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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE SEVERAL

Town Officers,

OF THE

TOWN OF GORHAM,

FROM

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Report of Annual March Meeting,

AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS PERTAINING TO TOWN
AFFAIRS FOR THE YEAR 1887, IN ACCORDANCE TO A
VOTE PASSED AT SAID ANNUAL MEETING.

OFFICERS ELECTED,

Treasurer, Stephen Hinkley.

Clerk, Wm. H. Usher.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor, John S. Leavitt,
Isaac L. Johnson, George P. Plaisted.

Supt. School Committee, 1 year, Howard A. McKenney.

“ “ “ 3 years, George R. Spinney.

Collector, Chas. Johnson.

Auditor, Francis A. Ridlon.

Constables, Chas. Johnson, Chas. Hanson, G. M. Parker, Levi H.
Bean, Henry B. Johnson.

Pound Keeper, Archelaus L. Hamblen.

Sealers of Leather, Stephen Hinkley, John G. Watson, Arthur
M. Benson.

Surveyors of Wood and Bark, Arthur H. Stanwood, Joseph F.
Shackford, Samuel B. Knight, Wm. Buxton.

Culler of Hoops and Staves, Alexander M. Hamblen.

Field Drivers and Fence Viewers, Archelaus L. Hamblen, Rob-
ert Meserve, David H. McKenney, Jeff D. Roberts.

Surveyors of Lumber, Milton Shaw, C. Eugene Wescott, Sam-
uel B. Knight, Theo. F. Shackford.

Sealer of Weights and Measures, Joseph Ridlon.

Truant Officers, Levi H. Bean, Henry R. Millett, Chas. Hanson.

VOTED to accept the reports of the several town officers.

VOTED to raise \$1,000 for support of poor.

VOTED to raise \$4,000 to be expended under the direction of surveyors, appointed by selectmen.

VOTED to raise \$800 for bridges.

VOTED to raise \$3,300 for schools.

VOTED to raise \$750 for Free High Schools.

VOTED to raise \$1,200 for contingent.

VOTED to raise \$228.58, interest on Huston fund.

VOTED to allow a discount of three (3) per cent on all taxes assessed for 1887 and paid to the collector before Oct. 1, 1887, and the collector be allowed one (1) per cent. on all money collected before Oct. 1, 1887, and two (2) per cent. on all money collected after Oct. 1, 1887.

VOTED that the same time be given to the collector to collect the taxes as last year.

VOTED to enlarge the cemetery near Williams Hill and raise \$50 for the same.

VOTED to raise \$25 for Memorial purposes.

VOTED that the selectmen be authorized to adjust the Aldrich suit if they can do so upon terms which they think for the best interest of the town; otherwise that they be instructed to insist upon a speedy trial of the case.

VOTED that all questions in regard to the Portland Water Co. be referred to the selectmen.

At a subsequent meeting held May 16th,

VOTED to accept the report of the selectmen upon the location of a road leading from the new Portland road to Depot street.

VOTED that the selectmen be instructed to have the road built so it will be safe for travel.

VOTED to raise \$200 to aid in fencing the fair ground near Gorham village.

STATE OF MAINE.

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting,

MARCH 5, 1888.

*To Walter C. Clement, a Constable in the Town of Gorham, in
the County of Cumberland, Greeting:*

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Gorham, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said town, on Monday, the fifth day of March, 1888, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To receive the selectmen's settlement with the town treasurer and act upon the same.

ART. 4. To receive and act upon the report of the several town officers.

ART. 5. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of poor.

ART. 6. To see what plan the town will adopt to repair their highways, and what sum of money they will raise and assess for the same.

ART. 7. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of bridges.

ART. 8. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of schools.

ART. 9. To see what sum of money the town will raise for contingent expenses.

ART. 10. To see if the town will vote to raise two hundred

and twenty-eight dollars and fifty-eight cents, to pay interest on Huston fund.

ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to allow such accounts as may be presented against the town, and raise money to pay the same.

ART. 12. To see what action the town will take in relation to Free High Schools, and what sums of money they will raise for the same.

ART. 13. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the suitable observance of Memorial Day, agreeable to an application.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to abolish the school districts in said town, agreeable to an application.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to change the road leading from West Gorham to Fort Hill by cutting off the south east corner of the land of Charles H. Lowell, so as to avoid a dangerous and expensive ledge of rocks in the road as now traveled, agreeable to an application.

ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to set off George L. Day and his estate from school district No. 4, and annex the same to school district No. 1, agreeable to an application.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise thirty dollars to finish painting fence and remove the debris from the cemetery at West Gorham, agreeable to an application.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to shingle and repair the buildings on Town Farm, and raise money for the same.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to allow a discount on taxes paid within a certain limited time from the commitment of the same to the collector, and also the time and amount of discount, agreeable to an application.

ART. 20. To see what rate per cent. the town will pay for collecting, and what time they will give the collector for collecting the same, agreeable to an application.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to buy a beach wagon for the Town Farm, and raise money for the same.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to tax dogs for the ensuing year.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to allow Chas. H. Osborne to draw his proportion of school money for the year 1888 from district No. 2, and allow him to pay the same to district No. 1,

with the right to send his scholars to said district No. 1, during the year 1888, agreeable to an application.

ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to build and paint the fence at Williams Hill cemetery, and raise money for the same.

ART. 25. To see what action the town will take in relation to building the bridge at Mallison Falls.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the lists of voters, at the selectmen's office, in Gorham, at two o'clock in the afternoon, on Saturday, the third day of March, 1888.

Given under our hands this twenty-fifth day of February, 1888.

JOHN S. LEAVITT,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
ISAAC L. JOHNSON,	
GEORGE P. PLAISTED,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Gorham.</i>

Selectmen's Report.

MONEY RAISED AND ASSESSED, 1887.

For State Tax,	\$3,853 50
“ County Tax,	1,085 58
“ Support of Poor,	1,000 00
“ “ Roads,	4,000 00
“ “ Bridges,	800 00
“ “ Common Schools,	3,300 00
“ “ Contingent,	1,200 00
Interest of Huston Fund,	228 58
Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor,	
Lewis McLellan,	218 00
Chas. E. Jordan,	178 50
Isaac L. Johnson,	180 00
Stephen Hinkley, Treasurer,	60 00
Wm. H. Usher, Clerk,	35 00
John H. Card, Auditor,	10 00
School Committee, John H. Card,	50 00
“ “ Everett E. Files,	50 00
“ “ George P. Plaisted,	50 00
Wm. H. Usher, Recording,	6 19
Gardiner M. Parker, Constable,	20 00
Free High Schools,	750 00
Enlarging cemetery at Williams Hill,	50 00
Memorial Services,	25 00
To reduce Normal School Debt,	1,000 00
Interest on “ “ “	425 00
Estate of Stephen Hinkley, Land Damage,	100 00
Stephen Hinkley, Land Damage,	100 00

Aid in Fencing Fair Grounds,	200 00
Collector's Fees, estimated,	375 00
Overlay,	771 10
Total,	<u>\$20,121 45</u>
Resident Valuation Real Estate,	844,118 00
Non-Resident Valuation Real Estate,	167,950 00
Personal estate,	206,973 00
Non-Resident Personal Estate,	4,344 00
Total,	<u>\$1,223,385 00</u>
Rate of Taxation \$1.52 per \$100	
Tax on Valuation of \$1,223,385 at \$1.52,	18,595 45
763 Polls at \$2	1,526 00
	<u>\$20,121 45</u>
Supplementary Tax,	775 14
Polls 15 at \$2	30 00
	<u>\$20,926 59</u>
Total amount committed to collector,	

MONEY VOTED.

Lewis McLellan, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	218 00
Chas E. Jordan, " " " " "	178 50
Isaac L. Johnson, " " " " "	180 00
W. H. Usher, town clerk,	35 00
" " recording births and deaths,	6 19
John H. Card, Superintending School Committee,	50 00
Everett E. Files, " " "	50 00
Geo. P. Plaisted " " "	50 00
John H Card, Auditor,	10 00
Stephen Hinkley, treasurer,	60 00
G. M. Parker, constable,	20 00
Mary B. Small, land for cemetery,	50 00
Stephen Hinkley, land for street,	100 00
Estate of Stephen Hinkley, land for street,	100 00
Brown Bros., repairing hearse,	11 50
Fencing fair grounds,	200 00

Memorial Day,	17 90
F. A. Files, land for West Gorham cemetery,	50 00
E. E. Files, labor on " " "	12 98
Silas B. Brown " " " "	18 37
A. L. Files, " " " "	19 25
J. D. Spinney " " " "	2 25
C. E. Jordan, " " " "	28 40
R. G. Harding & Co, paints, oils, etc.,	19 05
Rumery, Birnie & Co., lumber,	61 42
Trustees Huston Fund,	228 58
Chas. Johnson, collectors's fees,	400 00
F. D. Scamman, " " in full,	68 36
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	\$2,245 75

ORDERS DRAWN FOR CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

A. W. Lincoln, professional services on account of sick ox,	7 50
Paid for watering places,	
Chas. H. Brackett,	3 00
C. F. Mabry, '86 to '87	6 00
G. I. Bickford and Son " " "	6 00
A. J. Stackpole " " "	6 00
Allison Libby,	3 00
Jeremiah Parker,	3 00
George T. Blake,	3 00
Crossing land,	
Julia Perkins,	2 00
Alfred Libby,	3 00
R. M. Bangs,	2 00
O. K. Cobb,	5 00
D. W. Davis.	3 00
Sewell Webb,	6 00
Mrs. C. M. Waterhouse,	6 00
C. E. Watson,	2 00
Otis Emery,	5 00
John Stickney, expressing '86,	5 85
Theo. B. Edwards, P. O. box and postage,	5 77
Lewis McLellan, expenses to Augusta on account of Portland Water Co.,	15 50

Taylor & Howe, sawing wood for town house,	2 25
Josiah Harding, for horse killed,	35 00
James H. Irish & Co., stationery,	2 25
F. E. Bacon & Co., printing,	68 00
“ “ “	4 75
C. E. Ward, ploughing on town farm,	18 75
D. R. Small, work on cemetery at White Rock,	4 00
Hall L. Davis, blank book,	1 25
State Reform School, board of Webster Farr,	52 00
G. D. Weeks, survey and map on account of Ezra Richardson accident, Gray road,	6 50
Geo. H. Jewett, burying dead horse,	5 00
Free Baptist church, Little Falls,	5 00
Chas. Mitchell, difference in road machine,	180 00
Stephen Berry, tax notifications,	2 50
Ivory Lord, work on cemetery and care of hearse, Lord's Hill,	5 00
Cyrus Abbott, wood for town house,	1 75
Jeff D. Roberts, cutting hay on Haggett place,	80 00
C. C. Wescott, damage to horse on highway,	25 00
James H. Darby, digging well on town farm,	18 75
Loring, Short & Harmon, stationery and books,	25 75
James H. Darby, bricks and pump for well,	23 91
W. H. Stevens & Co., collector's receipts,	4 50
Portland Publishing Co., adv. non-resident taxes,	11 00
Strout & Ray, Aldrich case,	250 00
Holmes & Payson, Aldrich case,	50 00
Win. H. Lombard, Jr., burying glandered horse,	5 00
A. H. Stanwood, police services,	7 50
G. M. Parker, “ “	4 50
Isaac L. Johnson, “ “	4 50
A. K. P. Libby, “ “	4 50
H. B. Johnson, “ “	6 00
H. R. Millett, insuring town buildings,	30 00
G. M. Parker, constable,	10 00
Portland Water Co., watering places,	150 00
Joseph Ridlon & Son, for selectmen's office,	1 85
Stephen Hinkley, non resident tax deed,	1 34
A. L. Hamblen, pound, '86,	5 00
M. Watson, tax bills,	3 25
G. M. Donham, Maine Register,	1 50
C. N. Hayes, telegrams, '86,	4 13
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	\$1,220 60

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUPPORT OF BRIDGES.

Geo. W. Heath,	9 75
Everett E. Files,	52 19
Benj. S. Harmon,	48 00
Albion F. Johnson,	4 28
J. W. Sanborn,	2 00
E. E. Files,	9 76
John T. Parkhurst,	39 54
Reuben Wescott, 2d,	48 95
F. C. Phinney,	10 34
A. B. Douglass,	75
Geo. W. Crockett,	1 00
J. G. Clement,	75
Lewis L. Files,	3 25
C. E. Rolfe,	1 00
A. L. Hamblen,	29 36
“ “	33 93
“ “	8 97
C. A. Brackett,	1 50
E. E. Files,	16 71
A. J. Stackpole,	1 00
Henry D. Libby,	10 43
David F. Files,	1 75
Geo. W. Crockett,	4 75
Seth Douglass,	1 50
W. C. Clement,	1 50
H. R. Colesworthy,	74
James Deering,	10 20
John W. Sanborn,	1 50
Reuben Deering,	1 50
Abram Bickford,	3 75
Knight Brothers,	63 76
Joseph Ridlon & Son,	4 02
Isaiah Cobb,	75
John Bragdon,	75
J. L. Higgins,	4 65
Lewis Douglass,	4 20
Chas. Newcomb,	75
Mark Newcomb,	60

Freedom Douglass,	3 30
Henry L. Carll,	1 55
Chas. Johnson,	1 00
John A. Hinkley,	15 00
W. W. Cressey,	3 00
Guy R. Cressey,	3 00
Alvin Cressey, heirs of	1 50
Goff & Plummer,	12 91
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Total,	\$481 39

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUPPORT OF ROADS.

L. E. Ridlon,	1 20	Thos. Shannon,	3 00
Josiah Harding,	1 50	Edward Libby,	2 10
Thos. Shannon,	6 00	A. Drown,	1 50
D. F. Merritt,	19 71	Josiah Harding,	3 39
A. W. Purinton,	14 40	Thos. Shannon,	4 50
Mrs. E. Wescott,	3 50	Geo. P. Plaisted,	2 94
W. W. Davis,	1 95	Samuel Fenderson,	14 70
W. G. Purington,	1 35	B. I. Libby,	11 25
E. S. Strout,	1 25	H. L. Carll,	7 50
C. S. Purinton,	1 05	C. C. Whitney,	4 75
D. Trumble,	3 40	G. T. Blake,	60
C. H. Murch,	2 75	Mark Newcomb,	15
C. H. Watson,	2 25	Chas. Emery,	6 20
John F. Libby,	2 57	Chas. Guptill,	6 25
Marshall Martin,	2 78	G. H. Douglass,	2 85
R. C. Weeks,	4 45	J. L. Elwell,	60
Robert F. Shackford,	16 97	Horatio Blake,	2 40
Daniel Carll,	5 25	J. L. Higgins,	85
Daniel Taggart,	2 40	Chas. Irish,	3 60
John F. Libby,	15 00	J. H. Bragdon,	6 65
Wm. F. Osborn,	1 05	Chas. Newcomb,	5 50
Jere. J. Osborn,	4 20	E. S. Cotton,	2 40
Chas. S. Osborn,	2 10	F. L. Douglass,	60
Chas. H. Osborn,	10 12	Lewis Douglass,	3 65
H. B. Cloudman,	9 00	J. H. Cobb,	3 90
Chas. F. Dudley,	4 50	J. W. Files,	2 60
Thos. Shannon,	4 95	C. E. Jordan,	17 04
T. P. Irish,	75	G. C. Jordan,	5 00
Daniel Libby,	4 50	F. A. Files,	12 71
Daniel Libby,	1 50	Edw. Files, estate of	15 02
H. H. Libby,	4 80	E. E. Files,	10 00
H. R. Colesworthy,	8 40	S. B. Brown,	11 62
Wm. H. Lombard, Jr.,	13 75	T. J. Brackett,	19 85
B. F. Irish,	4 55	P. Y. Parker,	5 60
B. F. Irish,	6 55	R. O. Bacon,	2 80
Byron Hamblen,	2 50	E. A. Files,	18 07
C. E. Ward,	24 50	H. T. Root,	7 10
A. W. Rowe,	41 68	A. L. Files,	19 06
W. B. Freeman,	9 80	H. R. Colesworthy,	1 20
A. & E. Larrabee,	7 50	H. J. Allen,	6 55
R. B. Meserve,	6 48	Frank Allen,	4 95
John P. Frink,	2 25	B. F. Irish,	1 85
John McLellan,	1 50	Israel Kemp,	1 50
Josiah Harding,	1 50	Chas. Babb,	90
Wm. H. Lombard, Jr.,	3 50	Ephraim Libby,	12 75
W. H. Palmer,	2 70	E. Warren,	6 15

J. F. Kimball, estate of	22	95
F. O. Sturgis,	7	50
Abial Rounds,	5	40
Geo. Skillings,	4	20
Joseph Skillings,	8	25
C. E. Watson,	7	20
Geo. Watson.	1	35
C. M. Moody,	6	15
Chas. H. Bradbury,	13	80
H. D. Libby,	6	16
J. G. Meserve,		90
A. F. Babb,		15
Robert B. Meserve,	6	65
James W. Libby,	13	45
W. F. Berry,	3	94
Wm. H. Johnson,	3	15
Matthew Johnson,	8	36
Albion F. Johnson,	12	15
Chas. Johnson,	1	65
Wilder M. Libby,	4	80
Fred C. Phinney,		75
W. W. Davis,	17	65
Wm. G. Purinton,	14	35
Frank Brown,	3	55
Gustavus Plummer	5	40
E. A. Strout,	2	25
S. L. Libby,	1	19
Allison Libby,	2	27
Daniel Johnson,	3	74
Geo. T. Blake,	2	68
James Littlefield,	3	59
Edward Libby,	1	40
Lee Libby,	1	00
E. Thomes,	2	05
L. T. Thomes,	6	64
D. W. Davis,	1	43
M. C. Kimball,	7	64
Lewis Johnson,	3	50
B. L. Harmon,	14	53
Moses Fogg,	3	86
Samuel A. Roberts,		75
M. F. Parker,	13	92
C. S. Purinton,	9	75
James Gray,	4	85
Freeman Hicks,	1	05
H. W. Murch,	2	76
P. R. Small,	1	50
D. F. Libby,	4	20

M. T. Files,	1	20
G. E. Files,	1	35
Joseph C. Custance,		75
Chas. Davis,	1	87
Wm. Pearson,		45
Uriah Nason,	1	05
D. D. Plummer,	1	20
Otis Purinton,		30
Edward Bragdon,		75
E. M. Bodge,		45
Isaac Gilkey,	4	30
E. R. Wentworth,	6	07
E. R. Wentworth,	6	56
A. W. Hanscom,	5	25
Wm. Bolton,	5	08
Harry Hoit,	4	42
Chas. Morton,	4	65
Freeman Paine,	3	22
Eli Morton,	1	65
Edmund Green,	6	70
Abram Tyler,	7	65
Frank Winship,		90
Sewell Webb,	2	70
Chas. A. Purinton,	14	12
Horace Sylvester,	1	35
C. E. Libby,		60
Orrin I. Leavitt,	1	20
J. E. Libby,	9	82
Mark Mosher,	12	62
G. I. Bickford & Son,	6	47
Wm. Bartlett,	7	82
Oswell Charles,	17	91
Frederick Plaisted,	9	03
Henry F. Plaisted,	2	83
Will Hall,	2	27
Albert Cannell,	1	10
E. F. Manchester,	3	10
Wyman Manchester,		15
Roswell Ward,		75
Frank Ward,		45
Albert W. Hamblen,	7	05
Asa Burnham,	1	50
Murch Brothers,	12	50
David Patrick,	14	65
Albert Cressey,	4	95
David Warren,	1	75
George Stokes,	3	00
Edward Y. Faulkner,	7	20

J. W. Sanborn,	1 80	G. R. Spinney,	2 30
A. F. Kemp,	22 37	Wm. Metcalf,	4 71
D. B. Holt,	4 50	Wm. E. Files,	20 55
Daniel Files,	10 31	Asa Burnham,	3 75
A. K. P. Libby,	2 62	Reuben Wescott,	5 20
Wm.. Dudley,	1 65	Orrin Wescott,	11 00
James Haynes,	60	John W. Libby,	6 60
Benj. Irish,	1 40	Wm. F. Libby,	5 40
Samuel C. Hoit,	37	B. S. Benson,	13 65
J. F. Newcomb,	9 35	A. S. Shurtleff,	5 35
A. W. Newcomb,	37	John Williams,	2 10
Wm. Wescott,	4 95	George Sawyer,	1 80
D. B. Holt,	6 50	Fred Plaisted,	70
Arthur M. Hamblen,	7 95	Oswell Charles,	55
D. F. Whittier,	7 00	Joseph W. Custance,	1 05
A. C. Hanson,	4 74	James M. Dudley	7 05
Enoch Mabry,	8 90	Asa Libby,	7 30
Manuel Thomas,	7 09	Alston V. Whitney,	5 90
George Turner,	1 43	George F. Getchell,	2 40
Marshall Moses,	1 29	Wm. F. Skillings,	3 30
Joseph M. Plaisted,	1 36	Wm. B. Libby,	3 03
W. L. Churchill,	46	S. B. Anderson,	8 40
Almon Parker,	1 13	Horace Cressey,	6 26
Alonzo Moses,	1 21	S. B. Anderson,	1 69
Henry Mayberry,	1 66	Ansel S. Stone,	1 13
Frank Webster,	60	Howard T. Small,	3 37
Marshall Libby,	23	R. M. Banks,	5 17
S. B. Cook,	1 20	G. I. Bickford & Son,	16 05
Wm. Verrill,	53	L. C. Grouard,	15 70
Wm. McLellan,	83	Samuel Cressey,	3 90
Geo. Wentworth,	83	Henry Stanwood,	2 85
Samuel Foster,	30	F. D. Scamman,	1 35
Wm. Wescott,	90	F. E. Demeritt,	2 10
Carl Shaw,	45	Samuel Dolly,	1 95
Sherman Libby,	1 05	Jeff D. Roberts,	41 50
Edward Moses,	1 65	A. M. Allen,	3 75
Geo. Moses,	1 20	Geo. P. Plaisted,	6 50
Harry Howe,	50	Wm. F. Dudley,	3 10
Wm. Collins,	7 00	M. C. Burnell,	24 25
G. B. Gustin,	4 95	D. F. Merritt,	9 30
Amos Cobb,	1 80	Isaac L. Johnson,	12 25
S. L. Stephenson,	24 85	Chas. E. Odion,	2 00
Frederick Purinton,	5 30	J. G. Larrabee,	2 20
S. B. Sawyer,	2 55	W. F. Pillsbury,	1 65
Levi Estes,	15 30	J. E. Meserve,	3 00
D. L. Trumble,	5 00	M. C. Sturgis,	21 60
C. H. Murch,	2 25	Geo. T. Blake,	5 50
A. N. Purinton,	7 25	Daniel Palmer,	2 87

T. J. Brackett,	1 75	Enoch Mabry,	3 00
P. Y. Parker,	75	J. N. Newcomb,	4 52
Chas. E. Jordan,	3 80	O. C. Watson,	1 20
Daniel Palmer,	1 16	Wm H. Lombard,	3 00
Henry L. Batchelder,	13 14	Augustus F. Babb,	3 00
Chas. E. Jordan,	7 75	Robert B. Meserve,	2 00
F. A. Files,	5 50	Edmund Flood,	14 34
Edw. Files, estate of	5 80	John C. Wallace,	7 50
P. Y. Parker,	2 25	H. R. Colesworthy,	6 75
T. J. Brackett,	10 12	H. R. Colesworthy,	7 20
H. D. Libby,	13 53	Enoch Mabry,	5 50
Allison Libby,	3 00	G. M. Parker,	3 00
S. L. Libby,	6 00	Robert Weeks,	8 22
Benj. Sturgis,	8 25	A. L. Mabry,	8 20
Joseph Harmon,	5 25	J. Frank Stover,	8 50
Daniel Wescott,	3 75	Henry F. Whitney,	3 00
C. S. Purinton,	3 50	Abram Bickford,	2 60
D. F. Rolfe,	7 95	Daniel Carll,	5 25
D. F. Files,	17 65	Reuben Meserve,	7 07
A. B. Douglass,	7 13	Reuben Meserve,	1 50
Geo. W. Crockett,	7 50	Gerry Rounds,	8 70
Lewis L. Files,	4 58	Mark Mosher,	17 00
E. F. Madox,	4 06	G. I. & W. I. Bickford,	23 00
C. H. Lowell,	7 86	F. Bartlett,	10 50
A. J. Stackpole,	23	S. E. Stone,	81
J. G. Clements,	5 95	T. P. Whitney,	2 98
W. C. Clements,	22 62	T. P. Whitney,	4 05
E. S. Palmer,	1 47	J. J. Osborn,	2 85
Lewis L. Files,	14 75	B. G. Coburn,	15 25
A. B. Douglass,	9 40	L. H. Bean, estate of	46 64
J. G. Clements,	12 00	Lewis H. Lowell,	12 15
C. H. Lowell,	5 53	Richard Willis,	27 00
Geo. W. Crockett,	1 75	Tyng W. Libby,	7 00
James M. Dudley,	3 00	A. H. Plummer,	7 50
C. A. Brackett,	29 50	Chas. H. Brackett,	23 60
Alpheus Boothby,	3 75	Richard Libby,	2 25
C. P. M. Bragdon,	3 00	W. L. Larrabee,	15 00
James Deering,	9 75	E. M. Wilson,	12 25
O. F. Cash,	1 50	Wm. Verrill,	38
Isaac L. Johnson,	82 25	Henry Mayberry,	10 31
David Patrick,	15 00	Manuel Thomas,	5 70
C. H. Osborn,	9 73	Goff & Plummer,	4 20
Simeon Cushman,	2 75	Andrew Smith,	1 50
Chas. Bradbury,	7 50	Enoch Mabry,	5 50
Alston V. Whitney,	5 22	S. F. Foster,	2 85
W. H. Mitchell,	10 00	Wm. C. Webster,	1 50
Thos. McDonough & Son,	2 40	Frank Webster,	1 50
Ansell S. Stone,	22 09	Joseph Plaisted,	1 50

Lucretia Mabry,	3	85	John T. Farr,	75
Wm. P. Stevens,	1	50	Edward Libby,	13 30
E. F. Manchester,	11	55	J. S. Littlefield,	18 15
Isaac L. Johnson,	5	25	J. F. Libby,	5 00
U. S. Nason,	3	50	F. L. Whitney,	12 38
Frederick Plaisted,	4	85	David Johnson,	15 81
Henry Plaisted,	2	25	C. W. Chaplin,	2 20
Oswell Charles,	1	80	C. C. Wescott,	1 40
Wm. Fogg,	1	50	F. H. Richardson,	18 90
H. Cousens,	3	38	Rufus Mosher,	8 80
A. T. Stuart,	5	80	Byron Coburn,	6 50
John T. Farr,	2	25	J. J. G. Hannaford,	5 70
Frank E. Floyd,	3	15	R. J. Elder,	17 30
John McLellan,	1	80	Thomas McDonough,	1 50
Albert Cressey,	11	55	A. F. Lowell,	2 25
J. H. Frost,	4	95	A. M. Hamblen,	90
Rufus A. Fogg,	10	33	David McKenney,	7 25
W. B. Kemp,	9	95	Edward Files,	5 55
W. B. Kemp, Jr.,	1	95	Geo. F. Small,	7 87
Elisha Douglass,	9	06	Wilbur F. Berry,	3 30
Benj. Waterhouse,	6	41	Isaac Gilkey,	6 33
Wm. McLellan,	4	92	Asa Libby,	3 72
Chas. C. Hawks,	2	28	Chas. W. Deering,	15 62
S. B. & E. T. Cloudman,	6	70	Benj. Milliken,	2 25
Horace A. Cloudman,	2	98	Alberta Finney,	1 50
J. W. Jordan,	6	60	Wm. Collins,	3 00
Chas. E. Jordan,	17	63	W. & C. Murch,	22 35
F. A. Files,	12	58	David Warren,	3 75
Edw. Files, Est of	20	57	James Warren,	9 15
S. B. Brown,	8	69	David Patrick,	5 95
P. Y. Parker,	6	29	Geo. Stokes,	6 15
E. A. Files,	13	82	A. W. Rowe,	22 82
T. J. Brackett,	2	25	S. L. Stephenson,	15 90
H. T. Root,	2	62	W. Trickey,	7 00
A. L. Files,	12	07	Lendall Lowell,	10 55
Daniel Palmer,	7	95	Alpheus Boothby,	6 40
S. B. Brown,	6	37	John E. Meserve,	15 39
T. J. Brackett,	1	35	F. M. & J. Baker,	20 60
Edw. Files, Est. of	7	55	C. I. McLellan,	13 35
P. Y. Parker,	3	00	Chas. Babb,	19 17
Edwin F. Madox,		75	B. I. Libby,	2 88
Chas. E. Jordan,	3	00	N. E. Warren,	1 95
F. A. Files,	3	50	James Warren,	2 25
Amos Thompson,	1	80	E. Libby,	9 78
A. L. Files,	10	89	Frank Allen,	10 27
J. J. Osborn,	7	70	Harvey Allen,	1 00
C. H. Osborn,	12	07	I. H. Kemp,	11 60
R. G. Drown,	1	20	F. E. Demeritt,	11 19

Sam'l Cressey,	9 80	Chas. F. Morton,	16 05
F. D. Scamman,	9 12	Frank Winship,	5 23
L. C. Grouard,	17 70	Sewell Webb,	12 00
Mrs. S. A. Cressey,	1 65	Joseph Libby,	18 94
Edw. W. Guptill,	1 50	Freeman Paine,	6 00
Samuel Dolley,	1 05	Abram Tyler,	3 15
A. W. Hanscom,	7 35	Harry A. Hoit,	6 23
Henry Stanwood,	3 30	Eli Morton,	7 70
J. G. Larrabee,	10 43	Albert F. Libby,	1 95
W. F. Pillsbury,	3 81	Orrin I. Leavitt,	1 35
R. M. Bangs,	5 36	Edwin Libby,	30
Marshall Martin,	6 00	M. C. Burnell,	14 88
Arthur Hamblen,	6 82	R. J. Elder,	2 20
Joseph L. Elwell,	11 86	C. F. Libby,	75
Howard Cotton,	4 84	Mel Harmon,	45
Henry L. Bachelder,	12 78	Fred Patrick,	15
A. H. Bachelder,	1 95	Howard McKenney,	1 20
Henry Wescott,	9 09	J. J. G. Hannaford,	1 65
Daniel Files,	10 35	Geo. Alden,	75
T. Logan,	14 60	Geo. F. Small,	1 50
Horace Libby,	11 80	Rufus Mosher,	75
Joseph R. Hanson,	5 45	A. Richardson,	75
Sumner Jordan,	2 10	A. M. Hamblen,	75
Amos Cobb,	1 05	F. H. Richardson,	75
S. B. & E. T. Cloudman,	15 55	Van W. Carll,	15 00
John W. Jordan,	18 25	A. & L. Lombard,	11 72
Mrs. Lydia Jordan,	3 60	B. S. Benson,	20 36
Horace Cloudman,	17 70	A. S. Shurtliff,	20 00
Chas. Hawkes,	10 70	Geo. Sawyer,	9 60
Robert Barbour,	2 00	Walker Parker,	4 50
David F. Files,	11 80	Chas. Hubbard,	2 10
D. F. Rolfe,	6 79	Joseph Fogg,	1 35
A. B. Douglass,	5 40	Dan'l Carll,	2 40
J. G. Clement,	2 90	H. R. Colesworthy,	10 79
Geo. W. Crockett,	8 40	Manuel Thomas,	2 40
Lewis L. Files,	14 27	Geo. Turner,	76
O. C. Watson,	8 10	Alonzo Moses,	15
H. R. Colesworthy,	8 10	M. H. Moses,	15
W. C. Clement,	5 83	S. B. Cook,	68
Seth Douglass,	5 25	A. J. Moses,	52
Edwin F. Maddox,	2 63	Henry Mayberry,	6 74
A. J. Stackpole,	78	Manuel Thomas,	4 50
J. D. Spinney,	1 20	Goff & Plummer,	12 90
G. R. Spinney,	3 00	Washington Hale,	1 95
Daniel Files,	1 50	Walter Smith,	95
George Carle,	23 50	J. W. Gilly,	30
Edmund Green	14 85	Andrew Smith,	95
W. Bolton,	8 24	Enoch Mayberry,	5 35

S. L. Foster,	1 99	Sam'l E. Ridgeway,	4 05
Wm. C. Webster,	68	Wm. H. Lombard, Jr.,	6 70
Eugene Bennett,	1 95	L. C. & E. A. Roberts,	30 20
Chas. Atherton,	1 95	Joseph Ridlon,	12 00
Frank E. Webster,	90	J. F. Newman,	3 75
H. G. Parker,	30	Geo. Robinson,	2 55
Geo. Turner,	30	Milton Shaw,	5 00
Walter Blake,	30	A. L. Hamblen,	59 43
S. B. Cook,	3 22	John W. Jordan,	3 50
Henry Mayberry,	6 45	Freeman P. Glidden,	18 70
Goff & Plummer,	15 15	J. B. Hopkinson,	3 75
Willard Lamb,	2 25	Albert Hamblen,	5 25
Walter Smith,	3 00	A. K. P. Libby,	6 90
Lucretia A. Mayberry,	3 55	C. M. Libby,	5 30
S. L. Foster,	1 35	Wm. Wescott,	6 20
Geo. H. Moses,	1 55	J. N. Newcomb,	8 82
S. B. Cook,	1 95	P. I. Libby,	20 74
A. N. Purrington,	16 70	Benj. Irish,	4 00
D. D. Trumble,	11 30	J. L. Haynes,	2 63
C. H. Murch,	8 55	Wm. Dudley,	9 60
Elliott Wescott, Est. of	2 00	John F. Libby,	2 05
Sumner Jordan,	1 50	A. W. Newcomb,	2 00
Wm. G. Purrington,	15 36	Samuel C. Hoit,	60
W. W. Davis,	21 45	J. T. Pratt,	3 75
Gustavus Plummer,	10 50	E. F. Manchester,	5 05
Frank Brown,	7 10	Wm. Fogg,	1 95
E. A. Strout,	2 55	Oswell Charles,	1 05
S. E. Ridlon,	2 55	N. E. Warren,	2 25
Joseph Harmon,	2 10	Roswell Ward,	1 20
Sam'l Graffam,	2 25	Albert Cannell,	1 80
James Deering,	9 25	John J. Cannell,	75
Lewis J. Libby,	5 25	Henry Plaisted,	1 65
Alvin Libby,	1 50	Fred A. Plaisted,	1 65
Liberty Moulton,	8 50	H. W. Manchester,	2 55
John W. Sanborn,	4 35	Fred Plaisted,	1 00
Reuben Deering,	16 35	Frank Ward,	1 90
James Tapley,	1 50	M. F. Parker	33 28
Henry Tapley,	75	M. E. Files,	6 60
Geo. B. Gustin,	6 20	James Gray,	16 56
Asa Burnham,	10 70	B. F. Libby,	8 68
Chas. Meserve,	1 50	C. S. Purrington,	5 87
Knight Bros.,	35 50	E. M. Bodge,	6 76
Abram Bickford,	8 20	Joseph Glidden,	1 20
D. B. Holt,	13 35	G. E. Files,	5 70
W. H. Lombard,	6 60	H. W. Murch,	10 77
Simeon B. Cashman,	5 55	D. D. Plummer,	4 50
Frank Harding,	1 35	Wm. Pearson,	2 25
John C. Wallace,	3 75	J. A. Brodge,	2 10

Otis Purinton,	5	85	John M. Webb,	13	72
U. S. Nason,	2	85	H. B. Cloudman,		45
Freeman Hicks,	3	20	Frank A. Mayberry,	1	35
Edw. Bragdon,	3	60	Elmer Hawkes,		60
D. R. Small,	2	70	Augustus Hawkes,		60
Wm. B. Libby,	1	86	Chas. Libby,		45
Alston V. Whitney,	4	58	Knight Brothers,	35	05
Geo. F. Getchel,	5	70	W. S. Buxton & Co.,	2	10
Wm. F. Skillings,		68	Stephen Hinkley & Co.,	52	55
J. W. Files,	5	00	Samuel McLellan, est. of	14	50
Isaiah Cobb,	11	90	David Warren,		50
John Bragdon,	11	76	C. M. Moody,	1	20
J. L. Higgins,	14	60	John F. Kimball, est. of	12	65
Lewis Douglass,	10	47	F. O. Sturgis,	11	90
Chas. Newcomb,	6	00	Abial Rounds,	9	84
Mark Newcomb,	2	40	Geo. Skillings,	23	75
Chas. Irish,	4	95	Joseph Skillings,	11	31
Freedom Douglass,	16	28	C. E. Watson,	24	75
G. H. Douglass,	3	90	S. B. Anderson,	23	55
A. P. Irish,	3	30	John P. Frink,	4	50
Geo. Files,	1	20	I. L. Johnson,	28	25
Henry Carll,	6	40	Ansel L. Stone,	16	38
C. C. Whitney,		75	Thomas J. Pratt,	2	25
Elmer S. Cotton,	3	15	Albert Riggs,	10	50
Clarence E. Sanborn,	2	25	Reuben Wescott,	26	90
Orman L. Douglass,	1	50	John P. Frink,	1	05
Wm. Blake,		45	Freeman P. Glidden,	7	00
Chas. Blake,		45	Freeman P. Glidden,	3	87
E. K. Douglass,	2	10	J. B. Hopkinson,	3	87
H. S. Blake,	2	70	Albert Hamblen,	3	42
Chas. Gupstill,	3	03	Isaac L. Johnson,	17	50
Geo. T. Blake,	1	50	Orrin Wescott,	42	37
Samuel B. Sawyer,	5	55	Reuben Wescott, 2d,	28	03
Geo. F. Getchell,	13	80	John W. Libby,	9	20
Wm. F. Skillings,	5	10	Wm. F. Libby,	6	20
Wm. B. Libby,	7	95	Geo. P. Plaisted,	3	47
Asa Libby,	15	00	Allison Libby,	6	48
H. B. Johnson & Son,	35	65	S. L. Libby,	4	43
J. J. Grant,	16	55	Geo. T. Blake,	5	20
Geo. W. Heath,	7	27	Byron Hamblen,	6	00
W. S. Libby,	18	25	D. C. Libby,	8	33
Wm. H. McLellan,	5	00	Geo. Alden,	8	65
Jonathan S. Leavitt,	5	00	Thos. McDonough,	3	70
A. L. Fulsom,	5	00	Matthew Johnson,	28	67
John Hawkes,	5	55	Albion F. Johnson,	13	37
A. L. Mayberry,	61	94	Wm. H. Johnson,	12	92
Daniel Libby,	5	85	Charles Johnson,	8	80
N. M. Marshall,		30	Fred C. Phinney,	14	57

Isaac L. Johnson,	1 75	John Shorey,	5 60
B. F. Irish	1 20	Geo. Rackcliff,	2 25
John Mills	2 70	F. W. Merrill,	1 05
Geo. A. Allen,	9 95	Melville C. Johnson,	6 74
Allison Libby,	1 87	Ezra Richardson,	2 55
S. L. Libby,	82	Simon Blake,	90
Geo. T. Blake,	10 75	Wilson Twombly,	1 35
Geo. P. Plaisted,	2 82	F. H. Johnson,	10 55
James Perkins,	75	Lewis Johnson,	23 06
A. M. Allen,	14 46	Moses Fogg,	12 00
Levi Estes,	18 55	D. W. Davis,	2 40
A. N. Waterhouse,	12 07	Chas. Kimball,	9 80
James Gupfill,	5 90	L. T. Thomes,	7 55
Wm. H. McLellan,	4 00	Samuel A. Roberts,	2 10
Robert B. Meserve,	35 50	Benj. Harmon,	19 60
A. S. & E. F. Larrabee,	5 07	Edward Palmer,	8 80
Fletcher Flint,	3 75	Frederick Purinton,	10 70
James W. Libby,	3 00	Daniel Wescott	8 70
Charlie Meserve,	1 20	B. F. Irish,	9 18
J. G. Meserve,	6 63	E. M. Wilson,	24 55
H. D. Libby,	5 64	L. A. Dow,	13 75
Augustus Babb,	37	M. C. Sturgis,	26 55
H. B. Johnson & Son,	58 61	Levi Hamblen, est. of	5 32
Alvin Cressey, heirs of	29 50	James Deering,	7 80
Chas A. Alden,	24 95	Geo. M. Thompson,	3 00
Graffam Brothers,	13 41	Chas. Haggett,	1 00
W. W. Cressey,	27 45		
Guy R. Cressey,	17 40		
H. C. Webster,	6 30		
		Total,	<hr/> \$5,854 61

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

N. M. Marshall, professional services '86,	40 00
James H. Darby, supt. poor farm,	393 75
Insane Hospital, account of C. M. Bacon,	188 24
Leonard Moody, supplies,	40 58
J. C. Summersides, supplies to C. E. Haggett family,	9 02
J. S. Leavitt, Jr., '86 " " " " "	14 75
F. H. Emery, " " " " "	8 40
" " " " "	2 50
J. S. Leavitt, Jr. " " " " "	20 88
F. W. Harding & Co. " " " " "	11 87
J. S. Leavitt, " " " " "	5 80
Joseph Ridlon & Son, " " " " "	9 48
O'Neil R. Straw, professional services " " "	11 50
Ploughing on account of " " "	7 00
Building fence " " " " "	5 00
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A. W. Lincoln, professional services for Bartly Feeny,	35 00
W. P. Watson, " " " " "	6 75
C. Abbott, supplies to Bartley Feeny and family,	93 86
" " James Jewett and family, '86	3 20
Sewell Whitney, board of Wm. Veasey,	13 00
A. W. Lincoln, professional services for Wm. Veasey,	48 50
Mary Bradford, account of Libby child,	15 00
A. W. Lincoln, professional services rendered Moody family,	10 00
J. C. Summersides, supplies to Mrs. Guptill,	1 00
James H. Darby, medicine, etc., for inmates of poor farm,	5 82
W. J. Coburn, medicine per order of Dr. Straw and Lewis McLellan, '85 and '86,	40 16
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Total,	\$1,041 06

The average number of inmates on the Town Farm during the year is 8, one more than last year.

We would say the affairs at the Town Farm have been conducted in a very acceptable manner, and although the potato crop was a failure the expenses of the farm have been met by the income, and no order has been drawn for supplies during the year. We

think it fortunate that we were able to retain Mr. Darby and wife for another year.

The heavy snow fall in March and April, '87, and January '88, has very much increased our road bills.

The amount of abatements this year is ~~\$1,042.58~~. 1150,70

The amount drawn on Huston Fund is \$251.66.

JOHN S. LEAVITT,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
ISAAC L. JOHNSON,	
GEORGE P. PLAISTED,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Gorham.</i>

Treasurer's Report.

STEPHEN HINKLEY, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Gorham.

To Cash in my hands at settlement, 1887,		Dr.	
" received from sundries, viz:			\$.40
From State Treasurer, School funds for 1886,	\$1,518 89		
" " " account Free High Schools,	375 00		
" " " Railroad and Telegraph Tax			
for 1887,	43 16		
" " " State Pensions,	144 00		
" S. B. Guthrie, for gravel from Alden lot,	95		
" Selectmen, for old fence and wood at			
West Gorham Cemetery,	10 00		
" School District No. 13, balance special tax,	30		
" Tax deeds redeemed and interest on same,	1 87		
" Advertising non-resident taxes,	11 06		
" Interest on " " "	3 24		
" Tuitions Free High School, Dist. No. 1,	109 00		

\$2,217 47

To Cash received from taxes, viz:

From non-resident taxes for 1885,	53 41
" " " " " 1886,	2,357 10
" F. D. Scamman, balance 1885 tax,	2,024 73
" Charles Johnson, account 1886 tax,	11,211 60
" Walter C. Clement " 1887 "	8,356 74

\$24,003 58

\$26,221 45

By Cash paid, viz:

Orders for support of Common Schools,	5,380 87	CR.
" " " " Free High "	1,101 20	
" " " Roads,	5,854 61	
" " " Bridges,	481 39	
" " " Poor,	1,041 06	
" " Contingent Expenses,	1,620 60	
" " Money Voted,	2,245 75	
" " Abatements,	1,150 70	
Normal School Loan, Note No. 15,	500 00	
Interest on Normal School Loan,	437 50	
" " Town Orders,	61 81	
Special State tax for 1885 and 1886,	6,198 02	
State Pensions,	144 00	

\$26,217 51

Cash in my hands,

3 94

\$26,221 45

STEPHEN HINKLEY, *Treasurer.*

GORHAM, Feb. 22, 1888.

Examined and found correct.

JOHN S. LEAVITT, } *Selectmen*
 ISAAC L. JOHNSON, } *of*
 GEO. P. PLAISTED, } *Gorham.*

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF GORHAM FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 22, 1888.

INDEBTEDNESS.

Balance due School Districts,	\$ 976 74	
“ “ Free High Schools,	103 27	
Normal School Loan,	8,500 00	
Interest on same to March 1, 1888,	79 17	
Due Municipal Officers,—estimated,	1,000 00	
Outstanding bills, including snow bills, and other highway bills,—estimated,	300 00	
State Tax of 1887,	3,853 50	
County “ “ “	1,085 58	
Huston Fund note,	3,889 75	
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		\$19,788 01

RESOURCES.

Due from Chas. Johnson, on Town Tax of 1886,	2,187 78	
Due from Walter C. Clement, on State Tax of 1887,	3,853 50	
Due from same on Co. Tax of 1887,	1,085 58	
Due from same, Town Tax of 1887,	7,630 77	
Due for Non-resident Taxes,	2 34	
Due on account of Tax Deeds,	50 77	
Due from State, School Fund and Mill Tax,	1,511 89	
Due from State, for diseased horses killed by order of Selectmen,	52 00	
Due from Lewis J. Libby, note and interest,	32 64	
Due from Town of Westbrook, for support of poor,	400 00	
Due from Town of Buxton, for support poor,	61 50	
Hay on Haggett place now on hand—estimated,	120 00	
Huston farm and buildings thereon,	6,000 00	
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	3 94	
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	\$22,992 71	
Balance of Resources,		<hr/>
		3,204 70
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		\$22,992 71
Balance of Resources, February 28, 1887,	3,380 56	
Balance of Resources, February 22, 1888,	3,204 70	
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Increase of Indebtedness the past year,	\$175 86	

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. WATERMAN, *Finance Committee.*

GORHAM, Feb. 22, 1888.

Having examined the books and accounts of the town for the year ending February 22, 1888, I find the payments properly vouched, the books and accounts correctly kept and accurately balanced, and for further details would refer to the fore-going reports of your Selectmen, Treasurer and Finance Committee.

FRANK A. RIDLON, *Auditor.*

GORHAM, FEB. 22, 1888.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

To the Citizens of Gorham :

Your Superintending School Committee take pleasure in presenting the following report.

The School Census showed the number of scholars in town to be 887, divided among 18 districts. The census of 1859, as given in the Town Report, showed 1,326 scholars and the same number of districts. It would seem that, if we have now only two thirds as many scholars as at that time, there ought to be at least some change in the number of districts. This loss of scholars has fallen most heavily upon the smaller districts, caused in some degree by the setting off families from their old districts on to the larger ones, so that now some districts present hardly a respectable number of scholars. It cannot be called a judicious expenditure of public money to maintain schools in districts containing 20 scholars as No. 2, or 15 as No. 7, or only 14, the number returned by Districts Nos. 11 and 14. Especially is this true when the number actually attending school dwindles to five and four as in Districts Nos. 2 and 14. The following shows the cost of instruction, per week, for each scholar attending school in a few districts and the cost in the West Gorham district is also given for comparison:— District No. 2, \$1.00 ; District No. 7, \$.97 ; District No. 11, \$.78 for Summer term and \$.86 for the Fall term; District No. 14, \$1.25 for Summer term and \$.83 for the Winter term. In District No. 5 the expense was 25 and 35 cents, per scholar, for the Spring and Fall terms respectively.

It has been the settled policy of this town for many years to allow the greatest possible individual liberty in the matter of school districts, as is shown by the facility with which families have been transferred, at their own request, from one district to another. The town does not seem to wish to force the abolition of these small districts, though it has been recommended by successive committees for many years. It is to be hoped that the persons composing these small districts will see that it is for their own advantage, and themselves take the initiative in regard to annexing their district to some other district or districts. Let this matter be brought up at the annual meeting of the district and some action be taken to consolidate our schools into a more symmetrical whole.

The town voted for schools \$3,300, and the town's portion of the state school money was \$1,511.89, making a total of \$4,811.89. Your Committee distributed \$4,390.65 equitably, giving \$4.95 for each scholar reported. The remaining \$421.24 was distributed among the districts, giving a portion to each, except Districts Nos. 1 and 16. The statistical table shows the amount given to each district. By this distribution, there were given to each scholar in District No. 2, \$6.50; in District No. 7, \$7.33; and \$8.24 in Nos. 11 and 14. This seems to be paying a large premium for the maintenance of small districts.

The High School, in District No. 1, has been unfortunate in having three principals during the year. The Spring term was shortened to eight weeks, as Mr. Davis would not remain longer. Mr. Horne gave great satisfaction in the Summer term, but he accepted, quite unexpectedly to the Committee, another more lucrative position. We were fortunate in securing Mr. O. D. Sewall for the year to succeed him. He was selected from a large number of applicants and there has been no reason for wishing that a different choice had been made. The school never presented a more quiet and orderly appearance and never worked more faithfully than at the present time. We hope that Mr. Sewall may long be retained over the school, believing it will be to the advantage of all who may attend.

The attendance upon this school from other parts of the town seems to indicate that, ere long, it may be best to make it a town High School for the entire year, instead of having two terms under the control of the District. The residence of these attending the

High School department, during the past year, has been as follows:

	SPRING.	SUMMER.	FALL.	WINTER.
Number living in District No. 1	34	54	37	28
“ “ “ other Districts	31	23	14	14
“ “ “ other Towns	23	17	11	10

The figures for the Summer term include both the Grammar and High School departments. The annual graduating exercises of the school took place in the Congregational Church, on Friday, July 1st. A class of six received the diploma of the school. Their names are as follows:

Mattie E. Hannaford,
Belle J. Nash,
Fannie E. Locke,

John W. Owen,
Willie A. Dunnell,
Fred E. Bragdon.

Of these, Fred E. Bragdon entered Bowdoin College, passing an examination highly creditable to himself and to the school.

Special attention, during the year, has been given to enlarging and improving the course of study in the English department of the High School. We do not wish to make of it a mere classical school, but a school where our scholars can learn what will be of practical use through life, what will make their lives better and more useful to the State and more satisfactory to themselves. The Principal has labored with this end in view and taken upon himself classes embracing the greatest number of scholars, so as to exert as great a personal influence as possible.

The attendance upon the schools has been lessened by the prevalence of contagious diseases. The school at Great Falls was closed for a time during the Summer term. The school at West Gorham was closed for one week in the Fall term and the primary school in the Village for two weeks in the same term. The scarlet fever, measles and mumps still remain unabated. The school at Fort Hill is closed by reason of the sickness of the teacher and it has been necessary to postpone the opening of the Spring term in the village. Though these diseases have been of a very mild form and have, thus far, proved fatal in no case, it is hoped that, in all cases, every possible precaution will be taken to prevent the spread of disease.

It is a matter for congratulation that a larger number are availing themselves of the advantages afforded by the model rooms at the Normal School, thus relieving the village primary school.

We have also made arrangements by which the class in chemistry will receive for the next term special instruction from Prof. H. M. Estabrook of the Normal School.

The Free High School in District No. 9 has been under the same Principal as last year. The success of this school and the number in attendance prove the wisdom of its establishment and maintenance.

We would urge upon the citizens of the various districts care in the selection of the agents. Let school meetings be fully attended and that man elected who will best perform the duties. It is hoped also that the agents will be prompt and accurate in presenting their Census returns, as our school money from the State is dependent upon the prompt rendering of the required returns.

Many of our school houses are in very poor condition. We are satisfied that there would be improvement in many cases, if the parents would inform themselves of the necessities. A rearrangement of the districts would render it unnecessary to repair some buildings. Last year a day was appointed for Arbor Day. If this is continued, advantage ought to be taken of it to improve the appearance of our school houses and grounds. Even if nothing more can be done, let trees be planted, a woodbine set so as to cover some part of the building, and a few pots of flowers cared for within the school room. In this work, however, it must be remembered that the transplanting is only a small part of the labor. Subsequent care and attention are necessary, or all will be lost.

We would urge again upon our citizens the necessity of a personal interest in our schools. We are expending much money upon them, more for a single district than was expended in the whole town in 1856, and we wish the children of the town to reap the full benefit of every dollar expended. The presence of parents in the school, not only at the close of the term but during its progress, is an incentive to teacher and scholar and highly conducive to the prosperity of the school.

We know that changes in text books are not popular with those who have to purchase them, but we must call attention to the text book in Arithmetic. It is not satisfactory even to those who introduced it. A change evidently ought to be made as soon as a decision can be made in regard to the very best text book. We need a book with practical examples, instead of puzzles. The present book would do well for a class taking a finishing review of

the study, but should be preceded by a book more plain and practical.

In conclusion, we recommend for school purposes, for the ensuing year, the same appropriations as were made last year.

HOWARD A. McKENNEY,	} <i>Superintending</i>	
GEORGE P. PLAISTED,		<i>School</i>
G. R. SPINNEY,		<i>Committee.</i>

GORHAM, Feb. 23, 1888.

GORHAM SCHOOL STATISTICS, MARCH, 1888.

DISTRICT.		AGENT.	CENSUS.				FISCAL REPORT.			TEACHER.	WAGES.	SPRING.			SUM'R			FALL.			WINTER.		
NAME.	NUMBER.		No. under 6.	No. from 6 to 16 inclusive.	No. over 16.	Whole No. of scholars.	Amt. apportioned at \$4.95 each.	Amount Assigned.	Total Amt. given to Dist.			No. Regist'd	Av. At'd'nce	No. of days.	No. Regist'd	Av. At'd'nce	No. of days.	No. Regist'd	Av. At'd'nce	No. of days.	No. Regist'd	Av. At'd'nce	No. of days.
Village.	1	A. H. Sampson.	26	169	62	257	1,272.15		1,272.15	Frank W. Davis.	100.00	129	116	40									
High and Grammar.										Irving W. Horne.	80.00				94	83	50						
										Oliver D. Sewall.	80.00							98	82	55	83	69	50
										Chas. K. Hinkley. Mus.													
										Mary E. Alden, 1st Asst.	10.00			40			50			55			45
										Myra F. Moore, 2d Asst.	10.00			40			50			55			50
										Mary H. Knight.	10.00	49	41	40	51	39	50	35	27	45	34	22	50
										Jennie M. Colby.		28	26	47	32	26	43	31	24	43	33	28	53
Model Schools.										Florabel Barton.		10	7	47	21	14	43	26	16	43	25	18	53
Flag. Meadow.	2	David Patrick.	3	7	10	20	99.00	31.00	130.00	Georgia A. Bartlett.	5.00				5	4	40						
Fort Hill.	3	John F. Libby.	5	27	12	44	217.80	27.20	245.00	Lizzie E. Thomes.	5.50				17	15	40	19	14	40			
										Hall Staples.	32.00										27	*20	*75
Fogg.	4	John E. Meserve.	5	29	9	43	212.85	17.15	230.00	Sadie A. Larrabee.	6.00				22	19	45	23	20	55			
										"	7.50										17	*15	60
West Gorham.	5	George C. Jordan.	8	42	12	62	306.90	12.69	319.59	Rose Bennett.	6.75	27	24	40	19	15	40						
										"	10.00							31	29	40	35	*30	50
Smith.	6	L. H. Lowell.	1	18	5	24	118.80	21.20	140.00	Hannah F. Stone.	6.00				14	10	45	16	12	90			
Horton.	7	I. L. Johnson.	2	8	5	15	74.25	35.75	110.00	Frank I. Whitney.	35.00										9	7	53
Blake.	8	Henry L. Carll.	6	35	7	48	237.60	32.40	270.00	Minnie E. Smith.	7.50				31	27	40						
										Jennie E. Phinney.	6.00							26	21	35			
										George P. Plaisted.	45.00										35	31	50
White Rock.	9	Albert N. Purinton.	7	32	9	48	237.60	32.40	270.00	Maria C. Hamblen.	7.50				29	21	60						
										F. E. Hanscom.	56.40							60	51	60			
										Margie I. Whitney.	8.00									60			
										"	8.50										33	27	60
Winship.	10	Charles F. Morton.	3	16	4	23	113.85	41.15	155.00	Jennie E. Phinney.	7.25				23	20	45				21	19	50
Whitney.	11	Thaddens Whitney.	2	7	5	14	69.30	45.70	115.00	Lucy A. Libby.	5.50				7	6	40						
										"	6.00										7	6	60
South Gorham.	12	Reuben S. Meserve.	5	19	4	28	138.60	21.40	160.00	Hattie N. Hill.	5.00				19	15	45						
										L. V. Knight.	32.00										18	15	65
Wescott.	13	James L. Haynes.	4	17	10	31	153.45	21.55	175.00	Margie I. Whitney.	8.00				16	14	50						
										Maud A. Pendexter.	8.00										18	14	60
Allen.	14	Alpheus Boothby.	2	7	5	14	69.30	45.70	115.00	Fannie E. Hopkinson.	5.00				4	4	45						
										Hattie L. Lincoln.	5.00										6	5	50
Nason.	15	Eben F. Manchester.	2	15	4	21	103.95	26.05	130.00	Ella F. Johnson.	6.00				13	11	40				14	12	60
Little Falls.	16	Daniel S. Brown.	11	62	24	97	480.15		480.15	Gertrude L. McDonald.	10.00				53	49	40						
										Geo. P. Plaisted.	60.00							55	50	55			
										Lewis J. Frink.	80.00										65	*53	*80
Mosher.	17	Geo. F. Small.	2	20	6	28	138.60	21.40	160.00	Lizzie W. Small.	8.00				10	8	40				16	12	60
Great Falls.	18	C. G. Carver.	11	48	11	70	346.50	13.50	360.00	Winifred L. Evans.	8.00				35	32	40						
										"	9.00							35	32	40			
										A. L. Wescott.	45.00										42	37	55

*Estimated, as term is not yet closed. The Spring and Fall terms in District No. 1 and the Fall term in District No. 9 were Free High Schools. Wages of male teachers is reckoned by the month; that of female teachers by the week.