## TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Together with the Report of the

## TOWN OF AMHERST.

AND ASSESSORS

Selectmen, Overseers of Poor

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

of the

AMHERST, March 1879.

CARPENTER & BOWD, Printer.
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 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 shall 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.

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**Town Officers for 1879.**

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**CLERK, TREASURER AND COLLECTOR:**
S. C. CARTER.

**SELECTMEN AND OVERRSERS:**
D. W. PALMER, J. E. MERRICK, M. F. DICKINSON.

**ASSSESSORS:**
O. D. HUNT, E. P. SPEAR, J. E. MERRICK.

**AUDITOR:**
HENRY HOLLAND.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE:**
W. H. BEAMAN, H. C. NASH, W. B. GRAVES.

**CONSTABLES:**
T. W. SLOAN, B. W. STRATTON, W. E. STEBBINS, C. L. DADMAN, LUCIUS INGRAM.

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:**
JAMES HASTINGS.
**List of Jurymen for 1880.**

| Field Drivers: | H. DUGLASS, D. S. WARNER |
| FENCE VIEWERS: | W. W. SMITH, HARVEY WHITE, AUSTIN EASTMAN |
| FOUNDER: | J. P. GRAY |
| WEIGHTS OF COAL: | T. W. SLOAN, JAMES HASTINGS, J. L. DANA |
| MEASURERS OF LUMBER: | F. GAYLORD, J. HASTINGS, A. CLARK, W. E. LYMAN, DWIGHT GRAVES |
| MEASURERS OF LEATHER: | R. W. STRATTON, D. H. KELLOGG |
| MEASURERS OF WOOD: | R. W. STRATTON, C. M. SMITH, GEO. W. SMITH, H. HOLLAND, O. D. HUNT, JAMES HASTINGS, A. CLARK, C. L. DADMAN |

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## Selectmen's Report.

The time has again arrived when it is not only the required duty but also the privilege of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor to submit to the voters of the town a full and plain report of their doings and how the appropriations of the town for the past year have been expended. It is our desire to make it clear where every dollar of the town's money has been used. Consequently we have made a very full detailed report of all money paid out under each account, leaving the matter for each voter to approve or disapprove as he likes. The appropriations made for the year were not quite large enough in some accounts to carry us through, and in January we were compelled to call for an addition of $580.81, which was allowed and transferred from the license account, thus enabling us to conform strictly to the vote of the town.

### HIGHWAYS.

This account has required more money this year than last, for two or three reasons. The early part of the year we had several heavy storms that washed the roads badly, requiring a good deal of labor in the repairs. One of the most costly was on School Street, requiring nearly seventy dollars to make the repairs. We also used up some money in the improvements on Northampton street, near College Hall, but we believe it is universally acknowledged that the improved condition of the hill and road is worth all the cost. We have had two cases of highway damage to settle; first a Belchertown man was
thrown off the east bank, near Mr. O. F. Swift's house; the other case was Mr. Lyon, who, with his daughter, got off the bank in the night below Mr. Charles Miller's house. Heavy damages were claimed in one case, but they were settled after some delay for five dollars each.

BRIDGES.

In the summer we found the condition of the bridge near Mr. Porter Dickinson's shop much worse than we expected. The town is to be congratulated that with all the heavy teaming passing over it no accident occurred. The east abutment was wholly rebuilt, and quite largely from new stone, the west one was repaired, the approaches to the bridge put in good order, also new railing built, all of which was done by day work. The bridge proper was built by George P. Spear by contract for $250. There is always more or less repairs to be made, but we do not know of any bridge that will have to be rebuilt this season.

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

The walk was built this year on Pleasant, Amity and College streets. There was not quite so much built as usual. North Amherst made quite a start this year, which shows they are beginning to appreciate it. The cost of the street crossings this year was $41.55; North Amherst street crossings, $128.20. The money appropriated to continue the walk towards the Agricultural College was taken out of the hands of the chairman and expended on Pleasant street, without much care or method, and it is a matter of some doubt if any one will be willing to father some of the objectionable features of it.

PAUPERS.

It is well known that this part of the town's business, if well done, requires both time and patience. It is rarely ever that the overseer can fully satisfy himself and those he has to deal with, but we congratulate ourselves that our success for the past year has been fully up to the average. We are confident the inmates of the almshouse have had good care and have been made comfortable. It has also been a remarkably successful year for the farm, as will be seen by reference to the monthly transactions. The friends of Mrs. Holden have been anxious for some time to have her sent to the hospital, hoping something might be done for her. We have had her there some five months, her sister, Mrs. Davis, paying $25 towards the expense, but nothing could be done to help her, and we have brought her home. There has no death occurred at the almshouse this year. More room is required at the almshouse. We have but one vacant room and that not well located for winter use. We would suggest raising the roof; by so doing we can make seven good additional rooms, and, if properly looked after, not an expensive job. We are fully confirmed in the opinion that, with proper attention and care from the overseers, our poor can be better cared for at the farm, made more comfortable and at less expense to the town, than by any other method. Mr. George N. Howard and wife have bid charge at the almshouse the past year, and have given good satisfaction.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The great fire of July 4th was very much the largest that has occurred in town since Phoenix Row was burned in 1888. The origin of this fire has never been ascertained, and very likely never will be. We would most earnestly recommend that no bonfire be allowed on the Common, hereafter. We also trust the town will not neglect the appropriation for the firemen. The Selectmen's returns to the State shows the following items: Am't of insurance on property burned, $117,710; loss, $79,303; isn't paid by Insurance Co., $67,041. This would seem to call for more thorough protection, and better apparatus for controlling fires.

NIGHT POLICE.

It seems uncalled for to speak of the night police, for it has long since become a fixed necessity, and if there is to be any change in the matter we should recommend an addition of one man. Mr. Ingram has filled the position remarkably well the past year.
PAYMENT OF TOWN DEBT

Is as follows: School Bond No. 19, $500; Military Bond No. 16, $500; Agricultural Bond No. 65, $509; State Agricultural Note, $2,000; Savings Bank Note, $5,000; interest, $10,885.09. We have no floating debt, and this reduces our funded debt $6,500.

DRAINAGE.

We would suggest that a committee be appointed to examine and see what the town requires, and report at some future meeting.

We would like to suggest a reform in the election of our town officers. We heard a great deal of complaint last year about our present method, and we know it does not give satisfaction to many voters. We also know that many times it is very difficult to make majorities understand and appreciate that old rules and tried customs and methods can be improved. Many will say, “Let well enough alone,” but it seems to us that if all the voters will give this matter a little attention and thought they will readily see the advantage of a change. That in place of rushing through the election of our town clerk and treasurer, selectmen, assessors, elector and constables, all on separate tickets and at different times, and all within an hour after the meeting gets in working order. Many times some one will move to turn the boxes when there are from fifty to one hundred voters with ballot in hand, within a few feet of the polls, and over go the boxes without regard to any one’s rights, and many men are deprived of their ballot through no fault of their own. This is done many times by some man who has an axe to grind by the election of his friend to office. Many of our laboring men cannot be on hand when the meeting is first opened; they are also deprived of their vote by our present method. We all have common rights in the matter, and the election should be so conducted that the rights of all can be respected. The matter is in the hands of the town, and it is for the voters to say whether they will continue our present vicious plan or not. The remedy is simple and sure; i.e., to require the names of all officers to be elected by bal-

lot to be brought in on one ticket, except the Chairman of the meeting, same as in the November election, and that the polls shall be kept open not less than three hours. This plan has been adopted by some towns with decided success.

In closing the Chairman wishes to say, that he must positively decline further service, for the reason that his own business will hereafter require his whole attention.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. PALMER, J. E. MERRICK, M. F. DICKINSON.

Selectmen of Amherst.
Report of Town Expenses for 1879.

STATE AID.
Expended for 23 families, $659 00

INTEREST ON NOTES AND BONDS.
Paid State Treasurer, interest on 18 notes, $5,700 00
Franklin Savings Institution, 3,500 00
Amherst Savings Bank, 2,837 00
On temporary loans, 110 17
On School, Military and Ag'l Bonds, 667 92
TOTAL EXPENDED $10,885 09

TOWN DEBT.
Paid State Treasurer, No. 1 Agricultural Note, $2,000 00
Amherst Savings Bank, on Note, 3,000 00
School Bond No. 19, 500 00
Military Bond No. 16, 500 00
Agricultural Bond No. 65, 500 00
TOTAL EXPENDED $6,500 00

TEMPORARY LOANS.
Paid Amherst Savings Bank, $6000 00

STATE, COUNTY AND BANK TAXES.
Paid County Tax, $3,301 34
State Tax, 705 00
Bank Tax, 886 90
TOTAL EXPENDED $6,093 24

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.
Paid Amherst Centre Library, $200 00
North Amherst Library, 100 00
TOTAL EXPENDED $300 00

ASSESSORS' ORDERS.
Paid D. M. Warren, $1 00
C. L. Dadman, 1 87
James Hastings, 3 26
Ann Brown, 1 87
Mrs. M. N. Pratt, 7 50
TOTAL EXPENDED $15 49

LICENSES.
By balance last year, $261 25
Liquor licenses, 610 00
Auction and show licenses, 98 00
TOTAL EXPENDED $970 25

Paid State one-fourth liquor license, $162 50
Transferred to other accounts, 589 81
Balance in the Treasury, 733 31

CEMETORIES.
Unexpended balance of last year, $108 92
Sale of lots in West Cemetery, 46 50
TOTAL EXPENDED $155 42

EXPENDED.
J. P. Gray, labor, $78 50
O. M. Clapp, 13 50
TOTAL EXPENDED $91 00
Balance in Treasury, $58 42
HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation, $2,000 00
250 00
$2,250 00

Overdrawn last year,
Charles Burdett, labor, $6 60
Stetson Hawley, " (1878,) 2 50
Curtis Smith, " 1 75
H. A. Cook, highway damage, 1 40
J. W. Perry, labor, 3 36
Judson A. Barrett, highway damage, 6 00
C. H. Miller, scraper, 9 60
M. Brett, labor, 5 00
Thomas Haley, " 14 31
Sylvanus Moody, " 7 62
Michael Mahar, " 13 44
William Hear, " 11 25
Patrick Harley, " 8 57
Thomas Courtney, " 2 50
W. W. Smith, labor and lumber, 182 55
N. Harlow, labor, 48 87
John Donahue, " 4 06
E. R. Lovett, " and gravel, 30 75
Michael Canavan, " 13 75
John Chandler, " 32 80
Patrick Martin, " 12 81
John Flynn, " 18 24
Asa Williams, " 11 74
Charles Finesmore, " 19 90
Thomas White, " 10 09
James White, " 3 13
Enos Baker, " 13 12
Thomas Overying, " 26 18
L. A. Williams, " 1 87
Patrick Ready, " 14 06

E. T. Sabin, scraper, 9 00
J. P. Gray, labor, self and team, 57 30
George Richardson, " 24 06
Charles Davis, " 22 50
Heman D. Eaton, " 17 10
C. A. Eastman, " 86 46
W. Crittenden, " 1 25
E. B. Eastman, " 9 80
M. F. Dickinson, " 32 50
James Cowles, " and gravel, 14 21
Charles H. Kellogg, gravel, 6 74
J. Dowd, labor, 2 25
Spencer Smith, " 7 50
William Banks, " 5 12
Fred Harlow, " 8 62
Albert Dickinson, " 2 50
Jonathan Cowles, " and lumber, 11 24
L. A. Bartlett, " self and team, 7 08
Edmund Hastings, " and lumber, 106 41
Daniel Cashman, " 4 62
O. P. Gaylord, " self and team, 23 87
Noah Dickinson, gravel, 13 37
P. D. Spaulding, labor and gravel, 19 02
E. T. Darling, labor, 3 18
S. H. Hashkins, " self and team, 40 94
W. H. Hashkins, " 18 15
T. S. Hashkins, " 3 75
James Stetson, gravel, 9 60
Austin Eastman, " 6 00
S. Bowman, labor, 3 12
J. A. Hill, " 1 25
W. O. Graves, " 1 87
Charles R. Dickinson, " 6 90
William Cutter, " 62
Charles Saxton, " 2 50
Horace Cummings, " 4 50
E. Puffer, " 50
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Balance in hands of Treasurer, **$2,247.90**
BRIDGES.

Appropriation, $600 00

Overdrawn last year, $9 58

Graves & Kellogg, lumber and labor, 4 81
William Hoar, " 1 25
Thomas Courtney, " 1 25
L. A. Williams, " 5 00
Thomas Haley, " 5 00
Sylvanus Moody, " 5 62
Wm. W. Smith, lumber and " 45 75
Michael Mahar, " 8 75
Patrick Ready, " 2 20
John Chandler, " 3 75
Patrick Martin, " 2 25
John Flynn, " 1 25
N. Harlow, self and team, " 3 00
Michael Conner, " 1 87
Thomas Overing, " 10 00
Charles Finneron, " 5 00
James White, " 1 87
Eino Baker, " 5 00
Michael Canovan, " 2 50
Asa Williams, " 2 50
J. P. Gray, self and team, " 9 25
O. P. Morse, " 3 00
G. A. Eastman, stone and " 8 87
Lewis Dickinson, " 2 00
Edmund Hastings, lumber and " 20 34
L. E. Dickinson, lumber, " 1 73
Oren Williams, " 23 74
L. J. Spear, " 10 00
J. C. Reed, " 15 75
George P. Spear, building new bridge, 250 00
" repairs on bridges and railing, 23 20

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation, $600 00

Overdrawn last year, $41 36

Paid Cataract Engine Company, 245 00
Hook & Ladder " 150 00
A. C. Gates, new ladder, 1 40
C. E. Bennett, labor on engine and hose, 4 20
H. F. Smith, repairing hose, 8 00
C. E. Hutchins, straps and oil, 17 62
Dickinson & Lee, work on engine and hose, 18 45
L. Merrick, carting hose from Northampton, 75
L. J. Spear, wrenches and labor on engine, 5 00
S. F. Hayward, chemical charges, 6 00
H. Holland, bill, 2 50

Overdrawn, $600 28

Overdrawn, $40 28
NIGHT POLICE AND LAMPS.

Appropriation and receipts, $401.50
Overdrawn last year, $10.00
R. D. C. Ingram, to April, $40.00
night police, $345.97
J. F. Perkins, repairing lamps, $5.25
G. S. Calkins, coal, $25.00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Unexpended balance, $156.85
Appropriation, $500.00
James Hastings, sealer of weights, $12.00
Henry Holland, and for last year, $5.00
R. D. C. Ingram, lock-up keeper, $100.00
peace services, $12.40
Assessors, for services, $265.00
Selectmen, $265.00
Balance in Treasury, $27.45

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

Balance from last year, $40.45
Appropriation, $1,000.00
Grass sold at North Amberst, $50.00

J. A. Peirce, police service for 1878, $4.00
George B. Galloud, town business for 1878, $15.00
George B. Galloud, police for 1879, $14.50
Thomas Kelley, night, $8.00
Enos Baker, $1.25
John McCarty, $1.55
McCloud & Williams, printing, 34.40
Marsh & Young, bill, 2.25
E. E. Webster, bill, 27.00
Savings Bank, rent, 75.00
D. W. Palmer, hall rent, 175.00
John White, bill, 10.50
M. W. Howard, bill, 91.36
Henry Holland, bill, 4.69
M. N. Spear, bill, 11.49
Dickinson & Lee, bill, 24.20
S. C. Carter, registr'g births, deaths and marriages, 48.40
Marsh & Young, return of deaths, 10.75
C. W. Dana, 2.00
J. H. Sixten, 75.00
Paid State for registration papers, 1.12
First Parish, tile and labor, 27.00
D. W. Palmer, expenses R. R. meeting, 7.75
C. R. Dickinson, water, 2.00
F. A. State, printing check list, 10.75
J. E. Williams, bill, 33.85
E. A. Hobbs, making check list, 6.00
Witness for Hopkins case, 2.50
E. A. Davis, surveying, 4.50
J. E. Perkins, painting, 1.50
Northampton Bridges, 76.77
W. W. Hunt, bill, 47.56
John A. Peirce, police, 4.00
Fire Inquest, 43.80
J. L. Lovell, bill, 8.00
D. W. Palmer, hall for police court, 10.00
O. D. Hunt, bill coal, 36.50
Elliot Heath, water, 3.00
William B. Sisson, bill, 36.00
W. W. Smith, police, 9.00
S. C. Carter, town business, 60.00
Postage, telegraph and express, 21.17
Webster & Clement, 35.00
Harvey White, bill, 2.04
R. W. Stratton, bill, 45.00

Balance in hands of Treasurer, $611.11

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

Due from E. P. Whitney, abuttor of 1877, $22.55
Mrs. L. Boltwood, 1878, 42.56
Appropriation, $350.00

Due from abuttors of 1879:
Miss T. Linnell, 19.07
Miss A. Smith, 23.53
Misses C. and L. Dickinson, 17.33
L. D. Cowles, 13.13
M. W. Howard, 5.07
Howard Estate, balance, 2.74
Miss R. Church, 5.47
86.34
Paid by abuttors, 292.18
$718.52

Paid Sylvanus Moody,
E. A. Davis, $63
John Chandler, 21.99
W. S. Westcott, 16.63
George Richardson, 62
Asa Williams, 6.87
Charles Finneymore, 6.25
W. W. Smith, 30.00
J. M. Harris, 618.62
708.48

When paid there will be a balance of $10.04
PAUPER ACCOUNT.

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE THE PAST YEAR.

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<td>Miss Mary J. Hawley, seven weeks and three days,</td>
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<td>John Matthews, eleven weeks,</td>
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Merchandise Purchased. Merchandise Sold.

April: $90.00 $112.28
May: 24.52 36.65
June: 35.57 27.51
July: 19.31 19.30
August: 30.45 29.63
September: 52.41 75.11
October: 45.28 44.23
November: 43.37 21.86
December: 42.59 20.52
January: 18.69 49.62
February: 182

$405.01 $436.71

Income over expenses, 31.70

$436.71

APPRAISAL OF ALMSHOUSE PROPERTY FOR 1880.

Household Furniture, $867.00
Live Stock, 748.00

Hay and grain, 454.60
Wood, coal and lumber, 139.12
Provisions, 150.56
Farming tools, 347.70

Appraisal for 1879, $2,186.98
Increase of value over last year, $106.10

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

Unexpended balance, 1879, $521.66
Appropriation, 1,800.00
State Aid, W. Jennings, 10.50
Mrs. Davis, for Mrs. Holden, 20.00
Sold from farm and paid to Treasurer, 104.00
From other towns, 38.92

$2,541.68

Cr.

Balance Warden's services, outstanding order, April, 1879, $189.77
O. F. Bigelow, M. D., 25.00
Town of Williamsburg, Ruth and child, 1878, 14.86
Belchertown, Thompson family, 1877, 47.90
City of Springfield, Peirce and others, 1877, 56.11
Town of Ware, Wilson boy, 1878, 17.82
Luther Adams, Goodell children to April 1, 43.40
South Amherst Parish, 50.00
Henry Holland, bill, 122
Charles Denel, bill, 14.69
W. W. Hunt, bill, 14.59
Dickinson & Cooper, bill, (Dickinson estate), 20.22
Palmer & Bangs, bill, 61.54
R. W. Stratton, bill, 3 00
D. B. N. Fish, M. D., bill, 2 60
N. S. Beabe, bill, 5 00
Overseers, expenses to other towns, 12 75
F. A. Thomas, insurance, 12 00
Stetson & Whitney, 122 50
Warden’s services in part, 255 00
Smith & Henry, 130 00
Overseers, 200 00
W. S. Westcott, 41 00

$1,297 68

AID RENDERED.

Luther Adams, Goodell children to Feb. 1. $200 00
A. J. Pervier, Franklin, 132 63
George W. Newell, Mrs. Jennings to Jan., 44 00
Town of Ware, Wilson boy, 26 27
Town of Abington, John Rush and family, 9 75
M. W. Howard, Hurlburt and Hawley, 3 00
M. F. Dickinson, 3 00
J. E. Merrick, aid rendered, 1 00
Frank Jennings, 10 00
Samuel H. Goodell and family, 38 12
John Matthews, 7 00
Insane Hospital, Frazier to Jan. 1, 165 18
" Mrs. Holden, 57 45
Crackers for troops, 6 00
William Jennings, 17 90
Daniel Spellman, 20 00
Misses Parsons, Mansfield, 65 00
N. A. Dickinson, Brewster, 15 00
Z. A. Leardal, 5 00
" Mrs. Henry Peirce, 4 00
Hiram Smith, son, 7 00
State Reform School, Bennett, 52 75
" Perry, 42 50

William Jennings, 17 90
Daniel Spellman, 20 00
Misses Parsons, Mansfield, 65 00
N. A. Dickinson, Brewster, 15 00
Z. A. Leardal, 5 00
Mrs. Henry Peirce, 4 00
Hiram Smith, son, 7 00
State Reform School, Bennett, 52 75
" Perry, 42 50

Ella Barton and child, 13 50
W. J. Hopkins and family, 60 95
Dr. I. H. Taylor, Porter boy, 8 20
E. P. Whitney, 4 00
R. D. C. Ingram, board at lock-up, 3 00

$1021 69

ALMS-HOUSE REPAIRS.

A. J. Pervier, labor, 7 50
F. L. Passarey, " 19 96
Geo. Barton, " 4 35
E. L. Marsh, " 17 91
W. S. Westcott, lumber, 8 65
W. E. Lyman, " 2 47
Henry Holland, paints and oil, 9 24
Mrs. Thayer, 10 69

$69 78

2,389 15

Balance in hands of the Treasurer, 152 53

BILLS DUE APRIL 1, 1880:

O. F. Bigelow, M. D., $25 00
Geo. W. Newell, 9 00
Luther Adams, 40 00
A. J. Pervier, 24 00
Balance Warden’s services, 96 70
Insane Hospital, Frazier, " Mrs. Thayer, 39 00
TRAMPS HOUSED AND FED AT LOCKUP.

1879. March, 31
April, 37
May, 9
June, 4
July, 1
August, 7
September, 11
October, 39
November, 25
December, 17

1880. January, 29
February, to the 15th, 7

Total, 298

Assessors' Report.

The Town of Amherst, at its last annual meeting, raised and appropriated for town debts, interest and expenses, $30,320.00
The State Tax was 765.00
The County Tax was 5,901.54
Discount of ten per cent., $34,426.34
3,442.68
Non-resident, bank discount and overlay, $37,868.97
508.25
Total, $38,372.22

The number of polls, 946.
The State Tax on each poll was 80.74, $700.04
The County Tax on each poll was 1.00, 946.00

The valuation of real estate, $1,709,330.00
personal estate, 739,082.41
Total valuation, $2,448,412.41

Rate assessed on valuation, fifteen mills, 36,726.18

Total Tax, $38,372.22
On the first of October the Assessors were obliged to assess a tax of $34.80 upon twenty female citizens of this town, by their request in writing, in accordance with a law passed by the Legislature of 1879. This tax, so assessed, was "entered in the tax list of the Collector," making a tax of $38,407.08 committed to the Collector and Treasurer.

The number of Polls in 1878 was 955.
The number of Polls in 1879 was 946.

Loss of 9

The total valuation in 1879 was $2,448,419.41
The total valuation in 1878 was 2,410,905.00

An increase of $38,107.41

This increase in valuation is not a higher valuation of the same property, but a reduced value of $43,000 and an addition of $81,107.41 of new property, making a net gain of $38,107.41 in the present valuation over last year.

Respectfully submitted,

O. D. HUNT, 
E. P. SPEAR, 
J. E. MERRICK, 
Assessors
of Amherst.

Engineer's Report.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Amherst,

Gentlemen:

The town at its annual meeting in March appropriated for the use of the Fire Department, $600.00

The expenses for the year have been $508.92
amount of last year's bills paid 41.35
Overdrawn, 60.28

The Selectmen appointed at the commencement of the year the following as a Board of Engineers:

HENRY HOLLAND, L. J. SPEAR,
EDWARD HITCHCOCK, W. E. STEBBINS,
R. T. DICKINSON, WATSON W. COWLES,
M. E. CUSHMAN, L. H. POMEROY,
JOHN A. PEIRCE, H. E. JOHNSON,
H. C. DICKINSON, H. D. DANA.
the number, title, author and price of every book, the time of its addi-
tion, and the source from which it was obtained. It was unfortu-
nate that such a record was not kept from the very beginning; the
managers have long felt the need of it, as the only reliable way of
preserving an accurate knowledge of the contents of the library, but
have deferred the work, on account of the great expense involved.
The pecuniary success of their undertaking, however, seemed to
justify undertaking it, and the services of one of the librarians of
Amherst College was secured in its preparation. It will be seen that,
notwithstanding the large outlay in the reconstruction of the library,
the managers have added during the year, 400 new books, at a cost
of $313.44, and they appeal to the citizens of the town to appropriate
a liberal sum for its further maintenance and support.

J. A. RAWSON, IN ACCOUNT WITH AMHERST LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Dr.

To Cash received from last year's account, $ 3 74
1 " " " Town, 200 00
1 " " " Insurance, 235 00
1 " " " Pinafore, 309 72
1 " " " Fines, 29 64
1 " " " Annual Subscriptions, 50 00
1 " " " Catalogues, 28 38
1 " " " Annual fees, 26 50
1 " " " Goods sold, 17 00
1 " " " Books sold, 5 87
1 " " " Non-resident readers, 3 85
1 " " " Subscriptions for books, 6 50

$896 20

Cr.

By Cash paid for care of rooms, 10 38
1 " " " Rent of rooms, 79 17
1 " " " Express and postage, 4 95
1 " " " Magazines, 1 00

By Cash paid for Fuel and lights, 17 25
1 " " " Insurance, 80 00
1 " " " Recataloguing and cl. books, 53 75
1 " " " Shelving, desk and fixtures, 58 90
1 " " " Librarian's salary, 75 00
1 " " " Books, 313 44
1 " " " Printing, rebinding and catalogue 215 83

$859 67

Balance in Treasury, $36 53

Feb. 16, 1880. We have this day audited the accounts of J. A.
Rawson, as Treasurer of the Amherst Library Association, and
find them correct and a balance of Thirty-six Dollars and Fifty-three
cents in the Treasury.

S. C. CARTER,
J. L. LOVELL.

OFFICERS OF AMHERST LIBRARY.

E. A. THOMAS, President.
O. G. COUCH, Secretary.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

P. E. Irish, D. B. N. Fish,
J. A. Rawson, L. H. Allen,
O. G. Couch, E. P. Crowell,
O. F. Bigelow, H. H. Goodell,
J. J. Young, Geo. Cutler.

Miss Josie Ward, Librarian.
NORTH AMHERST LIBRARY REPORT.

At the Annual meeting the vacancy in the Board of Directors, which was caused by the death of Harrison Ingram, the late President, was filled by the election of Chas. H. Kellogg, Pres.

The other Directors chosen were Geo. E. Atkins and Henry W. Haskins; Vice President, A. E. Cowles; Sec'y, Treas. and Librarian, F. P. Ainsworth.

The whole number of books is now 759. The number added by purchase during the year has been 100. The estimated average number in constant circulation is 150. The Library is free to all the inhabitants of Amherst, and open at all hours every day and evening.

THE NORTH AMHERST LIBRARY ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH F. P. AINSWORTH, TREAS.

Dr.

1879. Jan. 1, Balance from 1878, $81 24
Subscriptions, 1 00
Aug. 23, Town Treasury, 100 00
--------- $182 24

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1879. Feb. 10, Binding Books, $28 05
March 1, Cook's Lectures, 4 Vols, 4 00
15, 1000 Labels, 2 50
25, Bridgman & Childs, 50 books, 50 00
April 14, 1 Book on London, 1 50
Aug. 1, Conn. Valley History, 11 00
15, Binding Books, 18 00
Oct. 18, $500 Insurance, 5 years, 6 25
Dec. 25, Repair Book Case, 1 00
30, Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian and rent for 1879, 25 00
1880.
Jan. 14, M. N. Spear, bill of Books, 34 58

Balance in Treasury, $36

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, March 1st, 1879, $1,845 88
Received of bills payable,

Academy Fund, 6,000 00
State Corporation Tax, 545 13
National Bank Tax, 840 59
State Aid, 810 00
Lockup, 1 50
Dog Fund, 135 61
Licenses, 650 00
Sidewalk Abattors, 359 29
Cemeteries, lots sold, 45 50
Overseers of the Poor, 221 52
School Com., tuition and insurance, 493 40
State School Fund, 219 93
Collector of Taxes, 1877, 81 14
Collector of Taxes, 1878, 1,484 20
Collector of Taxes, 1879, 33,689 68
Interest on Taxes, 38 02
Grass sold at North Amherst, 2 75

Total $47,559 05
DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid State Treasurer one-fourth liquor licenses, $152.56
" County, State and Bank Taxes, 5,093.44
" Town Debts, Notes and Bonds, 6,500.00
" Temporary Loans, 6,000.00
" Libraries, 300.00
" Interest on Notes and Bonds, 10,885.09
" Assessors' Orders, 15.49
" Pauper Orders, 2,892.15
" Highways, 2,241.21
" Bridges, 642.50
" Fire Department, 558.92
" Cemeteries, 92.00
" Contingent Expenses, 1,299.09
" Town Officers, 629.40
" Night Police and Lamps, 391.47
" Concrete Sidewalks, 708.48
" State Aid, 659.00
" Schools, 8,600.57

Balance in Treasury, 479.94
---$47,559.05

TOWN LIABILITIES, MARCH 1, 1880.

Notes and Bonds, $163,353.35

ASSETS.

Due on Taxes, $962.20
Due on State Aid, 733.00
Due from Abutters, 151.45

Town debt, March 1, 1880, $161,353.35

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

To amount of tax committed in 1879, $38,407.02

By paid Treasurer September 1, $29,479.67
" Ten per cent discount, 3,368.60
" One per cent collector, 297.74
" Treasurer Jan. 1, 1880, 3,522.90
" Five per cent discount, 187.28
" One per cent collector, 35.58
" Treasurer Feb. 17, 1880, 501.11
" One per cent collector, 50.65
" Assessors' abatements, 106.58
" Uncollected balance, 962.20

---$38,407.02

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

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School Report.

THE SCHOOL PROPERTY.

In reviewing the year, special reason for thankfulness is found in the fact that none of our school-houses have been destroyed by fire. By most earnest and unremitting exertions the Amity street building was saved from the destruction that came upon neighboring property, on the Fourth of last July. The expense of repairing the house and building a fence adjoining the Amherst House was fully met by the insurance. Besides these repairs, a storm porch has been built before the front door of this house, and a new fence on the west side of the school grounds. Other repairs have been made on the roof and chimneys.

The ceiling of the North Grammar school-room has been renewed by furring, lathing and plastering, and the rest of the interior of this room and both halls, with paint. Some additional work was done in the upper room and on the outside.

The fence at the City school-house has been rebuilt, being furnished with new posts and rails, and the inside walls of the house have been painted.

The front roof of the East school-house has been shingled, and the rooms and halls have been renovated. Some much-needed grading about the house has been done, and concrete gutters have been laid.

The supports of the floor of the house at South Green were found so decayed as to require the taking up of the whole and the laying of a new floor upon a new foundation. The internal and external walls have all been thoroughly painted, and the outbuildings repaired.

Auditor's Report.

This certifies that I have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer and Collector, S. C. Carter, for the year 1879, to March 1, 1880, and find them to be correct, and a balance of $470.34 in the treasury.

HENRY HOLLAND, AUDITOR.

Amherst, Feb. 17, 1880.
A new platform and steps have been placed in front of the South Grammar house, and other small repairs made.

One half of the roof of the South East house has been shingled, and the walls, within and without, painted.

That at the South West has received similar repairs.

New steps have been placed at the east entrance of the High school building, and some much needed repairs have been made in the east hall and elsewhere.

During the present year the interior of several houses will need paint and whitewash, and the outbuildings attached to some of them will require special attention.

It is very pleasant to notice, as there is frequent occasion a growing cause of regret, but by contrasting the present with that of former times, our hearts are gladdened and our courage is renewed.

The repairs, made at the Town's expense, have been necessitated almost wholly by the natural wear of weather and use. This we account for in part by the fact that those who damage property are carefully looked after and required to repair it; and partly on the ground that the spirit of vandalism has given place, in good degree, to a better disposition. True, there is enough of this spirit left to cause deep regret, but by contrasting the present with that of former times, our hearts are gladdened and our courage is renewed.

Much credit is due to the watchful care of the teachers and janitors, upon whom is imposed the special duty of promptly seeking for the cause of any damage, and of calling the offender to account. While it is very pleasant to notice, as there is frequent occasion, a growing regard for neatness and order, in the persons of scholars, their schoolrooms, grounds and premises, it should be stated that, in spite of good counsel and admonition, there have been some instances of the violation of the laws of health and purity sadly out of keeping with the good name and culture of this favored town. Such things deserve severest reprobation and exemplary punishment. We have a profound conviction that a good education essentially involves respect for property, personal cleanliness, love of neatness, order and delicacy of feeling; and hence, disgust and loathing at all "villainous of the flesh and spirit."

TEACHERS.

At the close of last year Miss K. G. Roberts closed her connection with the North Intermediate, after a number of years of very valuable service. Miss E. F. Harrington took her place for a few weeks; finding the position too difficult she retired from it, and Miss A. M. Blanchard entered into her labors. Order is well established and a very commendable degree of interest in the proper work of the school prevails.

Miss L. R. Eastman ended her labors at the North Primary last June, having well earned a reputation for skill and fidelity during several years of instruction in the same place. Miss M. E. Harrington has taught there the remainder of the year; and by earnest devotion to her work is believed to have won the general esteem and confidence of parents and pupils, as well as of the Committee.

Miss J. A. Pomeroy resigned her very arduous post as principal of the 2d Grammar, at the close of last year. The number and the composition of that school were such as to render the position a very difficult one to fill. Mr I. T. Dayo was her successor. Beginning and prosecuting his labors with a vigorous heart and a strong and good will, he won the favor of all interested in the school. For the salary offered, his services could not be retained beyond one term. During the fall and winter Miss A. L. Peirce, who had been well tried in the East Intermediate, has had this charge, and by her courage and firmness has fully met the high expectations of those employing her. With much of scholarly and loyal spirit in the school, there has been a mingling of the opposite dispositions on the part of a few, who have been no small trial of the patient of the teacher; but we are thankful for the so good success attending her labors. Miss F. C. Cowles, the assistant, who, by protected labor and care as former principal had found it necessary to rest, was excused for a term, and Miss M. E. Harris took her place in the autumn. With improved health, Miss Cowles was welcomed back, and has efficiently co-operated with Miss Peirce in the instruction of this quite too large congregation of youth. Miss H. B. Dickinson, who had successfully taught at the South Green, was transferred to the East Intermediate, and has well entered into the labors of her predecessor.
Miss Arild P. Hastings was appointed to fill the vacancy at the Green, and has made a good beginning as a teacher of youth.

Mr. E. B. Marsh closed his connection with the High School with the summer term, in order to prosecute professional studies and carry away with him our most cordial esteem, and best wishes for his success. Miss M. E. Wilder, the 1st assistant, received and accepted an invitation to a much more desirable position, peculiarly, than we could give her; and she could not be blamed for so doing, though we were very sorry to lose a teacher so able, efficient and popular. Mr. C. L. Goodrich as principal, and Misses M. L. Bridgman and C. J. Hitchcock as assistants, will soon close their second term of very satisfactory service. This school fully sustains its well earned reputation for scholarship and order.

The schools not named above have continued through the year under the care of their former teachers, some of whom are veterans in their profession. Though the teachers of our children and youth differ in their tastes, temperament and qualifications, it is our pleasure to be able to speak of them generally as intelligent, diligent, patient and successful in their work.

REDUCTION OF RESOURCES.

The appropriation last year was $5,500 for schools, supplies, &c., and $700 for repairs, which is $900 less than was provided the year before. The whole amount at our disposal, including insurance money, was $8,433.14, which is $703.39 less than in 1878-9.

Our first duty at the opening of the school year was to adjust the wages of teachers and length of the schools to our means. All the lady teachers, except those who had been receiving the smallest pay, were offered a dollar per week less than they had previously received; and all but two accepted our offer, some of them quite cheerfully; others with less of the grace of resignation. We had some hope that with the reduction made or contemplated, the length of the schools might be about the same as during the previous year. In this hope we were disappointed. The Grammar and Intermediate schools have each been shortened one week, and the Primaries and Mixed, two weeks.—the school year being for the different grades, 30, 32, 33, and 36 weeks.

It has been customary to take money from the school appropriation to renew insurance policies. It has seemed to us unwise to do this. In our last report, in connection with the sum recommended for the year, then before us, it was said, "This amount is named in the expectation that, hereafter, whatever premiums for insurance on the school property shall be required, will be put to a different department of expenditure. It seems especially proper to do this, in view of the fact that the responsibility of procuring the policies does not rest with the School Committee." Our estimates and your appropriation were made without any knowledge or thought of payments in this direction, which have actually been $236.50. To have allowed it and shortened our schools, so as to end the year free from debt, would have required the reduction of all the schools below the High, two weeks more than they have been actually reduced. This we could not do with the hope of your approval.

CHANGES OF BOOKS.

An entire change in reading books has been made this year—The Franklin Series, by Hillard, taking the place of The Analytical, by Edwards. The cost of the change was not so great as the advantage gained in the special merits of the new books and the fresh enthusiasm which they have inspired.

THE COURSE OF STUDIES

adopted two or three years ago by the Hampshire East Association of School Committees has been but partially brought into use, it being deemed not wise to make sudden and forced changes. Adhering substantially to the principles there indicated, there will, hereafter, be less time devoted to Geography, Arithmetic and Algebra, by the grades below the High School, and more attention will be given to practical culture in the use of our own language, to elementary study in some of the natural sciences, and other things. This change will be in harmony with the views of the best educators of our time, and is also in accordance with our own judgment.
GOVERNMENT AND DISCIPLINE.

An essential auxiliary of good teaching is good government. We instruct the teachers to allow no word or act of a pupil, showing the spirit of disobedience or disrespect, to pass unnoticed; and to treat persistency in such conduct with decision. When teachers have trouble of any kind with their pupils which they cannot settle to their own satisfaction, they are accustomed, as instructed, to communicate with the parents. This is usually helpful and secures all needed correction. As a last resort they appeal to the Committee. This alternative has been less needed the last year than formerly, for which fact we are thankful. Moral reasoning with most children is found to be sufficient; but in some cases physical arguments are necessarily added. It seems to us, however, not wise for a teacher, and especially a lady teacher, to use muscular force with boys in their formative years. If the united influence of teacher, parents and Committee is not sufficient to bring a wayward youth, in his higher grades, to a proper bearing; if he persist in manifesting the spirit of disobedience, or has habits of idleness in school, or of profane and impure speech out of school, thereby seriously impairing the influence and corrupting his associates, we believe that an Amherst public school is not the place for him. A reform school, or employment at the wood-pile, on the farm, or in some other useful business, and under the direction of a man who can and will control him, would be far better for him, his parents, and all concerned. When a young person, of either sex and of whatever condition in society, desires to improve himself in knowledge and good culture, he should be encouraged by all suitable means and motives; but the public school is not the place for large, mischievous, lazy boys or girls, who import more evil than they can be made to receive of good. We are glad to know that this view accords with the law and judicial decisions of the State. Thus it is written:—"The School Committee of a city or town have power, under the laws of this Commonwealth, in order to maintain the purity and discipline of the public schools, to exclude therefrom a child whom they deem to be of a licentious and immoral character, although such character is not manifested by any acts of licentiousness or immorality within the school." It is also written, "The School Committee has authority, not subject to revision, if exercised in good faith, to exclude a pupil from a public school for misconduct which injures its discipline and management; and the expulsion of such a pupil from the school by a part of the Committee, unanimously ratified afterwards by the full Committee, is not an irregularity in the exercise of the authority which gives the pupil a right of action against the town."

In managing untractable youth patience should have its perfect work. By the exercise of firmness, gentleness, love, obstinate wills have been made pliable and proud tempers subdued. But there is a limit beyond which, endurance of insolence, violence or disloyalty is not a virtue. Good order and good morals in school demand the removal of one who persistently disregards them.

TERMS AND VACATIONS THE ENSUING YEAR.

All the schools will begin the Spring term the first Monday (5th day) in April. Fall term, the last Monday (30th day) in August. Winter term, the last Monday (30th day) in November—i.e., as usual, Thanksgiving shall occur the last Thursday in November.

The High school will keep three terms of twelve weeks each, according to the requirement of the law. The length of the others will depend upon the means provided.

SCHOOL ROOM NEEDED.

The Centre Grammar schools, the 2d Grammar especially, have been quite too full for satisfactory work, the 1st numbering 33 and 56 scholars, and the 2d, 73 and 77. Desks have been furnished for the latter, so as to fill all available space, except that occupied by the recitation seats. A number of the scholars have been obliged to spend their hours of study in the High school room, and some, in the ante room. This condition of things has necessitated the discontinuance of writing and drawing for the last two terms. If the Committee could have found a suitable room conveniently situated, they would have divided the school.
A degree of growth has been reached in the Centre which very urgently demands the enlargement of school accommodation. Several years ago, as you well know, this matter was agitated, a committee of investigation appointed, and a plan for the enlargement of the High schoolhouse procured, but nothing further was done. These schools have varied somewhat in size from year to year since, but the relative and real increase of numbers is, and will be, here. Twenty years ago, of 616 children in the schools of Amherst, only 150—less than one-fourth—were in the West Centre. Last year there were registered 699 pupils. Of these, 377—nearly two-thirds the whole—were in the West Centre. There will, doubtless, continue to be growth here. The need is very urgent; we therefore recommend the appointment of a committee at the March meeting to inquire into this matter, and report to the town at an early day. We should regard this call for enlargement of schoolroom not only as a sign of growth, but as an evidence of the wisdom of maintaining the graded system of schools, adopted here about 20 years ago. A few years after its adoption your Committee said, in view of the manifest results of it:—"The citizens of Amherst need not be told that the schools have paid for themselves many times over in the wealth brought here by those who have sought the town as a place to educate their children." The colleges, of course, are the primary attraction, but our school system, efficiently sustained, greatly increases its force. Acting thus on the true Democratic principle, we level up, not down, and lay the best foundation for both material prosperity and mental culture; and all in accord with the lessons of observation and of history, which teach that "elementary education flourishes most where provision for higher education is most ample. In the United States the common schools have always produced the best results where the means of higher education have been the most plentiful." FOR THE COMING YEAR.

It seems desirable that the schools should be so graduated in length that the Primaries may be 33, Intermediates 34, Grammars 35 and the High Schools 36 weeks. We would like to furnish the teachers with more and better facilities, in Maps, charts, reference books etc.,

to aid them in their work. Quite probably a larger draft from the Academy fund than usual may be desired to aid in the classical and other departments of instruction in the High School. We would like to have something done in all the schools by a professional teacher of music, at the public expense. With returning prosperity it would gratify your committee to be able to furnish more liberal pay to some, at least, of our faithful teachers. We may be obliged to do this or lose them. We therefore propose that you raise for schools, including repairs, the sum of $8,000.

W. H. BEAMAN, } School
H. C. NASH, } Committees.
W. B. GRAVES, 

Amherst, Feb. 17, 1879.
Financial Statement.

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EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' wages, $5,602 84
Care of Schools and School Property, 500 00
Janitors, 250 00
Fuel, 467 69
Repairs, 938 51
Incidentals and Supplies, 300 23

Balance unexpended, $8,438 14.

Expenditures in Detail.

TEACHERS' WAGES.

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Allowing the sum paid for renewal of insurance, $265.00, which we did not anticipate, and which, as we think, should not be taken from the appropriation for Schools, we shall appear to have overdrawn $167.43. The fact should be stated in this connection that the insurance money allowed for damages by fire, fully covered the expense of repairs, and that a dividend of $32.40 is embraced in our insurance item of resources.
A. L. Dickinson, South East, three terms, $155.00
J. M. Allen, Mill Valley, $180.00
H. B. Dickinson, South Green, one term, $65.00
A. P. Hastings, two terms, $120.00
M. H. Ball, South West, three terms, $180.00
J. G. Carleton, Second Grammar, Drawing, $5.00

$4,002.84

FUEL ACCOUNT.
L. E. Dickinson, wood, $75.00
J. W. Wheelock, sawing wood, &c., $2.50
J. A. Albee, sawing wood, &c., $3.50
E. Jennings, $9.75
J. C. Hastings, wood and sawing, $10.75
A. J. Sanderson, sawing wood, $3.00
Curtiss & Co., wood, $17.48
D. Eaton, $20.00
D. M. Warren, $12.00
A. Adams, wood and sawing, $30.56
J. W. Dana, wood, $12.00
W. H. H. Morgan, coal, Amity, $77.01
O. D. Hunt, High, $101.00
N. Dickinson, drawing wood, &c., $1.75
T. M. Armstrong, wood, sawing, &c., $13.00
P. R. Brown, coal, North Primary, $19.89
L. Williams, coal, Amity, $14.50
A. Gates, wood, $5.00
J. L. Holley, wood, $4.00

$467.69

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
H. C. Nash, $50.00
W. H. Beaman, $500.00

$555.00

JANITORS.
South West, $77.00
" East, 7.00
" Green, 7.00
" Grammar, 7.00
Mill Valley, 7.00
City Primary, 7.00
North Primary, 14.00
North Grammar and Intermediate, 16.00
East Primary and Intermediate, 15.00
Amity and High, 161.00

$250.00

REPAIRS.
D. Carrier, work on Amity school-house, $3.08
G. E. Atkins, repairs at North Grammar, 38.05
G. G. Graves, work and supplies for High and Amity, 43.30
G. A. Waite, posts, North Grammar, 2.25
B. Marsh, repairs, 4.94
J. Scanlon, work, 2.00
F. G. Davis, painting at East, City and North Grammar, 35.19
R. Boyd, work at East and Amity, 25.31
W. E. Smith, work and supplies, High and Amity, 36.64
W. S. Westcott, shingles, 95.83
H. S. Moody, work on High and Amity, 21.74
D. Hart, house cleaning and repairs, 15.00
Mrs. Taylor, $77; Mrs. Linnehan, $77; Mrs. Thompson, $5, 19.00
H. W. Haskins, work and supplies, Amity, 96.04
L. E. Dickinson, fencing, Amity, 37.42
C. Chamberlain, work at South East, 17.00
Dickinson & Lee, work and supplies, Amity, 50.29
F. L. Pomeroy, labor and lumber on four So. Am. houses, 84.67
C. A. Puffer, work at South West, 16.10
J. W. Blodgett, 3.75
J. M. Cook, painting S. Green, S. Grammar and S. West, 26.40
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**$305 23**
Statistics of Visits and Attendance.

The School Registers used by the teachers in the Spring term were burned in the Town Treasurer's office on the night of the night of the fire of July Fourth. Hence, we cannot give the statistics for the first term.

In the report of visits by parents and others, no account is made of visits on examination days.

Perfect in attendance means neither absent nor tardy.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Number of scholars: Autumn, 74; average, 71. Winter, 71; average, 69. Extreme ages, 14 and 20 years. Number of girls, 57; boys, 18. Number of Seniors in Winter, 18; Juniors, 16; Sophomores, 10; Freshmen, 28. Visits, 20; by parents, 2.

FIRST GRAMMAR.

Number of scholars: Autumn, 56; average, 53. Winter, 53; average, 47.1-2. Extreme ages, 18 and 11 years. Girls, 26; boys, 31. Visits, 10; by parents, 1. Perfect in attendance two terms: Stella and Frank Bragg, Willie Magill. One term, Lizzie Beach, Ella Moody, Fred Humphrey, Charles Edwards, Earnest Carleton. 23 came from east of Prof. Mather's.

SECOND GRAMMAR.

Number of scholars: Autumn, 14; average, 11. Winter, 15; average, 12. Extreme ages, 11 and 16 years. Number of girls, 4; boys, 11. Number of visits, 38; by parents, 7.

FIRST INTERMEDIATE.

Number of scholars: Autumn, 39; Winter, 38; average, 35. Extreme ages, 8 and 16 years. Number of girls, 18; boys, 22. Number of visits, 18; by parents, 2. Perfect in attendance for two terms: Alice Shira, Charlie White. Perfect in attendance for one term: Mary McGrath, Mary Thomas, Dwight Dickinson, Frank Bigelow, Howard Merritt.

SECOND INTERMEDIATE.

Number of scholars: Autumn, 29; Winter, 31; average, 28. Extreme ages, 8 and 13 years. Number of girls, 14; boys, 11. Number of visits, 15; by parents, 6. Perfect in attendance for two terms: Mary Doherty, Fannie White, Frank Brown, Freddie Fish, Ollie Pease. Perfect in attendance for one term: Hattie Redding, Josie Gilbert, Beatrice Chaplin, Mary Baker, Tommie Haley, Matthew White, Charlie Peeney, Morris Surry.

NORTH INTERMEDIATE.

Number of scholars: Autumn, 40; average, 33. Winter, 40; average, 37. Extreme ages 8 and 15 years. Number of girls, 14; boys, 26. Number of visits, 33; by parents, 2. Perfect in attendance for two terms: Alice Eastman. Perfect in attendance for one term: Laura Dickinson, Lena Guertin, Mary Hobart, Herbert Dickinson, Frank Haskins, Henry Haskins, George Parker, Willie Murphy. Willie Kellogg has been perfect in attendance 5 years, except one tardiness, rendered necessary by an accident.

SOUTH GREEN.


SOUTH WEST.

Number of scholars: Autumn, 18; average, 14. Winter, 16; average, 11. Extreme ages, 5 and 15 years. Number of girls, 8; boys, 10. Number of visits, 40; by parents, 2. Perfect in attendance for two terms: Minnie Baker, Cora Johnson. Perfect in attendance for one term: Gertie and Gracie Johnson, Herbert Hayward, Estes Merrick.

SOUTH EAST.

Number of scholars: Autumn, 18; average, 17. Winter, 19; average, 18. Extreme ages, 6 and 17 years. Number of visits, 12; by parents, 9. Number of girls, 2; boys, 17. Perfect in attendance for one term: Lillie Merritt, Fred Adams, Allie Thayer.

MILL VALLEY.

Number of scholars: Autumn, 14; average, 13. Winter, 15; average, 14. Extreme ages, 5 and 13 years. Number of girls, 7; boys, 8. Number of visits, 30; by parents, 5. Perfect in attendance for two terms: Alice Smith, Willie Holley. Perfect in attendance for one term: Susie Holley, Cora Taylor.
EAST INTERMEDIATE.

Number of scholars: Autumn, 37; average, 35. Winter, 37; average, 33. Extreme ages, 7 and 14 years. Number of girls, 18; boys, 21. Number of visits, 67; by parents, 11. Perfect in attendance for two terms: Alyn Ball. Perfect in attendance for one term: Gertie Spaulding, Sarah Eaton, Hattie Edbrooks, Alice Heath, Minnie Moulton, Mabel Morse, Harry Allen, Robbie Boyd, Charlie Fish, George Hawley, Nellie Hubbard, Walter Purple.

SOUTH GREEN.


SOUTH WEST.

Number of scholars: Autumn, 18; average, 14. Winter, 16; average, 14. Extreme ages, 5 and 15 years. Number of girls, 8; boys, 10. Number of visits, 40; by parents, 2. Perfect in attendance for two terms: Minnie Baker, Cora Johnson. Perfect in attendance for one term: Gertie and Gracie Johnson, Herbert Hayward, Estes Merrick.

SOUTH EAST.

Number of scholars: Autumn, 18; average, 17. Winter, 19; average, 18. Extreme ages, 5 and 17 years. Number of visits, 12; by parents, 5. Number of girls, 9; boys, 17. Perfect in attendance for one term: Lillie Merritt, Fred Adams, Allie Thayer.

MILL VALLEY.

Number of scholars: Autumn, 14; average, 13. Winter, 15; average, 14. Extreme ages, 5 and 13 years. Number of girls, 7; boys, 8. Number of visits, 30; by parents, 5. Perfect in attendance for two terms: Alice Smith, Willie Holley. Perfect in attendance for one term: Susie Holley, Cora Taylor.

NORTH PRIMARY.


CITY PRIMARY.


EAST PRIMARY.


FIRST PRIMARY.

Number of scholars: Autumn, 43; average, 42. Winter, 42. Extreme ages, 6 and 11 years. Number of girls, 21; boys, 22. Number of visits, 9; by parents, 3. Perfect in attendance for two terms: Louisa Trott, Sammy Hyde. Perfect in attendance for one term: Louisa Fish, Emma Hawkins, Nellie White, Dwight Dickinson, Willie Hyde, Walter Paige, James Whitney.

SECOND PRIMARY.

Number of scholars: Autumn, 56. Winter, 55; average, 54. Extreme ages, 5 and 10 years. Number of girls, 33; boys, 23. Number of visits, 10; by parents, 3. Perfect in attendance for one term: Katy Shire, John Dobery, John McGee, Charlie Pease, Bennie Whitney.
Whole number in all the schools, 699
Average, “ “ “ 644
Whole number of visits, “ “ “ 515
“ “ “ by parents, 89
Whole number of girls, 346
Whole number of boys, 353
Whole number in 1878, 706
Average “ “ “ 585
Whole number between 5 and 15 years in 1878, 734

It will be seen by comparing numbers that the East Street schools rank higher as to visits. Considering their size, the North Primary, South Grammar, and South West may be regarded as scarcely below the East.

We hope that this record of visits and attendance will be stimulating to all the parents and their school children, as well as to the teachers. It is very pleasant to be able to record the names of so many who have been perfect in attendance one or more terms. May the coming year furnish even a better record, both of attendance and visits, visits especially by parents. There should be very free and kind intercourse between parents and teachers. If the former could frequently be seen in the school-room, they might help not a little. Earnestly is this advised when the reporting cards indicate something wrong in deportment, attendance, or scholarship.

Graduates in 1879.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

Jonathan Greenleaf, Edward A. Guernsey, Frederick W. Hamlin, Richard S. Harvey,

CORBY F. McFarland, Calvin H. Morse, Edward S. Orr, Ernest M. Roberts.

ENGLISH.

Abbie A. Waite.

ENGLISH AND CLASSICAL.

Estella Cowles, Hattie M. Harrington, Addie P. Hastings,

Mary L. Lawton, Gertrude E. Stratton, A. Josephine Ward.
Appropriations Recommended, 1880.

For Schools,
- School-house repairs, $6,500.00
- Paupers, 400.00
- Almshouse, enlargement, 2,200.00
- Highways, 2,250.00
- Bridges, 400.00
- Concrete walks, 400.00
- Contingent Expenses, 1,200.00
- Fire Department, 700.00
- Town Officers, 800.00
- Police, lock-up and lamps, 600.00
- Libraries, 300.00
- Pastoral Duties, 50.00
- School Bonds, 500.00
- Military, 500.00
- Agricultural Note, 2000.00
- Town Debt, 5,000.00
- Interest, 10,510.00

Payments of Town Debt.

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* One note of $10,000 due the State in 1888.
† One note of $20,000 due the State in 1891.

One note of $27,700 due the Amherst Savings Bank.

Total bonded debt, $103,200.
Articles

TO BE VOTED ON AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,
MARCH 1st, 1880.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in 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, Overseers of the Poor and General School Committee, and to act thereon.

ARTICLE 4. To Choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 5. To choose an Elector under the provisions of the Will of the late Oliver Smith.

ARTICLE 6. To determine the manner of repairing the Highways and Bridges for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 7. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year, and to make appropriations of the same.

ARTICLE 8. To see what sum, if any, the town will appropriate for the Free Public Libraries in Amherst.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will cause an examination to be made of the boundaries of the Lock-up and Engine House, and see if there is any encroachment on other parties.

ARTICLE 10. To hear the report of the committee appointed at the last Annual Meeting, on the Sidewalks.

ARTICLE 11. To see what action the town will take in regard to the License question for the year.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will require all the Town Officers, (except the Moderator) to be chosen by ballot, to be brought in on one ballot and the polls to be kept open three hours.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will make any addition of land to the West Cemetery or look for ground elsewhere.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will make an appropriation to defray the expense of publishing and distributing to the citizens, the Historical Address delivered by M. F. Dickinson Jr., on the occasion of the Town Centennial Celebration.
To THE VOTERS OF AMHERST:

Hearing been elected by your fathers to the several offices of the town, as Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector, in 1837, and continued by them till 1846, when we resigned; and then again re-elected by you in 1857, and continued in those offices by your almost unanimous suffrages till 1880, we wish to make a public expression of thanks for their and your support for 33 years, and that our labors have been appreciated by you. We have endeavored to perform all our duties uprightly and honestly. The registration reports have been annually published, from which we learn that there has been 2694 deaths since we took the reports in 1837, when the population at that time was about 2500. In the last 23 years there is registered 799 marriages, 1970 births, and 1645 deaths. We rejoice that we have not been tempted to use any of the town's money, though One Million Three Hundred and Thirty-nine Thousand, Three Hundred, Eighty-six Dollars and Fifty cents has been received and disbursed.

We now positively resign into your hands the various offices which we have held, trusting that they may be filled by persons capable and competent.

S. C. CARTER, Town Clerk, Treasurer, & Collector.

Amherst, Feb. 18, 1880.
Amount raised for debts in 5 years 1873-1878

Amount raised 31,278

Amount paid 30,000

Short of approx. $1,278.

This was able in the first year of my being assessor.

The 5 years previous to the amount raised for debts 25,169

Debts paid 18,035

Short of approx. 7,134

The town remained in debt in five years 1873 to 1878

$7,134.
Expenses of Town Office for 5 years including only
Selectmen Officers and Assessors
1874 for 1873
Selectmen clerk 45.4
Assessors 344
$796.

1874
Selectmen 60
Assessors 373
$823.

1875
Selectmen Officers 45.0
Assessors 346
$796.

1876
Selectmen Officers 50.0
Assessors 338
$838.

1877
Selectmen Officers 475
Assessors 352
$827.

Total 5 years $4036.
Expenses of Selectmen
Overseers & Assessors
for 5 years 1878 to 1883
1878
Selectmen
Overseers
Assessors $325.00 $455.00
1879
Selectmen
Assessors 465.00 700.00
1880
Selectmen
Overseers 500
Assessors 235 735.00
1881
Selectmen
Overseers 500
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Selectmen
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Year | Real Estate | Personal | Total
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1880 | 1,752.785 | 762.458 | 2,515.243
1881 | 1,804.180 | 1,030.971 | 2,835.151
1882 | 1,857.220 | 574.945 | 2,432.165
1883 | 2,007.459 | 712.314 | 2,729.773

Lowered the years Howard town assessed $215,108
1884

Valuation Real Estate $210,100
Personal $51,252
Total $2,712,353

Tax 44,224.24
Town Tax 37,450

Rate 17.50
Town Treasurer

1885

Valuation Real Estate $204,630
Personal $51,252
Total $2,773,852

Tax

Town Tax

Rate

1885

Valuation Real Estate $213,596
Personal $53,137
Total $2,789,482

Tax $64,317.86
Town Tax 42,179.20

Rate 18.75

1886

Value real estate $2,163,216.00
State tax $2,731.30
Personal completes 3819.77
Total $2,856.340

Tax $41,171.69
Town Tax $32,675.82

Rate $13.80

1886

State Tax 2235
1881 X 2115 more
1886 County Tax 3819.77
1881 3595.97 more
224.00
1881
Town Tax 34,373.00
1886 2767.50

Rate 1881 15.25
1886 13.50
1.45 less rate than 1885

1887

Town Tax $29,075.60
County 3819.77
State 2255.00
Im per cent 3.578.97

Rate 1887 17.17

Total Town Tax $34,031.17

1887

Value Real Estate $22,238.40

Personal $6,683.01

Total $28,921.41

Town Tax $41,371.44

State & County $2,262,47

Total Tax $44,633.91

Rate $16.60

1888

Value Real Estate $2,234,100

Personal $792,972

Total $3,026,072

Town Tax $36,500

State & County

Total Tax

Rate $15.25
### Town Debt - 1824

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**Total:** 149,700

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### Interest 1873

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**Total Interest:** 96,082

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### Calculation

1. **Year:**
   - **1873:** 10,896
   - **1874:**
     - **Interest:** 10,896 x 105.197 = 11,129
     - **Paid:** 10,077
     - **Balance:** 1,052
   - **1875:** 10,896 x 105.197 = 11,129
     - **Paid:** 10,077
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     - **Paid:** 10,077
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**Total for 1874 to 1893:** 183,612

**Interest:** 96,082

**Balance:** 1,052
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