . . 214

The character and disposition of the prosecutions brought by the city are set forth in the reports of the city marshal and assistant city marshal for the year 1887.

The Police Justice charges himself as follows:

For costs arising from criminal prosecutions,	. . . \$301.09
For fines arising from same,	. . . . . 837.00
For fees arising from civil actions,	. . . . . 56.91
	\$1,195.00

And discharges himself as follows:

Cash paid city treasurer, \$1,195.00
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BENJAMIN E. BADGER,
Police Justice.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 31, 1887.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL JUSTICE.

To the City Council:

The Special Police Justice submits the following report:

During the past year there have been only five criminal arraignments before me:

One for breaking and entering and stealing.

Two for malicious destruction of property.

Two for keeping malt liquor for sale.

I charge myself as follows:

For costs in criminal cases,	. . . . .	\$1.00
For fines " " " "	20.00
		\$21.00

I discharge myself as follows:

To cash paid city treasurer,	\$21.00
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ROB'T A. RAY,
Special Police Justice.

REPORT OF THE CITY SOLICITOR.

To the City Council :

At the commencement of my term of office, the city of Concord was interested in three legal controversies. The first in order of time was the suit of Engel against Concord, which was commenced March 5, 1883, and still remains upon the docket. The case is referred to Joseph Barnard, of Hopkinton, and will be disposed of at the next term of court.

The suit of Lowell Eastman against Concord was settled at the April term, 1887, of the supreme court, by the payment of \$175.16 to the plaintiff. One half of this amount, to wit, \$87.58, was paid by the city of Concord, and the balance was paid by the Page Belting Co. I advised the above settlement, believing it was for the best interest of the city.

The case of School District No. 16 against Concord was decided at the March, 1887, law term of the supreme court. This was a proceeding to determine the title to \$1,652.79 which had been paid into the city treasury during the last fourteen years as taxes assessed for school purposes upon the inhabitants of School District No. 16 of Concord. There being no children in the district, the money had never been drawn from the city treasury. The law of 1885, establishing the "town system" of schools, abolished School District No. 16, and the question arose as to whom the money belonged. The court decided that the school board of the town district of Concord should be appointed trustees to draw the money from the city treasury, and should refund to the inhabitants of the old district No. 16 the equalizing tax assessed on their persons and property under the law of 1885, and to apply the balance, after paying the expenses of the suit, for the educational use and benefit of the people inhabiting the former territory of District No. 16. The money in the city treasury has been paid to the school board of the school district of Concord, in accordance with the decision of the court.

On the 21st day of May, 1887, suit was brought against Concord by Ruel Philbrook, James Knibbs, Marcus P. Norton *et als.*, to recover the sum of \$30,000 for an alleged infringement of the Knibbs patent valve, so called. About the same time similar suits were brought by the same parties against the cities of Manchester, Dover, Nashua, and Portsmouth. At a meeting of the mayors and solicitors of the above cities, held at Manchester, it was unanimously agreed that the cities should unite in a common defence, and that the expense of defending the suits should be shared proportionally by all the cities. By a unanimous vote, Hon. William L. Foster was elected as counsel for the combined cities. The suits are now pending in the United States circuit court. The first question to be determined is the validity of the release which was given to Concord and the other cities by Norton *et als.* in 1883. The parties who represent Norton in the present suits claim that the release was obtained by fraud, and that the consideration of the release has failed. It has been agreed that the question of the validity of the release shall be tried before Judge Colt, without a jury. If the cities prevail upon this point, as I believe they will, it will end the suit. If the decision on the validity of the release is adverse to the cities, then the whole question as to the alleged infringement of the patent by the cities will have to be tried again. There seems to be little doubt but that the cities will prevail in the end.

At the last term of the supreme court for this county, a suit was brought against Concord by Joseph B. Walker to recover the sum of \$500 for damages alleged to have been caused by the improper construction of a sewer, thereby causing the water therein to flow back into Mr. Walker's cellar, and filling the same with filthy water. The case has been continued to the next April term of the supreme court, when it will be disposed of.

HARRY G. SARGENT,
Solicitor.

CEMETERIES.

To the City Council:

The Cemetery Committee respectfully submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1887:

BLOSSOM HILL CEMETERY.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of the committee December 31, 1886, as per report,	\$932.63
Received of John Hawkins for bill of P. S. Smith, collected, 1885,	4.00
Received from tomb appropriation, for Donagan & Davis bill,	7.97
Received on interest account,	40.98
Received uncollected bills, 1886:	
B. J. Poore,	\$1.98
S. Worcester, . . . . .	.50
H. G. Chickering,	2.82
P. S. Smith,	1.50
John M. Smith,	5.00
A. Johnson estate, . . . . .	.75
	\$12.55
Received of Wm. F. Thayer, on account of trust funds:	
James McQuesten fund,	\$7.00
S. M. K. Adams "	15.00
E. L. Knowlton "	14.25
E. W. Upham "	5.50
Geo. G. Fogg "	7.00

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Mary Crow	fund,	\$8.50	
Mary D. Hart	"	8.00	
Mrs. C. H. Newhall	"	4.50	
Asa Fowler	"	17.82	
Mary Williams	"	2.50	
Mary E. Walker	"	.	.	.	.	3.00	
Georgia P. Ela	"	.	.	.	.	3.00	
B. A. Kimball	"	.	.	.	.	3.00	
John Kimball	"	.	.	.	.	3.00	
S. E. Irish	"	.	.	.	.	3.00	
							<u>\$105.07</u>
Received from W. F. Thayer, treasurer,							
interest on invested fund,	.	.	.	.	.		\$328.76
Received from sale of lots,	.	.	.	.	.		2,213.95
Received from sale of single graves :							
Asa Walters,	.	.	.	.	.	\$2.00	
Joseph Culley,	.	.	.	.	.	2.00	
							<u>\$4.00</u>
Received for care, labor, &c., on lots, 1887 :							
Samuel Chandler,	repairs,	.	.	.	.	\$34.50	
Mrs. L. F. Lund,	"	.	.	.	.	9.00	
Mrs. C. Marsh,	"	.	.	.	.	54.70	
A. G. Estabrook	"	.	.	.	.	10.45	
J. E. Robertson,	"	.	.	.	.	66.60	
Mrs. N. White,	"	.	.	.	.	44.25	
John M. Hill,	"	.	.	.	.	47.34	
Mrs. T. A. Freeman,	"	.	.	.	.	20.25	
C. M. Templeton,	"	.	.	.	.	27.90	
Mrs. C. Haley,	"	.	.	.	.	20.00	
G. L. Lovejoy,	"	.	.	.	.	22.50	
N. G. Carr,	"	.	.	.	.	13.10	
Mrs. C. Dudley,	"	.	.	.	.	5.00	
J. H. Albin,	"	.	.	.	.	6.00	
Thomas Stewart,	"	.	.	.	.	9.50	
E. M. Nason,	care of lot,	.	.	.	.	4.00	
R. Burt,	"	.	.	.	.	4.00	
Mrs. J. Y. Mugridge,	"	.	.	.	.	5.00	
Charles Young,	"	.	.	.	.	4.00	
Mrs. T. Rowell,	"	.	.	.	.	5.00	

Mrs. O. C. Baker, care of lot,	.	.	.	\$6.50
G. Bullock,	"	.	.	3.00
C. L. Eastman,	"	.	.	4.00
Henry Robinson,	"	.	.	4.00
S. R. Dole,	"	.	.	5.20
J. E. Sargent,	"	.	.	4.00
W. G. Carter,	"	.	.	4.00
G. F. Kelley,	"	.	.	4.00
M. D. Cummings,	"	.	.	4.00
Geo. C. Fuller lot,	"	.	.	6.50
J. T. Gordon,	"	.	.	4.25
F. E. Wright,	"	.	.	6.75
L. J. Gordon,	"	.	.	3.00
Mary L. Hill, repairs,	.	.	.	34.00
D. B. Corser, care of lot,	.	.	.	3.50
H. A. Dodge,	"	.	.	3.50
C. C. Danforth,	"	.	.	3.50
R. M. Ordway,	"	.	.	3.25
J. H. Abbot, repairs,	.	.	.	26.40
F. E. Gale,	"	.	.	26.00
Mrs. L. D. Brown,	"	.	.	53.50
Kimball & Fiske,	"	.	.	51.51
Mrs. C. Batchelder,	"	.	.	8.00
J. McCauley, care of lot,	.	.	.	4.00
A. B. Sargent, repairs,	.	.	.	54.50
D. B. Hill,	"	.	.	24.70
Charles F. West,	"	.	.	20.00
J. P. Nutter, care of lot,	.	.	.	2.50
G. A. Cummings,	"	.	.	3.50
J. B. Palmer,	"	.	.	3.00
S. K. Blaney estate,	"	.	.	3.00
B. W. Couch estate,	"	.	.	2.50
W. F. Thayer,	"	.	.	3.50
H. C. Brown,	"	.	.	3.50
G. L. Brown,	"	.	.	3.50
J. R. H. Davis,	"	.	.	2.50
A. P. Fitch,	"	.	.	3.50
J. C. Thorne,	"	.	.	2.50
J. C. Badger,	"	.	.	3.00

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E. C. Eastman, care of lot,	.	.	.	\$3.50
J. E. Randlett,	"	.	.	2.50
W. A. Chesley,	"	.	.	2.50
J. D. Blaisdell estate,	"	.	.	2.50
Newell Sanborn estate,	"	.	.	2.50
Silas Curtis,	"	.	.	2.50
S. Humphrey,	"	.	.	3.00
G. E. Hatch,	"	.	.	2.50
W. K. McFarland,	"	.	.	2.50
W. W. Niles,	"	.	.	2.50
Clara A. Noyes,	"	.	.	2.50
J. H. Gallinger,	"	.	.	2.50
T. Haynes estate,	"	.	.	2.50
W. D. Garvin,	"	.	.	2.50
W. G. Shaw,	"	.	.	1.50
J. N. Lauder,	"	.	.	1.50
J. B. Coleman,	"	.	.	1.50
P. Kittredge,	"	.	.	1.25
H. G. Chandler,	"	.	.	1.50
Mrs. G. P. Whittle,	"	.	.	1.25
Mrs. H. E. Perkins,	"	.	.	2.00
H. Clough,	"	.	.	1.50
Samuel Chesley,	"	.	.	1.00
A. Bunker,	"	.	.	1.00
A. P. Sherburne,	"	.	.	1.50
F. Blanchard,	"	.	.	2.50
S. Holman,	"	.	.	2.50
H. B. Tebbetts,	"	.	.	1.50
Frank K. Jones,	"	.	.	1.50
W. G. C. Kimball,	"	.	.	4.00
P. M. Kent,	"	.	.	2.50
Mrs. E. Doyen,	"	.	.	2.35
G. D. B. Prescott,	"	.	.	1.25
J. L. French,	"	.	.	1.50
M. W. Russell,	"	.	.	3.25
J. P. Bancroft, repairs,	.	.	.	35.45
G. H. Marston, repairs,	.	.	.	35.50
N. P. Stevens, care of lot,	.	.	.	1.25
Fred Johnson,	"	.	.	1.50

B. F. Caldwell estate, care of lot,	.	.	\$3.50
R. Woodruff,	"	.	1.50
E. H. Rollins,	"	.	2.50
C. R. Cass,	"	.	1.00
E. Dow,	"	.	1.50
E. Blake estate,	"	.	1.00
S. J. Leaver,	"	.	1.50
J. S. Russ,	"	.	1.00
Miss M. A. Abbott,	"	.	1.00
S. Webster estate,	"	.	1.50
W. W. Cloud,	"	.	1.25
G. P. Cleaves,	"	.	1.00
G. J. Sargent,	"	.	1.00
S. K. Gill,	"	.	1.00
Mrs. J. W. Little,	"	.	2.00
C. P. Sanborn,	"	.	1.00
J. H. Hoyt,	"	.	1.50
I. Perley estate,	"	.	1.50
L. K. Peacock,	"	.	1.50
C. P. Virgin,	"	.	1.50
H. W. Hilson,	"	.	1.00
Mrs. V. Atkins,	"	.	1.00
E. D. Clough,	"	.	1.50
A. M. Follett,	"	.	1.50
Porter Crane,	"	.	1.00
B. G. Merrill,	"	.	1.50
J. E. Hutchins,	"	.	1.50
Mrs. C. Merrill,	"	.	2.00
E. F. Richardson,	"	.	1.00
S. Dana,	"	.	1.00
E. E. Brown,	"	.	1.50
Mrs. W. H. Allison,	"	.	1.50
Mrs. E. F. Mansfield,	"	.	1.50
D. J. Abbott,	"	.	1.25
L. R. Fellows,	"	.	1.25
J. Lamprey,	"	.	1.50
M. R. Holt, repairs,	.	.	12.00
Judith M. Clough estate, care of lot,	.	.	1.00
J. A. Cochran,	"	.	2.50

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F. E. Heath, repairs,	\$9.90
G. W. Jackson, repairs,	122.50
G. L. Stratton, care of lot,	4.00
W. A. Russell,	“	1.00
Mrs. E. G. Carter,	“	2.00
E. E. Sturtevant Post 2, G. A. R., repairs,		14.00
Charles Barker, repairs,	. . . .	23.80
H. Bartlett,	“	14.20
Mrs. J. A. West,	“	9.50
William Gordon,	“	38.50
S. Wallace,	“	32.25
John Allison,	“	15.00
J. B. Runals, care of lot,	. . . .	1.25
John Gear,	“	2.50
Anna Johnson,	“	6.00
W. P. Ballard, repairs,	. . . .	23.50
H. Havener, care of lot,	. . . .	3.50
G. B. Emmons,	“	3.75
Mrs. R. B. Wheeler, repairs,	. . . .	16.65
C. L. George,	“	14.00
L. C. Woods,	“	16.50
Geo. Cook,	“	23.20
Rufus Clement estate, care of lot,	. . . .	2.50
I. A. Hill,	“ . . . .	.25
H. E. Allison, repairs,	. . . .	15.00
Miss Lane, care of lot,	. . . .	2.00
C. W. Pickard, repairs,	. . . .	19.50
C. H. Herbert, care of lot,	. . . .	.20
Mrs. W. W. Fletcher,	“	3.00
G. A. Mansur, repairs,	. . . .	15.90
J. J. Wyman, care of lot,	. . . .	1.50
E. O. Jameson,	“	4.00
F. J. Young, repairs,	. . . .	15.00
Geo. E. Gay,	“	23.50
J. B. Sargent, care of lot,	. . . .	5.65
Miss J. Bouton, repairs,	. . . .	30.80
Mrs. Jenkins,	“	16.60
J. T. Batchelder,	“	26.20
Mrs. J. M. Dearborn,	“	29.00

CITY OF CONCORD.

F. Evans, care of lot,	\$0.25
J. P. Nutter, "	2.00
J. P. Donahue, repairs,	15.16
J. C. Badger, "	11.70
F. E. Wright, care of lot,	5.00
M. Walton, "	5.00
F. P. Mace, repairs,	23.00
O. H. T. Richardson, care of lot,	2.25
M. Quimby, "	3.00
R. M. Patten, repairs,	17.00
J. C. Eaton, "	15.00
D. Fitts, care of lot,	2.00
H. A. Mann, "	1.00
J. F. Peters, "	1.00
E. Fogg, "	1.00
B. Gage, "	2.00
Mrs. D. A. Warde, "	3.00
P. W. Webster, "	1.00
G. L. Lovejoy, for digging graves,	210.45
A. C. Fisher, " "	31.00
R. C. Danforth, moving remains,	12.00
C. H. Amsden, trimming grove,	6.00
J. L. Hastings, digging grave,	1.25
F. F. Dolloff, grass,	10.00
H. Hammond, old lawn-mower,	4.00
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	\$2,033.11
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	\$5,683.02

EXPENDITURES.

C. T. Huntoon, 193 days,	\$434.25
P. Duvall, 159 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	239.62
T. Carley, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	19.00
P. Drew, 95 $\frac{5}{12}$ "	143.12
B. G. Tucker, 144 "	288.00
M. Mellifant, 157 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	236.61
J. B. Drew, 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	93.75
A. Evans, 124 "	217.00
F. Wheeler, "	76.50

B. Collins,	77½ days,	. . . . .	\$116.25
M. Dyer, labor,	. . . . .	. . . . .	10.50
B. G. Tucker, digging graves, &c.,	. . . . .	. . . . .	68.38
S. Holman, manure,	. . . . .	. . . . .	15.00
Mrs. P. P. Bixby, “	. . . . .	. . . . .	7.50
G. F. Kellom, “	. . . . .	. . . . .	5.00
G. Bullock, “	. . . . .	. . . . .	12.00
A. M. Follett, “	. . . . .	. . . . .	15.00
J. W. White, “	. . . . .	. . . . .	7.50
C. W. Lynam, “	. . . . .	. . . . .	5.00
M. H. Bradley, turf and loam,	. . . . .	. . . . .	247.38
W. M. Colby, plants,	. . . . .	. . . . .	36.43
Geo. Main, “	. . . . .	. . . . .	5.00
M. Blake, painting,	. . . . .	. . . . .	6.00
Dixon & Hadley, carpenter work,	. . . . .	. . . . .	4.00
E. O. Nudd, . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	6.00
F. J. Batchelder, printing and stationery,	. . . . .	. . . . .	10.25
W. S. Davis & Son, repairs,	. . . . .	. . . . .	2.00
F. P. Mace, stationery,	. . . . .	. . . . .	.40
Humphrey, Dodge & Smith, hardware,	. . . . .	. . . . .	21.23
Vick & Co., seeds,	. . . . .	. . . . .	4.00
T. J. Carpenter, paint and window,	. . . . .	. . . . .	2.50
J. A. White, repairs lawn-mower,	. . . . .	. . . . .	1.50
Hobbs & Gordon, “ “	. . . . .	. . . . .	3.50
C. T. Huntoon, paid for oil,	. . . . .	. . . . .	1.20
“ “ blacksmithing,	. . . . .	. . . . .	2.00
“ “ axe,	. . . . .	. . . . .	1.25
“ “ expenses,	. . . . .	. . . . .	3.40
“ “ stamps and stationery,	. . . . .	. . . . .	5.40
A. G. McAlpine, repairing turf-cutter,	. . . . .	. . . . .	.50
C. R. Cass, repairing picks,	. . . . .	. . . . .	1.20
W. Silver, repairing axes,	. . . . .	. . . . .	.80
W. S. Davis & Son, repairs,	. . . . .	. . . . .	2.50
W. D. Thompson, hardware,	. . . . .	. . . . .	1.50
F. J. Batchelder, printing,	. . . . .	. . . . .	4.00
Foss & Merrill, surveying,	. . . . .	. . . . .	10.37
J. F. Hoit, seed,	. . . . .	. . . . .	7.70
W. A. Thompson, boxes,	. . . . .	. . . . .	.80
C. T. Huntoon, moving remains, &c.,	. . . . .	. . . . .	43.70

H. M. Cook, services,	\$25.00
C. T. Huntoon, use of horse,	169.00
John Hawkins, plants for Mrs. Crow's lot,	3.00
M. Whaland, manure,	30.00
E. B. Hutchinson, building,	359.51
J. Welcome, manure,	15.00
G. A. Dow, "	8.75
John Barry, "	12.00
W. J. Fernald, settees,	12.00
G. H. H. Silsby & Son, blank book, . . . . .	.15
B. C. Hill, granite posts,	20.00
Water bill,	16.00
J. H. Chase, bill,	2.00
Donagan & Davis, work on tomb,	7.97
Geo. Goodhue, bill,	4.45
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	\$3,131.32
City treasurer, one half sale of lots,	1,106.97
Cash in hands of the committee,	1,444.73
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	\$5,683.02

OLD NORTH CEMETERY.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of committee, December 31, 1886, as per report,	\$93.05
Received from W. F. Thayer, treas., interest on invested fund,	42.60
Received from W. F. Thayer, treas., on account of trust funds, as follows :	
Wentworth fund,	\$6.00
T. French "	6.00
S. Eastman "	2.50
A. Sweetser "	6.00
Osgood "	6.00
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	\$26.50

Received for care of lots, &c. :

Mrs. T. Rowell,	\$5.00
C. G. Coffin,	3.50
C. F. West,	4.20
J. J. Wyman,	1.00
C. A. Young,	17.60
H. T. Chickering,	5.00
C. Stevens,	2.00
B. F. Walcott,	7.20
G. L. Lovejoy, for digging graves,	23.45
A. C. Fisher,	6.50
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	\$75.45
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	\$237.60

EXPENDITURES.

C. T. Huntoon, 6 days,	\$13.50
P. Duvall, 6 "	9.00
T. Carley, 4 "	8.00
P. Drew, 10 "	15.00
B. G. Tucker, 10 "	20.00
J. B. Drew, 7 "	10.50
A. Evans, 6 "	10.50
B. Collins, 6 "	9.00
W. Drew, 3 "	4.00
C. T. Huntoon, use of horse,	8.00
M. Chambers, dressing,	6.00
J. Leary,	15.00
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	\$128.50
Cash in hands of the committee,	\$109.10
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	\$237.60

J. H. CHASE,
 C. T. HUNTOON,
 JAMES MINOT,
Committee.

Concord, N. H., December 31, 1887.

EAST CONCORD CEMETERY.

To the City Council:

The committee of Pine Grove cemetery respectfully submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1887:

Cash, December 31, 1886, . . .	\$46.62	
Received for lots,	15.00	
Received interest, July 1, 1887, . . .	2.07	
		\$63.69
Cash in bank, December 31,	\$23.69	
Cash on hand, " "	5.64	
Paid city treasurer, one half sale of lots, .	7.50	
Paid J. Hutchins, clearing cemetery, . . .	26.86	
		\$63.69

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. STANIELS,
CHARLES D. ROWELL,
J. E. PLUMMER,
Cemetery Committee.

WEST CONCORD CEMETERY.

To the City Council:

The report for the year ending December 31, 1887, is as follows:

Cash on hand January 1, 1887,	\$2.36	
Received from sale of lots,	23.00	
		\$25.36
Paid city treasurer, one half sale of lots, .	\$11.50	
Paid for care and improvement of grounds, .	10.12	
Cash on hand January 1, 1888,	3.74	
		\$25.36

Respectfully submitted,

O. L. SHEPARD,
BENJ. T. PUTNEY,
J. M. CROSSMAN,
Cemetery Committee.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR
THE IMPROVEMENT OF BLOSSOM HILL CEM-
ETERY.

The following ordinance was passed May 16, 1887 :

CITY OF CONCORD.

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven.

AN ORDINANCE in relation to the improvement of Blossom Hill Cemetery, providing a Special Committee and defining its duties.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Concord, as follows :

SECTION 1. The contemplated improvements at Blossom Hill Cemetery shall be made under the direction of a special committee composed of twelve persons, as follows :

The mayor.

Two members of the board of aldermen ; two members of the common council, to be appointed by the mayor.

One member of the board of cemetery trustees, to be chosen by said board of cemetery trustees.

And six citizen tax-payers or lot-owners, to be recommended by the lot-owners in said cemetery, and confirmed by the city council.

SEC. 2. Said committee shall serve (without compensation) for a term of three years, and such time thereafter until their successors shall be elected by the city council, and said committee (of which a majority shall constitute a quorum) shall have full power to fill any vacancies that may arise, by a majority vote of said committee.

SEC. 3. Upon the passage of this ordinance the mayor shall call a meeting (by notice in the daily press) of the lot-owners in said cemetery, to meet within ten days, to select the six members of the committee before mentioned; and said general committee shall, within fifteen days after their election, meet, and organize by the choice of a chairman, a secretary or clerk, a financial agent or treasurer, and an executive sub-committee, and adopt such rules or by-laws as may be necessary.

SEC. 4. Said committee shall have full power and direction in the expenditure of the special appropriations made by the city for said work, and shall report to the city council at the close of each fiscal year, and oftener if required, all details of expenditure, work completed and contemplated.

SEC. 5. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage, and any ordinance or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Under the provisions of the foregoing ordinance, a committee of twelve was chosen, constituted as follows :

Mayor John E. Robertson.
 Aldermen George O. Dickerman,
 John C. Ordway.
 Councilmen Frank J. Batchelder,
 Josiah E. Dwight,
 James H. Chase (representing Cemetery Committee),
 Joseph B. Walker,
 Samuel S. Kimball,
 Gustavus Walker,
 William F. Thayer,
 Edson J. Hill,
 Gardner B. Emmons.

The last six, representing the lot-owners in said cemetery, were chosen at a meeting called by the mayor and held in the City Hall, May 27, 1887, and confirmed by the City Council, June 25, 1887.

The committee organized as follows :

John E. Robertson, Chairman.
 John C. Ordway, Secretary.
 Wm. F. Thayer, Treasurer.
 Jos. B. Walker, S. S. Kimball, J. H. Chase,
 Executive Committee.

Several meetings of the committee have been held, the nature of the improvements to be made discussed, and a substantial agreement reached that the front and approaches should be first improved. The merits of a wrought iron fence and stone wall were discussed at length.

Mr. Charles Elliott, of Boston, a landscape artist, was present at one meeting, and offered the committee valuable suggestions. A front stone wall three feet high was finally agreed upon as the first work to be done ; and the committee, after advertising for proposals, were authorized to contract for one thousand running feet of same, to be laid the coming season. A contract was made with R. McDonald for \$3,968.30. The executive committee were also authorized to dispose of the old wall, and to contract for the necessary grading.

No considerable amount of the appropriation of \$3,000 made the present year has been as yet expended.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. ORDWAY,
Secretary of Committee.

Concord, Dec. 31, 1887.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To His Honor the Mayor and Gentlemen of the City Council:

I have the honor herewith to submit to you the annual report of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1887.

During the year the Precinct Department has responded to twelve box alarms, two of which have been for fires out of town, viz., Lebanon and Suncook, both occurring May 10th, and one for a fire near the new prison. Steamer 3 of Penacook has responded to three alarms, one of which was on the Boscawen side of the river. Engine 2 of East Concord has responded to three alarms, two of the fires in that ward being farm buildings, and located beyond the reach of water. Engine 3 of West Concord has responded to three alarms, at only one of which they played any water. There have been ten "still" alarms, caused by chimney fires, where, in a majority of cases, help has been summoned from the Central Fire Station. I am pleased to report that no serious fires have occurred, the promptness and efficiency of the Department, backed by good apparatus and plenty of water, having in every instance kept the fire confined to the buildings in which they originated.

You will see, by referring to the recapitulation, that our losses have been larger than last year, yet they are unusually small for a city of the size of Concord, and will compare favorably with our small fire loss for the past ten years. In view of the fact that the year 1887 has been a noted one for large fires, we have every reason to congratulate ourselves on our escape from any destructive fires.

EXPENSES.

The cost of maintaining the Department the past year has been as follows, viz. :

Appropriation,	\$11,000.00	
New hose,	1,600.00	
Other resources,	423.08	
	<hr/>	\$13,023.08
Expense,	\$11,321.22	
New hose,	1,600.00	
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Surplus,		\$101.86

STATEMENT OF DETAILS OF FIRES AND ALARMS FOR THE YEAR
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1887.

Jan. 4, still, 1:35 P. M., 5 Pine street, chimney; no loss; extinguished by men from Central Station.

Jan. 4, still, 5:25 P. M., Centennial block, chimney; no loss; extinguished by help from Central Station.

Jan. 5, 7:30 A. M., West Concord, passenger station, Concord & Claremont Railroad. Cause, defective chimney; no loss reported. Engine 3 present.

Jan. 9, still, 11:20 P. M., club stable, Warren street, burning chimney; no loss; extinguished by help from Central Station.

Feb. 24, telephone from prison, special call "11-11;" two-story frame dwelling with barn connected, situated near railroad crossing, West Concord, owned by E. C. Sargent and occupied by George Scales; totally destroyed. Kearsarge company with hose sleigh sent up. No water played, owing to distance from hydrant. Loss, \$1,500; insurance, \$1,500. Cause, supposed incendiary.

Feb. 25, still, 8:40 P. M., Green street, chimney fire; no loss; extinguished by help from Central Station.

Feb. 27, box 14, 1:09 P. M., Bradley street. One and a half story frame dwelling and barn, owned and occupied by A. McAlpine. Loss, \$2,000; insurance, \$1,200. Cause, accidental; supposed to be from smoking hams in barn. Apparatus present, Steamer 2, Hose 1 and 2, Truck 1.

March 5, 8 P. M., still, Centennial block, chimney burned out; no loss; extinguished by men from Central Station.

March 26, box 32, 6:18 P. M., School street extension, near jail. Two-story frame dwelling, owned by Mrs. A. M. Stiles

and occupied by B. P. Davis and Lewis Martin. Loss on building, \$159.20; insured for \$800. Loss on furniture, \$50; no insurance. Cause, defective chimney. Apparatus present, Steamer 2, Hose 1 and 2, Truck 1.

April 9, farm-house and barn situated on Shaker road, near East Concord, owned by W. D. Locke, totally consumed. Loss, \$400; insurance, \$400. Cause, supposed incendiary. Out of reach of Fire Department.

April 13, Penacook. fire in Concord Axle Company's works, located on Boscawen side. Steamer 3 responded, and rendered valuable service.

April 16, farm-house and barn owned and occupied by Otis Nudd, on road from Loudon to Penacook. Totally consumed. Loss, \$640; insured for \$1,000. Cause, unknown. Out of reach of Fire Department.

May 10, special call "11-11," 3:25 A. M.; came call for assistance from Lebanon. Relief Steamer Gov. Hill and Kearsarge Hose carriage, in charge of Kearsarge company, accompanied by the chief and delegation of firemen, sent. Although arriving too late to render valuable assistance, they were gladly welcomed by the citizens, and received a vote of thanks from the officers of the town.

May 10, special call "11-11," 3:05 P. M.; call for assistance from Suncook. Steamer 2 with hose carriage, in charge of Assistant Chief Merrill and delegation from other companies, responded, and rendered very valuable service, being on duty about three hours. Apparently their services *were not* appreciated.

June 28, 8 P. M., still, Cummings block, South Main street, grocery store occupied by Lee & Kenna. Loss, \$10; insured for \$1,000. Cause, dropping of a lamp in window.

July 2, 11:30 P. M., Washington square, Penacook, frame building; no loss. Cause, accidental.

Aug. 9, box 35, 9:14 P. M., three-story frame building, corner of Railroad street and Railroad square, belonging to Carter heirs; occupied as a hay and feed store by J. F. Cotton and as a storehouse by several parties, also as a band-room by Third Regiment band. Loss on building, \$1,700; insured for \$2,000. Loss by occupants, \$1,400; insurance, \$800. Insurance re-

ceived, \$700. Cause of fire unknown. Whole Precinct Department on duty, including the relief steamer.

Aug. 19, box 35, 1:22 p. m., 19 South Main street, shed used as a barn, owned by N. Farley, and occupied by E. A. Cushing. Adjoining house slightly damaged. Loss on buildings, \$75; insured for \$500. Cushing's loss, \$75; no insurance. Cause, said to be children playing with matches. Entire Precinct Department responded.

Sept. 6, 10:20 a. m., West Concord, frame carriage shop owned and occupied by Chandler Eastman & Sons as a carriage shop. Loss, \$50; insured for \$2,500. Cause of fire, spark from chimney. Engine 3 on duty.

Sept. 9, box 35, 9:58 p. m., Pleasant street, two-story frame building owned by H. Thompson, and occupied for stores and tenements. Loss, \$172; insured for \$1,850. Cause, explosion of lamp. Precinct Department all present.

Oct. 15, Portsmouth street, East Concord, two-story frame tenement house, owned by Pecker heirs. Loss, \$40; insured for \$1,000. Cause, defective chimney. Engine 2 on duty.

Oct. 21, box 40, 7:10 p. m., 114 South State street, two-story frame dwelling-house, owned and occupied by S. H. Mills. Loss, \$58.75; insured for \$1,000. Cause, supposed to be spark from pipe. Apparatus present, Steamer 2, Hose 1 and 3, Truck 1.

Oct. 20, still, 4 Perley street, burning chimney in home of James Benson. No loss.

Nov. 24, box 17, 3:30 p. m., Beacon street, dwelling occupied by W. H. Leavitt. Fire confined to closet. No loss reported. Apparatus present, Steamer 2, Hose 1 and 2, Truck 1. Water played by Hose 2 only. Cause, said to be children playing with matches.

Nov. 30, 10:30 p. m., still, 55 South State street, dwelling of Cyrus Abbott; burning chimney; no loss.

Dec. 15, box 34, 2:06 a. m., Fremont street, two-story frame tenement, owned by H. J. Crippen, occupied by several families. Loss, \$25; insured for \$1,000. Cause, leaving clothing hung too near hot stove. Precinct Department all present.

Dec. 22, still, 9:20 p. m., State block, North Main street, burning chimney. Loss to James Hazelton & Son, millinery

goods, \$25 ; insured for \$3,000. Extinguished by firemen from Central Station.

Dec. 27, 1 : 45 A. M., Penacook, two and a half story stone building, owned by Contoocook Manufacturing Co., and occupied by J. E. Symonds & Co. as dry-house and table manufactory ; two and a half story frame building, connected by passage way, owned by H. H. Amsden & Sons, and occupied by J. E. Symonds & Co. as storehouse and finishing-room. Loss, Contoocook Manufacturing Co. on building, \$3,500 ; insurance, \$2,500 ; H. H. Amsden & Sons on building, \$300 ; insurance paid, \$300 ; J. E. Symonds & Co., loss on stock, lumber, and machinery, \$9,000 ; insurance, \$4,000. Apparatus on duty, Steamer 3 and Torrent Engine company from Boscawen. Cause, supposed to have caught from boiler-room.

Dec. 27, 7 P. M., still, corner of State and Warren streets, chimney fire in Dunklee house ; no loss ; extinguished by members from Central Station.

Dec. 29, box 17, 11 : 15 A. M., Beacon street, two-story brick building (old prison shop), owned by O. V. Pitman, and occupied by Hobbs & Gordon and Haley Manufacturing Company. Loss on building, etc., \$77 ; insurance, \$3,000. Hobbs & Gordon, stock, \$150 ; insurance, \$4,500. Cause, overheated stove-pipe. Apparatus present, Steamer 2, Hose 1 and 2, Truck 1.

Dec. 29, 2 : 30 P. M., West Concord, dwelling owned by D. B. Webber, and occupied by J. H. Holbrook. Caused by meat getting on fire by being left on stove during absence of inmates. Loss, \$850 ; insured for \$1,000. Engine 3 present.

RECAPITULATION.

	Loss.	Insurance.	Insurance Paid.
Precinct,	\$5,977.05	\$20,650.00	\$4,346.05
Penacook,	12,800.00	6,800.00	6,800.00
East Concord,	1,080.00	2,400.00	1,080.00
West Concord,	1,558.50	5,000.00	1,558.50
Totals,	\$21,415.55	\$34,850.00	\$13,784.50

CAUSES OF FIRES.

Caught from boiler,	1
Chimneys,	8

Carelessness with lamp,	1
Carelessness with fire,	1
Children playing with matches,	2
Clothing hung too near stove,	1
Carelessness smoking hams,	1
Defective chimneys,	5
Defective stove-pipe,	1
Explosion of lamp,	1
Incendiary (supposed),	2
Pipe smoking,	1
Sparks from chimney,	1
Unknown,	2
Calls for assistance from out of town,	3

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HOUSES.

The buildings occupied for Fire Department purposes are generally in excellent condition. The house at Penacook needs painting. The house at West Concord is totally unfit for the purpose. There is not room enough for the apparatus, and no convenience for drying hose. I trust that another year will not pass without some action being taken in this matter. I would also renew my recommendation of last year that a furnace be put into the house of Hose 3.

APPARATUS.

The apparatus belonging to the Department is all in excellent condition. There have been purchased during the year three hose sleighs, and the sled for the Hook and Ladder Company has been remodelled and painted. The hose sleighs have been put in charge of Kearsarge Steamer and Hose Company No. 2, Eagle Hose Company No. 1, and Good-Will Hose Company No. 3. The hose sleigh formerly used by Hose 3 has been transferred to Engine 3 at West Concord, it being much lighter and easier hauled by hand. The Gov. Hill two-wheeled hose reel has also been transferred to West Concord. The whole Department, with the exception of East Concord, is now supplied with hose sleighs, which is a great improvement over the old method of dragging

the heavy carriages through the snow, as it enables the companies to make much quicker time to fires, and is a great saving in horse-flesh.

HOSE.

During the past year there has been purchased for the use of the Department 2,000 feet of fabric hose, "Paragon" brand. We have now on hand 5,500 feet fabric hose, in excellent condition, and 3,100 feet leather hose, in fair condition for hand-engine and hydrant service, but not reliable for heavy pressure. This is an ample supply for the present.

FIRE ALARM.

The great value of this branch of the service becomes more apparent each year. The saving of loss by fire and water by the prompt summons of the firemen is inestimable. Supt. E. F. Richardson has been unremitting in his efforts to keep everything pertaining to his department in excellent condition. One new private box has been put in during the year, viz., box 8, located at the Page Belting Company's works. A floor has been laid, and other needed repairs made in the battery-room. Two tappers, one box, and the magnet on the striker, at the house of Hose 3, were burned out by lightning during the summer. Some trouble has been experienced by other wires coming in contact with those of the Department. Great care should be taken in putting up electric light wires, in order that they may not interfere with the fire alarm wires. One wire has already been burnt off from coming in contact with them. This is a serious matter, and should be closely looked after, for there is great danger of burning out the signal boxes, and thus rendering the alarm useless for considerable time. The agitation in our larger cities of placing all wires under ground has amounted to little more than talk so far. I think it would be well for the City Council to take this matter into consideration, especially in regard to the electric light wire, before they grant leave to extend the system much farther. More or less trouble has been experienced by the moving of buildings through the streets where the wires are strung. Permission ought not to be granted to any one to move buildings unless they are willing to assume all responsibility for

damage, and expense of cutting wires, etc. One bill has already been presented to the city for damages from this source.

HYDRANTS.

The extension of the water-supply to West Concord, Penacook, and St. Paul's School will give those localities an abundant supply of water for fire purposes. There have been 46 hydrants added during the year, making a total of 159 public and 22 private hydrants now in use.

HORSES.

It is not expected that horses used for the Department and also by the Street Department can always be kept at the stable in the day-time, or even in the immediate vicinity, but the practice of allowing a pair of horses to be as far away as West or Washington street is exceedingly dangerous. For instance, when the alarm was rung in from box 35, August 19th, the horses used in the Eagle and Kearsarge Hose carriages were nearly down to West street with a sprinkler full of water, and the other two pairs were on Main street near the Opera House. The result was, that Hose 2 and 3, from the North and South End, arrived at the fire before any of the apparatus from the Central Station; and when the hose-carriage horses got to the station they were nearly winded, and in no condition to get the apparatus to the fire promptly. Horses from the Central Station should not be allowed to go below Cross or above Court street with a sprinkler.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I take this occasion to repeat the recommendation made in my last report for a bell for fire alarm purposes to be located at the north part of the city. We have a bell striker located in the tower of the Methodist church, that is practically of no use on account of the bell being broken. It is dangerous to let this state of things exist longer. I would also renew my recommendation to furnish the Department with rubber covers for the protection of property from loss by water. They could have been used to advantage twice during the past year. The De-

partment should also be furnished with one or two fire extinguishers for use at chimney fires, etc. What the Department needs is a hose wagon, constructed so as to carry rubber covers and two extinguishers in addition to the hose, to be kept at the Central Station, and the lightest four-wheeled hose carriage transferred to West Concord.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

In conclusion, I desire to return to the Assistant Engineers, and the officers and members of the different companies, my sincere thanks for the prompt and cheerful manner in which they have obeyed all orders, their earnest, intelligent, and persistent efforts to protect the property of our citizens from destruction, and to maintain the well earned reputation of our Department as an efficient organization. His Honor the Mayor is entitled to the thanks of the Department for his uniform courtesy and kindly interest in their welfare. The members of the Fire Committee, who have looked closely after the interest of the Department, the City Marshal and members of the police force, for their support, will also accept my thanks. To Torrent Engine Company, No. 1, of Boscawen, the citizens of Ward One are under great obligations for their ever prompt response to the call for aid.

DANIEL B. NEWHALL,
Chief Engineer.

Concord, December 31, 1887.

SUMMARY OF MEMBERS.

IN PRECINCT.

Engineers,	4
Steamer and Hose members,	16
Hose members,	37
Hook and Ladder members,	20
Steward, assistant steward, and regular drivers (3),	5
	— 82

WITHOUT PRECINCT.

Engineers,	3
Members at Penacook,	28
Members at East Concord,	30
Members at West Concord,	30
	— 91
Total,	173

SUMMARY OF APPARATUS.

Steam fire engines,	3
Hand engines,	2
Hose carriages (four-wheeled),	4
Hose wagon,	1
Hose reels (two-wheeled),	4
Hose sleighs,	6
Hook and Ladder truck,	1
Hook and Ladder sleigh,	1
Supply wagon,	1
Supply sleigh,	1

“KEARSARGE” STEAM FIRE ENGINE AND HOSE COMPANY, No. 2.

OFFICERS.

JOHN J. McNULTY, Foreman.

WILLIAM C. GREEN, Clerk.

CHARLES C. BLANCHARD, Asst. Foreman. JAMES H. SANDERS, Engineer and Treas.

MEMBERS.

<i>Badge No.</i>	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
11	John J. McNulty,	Machinist,	Cor. State and Perley sts.
12	Charles C. Blanchard,	Carriage painter,	64 South State st.
13	William C. Green,	Machinist,	8 South Main st.
15	James H. Sanders,	Carriage painter,	25 Perley st.
16	Charles H. Sanders,	Machinist,	7 Short st.
17	J. Edward Morrison,	Machinist,	15 Monroe st.
18	Sylvester T. Ford,	Moulder,	5 Ford's Avenue.
19	Frank E. Heath,	Merchant,	4 Monroe st.
20	Charles H. Barrett,	Hair-dresser,	44 Washington st.
21	Thomas H. Cleary,	Moulder,	26 Perley st.
22	Henry O. Powell,	Blacksmith,	36 West st.
84	Thomas J. Morrison,	Carriage painter,	30 Downing st.
85	Harry S. Leavitt,	Carriage painter,	51 Laurel st.
88	Brinton J. Cate,	Carriage painter,	4 Monroe st.
23	Charles W. Nelson,	Clerk,	Cor. Grove and Thorn-dike sts.
86	Freeborn S. Abbott,	Clerk,	82 Warren st.
87	Oscar Thomas,	} <i>Drivers.</i>	{ Central Fire Station.
14	Frank M. Heath,			{ Central Fire Station.

Steamer is a second-class Amoskeag, drawn by two horses. Hose carriage four-wheel, first-class Amoskeag, drawn by one horse.

“EAGLE” HOSE COMPANY, No. 1.

OFFICERS.

GEORGE W. JOHNSON, Foreman.

JOHN T. KENT,

JAMES HOIT, Asst. Foreman.

Clerk and Treasurer.

MEMBERS.

<i>Badge No.</i>	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
24	George W. Johnson,	Carriage painter,	44 Downing st.
25	James Hoit,	Clerk,	28 North Main st.
26	John T. Kent,	Wood-worker,	18 Maple st.
27	John C. McGilvray,	Jig-sawyer,	26 Maple st.
28	Walter J. Coffin,	Harness-maker,	12 North State st.
30	William E. Perry,	Porter,	Rear 59 South Main st.
32	William R. Dudley,	Merchant,	20 Pleasant st.
34	L. W. Tosier,	Hair-dresser,	17 Green st.
36	Charles H. Sanders,	Blacksmith,	37 Thompson st.
29	Fred West,	Cook,	162 North Main st.
35	True S. Sweatt,	Teamster,	78 North Main st.
33	George E. Bianchard,	Cab-builder, N. R. R.,	17 Green st.

Jeremiah J. Donovan, *Driver*, Central Station.

Steamer “Gov. Hill” is a second-class Amoskeag. Hose carriage (one horse) is a four-wheel, first-class Amoskeag.

"CITY OF CONCORD" HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY,
No. 1.

OFFICERS.

NAPOLEON B. BURLEIGH, *Foreman*
JOSEPH H. LANE, *Asst. Foreman*.
CHARLES E. PALMER, *Clerk*.

FRANK T. BEAN, *Treasurer*.
EDWARD E. LANE, *Steward*.

MEMBERS.

<i>Badge No.</i>	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
63	Napoleon B. Burleigh,	Machinist, Northern R. R.,	13 Prince st.
64	Joseph H. Lane,	Carriage builder, A. D. Co.,	7 Laurel st.
65	Charles E. Palmer,	Carriage builder, A. D. Co.,	112 School st.
66	Frank P. Burnham,	Blacksmith A. D. Co.,	11 Downing st.
68	Frank T. Bean,	Wood-worker,	106 School st.
69	Edward E. Lane,	Carriage builder,	Fremont st.
70	Will W. Kennedy,	Upholsterer,	104 Rumford st.
71	Lucius D. Caldon,	Carriage builder, A. D. Co.,	9 West st.
72	W. A. King,	Machinist,	30 Lyndon st.
73	Charles S. Flanders,	Carriage builder, A. D. Co.,	4 Avon st.
74	George A. Huntoon,	Carriage builder (Holt's),	13 Laurel st.
75	Cyrus A. Abbott,	Stone-cutter,	55 South State st.
76	Benjamin Ouellette,	Wood-worker, Concord R. R.,	10 Jefferson st.
77	Philip Plummer,	Wood-worker, Concord R. R.,	77 North Spring st.
78	Thomas F. Symonds,	Barber,	Grove st.
79	Fred Rushlow,	Painter, A. D. Co.,	1 Pierce st.
80	George S. Kellom,	Stone-cutter,	90 Washington st.
81	John G. Wells,	Painter, A. D. Co.,	30 Grove st.
82	Will C. Trenoweth,	Stone-cutter,	3 Walker Avenue.
83	Frank J. Hodgdon,	Blacksmith, A. D. Co.,	30 West st.

Hook and Ladder truck made by Abbot-Downing Co., Concord, N. H. Drawn by two horses.

"ALERT" HOSE COMPANY, No. 2.

OFFICERS.

FRED S. JOHNSON, *Foreman.*
 FRED EARLE, *Asst. Foreman.*

FRED LEIGHTON, *Clerk.*
 ELMER L. GOVE, *Steward.*

MEMBERS.

<i>Badge No.</i>	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
37	Fred S. Johnson,	Harness manufacturer,	28 Centre st.
38	Fred Earle,	Moulder,	41 Jackson st.
45	John H. Seavey,	Stone-cutter,	43 Beacon st.
39	Fred Leighton,	Printer,	152 North State st.
49	James K. Kennedy,	Hair-dresser,	Blanchard st.
48	Frank H. Silver,	Blacksmith,	25 Jackson st.
43	Charles C. Hill,	Hackman,	46 Washington st.
40	William F. Tucker,	Clerk,	43 Franklin st.
41	Elmer L. Gove,	Teamster,	46 Washington st.
46	Clarence Earle,	Printer,	120 Rumford st.
42	Fred W. Scott,	Builder,	55 Franklin st.
44	Frank King,	Machinist,	24 Jackson st.

Charles C. Hill, *Driver.*

Hose wagon is a modern department wagon of Concord manufacture—W. S. Davis & Son. It is drawn by a single horse.

"GOOD-WILL" HOSE COMPANY, No. 3.

OFFICERS.

JOHN C. MILLS, *Foreman.*
 GEORGE H. SAWYER, *Asst. Foreman.*
 IRA H. MAXFIELD, *Clerk.*

HIRAM O. MARSH, *Treasurer.*
 ELMER J. BROWN, *Steward.*

MEMBERS.

<i>Badge No.</i>	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
50	John C. Mills,	Blacksmith,	32 Downing st.
51	George H. Sawyer,	Blacksmith,	45 South Main st.
52	Ira H. Maxfield,	Hostler,	55 South Spring st.
58	Hiram O. Marsh,	Coal dealer,	43 South Main st.
57	Elmer J. Brown,	Blacksmith,	Cor. So. State and Mon- roe sts.
55	Charles C. Nutter,	Painter,	39 Laurel st.
60	Herman Schaeffer,	Barber,	97 South Main st.
53	William E. Adams,	Hackman,	30 South State st.
56	George A. Ordway,	Painter,	43 South st.
59	Thomas P. Davis,	Blacksmith,	97 South Main st.
62	Moses C. Morey,	Brakeman,	20 Monroe st.
61	Myron Chesley,	Blacksmith,	42 South State st.

William E. Adams, *Driver.*

Hose carriage is a four-wheel, second-class Amoskeag, drawn by a single horse.

"PIONEER" STEAM FIRE ENGINE COMPANY, No. 3.

Penacook.

OFFICERS.

JOHN H. ROLFE, *Foreman.*D. WARREN FOX, *Asst. Foreman.*JOHN B. DODGE, *Clerk.*HENRY ROLFE, *Foreman of Hose.*GEORGE S. LOCKE, *Engineer.*ENOCH E. ROLFE, *Steward.*

MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
John H. Rolfe,	Sash-maker,	Summer st.
D. Warren Fox,	Salesman,	Merrimack st.
John B. Dodge,	Glazier,	Merrimack st.
Henry Rolfe,	Carpenter,	Penacook st.
George S. Locke,	Saw manufacturer,	Merrimack st.
Enoch E. Rolfe,	Cabinet-maker,	Church st.
Joseph E. Symonds,	Table manufacturer,	Summer st.
Samuel G. Sanborn,	Blacksmith,	Union st.
Frank O. Emerson,	Fireman,	Union st.
Walter H. Rolfe,	Machinist,	Merrimack st.
David S. Marsh,	Cabinet-maker,	Centre st.
James Kelley,	Axle-maker,	Church st.
Edwin B. Prescott,	Butcher,	Main st.
George H. Sager,	Machinist,	High st.
Abial W. Rolfe,	Door manufacturer,	Penacook st.
George H. Tucker,	Blacksmith,	High st.
Harper S. Allen,	Door-maker,	Merrimack st.
Thomas C. French,	Carpenter,	Charles st.
Fred C. Ferrin,	Cabinet-maker,	High st.
Ruel G. Morrill,	Farmer,	Washington st.
Allen C. Bean,	Teamster,	Centre st.
Barney Gunn,	Carpenter,	Washington st.
Daniel Smith,	Marketman,	Summer st.
William P. Chandler,	Carpenter,	High st.
Arthur D. Farnum,	Blind-maker,	Merrimack st.
Lester W. Prescott,	Butcher,	Summer st.
J. Edwin Marden,	Machinist,	Summer st.
Peter W. Keenan,	Cabinet-maker,	Charles st.
Ed. C. Durgin,	Carpenter,	Summer st.

Henry H. Morrill, *Teamster.*

Steamer "Pioneer" is a fourth-class Silsby. Hose carriage is a four-wheel Amoskeag.

"OLD FORT" ENGINE COMPANY, No. 2.

East Concord.

OFFICERS.

HARRISON H. CARPENTER, *Foreman.*CYRUS E. ROBINSON, *Clerk.*ORLANDO W. COON, *Asst. Foreman.*THOMAS B. DICKERMAN, *Steward.*JOHN C. HUTCHINS, *Treasurer.*

MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
Harrison H. Carpenter,	Hose-maker,	Portsmouth st.
Orlando W. Coon,	Butcher,	Portsmouth st.
John C. Hutchins,	Engineer,	Penacook st.
Cyrus E. Robinson,	Hose-maker,	Penacook st.
Joseph E. Plummer,	Painter,	Penacook st.
Elbridge Emery,	Farmer,	Potter st.
George H. Curtis,	Cabinet-maker,	Portsmouth st.
Daniel B. Sanborn,	Farmer,	Shaker st.
Ammi Dubia,	Stone-cutter,	Eastman st.
Charles C. Chesley,	Blacksmith,	Penacook st.
Anthony P. Cate,	Blacksmith,	Shawmut st.
Henry H. Bean,	Stone-cutter,	Shawmut st.
William L. Batchelder,	Farmer,	Potter st.
Albert H. Moores,	Butcher,	Portsmouth st.
William H. Smith,	Machinist,	Eastman st.
James L. Potter,	Farmer,	Potter st.
Thomas B. Dickerman,	Painter,	Penacook st.
Martin F. Rowell,	Carpenter,	Potter st.
Samuel G. Potter,	Milk-dealer,	Appleton st.
George O. Robinson,	Hose-maker,	Penacook st.
Fred S. Farnum,	Carpenter,	Penacook st.
Irvin Robinson,	Wood-worker,	East Clinton st.
Henry P. Hutchins,	Fireman,	Penacook st.
Samuel Davis, Jr.,	Clerk,	Pembroke st.
Jedediah Carter,	Stone-cutter,	Portsmouth st.
William D. Stevens,	Blacksmith,	Penacook st.
Charles Welch,	Stone-cutter,	Pembroke st.
Charles L. Bailey,	Painter,	Penacook st.
Fred Rollins,	Painter,	Shaker st.
Charles P. White,	Machinist,	Pembroke st.

Hunneman 5-inch cylinder hand engine, with hose jumper—drawn by hand.

"CATARACT" ENGINE COMPANY, No. 3.

West Concord.

OFFICERS.

JOHN V. SPEED, *Foreman.*
 FRED L. BESSIE, *Asst. Foreman.*
 GEORGE W. KEMP, *Clerk.*

ANDREW J. ABBOTT, *Treasurer.*
 PATRICK RYAN, *Foreman of Hose.*
 JAMES FANNON, *Steward.*

MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
John V. Speed,	Section hand,	Main st.
Fred L. Bessie,	Stone-cutter,	High st.
George W. Kemp,	Mill operative,	Main st.
Andrew J. Abbott,	Farmer,	Main st.
Patrick Ryan,	Stone-cutter,	Hopkinton road.
James Fannon,	Stone-cuttter,	Main st.
Fred F. Tucker,	Blacksmith,	Main st.
William A. Little,	Section boss,	Main st.
Fiesco P. Engle,	Mill operative,	Main st.
Hiram E. Quimby,	Stone-cutter,	Main st.
Herbert B. Peabody,	Stone-cutter,	Main st.
Frank C. Blodgett,	Stone-cutter,	Main st.
Abial C. Abbott,	Quarryman,	Main st.
J. Howard Holbrook,	Section hand,	High st.
Charles Roberts,	Mill operative,	Hutchins st.
William Lynch,	Quarryman,	Main st.
William Silver,	Stone-cutter,	Main st.
Frank A. Putney,	Stone-cutter,	Hutchins st.
John E. Ryan,	Mill operative,	High st.
James W. Welch,	Expressman,	Main st.
Sylvanus E. Danforth,	Carpenter,	Main st.
Patrick Conway,	Engineer,	Main st.
Cornelius Giles,	Stone-cutter,	Main st.
Archie A. Clough,	Fireman,	Main st.
John Crowley,	Blacksmith,	Hutchins st.
John Morrison,	Stone-polisher,	Main st.
James Cotter,	Stone-cutter,	Main st.
Winfield S. Bosworth,	Stone-cutter,	Main street,
Michael T. Hayes,	Quarryman,	High st.
Fred Blodgett,	Stone-cutter,	Main st.

Hunneman 6-inch cylinder hand engine, two hose jumpers and hose sleigh in charge of this company, drawn by hand.

REGULATIONS OF THE CONCORD PRECINCT FIRE DEPARTMENT.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS, JANUARY, 1874.

ARTICLE 1. Any engine or hose company running out a line of hose from a hydrant or steamer shall be entitled to the pipe, although the hose of other companies may be attached in order to reach the fire; and any company coming to a fire, and finding an incomplete line of hose laid out from a hydrant or steamer, shall attach to and lengthen out such line, in lieu of laying a line of its own.

ART. 2. When two or more engine or hose companies are playing in a continuous line, the pipe shall belong to the company attaching to the hydrant or steamer, as provided in the foregoing article; but any company furnishing the *entire* line, and receiving water from a steamer, the pipe shall belong to such company so receiving.

ART. 3. Each engine and hose company shall have equal claim to the hydrants; but it is enjoined upon the engine companies to draught their own water from a reservoir, wherever a suitable one can be found within a reasonable distance.

ART. 4. No company shall take possession of a hydrant or reservoir, unless their hose and apparatus for attaching to the same are at hand and ready for use. The company which shall be thus ready shall be entitled to such hydrant or reservoir; but, upon the order of an engineer, another company may attach a second line of hose from such hydrant or steamer, in case the same may be necessary, such company having first laid its hose, and being ready to attach the same.

ART. 5. In proceeding to, working at, or returning from fires, noisy demonstrations are strictly prohibited, and it is required of officers of companies to maintain perfect order and decorum in their respective commands during all such service.

ART. 6. No company, while returning from a fire, will be allowed to proceed faster than a walk, and it must at all times keep on the right of the street. Drivers are strictly enjoined, in proceeding to a fire, to use the utmost care and caution consistent with promptness. Racing between companies is forbidden under any circumstances. Any collision or

casualty occurring to horses or apparatus will be considered a sufficient cause for the suspension of the driver in charge at the time.

ART. 7. No member of any company shall leave the city without first informing his foreman; no foreman or assistant engineer, without first notifying the chief engineer,—in each case the party so leaving providing a substitute.

ART. 8 In case of fire, the foreman first arriving shall be in command until the arrival of an engineer.

ART. 9. Any order issued by the chief or an assistant engineer shall be promptly obeyed.

RULES FOR DRIVERS.

The drivers shall be required to occupy sleeping apartments in the Central Station, each being allowed two nights off each week, from 9 o'clock P. M. to 6 o'clock A. M., upon particular nights to be designated by the steward.

They shall be at or near the station at all times, except when employed by the superintendent of streets or absent by permission of the steward or an engineer, and shall perform such duties as the steward or chief engineer may direct.

They shall groom and take proper and trusty care of their horses; shall keep the stables clean, and the harnesses and all things pertaining to their department in order; shall have the horses harnessed as directed, and not leave the station without everything in readiness for immediate service; shall exercise their horses when required by the steward or chief engineer, and practise care and economy in feeding and general management.

In case of fire, the drivers shall be subject to the orders of any engineer.

FIRE-ALARM TELEGRAPH.

NUMBER AND LOCATION OF FIRE-ALARM BOXES.

For the purpose of uniformity in numbering the fire-alarm boxes, the city is divided into four districts, viz. :

DISTRICT 1. Embraces that section of the city north and west of Washington street, box 17 of this division being located on the *south* side of the street.

DISTRICT 2. Embraces all between School and Washington streets.

DISTRICT 3. Embraces all between Pleasant and School streets.

DISTRICT 4. Embraces all south of Pleasant street.

The first figure of the box number will indicate the district.

DISTRICT No. 1.

- 14. State and Penacook.
- 15. Main and Church.
- 16. Franklin and Jackson.
- 17. Alert Hose House.
- 18. Washington and Rumford.

DISTRICT No. 2.

- 23. Main and Chapel.
- 24. Main and Centre.
- 25. Main and School.
- 26. Centre and Union.
- 27. School and Merrimack.

DISTRICT No. 3.

- 32. Warren and Pine.
- 34. Central Fire Station.
- 35. Main and Pleasant.
- 36. Pleasant and Spring.

DISTRICT No. 4.

- 41. South and Fulton.
- 42. Good-Will Hose House.
- 43. Main and Fayette.
- 45. Main and West.
- 46. Perley and Grove.
- 47. South, opposite Downing.

PRIVATE BOXES.

- 5. Concord and Northern Railroads—north end Passenger Depot.
- 6. The Abbot-Downing Company.
- 7. New Hampshire Asylum for the Insane.
- 8. Page Belting Company.

Names of key-holders will be found on the boxes.

FIRE-ALARM SIGNALS.

1. Alarms rung in from boxes 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, and 47 will *not* be responded to by the Alert Hose until signalled. The signal to proceed to the fire will be a second alarm; the signal of dismissal, *three strokes* of the bells.

2. Alarms rung in from boxes 8, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 23 will *not* be responded to by Good-Will Hose until signalled. They will be governed by the same signals as the Alert Hose.

3. *Eleven consecutive strokes* of the bells, following any regular box alarm, or during any fire, is a call for the relief steamer (Gov. Hill), and will be responded to by Eagle Hose, which has that steamer in charge. The relief steamer will, however, respond to the *first alarm* from Box 7 (N. H. Asylum for the Insane) without special call.

4. *Two rounds* of each *eleven strokes* of the bells, with an intermission of one minute between the rounds, without any regular box alarm, will signalize the requirement of a steamer from outside the Precinct, and will be responded to by Kearsarge and Eagle Hose companies alone. In case further aid is necessary, the box-alarm 34 (Central Station) will follow.

(These rounds of eleven strokes, which are signals for the relief steamer, or a call from out of town, must not be confounded with an alarm from private boxes 5, 6, 7, or 8.)

From the above, it will be seen that the companies are subject to calls as follows:

Alarms rung in from box 8 will be responded to by Kearsarge Steamer and Hose, Alert Hose, and Hook and Ladder. When followed by eleven consecutive strokes, Eagle Hose Company will respond with Steamer Gov. Hill only.

Steamer Kearsarge and Hose—To all calls except the relief steamer.

Eagle Hose—To all calls, excepting box 8, including the relief.

Hook and Ladder—To box alarms only.

Alert Hose—To box alarms only above Pleasant street, and upon second alarm to boxes below.

Good-Will Hose—To box alarms only below Centre street, and upon second alarm to boxes above, excepting box 8.

The signal for dismissal (three strokes) is used only for the purpose of notifying the companies *not* on duty that their services are not required, and does not imply that the fire is out, or that the companies *on* duty are dismissed.

TESTING SIGNALS.

For the purpose of testing the condition and accuracy of the fire-alarm telegraph, a box alarm will be rung in every Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock *precisely*. It will be *one single round only*, indicating by the strokes on the bells the number of the box; and the box will then be cut out, and no additional round sounded. The boxes used for this purpose will vary each week, alternating in the circuits.

Upon each other week-day a single blow upon the bell will be struck from the button of a box, alternating as before mentioned.

 THE FIRE-ALARM TELEGRAPH

Is the "Gamewell" patent. It embraces fifteen miles of wires on the main lines, and seven miles of extension wires for call-bells.

On the main line are twenty-five fire-alarm boxes belonging to the city, and four private boxes,—in all, twenty-nine. There are three alarm bells,—two of 2,000 pounds each (American steel), and one of 1,000 pounds (bell metal), with a tower striker to each. There are also one engine-house gong, four mechanical tappers, one four-circuit repeater, and three indicators.

On the extension line are twenty-three call-bells.

The battery consists of eighty cups for the main line, and five cups for the extension.

The alarm was put up in 1880 by Edwin Rogers, 27 Federal street, Boston, Mass.

 PUBLIC RESERVOIRS.

	Capacity—Cubic feet.
1. Main street, opposite Abbot-Downing Co.'s,	1,000
2. " near Thorndike street,*	1,500
3. " front B. A. Kimball's,	1,000
4. " corner of Pleasant street,*	1,500
5. " middle front state-house yard,	1,500
6. " rear city hall,	2,000
7. State street, corner of Washington street,*	2,000
8. Rumford street, near Josiah Minot's,	1,000
9. Orchard street, corner of Pine street,*	4,000
10. School street, corner of Summit street,*	3,500
11. Centre street, corner of Union street,	1,100
12. Gas-holder, rear of Main street.*	44,000
13. Franklin street, corner of Lyndon street,*	1,500

*Brick, cemented.

THE MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL: I hardly know if it has been the custom, since the introduction of biennial elections, to present an address at the beginning of a new year; yet I think we may, with propriety, briefly review our actions of the past year, and consider some of the most important matters that will require our attention, trusting that our experience of the past will prove advantageous for the future.

Every member of the city government should be thoroughly acquainted, so far as possible, with the receipts, expenditures, and standing of the several departments. To act understandingly, and manage judiciously the affairs of the city, it is necessary that we should know its

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

The amount of city indebtedness, Jan. 1, 1888, was as follows:

Funded debt,	\$88,000.00
Debt not funded:	
Bonds overdue, not presented,	\$500.00
Coupons due, not presented,	150.00
Interest accrued, not yet due,	1,145.00
Due school-districts,	12,581.32
Dog tax undivided,	526.75
Ordway & Ferrin,	248.98
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	\$15,387.97
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	\$103,387.97

Available assets :	
Cash in treasury,	\$52,159.05
Collectible taxes of 1885,	333.63
“ “ 1886,	985.24
“ “ 1887,	24,951.88
Due from Merrimack county,	2,846.42
	\$81,276.22
Net city debt above assets,	\$22,111.75
Indebtedness, Jan. 1, 1886,	43,507.41
	\$21,395.66
Precinct's funded debt :	
State-house loan,	\$34,500.00
Water-Works loan,	445,000.00
Total funded debt,	\$479,500.00
Not funded :	
Bonds overdue, not presented,	\$1,000.00
Coupons overdue, not presented,	480.00
Accrued interest, not yet due,	172.50
	\$1,652.50
Total precinct debt,	\$481,152.50
Debt, Jan. 1, 1887,	432,115.00
	\$49,037.50
Net city debt,	\$22,111.75
Net precinct debt,	481,152.50
	\$503,264.25
Aggregate city and precinct debt,	\$503,264.25
Aggregate city and precinct debt, Jan. 1, 1887,	475,622.41
	\$27,641.84

The increase of the precinct debt of \$49,637.50 is due to the extension of the Water-Works to Millville, West Concord, and Penacook. This can hardly be termed an increase of indebtedness, as our water-system is self-sup-