RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR THE BETTER MAINTAINING ORDER IN TOWN MEETING.

1st. The Moderator shall preserve decorum and order; may speak to points of order in reference to others; and shall decide all questions of order.

2d. When any voter shall require a question to be determined by yeas and nays, the Moderator shall take the sense of the meeting in that manner, provided one-third of the voters present are in favor of it.

3d. He shall propound all questions in the order in which they are moved, unless the subsequent motion be previous in its nature; except that, in naming sums and fixing times, the largest sum and longest time shall be first.

4th. When a question is put under debate, the Moderator shall receive no question but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to an hour certain, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

5th. When two or more happen to rise at once, the Moderator shall name the one who shall speak first.

6th. No voter shall speak more than three times on one question, without first obtaining leave of the meeting; nor more than twice until others who have not spoken, shall speak, if they desire it.

7th. All Committees shall be appointed and announced by the Moderator, unless otherwise specially directed by the meeting.

8th. When any voter shall make a motion, and such motion shall be seconded by another, the same shall be received and considered by the meeting, and not otherwise.
9th. When a vote has passed, it shall be in order for any one of the majority to move for a reconsideration thereof; and when a motion of reconsideration is decided, that decision shall not be reconsidered.

10th. No one shall be allowed to stand up to the interruption of another while any one is speaking, or pass unnecessarily between the Moderator and the person speaking.

11th. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if the Moderator desires it.

12th. Any voter may call for a division of the question, where the sense will admit of it.

13th. No motion or proposition of a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment.

14th. When a vote is doubted, the voters for or against the question, when called on by the Moderator, shall rise and stand uncovered till they be counted.

15th. Individuals while speaking shall stand uncovered, and address the Moderator.

16th. No person shall be permitted to stand on the seats.

17th. A motion to adjourn without date, shall be debatable; but a motion to adjourn to a day certain, shall not be debatable.

18th. No person shall be permitted to smoke in this house.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor have the honor to present herewith their annual report for the year ending March 1st, 1876.

With full knowledge of the fact that taxation has become oppressive, and to most of us burdensome, we have gone through this the past year with the utmost care as to our expenditures; and that no department should suffer from neglect or inattention. With economy and prudence for our guide, we trust you will approve our doings.

HIGHWAYS AND SIDEWALKS.

We can say for this department, to obtain the greatest amount of work, and to do the work where it was most needed, we have given more than the usual amount of time and personal attention. Complaints came to us from citizens living in the neighborhood of the new bridge, that the road leading to Belchertown and near Mr. R. H. Howard's, was out of order and dangerous through the winter and spring from overflowing and ice. We have with great care placed across the road an enlarged culvert bridge, and repaired, filled and graded under the personal superintendence of our associate, Mr. A. P. Merrick, at an expense of $98.75; and in all other extraordinary cases some one of our number has superintended the work as it progressed, that caution and care might be exercised to do only that which was necessary. In this, we think, and in no other way, should we have been able to have kept within the appropriation.
BRIDGES AND RAILINGS.

In this department we have expended as little as possible to keep the bridges in good repair, with new plank and some new culvert bridges entire. Those on the road through Hawley Swamp, so called, have been rebuilt with stone in the most substantial manner, except one with stone covering complete. With the railings we have put up it has been just about the amount of the appropriation, and in not going on with many new constructions we were well supplied with funds. Perhaps it would be well to say at this time whenever rebuilt should be built of wood.

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SU NDERLAND BRIDGE.

Chapter 175 of General Laws, 1875, directs that upon the petition of the Selectmen of Deerfield and Sunderland to the Supreme Court, to make the Sunderland Bridge free as a public highway, the Court should appoint Commissioners to hear and adjudicate the costs and damages, and divide the same upon the assessed towns in Hampshire County as were specially benefited. The Commissioners were appointed and gave notice of their hearing which took place at Northampton in January. We appeared there with counsel and witnesses to defend and show reason why Amherst should not be included in the list of assessed towns to pay for a bridge so little used by us, and one out of our County. We made a good show and convinced the Commissioners that the special benefit to us was nothing. Their decision, as we have learned through our counsel, Mr. Delano, is to that effect, though not yet made public. Therefore, Amherst is not included in the list of assessed towns to pay for the Sunderland bridge.

LOCK-UP AND NIGHT POLICE.

We think there is no doubt in the minds of most of our citizens that there is a necessity for and that we are under obligations to keep a night Police as well as a Lock-up. There have been 16 prisoners placed in the Lock-up, and we have lodged and fed 216 tramps. Things in this department moved along at the usual rate, till about Tuesday night, Nov. 25, when one of our fellow citizens, one of your number and a neighbor known to us all, lost his life in a horrible and outrageous manner. Moses B. Dickinson was murdered while asleep at his house near this village, with a common wood or narrow chopping ax; head and face chopped in and terribly disfigured. This was probably done by a tramp, who partook of his hospitality for several days before, and was employed by him about his place and at his work, all for the pittance of about $126 that he had sold his tobacco for a day or two before, which fact the tramp well knew, and was aware of the money being in Mr. Dickinson's possession. After committing this cowardly act he departed, having from Tuesday, as is supposed, when the murder was committed, till Saturday night, when the discovery was made, time to make his escape from justice and the officers of the law. We deemed it advisable to offer a reward, and did so to the full extent, viz., $500. After a short time the friends of the deceased and a large number of our citizens came forward nobly and increased the amount to $1000, with a still greater hope that the murderer might be apprehended and brought to justice.

CEMETERIES.

There was an appropriation for this department last year. They have been cared for, and the work has gone along to keep them in order, nearly or quite as well as heretofore. There was an expended balance left over from last year, and from that and with the proceeds from the sale of lots it has been ample. We think from the sale of lots there would be enough each year for a while to keep them in good order providing the citizens would come forward and purchase their lots instead of the town owning them, as in many cases and in some of the most valuable ones. Those who have not already, should take a deed of their burial lot, and pay the money which goes toward the care and improvement of the Cemetery.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Fire Department has gone through the year, we are happy to say, without much need of active service, and the organization is kept in working order by the reappointment of the following Engineers: E. A. Thomas, Henry Holland, J. L. Skinner, John A. Pierce,
PAUPERS AND RELIEF TO POOR.

The most difficult thing to do in Town matters is to manage this branch of the business. No one can tell the amount required for the poor, or to what extent we may be obliged to go, or how much the expense will be, only as time advances through the year. The hard times and the scarcity of work, with such a general dullness all over the country, and in many instances an entire shut down of manufacturing and other industrial pursuits, has curtailed (and some completely) the resources of many of the working class, and as a consequence, with the cost of living so high, application to the overseers for aid and relief had to be made. We have rendered aid and partial support to 41 families and persons, some of whom have gained a settlement here, but never have lived in Town or seen any of their fellow townsmen, except on the field of contest in the late war for the Union. By enlisting to fill up the quota they have gained an inheritance which permits them to ask relief of you in time of need. With our best judgment as to care in granting relief in these families and persons, we have felt that your well known character for extending the helping hand to the poor and needy would not justify us in doing any less than we have done. Some changes for the better have taken place from time to time at and about our Farm and buildings. We have fixed up stanchions for the cows and they seem far superior to the usual rope fastenings, and much cleaner for the milkman. The stock throughout look well. We are proud to say that in comparison with Alms Houses in other towns, we have found none that equal ours in system or homelike appearance, and we congratulate the Town on having a man able, capable and willing to do his duty as our Town Warden, and one who does the business as it should be done in a Christian spirit and humane manner; kind to the sick, cautious to see every want and requirement needed for the insane supplied, ever ready to assist the helpless and feeble with a kind word and cheerful look to the dependents. Mr. and Mrs. Oren Sikes deserve from us the greatest praise. They have our thanks for the commendable manner in which they have done their work, and we cheerfully recommend that the appropriation for Parochial purposes be kept up and granted. Our paupers at the Town Farm are regular attendants at church. They have been and are becoming christianized by the noble example set them. Let us encourage them by providing a place for them at church.

The following persons have died who have been supported and helped by the Town since our last report: Mrs. Melinda Hall, aged 69, Eugene Bolo, aged 36, and in this department, as we have said, the uncertainty of the requirements are such that we ask you to be liberal in your appropriation. No money will be expended unless actually needed.

The following are the list of Jurymen for 1876 as recommended, and as suggestions are frequently made that many people are not aware of the existence of certain By-Laws of the Town, and for the better information of all we include them in this report.
LIST OF JURYMEN FOR 1876.

Adams, Asa
Adams, Luther
Allen, M. A.
Allen, Lyman S.
Alkins, Geo. E.
Baker, Edward J.
Baker, E. D.
Baker, Eno.
Ball, A. W.
Banning, L. W.
Bassett, Wm. S.
Belden, Horace
Bridgman, R. B.
Burt, Henry
Brown, J. B.
Brown, C. T.
Clifford, Henry M.
Cooksey, Alden
Cowles, Almon E.
Clark, Edwin W.
Cowles, Ransom
Comins, Horace
Curtiss, S. H.
Crozier, James
Dickinson, Henry C.
Dana, Horace D.
Dana, Joseph W.
Davis, E. A.
Eastman, Wm.
Eaton, Darvis
Ellis, Wm. P.
Fisk, Charles H.
Glyford, O. P.
Galindo, J. Homer
Gates Lansford
Hobart, J. W.

BY-LAWS
OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST.

SECTION 1.—It shall be the duty of the Constables to ascertain from time to time what children there are in this town between the ages of seven and sixteen years, who are habitual truants; and also concerning children wandering about in the streets and public places in this town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school and growing up in ignorance, and report the names of the same to the School Committee. And said officers shall also use all suitable and lawful means in cooperation with the School Committee, to cause such children regularly to attend the common schools to which they respectively belong, under the arrangements made by the School Committee. And in every case in which it shall be thought necessary by them for the above purpose, they shall institute legal proceedings against the child so offending, as provided in the following section of these by-laws, and by the statutes of this Commonwealth, in such cases provided.

Sec. 2.—Any minor residing in this town between the ages of seven and sixteen years, who shall be convicted of being a habitual truant, or of not attending school, or of being without any regular and lawful occupation, or growing up in ignorance, shall be liable to pay a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each offense aforesaid, of which he or she shall be convicted; or may be, if not under ten years of age, committed to the House of Correction in Northampton, in the County of Hampshire, for a term not exceeding one year.

Sec. 3. No person shall permit any goat, sheep, swine, horse, cow, or other neat cattle belonging to him or her, or under his or
her control, to go at large or departure in any of the streets, lanes, or avenues of this town. And any person convicted under the provisions of this section, shall be liable to pay a fine not exceeding five dollars for each offense. But this by-law shall not affect the right to use the land within the limits of the highway adjoining his or her premises.

Sec. 4. No person shall, except in the performance of some duty required by law, discharge any gun, pistol or other fire-arms, loaded with ball or shot, or with powder only, or squib, fire-cracker, serpent, or other preparation whereof gunpowder or other explosive substance is an ingredient, or which consists wholly of the same, in any of the public streets in this town. And no person or persons shall make any bon-fire in any of the public streets aforesaid, without the authority of the Selectmen.

Sec. 5. No person shall swim or bathe, or divert himself of clothing, for the purpose of swimming or bathing so near to any public way as to be indecently exposed to persons in the town, or within one hundred rods of any dwelling or school house.

Sec. 6. No person shall remove, mutilate or destroy, with malicious intent, any sign, sign-post, awning, or other thing; the property of another lawfully set, erected, or placed in or upon any of the public streets or other public places in this town. And no person shall deface or mutilate any hand bill, poster or advertisement, the same being lawfully posted or displayed in, against, or upon any building, bridge, or other structure in this town. And no person shall post or display any hand bill, poster or advertisement, in, against or upon any building, bridge, or other structure, the same being private property, without the permission of the owner or proprietor thereof; nor on any town building, without permission of the Selectmen; nor on any church, or building belonging to any corporation, without permission from the person having charge of the same.

Sec. 7. No person shall cut down, mutilate, or otherwise injure or destroy any fruit, shade or other ornamental tree now growing or which may hereafter be growing in any park, common grounds, or cemetery in this town, or shall deface, disfigure, mutilate, remove, or destroy, the fence or inclosure thereof, without the permission of the owner or proprietors thereof in writing first held and obtained. And no person shall so fasten any horse or any other animal to any tree aforesaid, or in any of the public streets in this town, as to endanger the same being injured, defaced or destroyed.

Sec. 8. No person shall behave himself in a rude or disorderly manner, or use any indecent, profane or insulting language in any of the public streets or other public places in the town, or near any dwelling house therein, or be or remain upon any sidewalk or upon or near any doorstep, portico, or other projection from any such building, to the annoyance or disturbance of other persons. And no person shall make any indecent figures, nor write any indecent or obscene words upon any building, structure, or public place in this town, or by any noise, gesture, or other means, wilfully and designately frighten any horse in any public street or place in this town.

Sec. 9. No person shall play at ball, or fly any kite or balloon, or throw stones or other missiles in or upon any public street in this town, within one mile of the Amherst House in said town.

Sec. 10. No person with malicious intent shall utter, unfasten or detach any horse or other animal at any of the places used and designated for fastening horses and other beasts, or detach, unloose, or untie any halter or harness, on any beast aforesaid, or unloose disarrange, or take away, or any part thereof, any wagon, skiff, or other article attached to any horse, or other beast, when standing as aforesaid.

Sec. 11. No person shall coast, course, or slide on any sleigh, sled or other vehicle, in any of the public streets, or upon any sidewalk thereof, within one mile of the Amherst House, in this town, except upon such public streets as the Selectmen shall designate.

Sec. 12. No person shall drive or lead any horse, or any other animal, along or upon any of the sidewalks in this town, except for the purpose of immediately crossing said sidewalks; neither shall any person obstruct any sidewalk with coal, wood, boxes, or other thing, or commit any nuisance thereon.

Sec. 13. No person shall knowingly give a false alarm of fire, or after an alarm has been given, falsely and maliciously proclaim the fire to be out or extinguished. No person shall kindle a bon-fire permission of the owner or proprietors thereof in writing first held and obtained. And no person shall so fasten any horse or any other animal to any tree aforesaid, or in any of the public streets in this town, as to endanger the same being injured, defaced or destroyed.
for the purpose of creating an alarm of fire. And it shall be the duty of the constables and police officers for the time being to repair on the alarm of fire immediately to the place where the fire may be, and there to use their best skill and power, under the direction of the Fire Wardens, for the preservation of the public peace, the prevention of theft and the loss and destruction of property, and the removal of all suspicious persons.

SEC. 14. — No person not a member of the fire department shall refuse to assist in getting an engine, hose carriage, or ladders to a fire when thereto requested by the Fire Wardens.

SEC. 15. — Whoever violates any of the provisions of the fourteen preceding Sections of the By-laws, on conviction, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding twenty dollars for each offense, and the Constables and Police Officers in this town for the time being, are specially charged to see the provisions of said Sections of these By-laws enforced.

SEC. 16. — No person shall be prosecuted and tried for any breach of the provisions of these By-laws, unless complaint for the same shall be instituted and commenced within sixty days from the time of committing such a breach.

SEC. 17. — No waste or refuse matter from any building shall be placed in any highway to the detriment of public travel.

SEC. 18. — Any By-Law or By-Laws heretofore adopted by the town, inconsistent with the foregoing, are hereby repealed.

E. F. COOK,  
W. A. DICKINSON,  
I. F. CONKEY,

Committee.

A true copy of Record from the Town Records of the town of Amherst, of By-Laws, which were accepted and adopted by the town, at a legal meeting, held April 26th, 1868, subject to the approval of the Superior Court, held at Northampton,

SAMUEL C. CARTER,  
Town Clerk of the Town of Amherst.

HAMPSHIRE ss, Superior Court,  
June Civil Term, 1868.

Approved June 9th, 1868.

HENRY VOSE, Justice of the Superior Court.
APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS
FOR 1875.

For School Teachers and incidentals, 7,489.74
School supplies and repairs, 1,818.68
School Committee, 500.00
Pumpers, 2,410.07
Highways and Sidewalks, 2,560.00
Bridges and Railings, 500.00
Fire Department, 559.66
Contingent Expenses, 1,381.54
Town Officers, 1,160.00
Cemeteries, 176.68
Decoration Day, 100.00
School Bonds, 800.00
Military Bonds, 787.08
Agricultural Bonds, 629.00
Interest Money, 11,041.72
Police and Lamps, 594.78
Public Library, 300.00
Northampton Bridge, 3,000.00

TOWN EXPENSES.

STATE AID. (MONEY BORROWED.)
Expended for eleven different families, $612.00

BILLS OF 1874 PAID IN 1875.

J. A. Baker, gravel, 3.10
O. Sikes, Farm Warden, 33.98
Goodell Children, Pumpers, 140.00
G. W. Newell for Mr. Jennings, Pumpers, 13.00
Mrs. Mary Dickinson, 13.00
J. Franklin, 12.00
Dr. Bigelow, medical services, 7.00
F. A. Thayer, to March 1, 53.70
G. A. Thomas, painting, 3.30
Stebon Hawley, wood, 6.56
A. Church, burying paupers, 6.00
Collector of 1874 from Jan. 1, to Jan. 1876, 24.27
T. W. Sloan, constable’s services, 10.00
D. W. Palmer, auditor, 5.00
Cook & Heywood, for a pauper, 2.14
Mr. Gibbs, supplies for a pauper to Feb. 1, 1.50
George Train, repairing engine, 1874, 6.00
C. M. Osgood, police duty, 6.00

NORTHAMPTON BRIDGE.
Paid Commissioners’ assessment, $3,000.00

$346.55
PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid Library Association, (Center,) $200.00
“ North Parish, $100.00

POST 36, DECORATION DAY.

Paid B. R. Franklin, treasurer Post No. 36, $100.00

SCHOOL BONDS AND INTEREST.

Paid for Bond No. 15 and interest, $800.00

MILITARY BONDS AND INTEREST.

Paid for Bond No. 12 and interest, $772.92

AGRICULTURAL BONDS AND INTEREST.

Paid interest on Bonds, $570.00

INTEREST ON NOTES.

Paid State Treasurer interest on 18 notes, $3,820.00
Franklin Savings Institution, 3,500.00
Amherst Savings Bank, 3,045.00
Amherst National Bank, 297.23
Mrs. Sarah Holmes, 16.95
" S. Emerson, 59.00
" E. H. Dickinson, 39.05
Pacific Lodge, 39.50
C. W. Lessey, 94.47
H. Ingram, 49.00
Appleton King, 105.00
George Baker, 70.00
Northampton Bridge, 33.00

$11,129.70

LOAN AND DEBTS.

First National Bank, Amherst, $10,000.00
C. W. Lessey, note, 1,000.00
Mrs. S. Holmes, note, 50.00

$11,050.00

STATE, COUNTY AND BANK TAX.

Paid State Tax, $4,440.00
County Tax, 4,156.03
Bank Tax, 1,180.38

$9,776.41

ASSESSORS' ABATEMENTS.

Paid F. A. Palmer's estate, $12.96
E. Roberts, 2.00

$14.96

CEMETERIES.

Unexpended balance of 1874, $141.68
From sale of lots in West Cemetery, 30.00
South Cemetery, 5.00

$176.68

EXPENDED IN WEST CEMETERY.

W. & H. Chamberlain, trees, etc., $25.00
F. Harlow, mowing, 4.50
J. P. Gray, 46 1-2 days labor, 93.90
George Richardson, 10 days labor, 17.50
H. White, 3 days labor, 5.25
H. White, rent and care of Hearse, 12.00
O. M. Clapp, labor, 10.00
Wm. Kellogg, nails, 5.00
L. J. Spear, blacksmith work, 4.20

$171.75

Unexpended balance, $4.95

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Unexpended balance 1874, $82.84
Appropriation 1875, 500.00

$582.84
EXPENDED.

Paid Cataract Company, 35 men, $350.00
Hoist and Ladder Company, 150.00
Holland & Co., for leather, 4.11
H. White, for teaming Engine, 5.00
For Babcock Fire Extinguisher and fixtures, 50.55 $59.66

Overdue and charged to new account, $26.82

TOWN OFFICERS.

Unexpended balance, 1874, $100.05
Appropriation, 1875, 1,000.00

EXPENDED.

C. W. Lessey, Assessor, $148.00
M. F. Dickinson, " 115.00
J. E. Merrick, " 88.00
C. W. Lessey, Selectman, 150.00
H. Ingrain, " 50.00
A. P. Merrick, " 50.00
Town Clerk and Treasurer, services, 100.00
S. C. Carter, Collector of Taxes, 1 per cent., 350.87 $1,076.87

Unexpended, $25.18

NIGHT POLICE AND STREET LAMPS.

Appropriation, 1875, $400.00
Unexpended balance, 1874, 42.26
Received from prisoners, 4.00
from subscriptions, 148.50 $594.78

EXPENDED.

F. A. Thayer, night policeman, 509.52
S. H. Curries, for 5 tons coal, 55.02
Holland & Son, oil, lamps, etc., 22.71 $585.26

Unexpended balance, $95.00

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

We have paid for teams $4 per day, and for laborers $1.75
Geo. H. Prince, work, 230.79
Aaron Kelsoy, " 1.25
M. N. Spear, time books, 3.30
John A. Albice, work, 3.00
Leander Merrick, " 6.65
Erastus Coy, gravel, 17.26
Daniel Cashman, work, 7.00
James A. Baker, " 4.00
Flavel Gaylord, " 70.15
Chester Williams, team, 200.00
Wm. S. Bassett, " 21.40
E. F. Whitney, " 81.35
A. P. Brown, work, 15.62
Wm. Hoar, " 16.70
L. D. Billings, " 1.75
Joseph Wiley, " 68.75
James White, " 46.37
Michael Mahir, " 10.93
John Donahue, " 1.75
Dennis Scanlan, " 15.87
James Thompson, " 3.06
Alexander Taylor, " 2.62
Edward Connelly, " 12.25
Patrick Toole, " 5.25
Henry Shaw, " 91.37
John Beston, " 1.00
Charles T. Williams, " 8.85
Dennis Limnahan, " 4.37
C. R. Smith, " 5.25
Thomas White, " 7.97
Austic Eastman, " 60.08
C. B. Eastman, " 8.00
Patrick Ready, " 20.99
Michael Metcalf, " 35.00
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Austin Church, " 1.50
C. Heild, " 1.00
M. N. Spear, stationary, 8.95
Expense and witnesses Sunderland Bridge, 54.50
E. J. Wheaton, oil for lamps, 11.00
James Hastings, for town standard, 12.00
W. A. Dickinson, legal services, 2.00
J. A. Pierce, police, 5.00
Postage and Express, 19.06
O. F. Bigelow, for examinations, 2.00

**PAUPER ACCOUNT.**

**INMATES OF ALMS HOUSE.**

Norman Smith, " aged 62
Mrs. Nancy Dickinson, " 85
Hurriet Williams, " 60
Sophia Randolph, " 50
Bridget Deignan, " 64
Louisa Holden, " 30
Louisa Morse, " 53
Widow Joseph Kellogg, " 65

**DR.**

**APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY FEB. 5, 1876.**

Farm stock, $787.00
Hay, corn and oats, 463.25
Wood, lumber and coal, 198.00
Provisions in cellar, 230.90
Household furniture, 400.00
Farm tools and implements, 324.50

$2,403.65

Produce sold, 858.29
Amount less on appraisal, 26.85
Appropriation and receipts, 2,328.00 2,937.14

$5,340.79

**CR.**

Appraisal of property, 1875, $2,430.50
Provisions, clothing and repairs, 609.27
Hired help, 128.66
Warden's services, 375.00
Doctor for town poor, 25.00
South Parish Church, 50.00
For outside poor, 1,041.33
Overseers' services, 250.00 $4,909.76

For new account, $431.03
Outstanding orders payable April 1st, 251.06

$692.09

Cost to support paupers, 1873, $2,014.03
Cost to support paupers, 1874, 1,909.73
Cost to support paupers, 1875, 1,879.12

The above contains no account of farm produce used at the farm for the family or inmates.
The Board of Engineers of the Fire Department submit the following Report:

**RECEIPTS.**

- Town appropriation, $500.00
- Balance of last year's account, 32.84
- Overdrawn, 21.82
- Total, $554.66

**EXPENSES.**

- Paid members of Cataract Engine Co., $350.00
- Paid members of Lafayette H. and L. Co., 150.00
- Babcock Fire Extinguisher, 50.55
- Repairs on Engine, 4.11
- Total, $554.66

The citizens of Amherst and the Fire Insurance Companies are again to be congratulated upon the record made the past year. The losses by fire from March, 1874, to March, 1875, amounted to nineteen dollars, and from March, 1875, to March, 1876, fifteen dollars. Few towns as large as Amherst can show a better record for two years. The loss the past year, occurred at the residence of Mr. George Graves, and was occasioned by the explosion of a kerosene oil lamp, left burning through the night. One short, quick blast of breath before retiring for the night would have spared to him his property, and the Continental Insurance Co. of New York their money.

The Board desire to call attention to what was said last year about leaving kerosene lamps burning through the night, and hope in 1876 to be able to report no loss whatever within the town of Amherst.

"Before closing stores and dwellings where fires are kept through the night, a careful inspection should be made of all stoves and furnaces and their surroundings. Another matter of greatest importance, which we would call attention to, is that of leaving kerosene lamps burning through the night. A chimney may become displaced—it may break and fly in pieces, seemingly without cause; a wick may be raised too high; a lamp may be insecurely fastened, and fall; one may be broken by some substance falling upon it, or the lamps not being filled at the usual time, may be so nearly burned out as to generate gas in quantity sufficient, when mixed with atmospheric air, to produce an explosion."
The Managers and Treasurer of the Amherst Library hereby present their second annual report.

During the year 190 books have been added to the Library, 129 by purchase and 61 as gifts from individuals and the Book Club, making a total of 1613 books belonging to the Library. In the same period 215 cards have been issued to new borrowers, making 995 in all to whom cards have been issued since the Library was opened. To these 995 borrowers 12,219 books have been delivered in the past twelve months.

The managers are gratified by the undiminished interest in the Library, and by the continued successful distribution through the town of so large an amount of good reading. It is safe to suppose that each of these 12,219 books was read by at least one person. The mere statement of this fact is sufficient to arrest the attention of every thoughtful person, and to secure for the Library a high estimate of its value and importance.

It is also very gratifying to note that there is an increasing number of borrowers from the remote parts of the town; and that while every social grade and condition is represented on the Librarian’s book, a very large proportion of the books go where they will do the most good. A large majority of those who have taken out books could not or would not have supplied themselves from other sources.

The papers and magazines in the Reading Room are in almost constant requisition, and the managers will meet and satisfy the increased demand for such reading in the coming presidential year so far as their means will allow.

Satisfactory as is the record of our well-beloved little Library, the managers are often obliged to regret that they are unable to purchase books needed and called for; that the Library’s power for usefulness is restricted to so narrow limits by want of means; and they believe that for practical benefit to the present and future welfare of our town, no agency is better worthy of the fostering care of our men of wealth than this Library. They trust that the time is not far distant when a wise liberality will give it a sufficient endowment to insure a Free Library worthy of the intelligence and wealth of Amherst.

The Treasurer presents the following statement for the year ending Feb. 1st, 1876:

J. A. Rawson, in account with Amherst Library.

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OFFICERS.
E. A. Thomas, - President. Levi Stockbridge, Vice Pres.
Miss M. D. Beaman, - Librarian.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.
E. A. Thomas, H. J. Cate,
H. F. Allen, H. D. Fearing,
E. A. Conant, P. E. Irish,
J. L. Jenks, L. H. Allen,
O. G. Couch, J. L. Skissker,
D. B. N. Fish.

ASSESSORS’ REPORT.

The valuation of the town as recorded in the book for 1875, is $2,637,450. Of this sum $740,745 is personal property. $117,244 is our portion, reported to us from the Trustees of the Smith Charities, for taxation, (this is one of Amherst's greatest blessings.) Frequent complaints come to us from many sources, from some quite unexpected, of high taxation and of the great burdens we have to bear in consequence. We all know the cause—general depression, dullness, and a falling off of incomes and sources of labor. The only remedy for this is to be careful in your appropriations and expenditures in these times, and be honest and truthful in giving in your list to the Assessors that the burdens may be placed where they justly belong.

We have felt for some time past that our State taxes were too high. As the State Tax Commissioner gave us an opportunity to be heard in reference to our valuation we very readily accepted the situation and appeared before him. We made known to him our grievances, which we found upon making the proper comparisons, were great, and not without reason. While Hampshire County paid $1,400 on each million of her valuation for State Taxes, Norfolk County paid only $1,100, and Abington, a town in Middlesex County, with a population of 9,338 and a valuation of $4,525,000, with a State tax to pay of only $4,248; while Amherst, with a population of 3,937, and a valuation in 1874 of $2,567,124, with a State tax to pay of $4,449, with a greater tax, very much less in population also in valuation to raise it from. These are only a few of the comparisons we made to the Commissioner, and have reason to think we convinced him of the inequality of our State Taxes, and feel assured when the new Equalization is made for this year, our State tax will be at least one quarter less than heretofore, and we judged when
compared with other towns that our valuation rated much nearer a cash value than any of the towns about us. Therefore we say our valuation is too high.

Allow us to call your attention to some extracts from chapter 209, Section 7 of the laws of 1875, which sets forth when any town's indebtedness exceeds five per cent. of its valuation, such towns shall raise annually by taxation a sum sufficient to pay the interest on the whole indebtedness and to make necessary contributions of some sum sufficient to extinguish the total debt in thirty years from May, 1875.

The indebtedness of our town is very near seven per cent. of its valuation, therefore we are obliged to raise a sum towards the reduction of our debt. You can fix upon any time less than thirty years if you please, for the time when the debt is to be finally paid. As thirty years is the extent, our Treasurer, Mr. Samuel C. Carter, has very kindly made a table showing what amounts will be required each year till the debt is extinguished. It is as follows:

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*Academy Fund included.

It is anticipated that the $80,000 Railroad Note in Amherst Savings Bank due in 1883, will be renewed to 1894.
FOR 1875.

The rate of taxation, $1.00 on each $1,000.

The State tax from this town, $4,440.00
The County tax from this town, 4,156.63
Town tax and 10 per cent. added, 37,225.25
Overlayings, 288.92

Total, $46,135.20

Appropriations for town, $32,945.00
County tax for town, 4,156.63
State tax for town, 4,440.00
Ten per cent. added, 4,310.25
Overlayings, 288.92

Amount of tax assessed on property, $46,135.20
" " " on polls, 1,886.00
" " " on licenses, 400.00
" " " on corporations, 600.00
" " " on bank shares, 1,100.00

Committed to collector, $46,135.20

Number of dogs licensed, 130
Number of dogs killed, 6
Paid dog fund to County Treasurer, 237
Received back from County Treasurer, 149.93
Number of school children, 978
" " " militia, 456
" " " polls, 926
" " " dwelling houses, 738
" " " horses, 588
" " " cows, 900
" " " sheep, 650
" " " acres of land, 15,802

Exclusive of the National Bank shares, there is assessed by the state, and collected from the corporations throughout the state, on

shares owned by people living here in Amherst, from property to the amount of over $40,000. a tax as returned to us of only about $850, and that is including our part of the Savings Bank tax also. Now the Savings Bank pays a tax to the state, of seven dollars and fifty cents on each $1,000 of her deposits, which equals over $2,800, and the tax on the corporation shares as above, at the rate of assessment here on property, would be $640. Therefore, the taxes if assessed and paid directly to the town, of all property owned by the people here, and including the Savings Bank tax, would make a difference in our favor of $8,500 or thereabouts, nearly one and one-half mills less in our rate of taxation.

The valuation of non-taxable property in town is $999,500.00

Respectfully submitted,

M. F. DICKINSON, C. W. LESSEY,
J. E. MERRICK,

Assessors.
TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, March, 1875, $353 80

Received of Bills payable, First National Bank, 10,000 00
  " Academy fund, 300 00
  " State Corporation tax, 642 65
  " State aid, 1874, 391 49
  " State National Bank tax, 1,290 33
  " State School fund, 288 55
  " Liquor Licenses, 462 79
  " Overseers of the Poor, 101 82
  " Lock-up, 4 00
  " Night Police subscription, 148 50
  " School Committee, tuition, &c., 153 97
  " West Cemetery, 53 00
  " South Cemetery, 5 00
  " Licenses, 6 00
  " Collector of taxes, 1873-4, 1,066 45
  " Collector of taxes, 1875, 38,918 68
  " Interest on taxes, 53 42
  " Dog fund, 140 93
  " Bills payable, Amherst Savings Bank, 2,900 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

By paid outstanding orders $346 55
  " State, County and Bank tax, 9,776 41
  " School Bonds and interest, 800 00
  " Military Bonds and interest, 772 92
  " Agricultural Bonds and interest, 570 00
  " Interest, 11,199 70
  " Assessors' abatements, 14 96
  " Loans, 11,650 00

$37,360 29

TOWN LIABILITIES, MARCH 1st, 1876.

Notes and Bonds, $182,135 00

Outstanding orders, 749 00

$182,884 00

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

To amount of tax committed in 1875, $46,135 20

By paid Treasurer, Sept. 1, $33,499 20
  " Discount 10 per cent., 3,722 13
  " Treasurer, Jan. 1, 1876, 4,389 04
  " Discount, 5 per cent., 241 92
  " Paid Treasurer, Corporation tax, 600 00
  " " Bank Stock tax, 1,100 00
  " " Liquor Licenses, 400 00
  " Assessors' abatements, 85 56
  " Treasurer, Feb. 21, 854 44
  " Uncollected balance, 1,072 51

$46,135 20

S. C. CARTER, TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.
RECAPITULATION.

|                                | Appropriation | Disbursement | Expenditure | Unexpend.
|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-----------
| For Schools                    | $8,000.00     | $8,168.72    | $8,175.22   | $10,176.22|
| Paupers                        | 2,000.00      | 1,717.98     | 1,718.69    | $692.09   |
| Highways                       | 2,000.00      | 2,729.15     | 2,726.15    | 123.85    |
| Bridges                        | 300.00        | 498.15       | 498.15      | 1.85      |
| Fire Department                | 300.00        | 328.43       | 328.43      | 1.43      |
| Contingent expenses            | 500.00        | 1,820.18     | 1,820.18    | 23.18     |
| Town officers                  | 1,000.00      | 1,067.87     | 1,067.87    | 23.18     |
| Night police & lamp            | 400.00        | 585.25       | 585.25      | 9.53      |
| Interest                       | 11,600.00     | 11,129.76    | 11,129.76   | 400.00    |
| School bonds                   | 800.00        | 800.00       | 800.00      | 800.00    |
| Military                       | 750.00        | 722.92       | 722.92      | 14.16     |
| Agricultural bonds             | 500.00        | 370.00       | 370.00      | 50.00     |
| Northampton bridge             | 2,000.00      | 3,000.00     | 3,000.00    | 1000.00   |
| Public libraries               | 300.00        | 300.00       | 300.00      | 300.00    |
| Decoration Day                 | 100.00        | 100.00       | 100.00      | 100.00    |
| County tax                     | 4,154.03      | 4,156.03     | 4,156.03    | 2.00      |
| State tax                      | 4,440.00      | 4,440.00     | 4,440.00    | 440.00    |
| Discount                       | 4,154.03      | 3,865.65     | 3,865.65    | 288.38    |
| Cemeteries                     | 176.68        | 171.72       | 171.72      | 4.93      |
| Loans                          | 1,050.00      | 1,050.00     | 1,050.00    | 0.00      |
| Cash, March, 1875              | 353.80        | 346.56       | 346.56      | 7.24      |

$84,695.06 $73,246.39 $49,112.96

*Fire Department exceeds receipts, $26.82
*Interest $85.68
*Schools, due on tuition, $63.00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. LESSEY, H. INGRAM, A. P. MERRICK, Selectmen of Amherst.

SCHOOL REPORT.

TO THE PEOPLE OF AMHERST:

The labor of the School Committee for 1875-76 having been completed, they respectfully submit the following Report:

Ihamar Francis Conkey, chairman of the School Board, died suddenly on the eighth of August. Along the streets on that still, Sabbath morning ran the tidings of his death. It was as if God had spoken. Silently we walked to the house of worship, awestricken and oppressed by the sad event. Born in Amherst, his whole life had been spent in and for his native town. He had walked its streets for fifty years and his face was as familiar to the citizens as the college itself. His voice had been clear and outspoken in our public assemblies upon all questions of interest, and especially for the largest appropriations for our public schools. For five years he had been a faithful and successful member of the School Board, entering earnestly into the plans of his colleagues as opportunity offered. His counsel was ever to encourage the members in their difficult and responsible work. His presence in the Schools was always welcomed with bright faces and warm hearts. He knew every voter, and through the schools, their children. No man was more desirous of elevating the condition of our schools, and of nothing in Amherst was he more proud. His work so suddenly brought to a close is not lost or forgotten, and we who now discharge the duties incumbent upon our office are striving to do so with equal fidelity; with what success our townsmen must judge.

Early in the year Professor Edward Hitchcock made known his purpose to withdraw from the Board.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

This may certify that I have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Selectmen, Treasurer and Collector, and find them to be correct and in balance of $405.64 in the Treasury.

D. W. PALMER, Auditor.
Unwilling to lose the services of one so familiar with the duties of the Committee, his communication was laid aside without action. After the death of Col. Conkey, by urgent request, his consent was obtained to help out with actual service the remaining months of the year. In due time the School Committee and Selectmen, as provided by law, made choice of Rev. J. L. Jenkins to succeed the late Col. Conkey, and to both these gentlemen I am largely indebted for valuable assistance and friendly counsel.

We were sorry to lose so efficient and successful a teacher as Miss Mary P. Jeffs, at the beginning of the school year, but the wealth of Ashburnham was too much for the wealth of Amherst, and so we lost and they won.

Mr. Charles D. Seelye of the Senior class in Amherst College was selected to bridge over for one term the vacancy thus created, and the Committee, failing still to procure the services of one who seemed likely to succeed in this the most difficult of our schools, Mr. Harry N. Gardner of the Sophomore class was employed for the following term.

The changes in teachers during the year have been few. The applicants for schools have been many, and yet few persons are model teachers. One is able to govern well but fails to instruct with facility. Another successful in imparting instruction, has no skill in government. The want of either qualification is ruinous to the school. When both are combined the best results are sure to follow. Teaching and governing should commence the first day of the term and continue to the last. We have all listened to the tales of our grandfathers of wonderful teachers who let the boys do as they pleased the first day or two to find out the rogues, but by an extra amount of flogging recovered authority and closed up the school with unparalleled success. Teachers of to-day would do better not to try a like experiment, for the boys of the present generation are sure to be found in command where the teacher fails to establish law and order the first day of the term. Whether the school be governed by a strong arm and a steady will, or by a gentle dignity and sweetness of spirit, it matters not, only let there be at all times a ready and cheerful compliance with the will of the teacher.

It is said that over the door of a school room in England at one time was printed in large letters: "Arithmetic, Grammar and Geography taught here for 2s. per week, also good manners for 2s. 6d." The information imparted by reason of the extra 6d. is as important as ever—as much needed in Amherst as anywhere—and we fear with some scholars good behavior should be made the leading study.

Well read lawyers of our day often quote English law as authority and our forefathers modeled much of their legislation after the laws and precedents of England. Section 9, of the laws of this Commonwealth, enacted in 1789, when school districts were first formed, is well worth a perusal now and then for its quaint and singular style, and its description of the requirements of a model master or mistress. It reads as follows: "Section 9. Be it enacted that no person shall be allowed to be a master or mistress of such school, or to keep the same, unless he or she shall obtain a certificate from the Selectmen of such town or district where the same may be kept, or the committee appointed by such town, district or plantation to visit their schools, as well as from a learned minister settled therein, if such there be; that he or she is a person of sober life and conversation, and well qualified to keep such school. And it shall be the duty of such master or mistress carefully to instruct the children attending his or her school, in reading (and writing if contracted for), and to instil into their minds a sense of piety and virtue, and to teach them decent behavior."

But a good school is not secured by government alone. A thorough knowledge of whatever is taught should be the end sought after. The usefulness of our schools is sometimes diminished by the number of branches taught in the lower grades. Reading, Spelling, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar and Geography should be so thoroughly taught that there could be no further need of instruction in these branches thereafter. They should be so dwelt upon, repeated, and hammered into the minds of the pupils that they can never forget them, or fail to find them a solid foundation on which to stand, while pressing on to the acquisition of higher knowledge. Especially should attention be given to Mental Arithmetic. If there be one study rising pre-eminently...
above another in importance; it is this. How many men in the
commonest business in life, in the exchange of produce and mer-
chandise for money, in computing interest, in measuring, in cal-
culating numbers, in multiplying and dividing, especially where frac-
tions are involved, are pushed to the wall in the rough and tumble
of practical life by those who were early versed in these rudiments
of knowledge.

That there should be greater thoroughness is evident from the
fact, that so many of our scholars never enter the High School, but
go out from the Grammar Schools into the world, with an im-
perfect knowledge of the elementary principles of a common school
education. They go out to fight the battles of life, to be baffled,
be humiliated, to be thwarted, to be beaten back at every point,
on account of their ignorance of the simplest principles taught in
our Public Schools.

They should be taught by text book, by oral instruction, by lec-
ture, by any and all methods that will indelibly impress facts and
principles upon the minds of the pupils. As a consequence of
this superficial and hurried course of study, ofbeginning much
and finishing nothing, our High School vainly seeks to complete
the work of the lower, and must leave undone much of its own
legitimate work. In the annual report of the Board of Vis-
itors of the United States Military Academy on the subject of Cad-
deships at West Point, made to the Secretary of War, in June,
1875, I find the following statement: "It is a very suggestive fact
that in the last five years the average number of rejected candi-
dates has been six per cent. for physical deficiency, and 40 per
cent. for deficiency in scholastic requirements. In the six New
England States where educational facilities are open to all, the
rejections have been 35 per cent. of the number examined from
that section." The failures occurred principally in Arithmetie, Reading and
Spelling. It is possible for our children to be so thoroughly
drilled in the common English branches that scores of them should
be able to pass an honorable examination for admittance to that
academy. Great care is needed in promoting to higher schools.
The graded system may as well be abandoned first as last if pupils
are allowed to pass from one school to another unless their pre-
vious scholarship is entirely satisfactory. It is no pleasant task
to single out those unfit for advancement and disadvice them from
a trial sure to end in failure. Often those the least qualified are
the slowest to understand their deficiency, and especially when
such scholars are encouraged by the persistent demands of their
parents. The latter fail to see the trouble, which is in the children
themselves. They claim for them equal scholarship with many who
are promoted, and charge unfairness in the marking by the Teach-
er. All they ask is one more trial, and promise, honestly no
doubt, to make renewed efforts if they can only have the desired
permission. Soon, however, the old habits recur, poor lessons be-
come frequent, and the rut so long traveled is again full of boys
and girls slowly and lazily jogging on like the horse going the
rounds of the older mill.

There is no way to sustain the graded system of schools, mak-
ing them the best possible, but by sifting out absentees, trumuts,
drones, and all who contest for the foot of the class, and either
placing them in classes by themselves, or by an act of registra-
tion, as it were, creating a new thirst for knowledge, out of which
shall be unfolded all the characteristics of a true scholar—love of
knowledge for its own sake—severe discipline of mind and
facility in the application of theories to the uses of daily life.

The highest and greatest duty of a town is to look after the
educational interests of its children. Nor can this be accomplished
by mere appropriations of money unless there be punctuality on
the part of the pupils. Not every family may be able to live
adjacent to a physician, store, post office, church or school. Not
every family may be able to enjoy the luxury of a fine team, an
elegant mansion or great wealth. But whether rich or poor, educa-
tion is free to all. Not free in the broad sense of liberty to
accept or reject it at will, for the Legislature wisely overrides this
freedom by its compulsory laws, and there should be no illiterate
young people in this Commonwealth except among those having
sickly and deformed bodies, or wanting in healthy and active
bodies. Teachers and Committee are continually urging upon the
pupils the necessity of punctual attendance. Yet many parents
allow their children to remain at home day after day learning
habits of indolence and vagrancy, which will be a curse to them

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through life. The reasons given for absence and tardiness to the Committee and teachers in this town the past year, if published, would make a very salable work, especially if embellished with suitable illustrations. Punctuality is essential to success in every duty in life, for lost time never returns. The gold miner secures his fortune by saving every tiny particle, never rejecting even the smallest.

It is also of vital importance that parents give the teacher their moral support. Teachers very well know that troubles arising from disobedient children, often come directly from thoughtless criticisms of parents concerning facts but imperfectly understood. Let not the tongue be the sword by which a faithful teacher is shorn of his or her strength.

As a punishment for too loud study in school, children are sometimes required to hold some object between the teeth, thus preventing it.

*Parents would do well to protect themselves in the same way from speaking hastily and harshly in the presence of their children concerning the teacher, until both sides may be heard and judged. If parents find difficulty in managing merely their own children, how much more difficult must the teachers find the management of a whole neighborhood of boys and girls, crowded together in a small room, where they are given compulsory tasks, often not at all congenial to their tastes and wishes. We need to look carefully after the habits of our children. Our boys! What shall be done for them? What will become of them? What will they do in the world? What habits are they forming? Where do they spend their evenings? These are important questions and supply many serious thoughts to the man who is jealous of the welfare of his boys. Since our children are the most priceless of earthly blessings, since wealth and honor lose their zest for us when they are wrecked in character, since we are more loth to part with them than all else, let us seek to discipline them to good habits and good principles, and interest them at home evenings with company, with pleasant conversation, or with a good book from the public library, not forgetting now and then to speak a good word for the teacher, and the advantages to be derived from a good education. It is better to furnish good books and newspapers than spending money for cigars and beer. These are sacred interests committed to our care and we must give, for their good with an unsparing hand, time, money, advice and assistance as we are able, and be watchful that no opportunity be neglected.

I cannot do better than to close this part of the report in the words of Rev. J. L. Jenkins: "We cannot afford to have the children of this village or town any other than what they ought to be. The making them such cannot cost too much. There is an economy which is destructive. When we encourage the impression that we are doing too much for our youth, and begin to retrace where their interests are affected, we have started upon a hazardous experiment. We cannot have less schooling, poorer schools, without great detriment, coming sooner or later, to the public. We cannot with safety do less for the children for with all our doing many are wayward, ignorant, lawless. Instead of less we must do more, much more. is demanded by reason and by the instincts of self preservation.
### Resources

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### Fuel Account

Paid O. D. Hunt, coal
- S. H. Curtiss, "wood" $181 68
- G. J. Beller, "wood" 161 25
- Geo. H. Prince, " 22 50
- T. M. Armstrong, " 26 76
- Daniel Connor, labor 25 00
- W. D. Nash, "wood" 2 00
- James Hastings, " 7 50
- Wm. S. Johnson, " 15 38

**Total** $457 02
SCHOOL SUPPLIES, (NOT INCLUDING FUEL), REPAIRS AND INCIDENTALS.

Daniel Currier, mason work, $162.91
A. W. Phillips, bills for cleaning, 64.85
M. L. McCloud's bill, 63.26
Marsh & Yonge's bill, 27.15
John Wrigley, labor, 16.00
Wm. Kellogg's bill, 37.72
H. Holland's bill, 28.03
E. Nelson's bill, 25.22
T. M. Armstrong, labor, 5.75
E. G. Turner, painting, 20.42
Harvey White, labor, 12.00
John H. Galloed, labor, 4.50
Henry Jackson's bill, 6.32
Daniel Linnehan, cleaning, 1.35
L. A. Scott, labor, 11.92
Dennis Linnehan, labor, 2.50
J. A. Rawson, repairing clocks, 14.22
H. M. McCloud, printing, 28.35
C. P. Williams, labor, 1.35
M. W. Howard, labor, 1.38
Whitney & Adams, numeral frames, 3.60
Potter & Co., drawing maps, 7.50
David S. Warner, labor, 2.00
Wm. Harkness, erasers, 16.50
J. L. Pratt, tuning piano, 2.00
Geo. D. Allen, care of swing, 1.00
M. N. Spear, books and stationery, 31.85
L. R. Chapin, labor, 17.68
Austie Ingram, brooms, 7.00
Water Supply, Mill Valley, 3.00
A. N. Dwight, pump, 10.10
W. W. Hunt's bill, 72.59
Dickinson & Leo's bill, 82.77
George A. Thomas' bill, 20.74
Z. K. Chapin, labor, 35.00
R. Marsh, printing, 3.00
M. N. Spear, incidentals, 15.15
A. E. Culver, one key, 60
E. P. Harris, jars for chemicals, 3.75
J. G. Wood & Co., painting, &c., 2.08

$798.22

STATISTICS AND EXPENDITURES.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Teachers.—Mr. C. H. R. Sanderson, Miss Mary L. Eastman, Mr. G. L. Smith, Miss Maria E. Harris.

Mr. Sanderson has taught one year in Shelburne, one year in Charlemont, and one year and two terms in this school.

Miss Eastman has taught two years in the Oakland Institute at Needham, one term in the old Academy building, two terms in South Braintree; has taught private scholars for one year, and three years and two terms in this school.

Miss Harris has taught three terms in Suffield, Conn., one term in Palmer, and one year and two terms in this school.

Number of pupils,—Summer, 45
" " Fall, 80
" " Winter, 72

Number of visitors first and second terms, 82

SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

Mr. Sanderson has $1,400; Miss Eastman, $550; Miss Harris, $350.

Salaries paid:

Mr. Sanderson, $1,365.38
Miss Eastman, 435.59
*Mr. Smith, 106.06
Miss Harris, 350.00

JANITOR.—A. W. PHILLIPS.

Paid Mr. Phillips for care of High School and Amity Street Buildings, 225.00

*Mr. Smith was employed in place of Miss Eastman, on account of sickness.
FIRST GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Teacher.—Miss Laura Jackson.

Miss Jackson has taught one term in Middlebury, Penn., one year in Dummerston, Vt., three terms in Chesterfield, N. H., three terms in Westmoreland, N. H., one year in Saxton's River, Vt., two terms in Milford, N. H., one term in Northampton, three years in Springfield, Vt., and one year in this school.

Number of pupils,—Summer, 33.

“ “ Fall, 48

“ “ Winter, 44

Number of visitors first and second terms, 83.

SALARY OF TEACHER.

Miss Jackson, $12 per week for 33 weeks, $396.00

SECOND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Teachers.—Miss Mary P. Jeffs, Mr. Charles D. Seeley, Mr. Harry N. Gardner, Miss Mattie E. Hersey. A vacancy exists in this school as to Principal.

Miss Hersey has taught two years and one term in this school.

Number of pupils,—Summer, 65.

“ “ Fall, 63

“ “ Winter, 58

Number of visitors first and second terms, 39.

SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

Miss Jeffs, $12 per week, 11 weeks, $132.00

Mr. Seeley, $12 per week, 15 weeks, $180.00

Mr. Gardner, $12 per week, 7 weeks, $84.00

Miss Hersey, $10 per week, 33 weeks, $330.00

NORTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Teacher.—Miss M. E. Roberts.

Miss Roberts has taught two terms at South Green school, two terms Second Primary, one term First Primary on Amity street, and one year in this school.

Number of pupils,—Summer, 23.

“ “ Fall, 33

“ “ Winter, 35

Number of visitors first and second terms, 87.

Miss Roberts, $10 per week, 33 weeks, $330.00

SALARY OF TEACHER.

Paid John L. Galland, $25.50

SOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Teachers.—Miss L. J. Wilson, Miss C. I. Whitaker.

Miss Whitaker has taught six terms in Pelham, one term in New Salem, two terms in Leverett, one term at South East District and two terms in this school.

Number of pupils,—Summer, 23.

“ “ Fall, 25

“ “ Winter, 27

Number of visitors first and second terms, 34.

SALARY OF TEACHERS.

Miss Wilson, $11 per week, 11 weeks, $121.00

Miss Whitaker, $10 per week, 22 weeks, $220.00

SALARY OF JANITORS.

Eddie E. Pomeroy, $6.50

M. L. Dickinson, $5.00

Perley M. Smith, $4.00

FIRST INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Teacher.—Miss L. C. Hubard.

Miss Hubbard has taught three terms in Hadley, two terms in Northampton, and two years and two terms in this school.

Number of pupils,—Summer, 40.

“ “ Fall, 42

“ “ Winter, 44

Number of visitors first and second terms, 63.

SALARY OF TEACHER.

$10 per week for 30 weeks, $300.00

SECOND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Teacher.—Miss E. E. Hodgkins.

Miss Hodgkins has taught one term at East Street, one term in Petersham, two years First Primary, two years Second Primary,
and two years Second Intermediate school, or six years in Amity street school building.

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MILL VALLEY SCHOOL

Teacher: Miss Jennie L. Cowles.
Miss Cowles has taught one term at South Green School and one year and one term in this school.

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FIRST PRIMARY SCHOOL

 Teachers.—Miss Lottie Y. Cutter, Miss L. J. Wilson, Fall term on account of sickness of Miss Cutter.

 Miss Cutter has taught one term assistant in Second Grammar school, two years in West Brookfield, and two terms in this school.

 Number of pupils,—Summer, 40
 " " Fall, 39
 " " Winter, 35

 Number of visitors first and second terms, 37

 Salary of Teacher, $1500

 South Green School.

 Salary of Janitor.

 Walter Temple,

 City Primary School

 Salary of Janitor.

 Miss L. T. Dickinson, $9 per week, 28 weeks, $252 00
 Miss L. M. Dickinson, $9 per week, 19 weeks, $171 00

 NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL.

 Teacher.—Miss Lucy R. Eastman.

 Miss Eastman has taught one year in Cleveland, Ohio, two terms in Leverett, and three years and two terms in this school.

 Number of pupils,—Summer, 59
 " " Fall, 44
 " " Winter, 39

 Number of visitors first and second terms, 52

 Salary of Teacher, $252 00

 Walter Temple,

 South Green School.

 Salary of Janitor.

 Charles Wood, $5 25

 SOUTH GREEN SCHOOL.

 Teachers.—Miss Mary W. Field, Miss Fannie M. Strickland.

 Miss Strickland has taught in this school one term.

 Number of scholars,—Summer, 14
 " " Fall, 17
 " " Winter, 12

 Number of visitors first and second terms, 50

 Salary of Teachers.

 Miss Field, $7 per week, 21 weeks, $147 00
 Miss Strickland, $7 per week, 7 weeks, $49 00

 Paid Janitor.

 Allyn Dwight, $7 00
QUESTIONS.

The following are the questions used for examination of applicants for admission to the High School, in 1875.

ARITHMETIC.

1. Divide 4.5 by 2.8 and explain the operation.
2. What per cent. of 900 is 5 per cent. of 800?
3. Difference between bank and true discount of $400 for 90 days at 6 per cent.
4. Bought some cloth for $3.00 per yard; how much must be the selling price, that I may failo per cent and still gain 20 per cent on the cost.
5. A, B and C engage in trade; A puts in twice as much as B, and B puts in three times as much as C; they gain $950; what per cent is each man's share.
6. What is the distance around a square field of 200 acres? What is the distance between the opposite corners?
7. If 4 men mow 5 acres in 1 1-2 days, how many acres will 6 men mow in 7 days?
8. A tree standing 40 feet from the base of a tower 60 feet in height, is broken off 30 feet from the ground, its top resting on the tower, as it falls; required the height of the tree.
9. Find the square root of 1.78 to four places.
10. Required the contents of a globe 15 inches in diameter.

ANALYSIS.

1. Define the classes and kinds of Elements.
2. Analyze the following:
   "The husbandman, who sluggishly forgot
   In spring to plough and sow, could censure none,
   Though winter clamored round his empty barns.

PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY.

1. What constitutes the Solar System?
2. Give the principal elements which compose the rocks and crust of the earth.
3. Describe the formation of stratified rocks.
4. Describe the animal and vegetable life of each geological age in order.
5. Define river-system, watershed and bifurcation.
6. Define the different kinds of tides.
7. Principal cause of the constant oceanic currents?
8. How do fogs, clouds, rain, snow and hail differ?
9. What is climate, and upon what is it mainly dependent?

HISTORY.

1. The thirteen original States, in the order of their adoption of the Constitution.
2. Cause of the French and Indian War.
3. Causes and the results of the War of 1812.
4. What was the effect in France, of Burgoyne's surrender?
5. Arnold's treason.
6. Cause of the Mexican War.
7. What State first seceded, and when?
8. Give an account of a similar proceeding of this State, and name prominent men concerned.
10. Cost of the War in men and money and its results.

But he who, having then neglected, did
Refuse, when autumn came, and famine threatened,
To reap the golden field that charity
Bestowed; or, more obdurate, proud, and blind,
And stupid still, refused, though much beseeched,
And long entreated, even with Mercy's tears,
To eat what to his very lips was held,
Cooled temptingly,—he certainly, at least,
Deserved to die of hunger, uncondemned."

3. Paraphrase the words in Italics.
4. Difference between coordinate and subordinate connective.
5. How is the passive form of the verb made?
6. Distinguish between a direct and indirect object.
7. How may a verbal noun be limited.
ALGEBRA.

1. From $2a$ take $a-b$ and explain the operation.

2. Divide $1-a$ by $1-a-1-2a^2-2a^3$.

3. Reduce $\frac{a^2-2a^2-3a}{6-a}$ to a mixed quantity.

4. Divide $\frac{x^2-2x}{x^2-xy}$ and explain the operation.

5. A man was hired a year for $\$100$ and a suit of clothes. At the end of 8 months he received his clothes and $\$60$; what was the value of the clothes?

6. A boy engaged to carry 30 glass vessels to a certain place, on condition of receiving 5 cents for every one he delivered safe, and forfeiting 12 cents for every one he broke. He received $\$9$; how many did he break?

7. Given \begin{align*}
2x-3y &= 6 \\
10x - 5y &= 4
\end{align*} to find the value of $x$ and $y$.

8. Expand $(a^2-2yp)^3$ according to Newton's Binomial Theorem, and explain the law of Coefficients and Exponents.

9. Find the cube root of $a^3-3a^2-3a-1$.

10. Rule for the simplification of Radicals and illustrate.

GRADUATES, 1875.

LADIES.

GENTLEMEN.
Fred H. Kellogg, Naibu Kanda, Jason Morse.
CONCLUSION.

With few exceptions the Committee desire to bear testimony to the faithful labor of the teachers for the year. Wayward and troublesome scholars still exist, but the number is not large. Dissatisfied parents will be found especially among the patrons of the Grammar School at South Amherst. A careful perusal of the Report of the School Committee of this town for 1867-8 will do them good.

Our colleges, public and private schools, are our glory and wealth. The loss of the colleges would make Amherst like adjoining towns. To-day, in educational privileges, we are unsurpassed by any town in the State.

Our soil is as good as our neighbors, with perhaps the exception of the immediate Connecticut valley. Amherst can never be made a manufacturing town. The Connecticut will never turn its course within our borders. Every town has its distinguishing characteristics which go to make up its capital and wealth. Turners Falls and Holyoke, manufactures, Hatfield and Hadley, rich farming lands, Shutesbury and Pelham, mountains of granite and immense fields of birches, Amherst, its colleges, public and private schools.

If we who possess the privileges of the elective franchise, in whose hands is the future destiny of Amherst, but exercise the same judgment in public as in private affairs, we have no fear but that the priceless blessings of the past shall descend upon our children and the children of the future.

E. A. THOMAS, 
E. HITCHCOCK, 
J. L. JENKINS, 
Committee.

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR 1876.

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C. W. LESSEY, 
S. C. CARTER, 
E. A. THOMAS, 
Committee.
ARTICLES
TO BE VOTED ON AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,
MARCH 6th, 1876.

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ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.
ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurymen selected by
the Selectmen.
ARTICLE 3. To hear the annual reports of the Selectmen and Overseers of
the Poor, and General School Committee, and act thereon.
ARTICLE 4. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
ARTICLE 5. To choose a member of the General School Committee for
one year, to fill the vacancy made by the death of I. F. Cooksey, Esq.
ARTICLE 6. To choose an Elector under the provisions of the will of the
late Oliver Smith.
ARTICLE 7. To determine the manner of repairing the Highways and
Bridges the year ensuing.
ARTICLE 8. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray
the expenses of the town the year ensuing, and to make appropriations of the
same.
ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the
free Public Libraries in Amherst.
ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to help
defray the public expenses of Decoration Day.
ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will accept the Street called Spaulding
street, as a public highway.
ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will accept the Street leading North near
S. W. Whitney's as a public highway.
ARTICLE 13. To see what action the town will take about a room for the
Town Officers.

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