# Annual Report

## Schools

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## Teachers

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## Table of Statistics

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## Selectmen & Overseers of the Poor

For the Town of Amherst,

For the Year Ending March 1, 1875.

### Amherst:

Henry M. McLough, Printer and Bookbinder.

1875.
SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor respectfully present their report for the year ending March 1st, 1875.

According to your instructions at the last annual town meeting, that we should not exceed any appropriation in our expenditures, we have strictly complied, and have in no case gone beyond, and in only three accounts have asked for more, viz: highways, paupers and bridges.

HIGHWAYS.

We have done, we think, thorough and complete work to some portions of our highways, and to all where work has been done, we have tried to economize and do it well. The East Street division has been very thoroughly worked, in a way that will last and be of some use to the town. Very little will be required there for some time to come. With the assistance of property owners adjoining we have put in a covered culvert or drain, on the north side of Main Street, east of the railroad, at an expense to the town of about $300, which is included in our highway expenditures, and we are in hopes it will prevent the water flowing over the road that has caused so much damage in
times past. While this was being done the citizens in that neighborhood very generously contributed, and caused to be placed there a splendid iron watering tank for horses, and for which the citizens deserve great praise. We hope the town will profit by their example and put in others. The roads were generally left in good condition at the closing in of winter.

CULVERTS.

From observations during the great freshet in July we are enabled to tell the town there are but few culverts large enough, and none that let the water through with ease and freedom at this time. Those on the Triangle road are very much too small, and at the height of the above mentioned freshet the water was about ten inches higher on the north than the south side of the road. These culverts should be made larger, and great caution used hereafter in building to make them large enough for any emergency. We again repeat the necessity that some way be devised that the grade of the streets, size of the culverts and course of the water and outlets be known and fixed in the village, that things done once may be permanently and well done.

BRIDGES AND RAILINGS.

We have built a new bridge with stone abutments complete on the Belchertown road, near R. H. Howard's, which is a very substantial structure, at a cost of $683.74. We have also built several smaller ones at the ends of the town. It has been our aim in constructing or repairing the bridges to use our best skill and judgment, that they might not only be safe and durable, but easy to approach. Though perhaps they may have cost a little more at first, we considered it a saving in the end. Proper materials and good workmanship has been our motto. In the most dangerous places we have put up some railings by the sides of the road, and at many more places railings are needed.

LOCK-UP.

Chapter 175 of Acts and Resolves of 1873 directs towns of a sufficient number of inhabitants (and Amherst is one of those towns) to provide a lock-up and appoint a keeper, at such salary as the Selectmen may deem proper. In connection with the lock-up the night police and lamps have been attended to and cared for, and it has also been the lodging place for tramps. Now for all of these expenses the town appropriated only $400, and the balance of funds sufficient has been procured by individual subscription. There have been fourteen prisoners that have paid us for the use of the lock-up $14, and we have lodged and fed two hundred and ninety-six tramps, at an expense of $128.40. Of this number four were females, twenty-five Americans, sixty-two English, one hundred and seventy-four Irish, thirty-three Germans and two colored.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

At a special town meeting, March 30th, the town voted that the Fire Department be organized as directed by General Statutes, Chapter 24, Sections 24, 25 and 26,
and accordingly we proceeded to appoint by notice, placing the same on record, the following gentlemen as Fire Engineers: E. A. Thomas, Henry Holland, J. L. Skinner, John A. Pierce, Watson W. Cowles, Moses E. Cushman, O. S. Longley, Henry Johnson and Merritt Crossett. Further information regarding the Fire Department may be had by referring to the Engineers' report, hereafter found.

CEMETERIES.

Our cemeteries for the past year have not received any very extended improvements. They have been kept in good order, and nearly so from the funds received from the sale of lots. We recommend that no money be appropriated for this purpose, but rely upon the income from the sale of the lots for their care and order.

TOWN FARM AND PAUPERS.

The improvements at the Town Farm and buildings have not been as numerous as we had wished for. We have shingled and fixed up the old barn generally, made new stairs at the east end outside of the house, with other improvements, which certainly is far more pleasant if not more healthy. The buildings are now in very good repair. We have placed a stove, transformed into a heater, at the east end of the hall, with a pipe through all the rooms, which makes the house warm and comfortable for the inmates. The following persons have died to whom the Town have rendered assistance and support since our last report: Mrs. Sophin Dunbar of Belchertown, Mrs. Joanna Wedge of Wilkinsonville, Lucy Kimball from Poor House, child of Ruth Hall and John Wilson, a tramp.

The hard times and the laws of 1874 concerning paupers, makes us liable for more expenditure in this department than heretofore, and we recommend that a liberal appropriation be made to this account.

In presenting for your consideration and action this the following report of our own doings for the past year, we have given you a statement of accounts as much in detail as possible, and we think it can be seen just what has been done and how the money has been expended. And in retiring from the office we have held for the past two years, we can say the town affairs are in a prosperous condition, and return to you our thanks for the honor you have conferred upon us.
TOWN EXPENSES.

STATE AID—(MONEY BORROWED.)

Expended for thirteen different families:

BILLS OF 1873 PAID IN 1874.

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<td>O. Sikes, farm warden</td>
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ROAD DAMAGES IN 1872—(COOKE CASE.)

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<td>E. &amp; W. A. Dickinson, legal services</td>
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<td>David Aiken</td>
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<td>Award to Mrs. D. S. Cooke</td>
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Appropriation in 1874, $1556.74

Loans and Debts.

Paid Edmund Hobart, note, 1873, $350.00
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Total: $5560.00

AGRICULTURAL BONDS.

Paid Bonds Nos. 69, 73 and 77, $500 each, due 1873, $1500.00
| Bond No. 81 and 83, $1000 each, 1874 | $2000.00 |
| Interest on bonds | $736.25 |

Total: $4236.25

Unexpended balance, 1873, $1506.25

Appropriation, 1874, $2780.00

Unexpended balance, 1875, $4286.25

SCHOOL BONDS AND INTEREST.

Appropriation, 1874, $830.00
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Paid School Bond No. 14, "Interest" $500.00
$300.00
$300.00

MILITARY BONDS AND INTEREST.
Appropriation, 1874, EXPENDED.
Paid Military Bond No. 11, "Interest" $500.00
$297.92
$767.92

Unexpended balance, $12.88

DECORATION DAY.
Appropriation, 1874, EXPENDED.
Paid B. R. Franklin, treasurer Post No. 36, G. A. R., $100.00
$100.00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.
Appropriation, 1874, EXPENDED.
Paid J. A. rawson, treasurer, $200.00
$200.00

INTEREST, 1874.
Appropriation, EXPENDED.
Paid State Treasurer, May 7, $650.00
$650.00
$650.00

H. Ingram, June 7, 49.00
A. King, July 1, 105.00
Amherst Savings Bank, July 1, 1525.59
Franklin Inst., Greenfield, July 1, 1750.00
Sarah Holmes, Oct. 1, 8.75
Mrs. Emerson, Dec. 4, 30.10
State Treasurer, Nov. 7, 650.00
Dec. 9, 300.00
Jan. 1, 900.00
Amherst Savings Bank, Jan. 1, 1329.60
Franklin Inst., Greenfield, Jan. 1, 1750.00
First National Bank, Sept. 1, 92.27
E. Hobart, on Note No. 5, 39.08
$11,109.20

Expended over appropriation, $92.20

HIGHWAYS AND SIDEWALKS.
Appropriations for highways and sidewalks have been expended by the surveyors as follows:

BY E. R. HOWARD.

Chester Williams and team, $442.24
Matthew Gleason, work, 134.20
John McCarty, 2nd, work, 76.25
Joseph Wiley, work, 81.00
Charles Wiley, work, 8.00
E. P. Whitney and team, 94.19
O. P. Gaylord and team, 14.00
Noah Dickinson, work, 2.80
Harry Mathews, work, 4.00
Levi L. Pence, team-work, 20.00
O. H. Curtis, work, 15.40
Wm. & Basset, team-work, 7.35
James Hastings, plow points, 6.75
R. H. Howard, tile and gravel, 5.84
E. P. Whitney, stones and gravel, 100.00
E. P. Strong, for scraper, 25.00
P. D. Spaulding, gravel, 20.64

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<td>Amariah Dickinson</td>
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<td>Henry Grossman</td>
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<td>Samuel Smith, posts</td>
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<td>Thomas Courtney</td>
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Horace Cook, work and gravel, 28 00
B. H. Taylor, work, 3 00
George Crafts, work, 4 60
Horace Bolden, work, 2 00
James Sharkey, work, 2 00
Michael Mayher, work, 2 00
Charles G. Ayers and team, 5 00
N. L. Harlow, plank and plow points, 3 16
George Newell, work, 3 00

BY SYLVESTER HASKINS.

Sylvester Haskins and "teams, workman, work, $118 50

BY EDMUND HOBART.

Edmund Hobart and team, 28 60
Leonard Marsh, work, 2 00
George Howard, work, 18 00
Stillman Hobart, work, 18 00
R. Puffer, work, 5 75
E. P. Spear, work, 2 00
Wm. Childs, work, 24 00
Jonathan Cowles, gravel, 2 00
H. Kellogg, gravel, 5 00
J. C. Reed, work, 2 00
M. F. Dickinson, tile, 1 70

$172 05

Amount of appropriation, $3,300
Total expended, 3,300

BRIDGES.

The appropriations for bridges have been expended as follows, including the new bridge near R. H. Howard's, which cost $658.

74, and a new bridge in South Amherst near J. E. Merrick's, costing $96.61:

Wm. Dickinson, for lumber, $15 13
Jason Jenkins, for stone, 161 85
Wm. W. Smith, stone, 5 00
Harvey White, lumber and labor, 28 69
George B. Galloud, plank, 36 04
George H. Prince, plank, 160 76
Wm. S. Westcott, timber, 26 00
C. W. Lessey, plans and superintendence, 36 72
Edmund Hobart, labor and lumber, 88
C. R. Williams, gravel, 11 92
Wm. Kellogg, spikes, 8 00
C. W. Dana, stone, 3 00
G. A. Howard, gravel, 3 00
G. A. Wail, labor, 9 08
J. C. Lessure, laying stone, 37 59
Orin Sikes, timber, 31 02
J. E. Merrick, labor and labor, $1,000 00

Expended, $1,000 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation, $1,500 00

Noah Dickinson, elector, 15 00
Asa Adams, assessor, 126 00
C. W. Lessey, assessor, 149 00
Waitstill Dickinson, assessor, 98 00
G. B. Galloud, constable services, 324 95
S. C. Carter, collector, 1 per cent. on taxes, 250 00
C. W. Lessey, selectman and overseer, 100 00
Waitstill Dickinson, selectman and overseer, 100 00
Edmund Hobart, selectman and overseer, 100 00
S. C. Carter, town clerk and treasurer, 12 00
James Hastings, care of town standards, 12 00
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Cemeteries:

Appropriation, 200 00
From sale of lots in west cemetery, 150 00
From sale of lots in north cemetery, 5 00
Total, 355 00

Expended, west cemetery:

| F. Harlow, 3⅓ days' labor | $8.75 |
| J. P. Gray, 24½ days' work  | $5.40 |
| C. H. Osgood, 3½             | $1.10 |
| O. Chapin, 4                 | $0.80 |
| O. M. Chapp, work            | $2.42 |
| H. White, breaking paths     | $0.20 |
| W. Kellogg, for a rake       | $92.00 |

Total, $114.09

North cemetery:

| A. & N. Dwight, pump        | $15.75 |
| D. Graves & Co., fence      | $29.80 |
| D. Eaton, 200 oak stakes    | $6.00  |
| C. R. Dickinson, labor      | $3.00  |
| M. F. Dickinson, labor      | $3.00  |
| M. F. Dickinson, 13 posts   | $1.56  |

Harvey White, rent, and care of hearse, 13 62
Total expenses, $193.82
Unexpended balance, $141.18

Contingent expenses:

Appropriation, $1,500.00
Received from State for Armory rent, 100 00

Expended:

| D. W. Palmer, rent of hall,    | $175.00     |
| S. C. Carter, rent of selectmen and assessors' room and fuel, 35 50 |
| H. M. McCloud, printing and advertising, 185 10 |
| Bridge & Childs, a ledger,     | 4.00        |
| E. Russell, use of lot,        | 10.00       |
| C. P. Dickinson, watering trough, 35.62 |
| E. A. Thomas, insurance,       | 41.00       |
| J. P. Gray, 2⅔ days' work      | $54.00      |
| M. F. Dickinson, labor         | $29.42      |
| W. Kellogg, for a rake         | $2.90       |
| A. Church,                     | $3.75       |
| M. F. Dickinson, labor         | $2.69       |
| Young Brothers,                | $1.00       |
| M. N. Spear, stationery        | $9.00       |
| F. Nelson, stationery          | $41.00      |
| L. P. Comkey, legal services   | 9.00        |
| Clark Bryan & Co., tax books   | 2.00        |
| M. M. Marsh, table             | $26.10      |
| Young Brothers, book-case, &c. | $7.87       |
| C. W. Lessay, expenses to M. C. B. R. meeting, 19.11 |
| to North Bridge water,         | $115.67     |
| D. W. Palmer, armory rent      | 15.02       |
| Portages and express, &c.      | 19.89       |
| Couch & Heywood, lamps for court room, $778.49 |

Unexpended balance, 721.51

Lock-up keeper, night police and street lamps:

Appropriation, $400.00
Received from prisoners, 14.00
from subscription, 391.50

Expended:

| F. A. Thayer, for lock-up keeper, (Act 1873), | $100.00 |


S. H. Curtiss, for coal, 54.87
Dickinson & Lee, labor, 5.00
L. J. Spear, iron-work, 2.35
Wm. Kellogg, lock, and screws, 3.96
T. W. Sloan, care of lock-up, eight days, 2.75

STREET LAMPS.
H. Holland, oil and glass, 25.07
E. J. Wheaton, oil and gasoline, 11.22

NIGHT POLICE.
F. A. Thayer, policeman, to March 1, 611.76

Expense over receipts, 1148.13
Due on subscription, 10.80

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

INMATES OF THE ALMS HOUSES.
Norman Smith, aged 61
Melinda Hall, " 68
Harriet Williams, " 57
Sophia Randolph, " 49
Eunice Kimball, (deceased), " 60
Bridge Deignan, " 63
Louisa Holden, " 29

PAID OUT FOR TOWN FARM AND POOR.
To Appraisal Farm property, 1874, $2,443.00
Warden's services, 375.00
Pastoral duties, 50.00
Medical services and medicines, 30.35
Insurance, personal property, 11.15
Hired help for Farm, 234.24
T. Armstrong, carpenter work, 65.69
Planing and sawing lumber, 4.78
George Barton, painting, 6.25

To Oxen and bull,
E. B. Fitts, meal, 159.00
W. S. Westcott, shorts, 77.92
Gaylord & Holley, meal, 30.30
Saw bill, and shingles, 23.25
Rye and flour, 22.90
E. B. Fitts, plaster, 17.20
Grass seed, 19.83
W. Dickinson, store bill, 234.73
Mr. Sheldon, ashes for farm, 63.71
M. M. Marsh & Co., coffins, 23.00
Blacksmithing and hardware, 51.45
A & N. Dwight, repairing pump, 2.93
H. Barton, provisions, 16.43
B. E. Kendrick, provisions, 1.40
R. Pratt, pasture, 4.32
Ladder and scythe, 1.65
Clothing and shoes, 23.87
C. E. Hutchinson, mending harness, 3.65
Dea. Reed, beans, 11.62
C. E. Hayward, pickets, 1.75
C. D. Baker, candles, 3.00
H. Holland, salt, &c., 5.30
C. E. Hutchinson, horse-comb, 50.00
" soap and potash, 2.38
Peddler, milk pans, 4.60
Weighting straw, 4.20
Crackers, 9.44
C. M. Ufford, brooms, 2.20
" onions and quinces, 4.00
P. R. Brown, coal, 17.40
Killing hogs; beef barrel, 4.65
Freight on apples, 1.75
Paid for grilling, 59
Wm. W. Hunt, stoves, 57.76

$4,125.25
PAID FOR PAUPERS OUTSIDE OF ALMS HOUSE.

City of Springfield, Mrs. Douglass, $34.90
Springfield and Pelham, T. H. Thompson family, 25.01
Thurber family, 6.00
Matthews family, 58.67
Mrs. Holden, 8.59
Insane hospital, Horace Frazier, (colored), 211.32
Mrs. Deignan, 27.70
State Charities.—For J. Q. Brailey, Joanna Wedge, 17.00
Sophia Dunbar, 41.00
Mrs. Parsons, expenses, 6.75
Packard and Holden family, 28.00
Mrs. Sherman, 2.00
Child of Manley O. Brailey, 11.55
Hawley family, 8.98
Mrs. Jennings and family, 17.20
Mrs. Mary Dickinson, 39.00
Mrs. Newell-Jennings, 52.00
Goodell children, 280.00
Provision for tramps, 128.44
Johnson Franklin, 82.00
Mrs. Lucy Gibbs, 8.75
Mrs. Thomas and children (col.), 2.95

Cost of outside poor, $1,100.02
Appraisal, and Farm poor, 4,125.23
Total expended, $5,225.25

APPRaisal OF PROPERTY ON FARM.

FARM STOCK.

1 horse, $150.00
1 pair of oxen, 160.00
9 cows, 450.00
1 bull, 37.00
4 swine, 60.00
12 fowls, 6.00
$883.00

18 tons good hay, $324.00
6 tons second quality, and bedding, 50.00
70 bushels corn, 14.00
20 bushels oats, 25.00
25 bushels rye, 7.50
24 bushels beans, 450.80

WOOD, LUMBER, ETC.

18 cords wood, cut and piled, $72.00
12 cords green wood, drawn to door, 37.50
1200 pounds coal, 7.50
4,000 thousand shingles, 13.00
500 feet of lumber, 10.00
17 logs at mill, 8.50
$149.00

FARM TOOLS AND MACHINES.

2 ox carts, $80.00
1 farm wagon, 40.00
1 express wagon, 20.00
1 mowing machine, 25.00
1 hay tedder, 60.00
1 horse rake, 15.00
3 plows, 10.00
2 harrows, 4.00
1 cornbinder and fanning mill, 5.00
1 harness, robe and blanket, 25.00
5 chains, 3 forks, 3 shovels, 14.00
3 hay forks, 15.00
5 sleigh, 1 ox sled, 7.00
1 cultivator, 2 ox yokes, 3.00
1 wheel barrow, 1 iron bar, 5.00
1 grind stone, 5.00
2 axes, 2 wood saws, 324.50

$883.00
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PROVISIONS IN CELLAR.

- Flour and sugar, $10.00
- Beef, dressed and in barrels, 10.00
- Pork and hams in barrels, 82.00
- Lard, 16.00
- Fresh pork, 10.00
- 75 bushels potatoes, 37.50
- Apples, 10.00
- Cider and vinegar, 10.00
- Beets, turnips and carrots, 5.00
- Onions, 1.00
- 40 pounds butter, 12.00
- Dried apples, 10.00

FARM PROPERTY, BROUGHT FORWARD.

- Farm stock, $833.00
- Hay, corn and oats, 490.50
- Wood, lumber and coal, 149.00
- Farm tools and implements, 324.50
- Provisions in cellar, 218.50
- Household furniture, 400.00

Total appraisal, 1875, $2,430.00

Appropriation, 2,000.00

RECEIVED FROM SALE OF FARM PRODUCES.

From H. Barton, beef and hides, $31.05
- Increase Sikes, beef, 10.00
- C. Miller, butter, 227.03
- Use of bull, 7.50
- Mrs. Manley, milk, 4.77
- Orrin Sikes, pork, 17.42
- C. E. Hayward, lumber, 14.14
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The above contains no account of farm produce used at the farm for the family or inmates.
ENGINEERS' REPORT.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the Town of Amherst:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Engineers of the Fire Department respectfully submit the following Report:

The Town, at its annual meeting, appropriated for the Fire Department the sum of $500.00.

At a subsequent meeting there was transferred, for the same purpose, from the unexpended balance in the treasury the sum of $250.00. Total appropriations, $750.00.

Paid:—Cabaret Engine Co., yearly pay of members, $300.00.
Lafayette Hook & Ladder Co., yearly pay of members, 150.00.
Norwich Co., repairs on hose, 42.18.
C. W. Bonny, labor on engine, 8.00.
E. A. Adams, ladders and freight, 78.84.
G. S. Train, labor on engine (for 1872-3), 28.65.
Dennis Scanlin, labor on reservoir, 5.00.
Edward Conolly, labor on reservoir, 3.00.
Daniel Dowd, labor on reservoir, 2.00.
Leander Merrick, labor on reservoir, 75.
R. W. Stratton, lumber and stone for reservoir, 9.03.
J. F. Gilbert, labor and supplies for reservoir, 8.50.
L. J. Spear, iron-work, 59.
S. & N. Dwight, repairs on pumps, 2.20.

Total expenditures, with balance, $750.00.

We hereby recommend the Town to appropriate the sum of $750 for the use of the Fire Department the ensuing year.

It has been our aim to make the best preparation possible with what we had, for any emergency that might arise.

The Engine Company and engine are in charge of Capt. T. W. Sloan. The engine is in perfect order, and ready for use at any moment. The Company numbers thirty men, but not having been called into active service during the year, we are unable to speak of their conduct at a fire. In drill they are efficient, and under good discipline. The Hook and Ladder Company is in charge of Mr. M. N. Spear, a veteran in the service, who needs no endorsement from us. The fire record of the town must be gratifying one to all our citizens as well as to the insurance companies writing upon our property.

The number of fires within the town since the appointment of the Board, March 30, 1874, is two. The first occurred in April last, at the residence of Mr. L. W. Banning, on Main street, involving a loss of nineteen dollars. The second, the 29th of January, destroying some lamp-black at the works of Mr. Wm. Cutler, near the depot, causing slight loss to the owner, but to what extent we are unable to say. Considering the size of Amherst, and the amount of property liable to burn, we believe few towns can show a better exhibit.

We recommend the greatest care in the storage and use of kerosene, now so commonly, and we fear, so carelessly handled.
We also call attention to the reckless manner of keeping matches, frequently in a dozen places, about our dwellings, where children are liable to reach them, often endangering their lives, as well as our own and our neighbors' property. Kerosene oil and friction matches can do in a short time for Amherst what a carelessly constructed reservoir has done for the property owners of Mill River valley, though perhaps not so quickly. The reckless habit which some persons have of keeping ashes about the premises in wooden vessels, should be abandoned at once. No insurance company will carry a risk on such a risk, knowingly; neither would they pay a policy where loss resulted, if the fact could be established, as will be seen by a careful perusal of the requirements in this respect in all policies of insurance.

Before closing stores and dwellings where fires are kept through the night, a careful inspection should be made of all stores 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.

We have procured for the Fire Department several extension ladders, of different lengths, and they may be found at the following places:

At North Amherst, at the residence of Mr. Watson Cowles.
At North Amherst City, at the depot, and at J. R. Cushman & Sons' mill.
At East Street, at the store of Mr. E. J. Wheaton.
At South Amherst, at the Town Farm.
Also, two at the Engine house, Centre.

Messrs. H. D. Fearing & Co. are also supplied with these ladders, and will cheerfully loan them in case of fire. We have also purchased, and placed in the Engine room, one hundred buckets. These, in willing hands, skillfully used, are the best fire extinguishers in the world. These buckets are for the use of the citizens, not the engine men. The time required for the members of the Engine company to reach the Engine, and of a necessity, often, the time required to reach a fire and haul the Engine into proper position for use, give a fire great headway, and therefore the citizens who are willing to aid the firemen are invited to lend a helping hand with buckets.

We recommend the purchase, at once, of two or more portable fire extinguishers, two at least, to be kept in the Police Station. These extinguishers are endorsed by the best engineers of the country, and should be placed in convenient places in every town.

The bell on the Engine House will be rung only to give an alarm of fire. Permission has been obtained to use the bell on the Baptist church, and the night police provided with a key to the church. A key to the same may also be found at the store of Mr. W. W. Hunt. No other bell will be rung, except when there shall be a serious configuration.

There are eleven reservoirs owned by the Town, located as follows: Three on the Common, two on Amity street, three on Pleasant street, one south of College Hill, one near Dr. Taylor's, on High street, and one at East Street. There are also reservoirs—two near the barn of R. S. Lincoln, one near the residence of O. G. Conch, and one near the residence of Rev. J. L. Jenkins, owned by individuals. We are unable to give the capacity of each, but the average is about five thousand gallons, or one hundred and sixty barrels.

E. A. THOMAS, Chief Engineer.
PUBLIC LIBRARY.

As the town has appropriated money for the support of the Public Library, the past year, its managers have thought it best to present a brief report of its operations during this, the first year of its existence. The Treasurer presents the following statement to February 1st:

J. A. Rawson, on Account with Amherst Library Association.

Dr.

To cash received from Fair, $598.78
" " Membership donations, 419.00
" " Town, 200.00
" " Catalogues, dues, fines, &c., 83.63

$1,301.41

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By cash paid for Furniture and fixtures, $218.24
" " Rent and care of rooms, 156.46
" " Magazines and newspapers, 79.65
" " Bookbinding, printing and stationery, 171.30
" " Books, 612.42
" " Fuel, 14.95
" " Insurance, 13.50
" " Librarian, 20.00

$1,286.72

Balance in Treasury, $15.69

During the year the Library has received as donations 327 books.
From East Street Library Association, 204 "
By purchase, 888 "

Total, 1,423 "

The managers feel that they have a right to congratulate every friend of the Library on its success for the year. Its success, by whatever standard we measure it, has certainly far exceeded the anticipations of its most sanguine friends. The Library was opened to the public February 26th, 1874, and the report covers the first eleven months of its existence. The Librarian's books show that in this time 780 persons have received cards and become entitled to the use of the Library, and that 14,619 books have been taken out by them. During the year of 1873, the public library of Northampton, with its 10,000 books, issued 15,888 volumes to a population of more than 11,000. Ajudantly satisfactory as this statement is, a still more important fact is revealed in answer to the question, "Who use the Library?" From the very first it has been regarded as an object of chief importance that the people in our town who have not the means or inclination to purchase books, especially our young men and boys, be furnished with wholesome reading by the Library, and a safe and pleasant place of resort in our reading room. The result has more than fulfilled all that we ventured to hope. The reading room has from the first been largely used by our young men and boys, and a great proportion of the books has gone to homes into which few books have heretofore entered. It is still the purpose of the managers not merely to supply the public demand for books, but to form so far as possible a taste for more substantial reading, and all books of unhealthy influence have been carefully excluded. The Managers believe that the Library has become a great power for good in our community, especially with those who most need all kinds of safeguards; that it has taken its rightful place by the side of the church and public school as an educational agent, as a promoter of good morals, intelligence, and refinement; and that the town cannot more wisely and profitably display its liberality than in generously aiding its Public Library.
OFFICERS.

E. A. Thomas, President,
Levi Stockbridge, Vice-President,
J. A. Rawson, Treasurer.
O. G. Couch, Secretary.
Miss M. D. Beaman, Librarian.

MANAGERS.

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RECAPITULATION OF EXPENSES AND APPROPRIATIONS.

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* Including Dog Fund, State School Fund, and Tuition.
† Balance of cash from sales from Town Farm.
‡ Received from State $100 for armory.
ASSESSORS' REPORT.

The Assessors respectfully make the following Report:

1870 1871 1872 1873 1874
Number dogs licensed, 121 136 143 158 157
Number dogs killed, 4 5 4 4 8
Dog Fund to County Treasurer, $238 263
Received back from County, $161 169
Number school children, 601 663 681 711 691
Number sheep, 605 691 695 694 633
Number cows, 920 891 832 911 905
Number horses, 567 477 601 619 598
Number dwelling-houses, 687 699 720 740 746
Number militia, 391 429 456 443 369
Number polls, 939 925 923 921 927

VALUATION, 1870.

Real Estate, $1,837,384
Personal, $84,160
Total, $2,721,544
Rate, 15 mills, or $15 on $1000.

Amount of tax, $42,639 17

VALUATION, 1871.

Real Estate, $2,005,095
Personal, $93,369
Total, $2,098,464
Rate, 15 mills, or $15 on $1000.

Amount of tax, $44,076 96

VALUATION, 1872.

Real Estate, $3,031,835
Personal, $27,188
Total, $3,059,023
Rate, 16 mills, or $16 on $1000.

Amount of tax, $47,650 36

VALUATION, 1873.

Real Estate, $3,070,867
Personal, $90,189
Total, $3,161,056
Rate, 17 mills, or $17 on $1000.

Amount of tax, $50,848 33

VALUATION, 1874.

Real Estate, $1,868,900
Personal, $69,174
Total, $1,938,074
Rate, 18 mills, or $18 on $1000.

Amount of tax, $48,042 23

The laws of 1874, Chapter 227, direct the assessors to prepare a statement of property exempt from taxation, as by General Statutes, Chap. XL, Provisions third, seventh and ninth. Accordingly, we reported to the State Tax Commissioner as follows:

Property non-taxable, $899,500

There was taken from our valuation list by change of exemption, from $1,000 to $2,000 on salaried men, $31,000
Exemption of unmarried females, $500 each, 19,500

Total exemption, $350,000

The above does not include Agricultural College or Town property.

The Valuation Book for 1874 contains the names of 76 females, taxed $3,172, an average of about $42.30 each.

Respectfully submitted,

ASA ADAMS,
C. W. LESSEY,
WATSTILL DICKINSON.
LIST OF JURYMEN FOR 1875.

Adams, Asa
Allen, Lyman H.
Baker, Edward J.
Baker, E. D.
Ball, A. W.
Banning, L. W.
Bassett, W. N.
Belden, Horace
Bridgman, R. B.
Brown, John H.
Clifford, Henry M.
Cowles, Almon E.
Cowles, Ransom
Cushman, A. R.
Dickinson, B. U.
Dickinson, Charles R.
Dickinson, Henry G.
Dickinson, Noah
Dickinson, Levi E.
Dickinson, Porter
Dans, H. D.
Davis, E. A.
Merrick, James E.
Museh, Basset
Nelson, Edwin
Osgood, Charles M.
Poumary, Francis L.
Pratt, J. W.
Pifer, H. C.
Puffer, Charles A.
Rawson, J. A.
Roberts, Manning

Eastman, Charles A.
Eastman, William
Fearing, H. D.
Field, D. S.
Hills, L. D.
Hobart, J. W.
Hunt, W. W.
Hyde, C. A.
Harrington, S. E.
Haskell, James E.
Hawley, S. E.
Hastings, Henry E.
Hastings, Edmund
Hayward, Charles E.
Ingram, Lucas
Irish, F. E.
Johnston, Wm. F.
Kendrick, B. F.
King, Ebenezer A.
Kellogg, C. H.
Lincoln, R. S.
Lovell, Geo. M.
Smith, Samuel Jr.
Smith, Wm. W.
Spear, Lewis J.
Sedon, Henry M.
Taylor, B. H.
Thurston, Lorenzo E.
Waltz, Geo. A.
Weste, Jnt. Wm. S.
Wales, Henry J.
Whitney, S. W.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. LESSEY,
E. HOBART,
WAITSTILL DICKINSON,
SELECTMEN
OF
AMHERST.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, March, 1874, $5,396 30
Received of W. Guin, for fence, 9 00
For Insurance premium, 6 10
For Academy fund, 300 00
Bills payable, First National Bank, 6,500 00
State Treasurer, Corporation tax, 635 93
State Treasurer, State aid, 1873, 614 00
State Treasurer, National Bank tax, 1,098 73
Selectmen, plank sold, 80
Military pay roll, J. Mosher, 3 25
County Treasurer, Dog fund, 199 43
For Licenses, 53 00
For West Cemetery lots, 130 50
For North Cemetery lots, 5 00
For Night Police, 281 50
For Lock-up, 14 00
School Committee tuition, 141 50
Overseers of the Poor, 123 07
Collector of taxes, 1873, 2,018 53
Collector of taxes, 1874, 45,189 39
State Treasurer, School fund, 318 71
State Treasurer, armory, 109 00
Overseers of Poor, Wm. Thurber, 6 00
Interest on taxes, 3 57
School damages, 75

$61,150 66
### DISBURSEMENTS

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**Total Disbursements:** $61,150.66

### LIABILITIES, MARCH 1st, 1875

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**Total Liabilities:** $182,568.00

### ASSETS

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**Total Assets:** $2,895.22

**Town debt, March, 1875:** $179,672.78

### COLLECTOR’S REPORT

- To amount of tax committed 1874: $48,042.23
- Non-resident Bank tax: $1,550.28
- By paid Treasurer, Sept. 1: $37,376.61
  - Discount 10 per cent: $4,152.95
  - Treasurer, Jan. 1: $5,119.97
  - Discount, 5 per cent: $2,69.47
  - Treasurer, Feb. 11: $633.61
  - Assessors’ abatements: $122.15
  - Balance uncollected: $1,867.52

**Total Collected:** $49,502.48

### AUDITORS REPORT

This may certify that I have examined the accounts of S. C. Carter, Treasurer and Collector, with the Town, and find the same correct, and also a balance in the treasury of three hundred and fifty-three dollars and eighty cents.

D. W. Palmer, Auditor.

Amherst, Feb. 12th, 1875.
APPROPRIATIONS.

For School Teachers and incidentals, $8,450 $8,450
School supplies and repairs, 2,000 2,000
School Committee & Superintendent, 1,300 1,400
Paupers, 2,000 2,000
Highways and Sidewalks, 3,300 2,000
Bridges and railings, 1,000 500
Fire Department, 750 750
Contingent expenses, 1,500 500
Town Officers, 1,600 1,400
Cemeteries, 200
Road damages, 1,000
Decoration Day, 100 100
School Bonds, 630 800
Military Bonds, 810 775
Agricultural Bonds, 2,780 520
Interest, 11,100 11,000
Police and lights, 400 800
Public Library, 200 200
Northampton Bridge, 3,000
As voted, 1874. $39,120
As recommended, 1875. $36,695

ARTICLES,

TO BE VOTED ON AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,
MARCH 1st, 1875.

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 Report of 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 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 year ensuing, and make appropriations of the same.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will raise the amount assessed upon the Town to make the bridge at Northampton free.

ARTICLE 9. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will appropriate 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 instruct the Selectmen to remove the rubbish from the Common, and allow the public to use the road from Palmer's Corner to Hunt's Store.
## PAYMENTS OF TOWN DEBT

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Two Notes, one of $10,000, and one of $20,000, at the State Treasury, to be provided for in 1888 and 1891.

The Floating Debt is about $15,000, besides the above.

S. C. CARTER, Treasurer.

Amherst, February, 1875.

* Academy Fund included.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen & Overseers of the Poor

AND ASSESSORS

FOR THE TOWN OF AMHERST.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1876.

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

AMHERST, MASS.:  
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1876.