ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OF AMHERST,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1889.

AMHERST, MASS.: J. E. WILLIAMS, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER. 1889.
RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR

Maintaining Order in Town Meeting.

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

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

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

4th. When a question is put under debate, the Moderator shall receive no question but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to an hour certain, to amend or 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 anyone is speaking, or pass unnecessarily between the
Moderator and 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, when
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 ques-
tion, 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.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1888.

CLERK, TREASURER AND COLLECTOR:
W. A. HUNT.

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS:
OLIVER D. HUNT, PARNELL MUNSON,
HENRY W. HASKINS.

ASSISSORS:
LEVI STOCKBRIDGE, MENDALL W. HOWARD,
SALMON WAKEFIELD.

AUDITOR:
FRANK E. PAIGE.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:
J. B. CHILD, W. 1. FLETCHER,
Rev. CHARLES S. WALKER.

CONSTABLES:
GEO. M. CHAMBERLAIN, CHAS. GASKELL,
WM. W. SMITH, CHAS. A. EASTMAN,
GEO. H. ROBERTS, B. F. KELLOGG,
FRANK L. POMEROY, D. H. BARTLETT,
OSCAR F. MORSE.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:
JAMES HASTINGS.

ELECTOR:
E. D. BANGS.
FIELD DRIVERS:
C. A. PUFFER, GEO. H. ROBERTS,
T. B. WHITNEY, JOHN CHANDLER,
CHAS. GASKELL.

FOUN KEEPER:
J. P. GRAY.

FENCE VIEWERS:
ALMON E. COWLES, FRED L. STONE,
W. W. SMITH.

WEIGHTERS OF COAL:
THEODORE L. PAIGE,
GEORGE E. THAYER,
E. B. LOVETT,
J. E. MERRICK,
F. A. ALDEN,
DWIGHT E. OSGOOD.

MEASURERS OF LUMBER:
DWIGHT GRAVES,
WALTER D. COWLES,
LEVI E. DICKINSON.

MEASURERS OF WOOD:
O. D. HUNT,
B. F. KELLOGG,
J. E. MERRICK,
GEORGE E. COGSWELL,
DWIGHT E. OSGOOD.

SEXTONS:
ASA ADAMS,
CHARLES A. HEALD,
C. W. DANA.

KELLOGG, Charles H. 1st
ALDRICH, Marcus A.
ALTER, Lyman H.
ARMSTRONG, Timothy M.
BALL, Albert W.
BANGS, Oliver
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BOICE, Sanford
BROWN, John B.
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CHAPIN, Samuel R.
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CURTIS, Walter D.
CURTIS, Frank O.
CUSHMAN, John E.
DAVA, Horace D.
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DRAKE, Edward B.
GALLOD, J. Homer
GUIN, George L.
HALL, Arthur
HASKINS, James M.
HARRINGTON, Moody
HAWLEY, Stetson
HOBART, Arthur
HOWARD, Mendall W.
IRISH, Perry E.

KINGMAN, Morris B.
LEACH, Valetta W.
LEE, Noah H.
LOOMIS, Austin D.
LYMAN, James M.
MARCH, William J.
MERRICK, Jonathan
MUNSON, Parnell
OWEN, Willard C.
PARKS, Howard A.
Pierce, James
PUFFER, Charles A.
RAWSON, Jonathan A.
ROBERTS, George H.
ROBERTS, Manning
SABIN, Ephraim T.
SMYTHWAY, Lorin S.
SHAW, A. Lorin
SPANGLING, Philip D.
STETSON, John H.
STONE, Fred L.
STRATTON, R. W.
TAYLOR, Lewis
THOMPSON, Edmund A.
TOWNE, Willis G.
WAITE, George A.
WAKEFIELD, Charles
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Total Railroad Notes and Bonds, $48,000.
Total Indebtedness, $106,700.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

CITIZENS OF AMHERST:

The Selectmen for the year 1888 entered upon their duties expecting less of care than our predecessors, but before the month of March was passed we found our estimate worthless, and have been obliged to admit the past has been a year of many cares and expenses. We present the following report:

TOWN DEBTS.

Seventeen thousand dollars of our debt came due the past year, seven thousand of this sum was paid and ten thousand re-invested as directed by vote of the town, leaving the total debt one hundred, six thousand and seven hundred dollars. Forty-eight thousand of the present indebtedness is for Central railroad stock. At the last annual meeting a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. L. D. Hills, E. F. Cook and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, were authorized to take such action as they deemed advisable, in selling Central R. R. stock. This committee have sold three hundred and fifty shares for seven thousand, eight hundred, six and \( \frac{13}{4} \) dollars, an average of twenty-two and \( \frac{3}{10} \) dollars per share. More of the stock was offered for sale, but the committee was not willing to sell at prices offered; or to sell at present prices. Three thousand, five hundred dollars of the amount received was paid for the Cooper lot, as per vote of the town, the remainder is on deposit in Amherst Savings Bank.

HIGHWAYS.

The Highways have required more care and expense than for many years, the storms have been many and powerful; that of March 13th being the most severe of any within the memory of our older inhab-
The selectmen were so for a we was strongly opposed of Lincoln avenue to the ways, and covered this year; Lincoln should be, or what the Commissioners ordered; it should have been teams.

Now East made on contract on his by county commissioners on required. It and East Street to South Amherst been made, could we have foreseen what increased one thousand dollars at a later meeting. Very overdrawn within "appropriations, but done.

Of One storm to keep them in good roads have been so often and severely washed. Some of them we were obliged to rebuild and enlarge. And culverts until they are found wanting in size and dollars. The requiring days of hard work, at an expense of nearlv

Three petitions could not layout without consent of the Railroad we declined to lay it out as a town way. Railroad street we could not lay out without consent of the Railroad Commissioners for a grade crossing.

The Roberts bridge at North Amherst was found to be badly decayed and was replaced with an iron bridge, of the same pattern of the bridge at Mill Valley. It was necessary to raise the abutments at an expense of nearly one hundred dollars. The total cost of bridge, abutments and removal of old bridge, was eight hundred, fifty-nine dollars and ninety-five cents. The cost of the bridge built at the same place, of wood, in the year 1873, was eight hundred and sixty-five dollars.

CONCRETE WALKS.

Many of our walks we found to be injured by the frost of the past winter, and in such condition that repairs could not be postponed. We have expended on repairs $209.92, and on new walks $155.93. It has been the custom to act on petitions for walks in the order received, this year the first received was for a walk on McClellan street. This walk was laid out and nearly ready for concrete, but the ground was so wet we did not think it advisable to lay any concrete on that street this year, and report the money appropriated for it by the Selectmen, in the treasury. At least half of the usual amount appropriated by the town will be required for repairs. We do not advise building concrete walks in wet or spring soil unless better foundations are put in than have been used in some of our streets. One walk we have covered with gravel to make it safe for the winter. We recommend the building of a gravel walk from the Central R. R. depot to Mill Valley, or to build with concrete when the abutters will pay half the expense, but not to compel the payment of half the expense of concrete, for nearly all the abutters have long fronts and it would be a heavy tax, but a good gravel walk is needed, and can be made at small expense.

HIGHWAY RAILING AND GUTTERS.

We recommend an appropriation of three hundred dollars for railings and gutters. Many of our railings are badly decayed, and there are many places wanting rails that never have been properly guarded; there are two streets where gutters are needed, one on College, where abutters paid half the expense of the gutter, that was not properly laid, and it went out with the first heavy rain. The town should
make it good, either with concrete or small stone; the latter is recommended as more durable for this street near the railroad. There are several places where there is standing water in the highway, also running water for a long distance on the roadside. We have expended this year for large tile for this purpose, $625.00. We obtained consent of two persons to lay this tile across their land to a brook. After the tile was purchased and delivered, the permission given was refused and we have on hand sixty dollars' worth of the tile. If we are to have such rain falls in the future as during the past year, the town will be obliged to take land for surface drainage, if parties owning the land are unwilling to allow surface drainage across their land. It is not neighborly, at least, to refuse such privileges when the town is ready to pay all damage, and interested parties willing to share in the expense of good drainage.

STREET LIGHTING.

Early in the season an effort was made to increase the number of street lights. The town voted ten additional, and appropriated one hundred dollars in addition to the amount raised at the annual meeting. One post and lantern has been set at the Central depot, at town expense, also one post and lantern to take the place of one on a tree at the entrance of Lessey street, that could not be lighted with gas. Individuals have furnished seven new posts and the town has paid for connecting with the gas main. The cost of gas per year for each street light is eight dollars. There are at present forty-two gas street lights and by agreement of Selectmen, North Amherst has received sixteen dollars, the cost of two gas lights, and the North Amherst Village Improvement Society have furnished twenty street lamps. We have drawn down this account, and ask the town to appropriate more for this year. More light is wanted, and one electric light is to be furnished free of expense to the town. After one year's trial the town can better prepare to decide which is the better, the present lighting or the electric light.

OUTDOOR AND ALMSHOUSE POOR.

The number of persons relieved and partially supported by the town the past year has been less than usual. One of our soldiers, Charles Spanling, was very sick in the town of Shutesbury and aided by that town at an expense of seventy-six dollars and sixty

cents, but their Overseers of Poor neglected to notify Amherst for two weeks after Spanling was taken sick, and under their care. Ten days from the time notice was sent Amherst, Spanling was removed to East Amherst and kindly cared for by his sister until his death. The Shutesbury Overseers have been offered twenty-five and a-half dollars for doctor's bill and the law allows us to pay for two weeks' care. Amount offered, thirty dollars. As the actual cost to Shutesbury was forty-six dollars and sixty cents more than our offer, we recommend to the town to pay the full bill. Also to pay the expenses of burial.

Five persons have been supported at insane asylums, four at Northampton, one at Westborough. The latter, Mrs. Mary J. Wetherell, gained residence through her father who served on Amherst Quota.

There have been thirteen persons aided at the Almshouse during the year, two were state paupers, these after a short stay were sent to Tewksbury. Two who have been inmates of the Almshouse for over twenty years, Norman Smith and Harriet Williams, died in the month of May, aged seventy-five and seventy-three years. Daniel O'Conner, aged seventy-six, died in July, having been supported by the town less than two years.

The Almshouse has been under the care of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Dickinson, same as for three years past. No Warden or Matron could have done more for the inmates than they have done; a good home has been provided, and appreciated by all.

The farm has received generous treatment and yielded harvests equal to other farms, if not greater. Early frosts and heavy rains reduced the income of many farms and this was not an exception.

If we value our Almshouse farm and buildings at eight thousand dollars; the interest at five per cent. and twenty-five dollars per year for insurance, it has cost the town one dollar and eighty cents per week for each inmate the past year. The amount sold from the farm has been over nine hundred and forty dollars; three years since the first year of Mr. Dickinson's care of the farm the sales were four hundred and sixteen dollars. The town farm is profitable, and we think all farms well cared for will yield profits. We have been obliged to build additional shed room for the increase of farm produce at an expense of two hundred and seventy-five dollars. It is gratifying to the Overseers to look back and find a reduction in Pauper expenses for four years. Total pauper expense in 1888, less than $2100.
WHITING STREET FUND.

The income from the Whiting street fund the past year was three hundred and sixty dollars, and there was on hand four hundred and seventy-five dollars, we have expended more than the income this year. There have been many calls for aid from this fund, and we have tried to be kind and just in granting aid; in two cases we were deceived, the parties did not prove to be "worthy poor," but we can say that the small sums given from this fund have been a great help to many persons. It should be understood that persons have once received aid from this fund, that it is not a yearly gift, and should not be expected every year; the most needy should have the first claim.

CEMETERIES.

No changes have been made during the year at South Amherst cemetery; at North Amherst under the direction of Mr. M. F. Dick­inson, an effort has been made to improve walks and to care for some neglected stones and monuments. This account is overdrawn and an appropriation should be made for it, as there has been but one lot sold the past year.

The Centre cemetery has received the same care as for the few years past. More deeds of lots have been taken and paid for, and there is an increase in amount of cash on hand. We recommend that all persons claiming ownership of lots without deeds should pay for such lots, and receive deeds, also that an effort be made to increase the cash on hand to fifteen hundred dollars or more, and use the interest for expense of keeping this old ground in good condition. Persons not residents of Amherst, have expressed a desire to help in raising a fund sufficient to give the old cemetery perpetual care.

The Directors of the New Cemetery have been asked to prepare a report, and present the following:

REPORT OF THE CEMETARY ASSOCIATION.

The Directors of the Cemetery Association, although aware that they are not, strictly speaking, officers of the town, or the property in their charge the property of the town, are also mindful of the fact that the new Cemetery is in the town, for the town, and managed by citizens of the town, that a new Cemetery was a recognized necessity, for which it was the duty of the town to provide; while it was accepted that this could be better and more satisfactorily managed by an Association formed exclusively for the purpose, than by the town in its corporate capacity; and that it would be more satisfactory to the town to contribute fairly toward the expense in the purchase of ground and its proper laying-out and preparation than to assume the entire cost and charge, as it would otherwise be compelled to do. It was in this view that you voted last spring, $1,000 to be used by this Association in its work.

We have thought, therefore, you were entitled to know how the money has been spent, and in briefest way—our plans and needs.

The site purchased, as all know, was the Joseph Dickinson farm, the site selected by our fathers many years before, bargained for, bought, the deed drawn as agreed, only to fall through at the last moment by the refusal of Mrs. Dickinson to release her right of dower. The price paid $5010. We spent upon it the last season, circumstances preventing our beginning work until into August, $2880.00. The work done consisted in laying out and building drives and walks, so that every part of the ground should be accessible, and thus the freest and widest choice permitted all for the selection of lots for burial purposes. grading and clearing the ground of surface stones, cutting and removing decayed trees and trees of the less desirable sorts that were interfering with the symmetrical growth and development of the finer, building bridges and culverts, and generally clearing up. There is much more of the same sort to be done, but this can be done as we have time and money. The general plan has been made apparent.

The first work of the coming season will be the grading, smoothing, seeding, surveying and platting that part of the ground which we suppose will be generally thought most eligible for burial lots, that is, the part lying south of a line running east and west in front of the upper grove.

It will be obvious to everyone on reflection, that this part of the work must be done with the utmost deliberation and precision, with reference to all the future; for when lots are sold, or begun to be sold and occupied, no afterthoughts will be of avail, no changes can be made. We hope to be able to accomplish this by early, or certainly mid-summer, and then the lots will be open to all upon the same terms.

Of course the aim will be to make the lots sold, in time, pay for the ground and its care. This must seem right to all, though for this there must be no little waiting.
The capital stock of the Association is fixed at $6,000, divided into sixty shares of $100 each, and has been taken by twenty-two different persons. It is the desire of the Association to extend the interest in its undertaking as widely as possible and that the ownership shall be distributed among the largest number. We would be glad to have sixty owners instead of twenty-two and then to increase the stock to $10,000 and have one hundred instead of sixty. All the stock which we own, beyond a single share each, is open and offered to all who are willing to join us.

It will be remembered that the committee appointed by the town at the special meeting last spring "to examine and select a suitable lot of land for Cemetery purposes near the center of the town," appointed primarily for their supposed distrust, if not unfriendliness to what seemed to some, quite naturally, the too extensive plans of the Association, men opposed to all extravagance, and not likely to be led astray by sentiment, after the most thorough and exhaustive examination of the whole matter, the pressing need, suitable ground, the best method, brought in an admirable report, in which they unanimously recommended the purchase of a site of less than one-third the size of that we own, at a cost not much below $15,000, and urged it eloquently upon the town as "as an act it could well afford to perform and might well be proud of." This was their conclusion after the closest study of the situation; and while it was favored in some quarters, even where it might have been least expected, the town did not seem fit to adopt it, and in the course of the discussion, some one outside the Association, and the village, moved an appropriation of $1,000 to our use, which was carried and the meeting dissolved.

The Association would have been gratified by the adoption of the proposition it submitted at the annual meeting, viz., that the town should vote to appropriate, $1,000 annually for five years, to be expended by the Association, on satisfactory evidence to the Town Treasurer that members of the Association had spent an equal sum contributed by themselves; in consideration of which the Association should set apart sufficient and proper ground for such burials as the town is by law obliged to provide.

In no other way could the town hope to escape its obligation on this score so lightly. And we cannot believe that because citizens have been found sufficiently alive to the want, and public spirited enough to assume the responsibility of meeting it, by putting their private purses into an enterprise which concerns and benefits all alike, and is a legitimate object for the town's provision and care, the town will wish to deal otherwise than in a liberal spirit with them.

Grant that our plan is larger, finer and involves greater outlay than the town would of itself have entered into, the excess is paid by individuals, in addition to their share, as tax-payers, and among the largest of these. It is no charge upon the town, and yet the town has the advantage of it all.

We submit to you, therefore, whether our proposition of last year does not commend itself to your good judgment and sense of fairness, even as good economy.

We do not seem to ourselves in again bringing the question before you as appealing for alms, but rather as double contributors to the common treasury, in that we have assumed the heavier part of the burden. This we have done, however, willingly, glad, always up to the limit of our ability, to do whatever may help to make this our own town, where we have made our homes, more beautiful, more attractive, a better place to live in, and to die in.

H. F. Hills, E. D. Marsh,
E. B. Marsh, B. K. Emerson,
B. H. Neill, George Cooley,
W. A. Dickinson.

ARMORY.

The town since the burning of "Palmer's Hall" has been obliged to fit up a new Armory and rent a drill hall, we were obliged to take a lease for two years as the expense of fitting up would not justify the outlay for only one year's rent. Village hall and rooms in the rear building have been secured at the rent the State will probably pay the town.

The changes and alterations since the fire have been an expense to the town as reported.

The reports for the year, with a detailed statement of expenditures and recommendations for the coming year are

Respectfully Submitted by

Oliver D. Hunt,
Henry W. Haskins,
Selectmen and Overseers of Poor.
APPROPRIATIONS.

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ASSESSORS' REPORT.

The statistical aggregates for the year 1888 did not vary much from those of the previous year. There was a slight gain in some departments and a loss in only one, but owing to changes in the market value of domestic animals the total assessed values were not materially different.

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<td>Dwelling Houses</td>
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<td>Acres of land assessed</td>
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We have made no change in the general property valuation, but there has been an increase in the aggregate of $134,931. Of this sum, $124,671 was in personal property, and $10,267 in real estate. The large increase in personal was due mainly to the discovery that many of our citizens had invested their money in mortgage securities at the West, to evade taxation, but in most cases in the honest belief that such investments were exempt which is not the fact. Lists of this property were not given us, and our search for it probably did not disclose all which is owned here.

### Polls

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<td>Total Valuation</td>
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<td>Enrolled Militia</td>
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There are many noteworthy exceptions, but we have found it to be the general fact, that persons of much financial ability strive to evade their just and equitable proportion of taxation. In some cases it is done by placing their property where it cannot be easily found by the assessors; in others, it is done by distributing it in as large sums as interest will be allowed upon, in different Savings Banks; and if it is visible property like stock in trade or real estate, by making unfair representations as to its amount and value. The assessors are too often treated as if they were antagonists in a game, whom it was fair to beat by pretended ignorance, "bluff" or evasion. If, as the law requires, they make inquiries and examinations to ascertain the amount and condition of the taxable estate of these dodgers; they are looked upon, and treated, as impertinent meddlers rather than as officers in the discharge of a sworn duty. Honor, honesty, equity and christianity appear to be forgotten when playing this game. Though if successful, its result is to increase the taxes of those who have no property which can be concealed, or whose circumstances are such that they pay taxes on much more than they are worth. As the law requires, on the first day of May we gave public notice, for all persons liable to tax to bring in to us on or before the fifteenth of that month, true and correct lists of all their taxable estates both real and personal, which was not legally exempt, and which they possessed at the date of the notice. But not one, such as the law contemplates, and which would stand the test in a claim for abatement, was received. It is believed that in many cases, this failure to present tax lists is caused by an apprehension that to do so would increase the tax of the individual, but generally it is because of inex-usable ignorance of what constitutes a legal list. It is not a list, when a person meets an assessor and in passing says, "tax me the same as last year;" "my stock in trade don't vary much from year to year, put it down as you did before;" "I have five cows, two yearlings, one sheep and an old horse worth twenty-five dollars;" "I don't know how much land there is in my building lot, how much do you think there is, a quarter of an acre, ain't there?;" "I never knew exactly how much land there was in my farm, or what proportion of it was tillage, pasture, mowing or wood land, take it all together, I guess I will call it one hundred acres, I suppose you are going around to find out these things." It ought to be understood that the law does not require or contemplate the perambulation of the town by the assessors to collect lists, but does require the tax-payers to "bring them in" and make oath to them according to the public notice, if they would be in position to claim an adjustment of mistakes. The law requires assessors to make lists of the children between five and fifteen years of age, of the persons liable to perform military duty, and to ascertain the number of the dogs in town and their owners. To perform this duty effectively, much "going around" is necessary, and if tax-payers would make their lists in proper form at the date stated, they could be given to the assessors without travel or loss of time, the work of the officers be materially lessened, and annoyance to the tax-payer avoided.

LEVI STOCKBRIDGE, M. W. HOWARD, SALMON WAKEFIELD, Assessors of Amherst.
ENGINEERS' REPORT.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1889.

With one exception, (the Opera House or Palmer's Block fire) on the morning of March 13, 1888, the year past has been one of quiet and light service for the department. Some of the needed improvements have been accomplished, chief of which is that a fine new bell weighing 562 pounds has been put in the tower on the Center Engine House. Since it was in position, June, 1888, but one alarm has been rung—the fire on Spring Street, Dec. 28.

In our report last year it was recommended to purchase a supply wagon, which has not been done, as the appropriation had already been exceeded by extra expense incurred in the bell and fittings, and by a legislative act compelling this town, in common with others, to provide its Fire Department with certain apparatus and machinery not known or contemplated when the estimates for last year were made up.

During the coming year it will be necessary to purchase some new hose to replace defective or worn-out sections. This with the cost of a supply wagon and the regular expenses will require an appropriation of eight hundred dollars.

ENGINEERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN, MAY 1ST, 1888:

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<td>W. H. H. Morgan</td>
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<td>A. F. Bardwell</td>
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<td>E. G. Thayer</td>
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<td>M. N. Spear</td>
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<td>A. A. Brown</td>
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<td>H. P. Bridgman</td>
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<td>W. D. Cowls</td>
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<td>M. E. Cushman</td>
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The working force consists of 38 men, as follows: Center, Alert Hose No. 1, 16 men; Lafayette Hook and Ladder Co. 12 men; East Street, Hose Co. No. 2, 10 men.

FIRE RECORD.

The total number of fires and alarms during the year is 7: number of fires, 5; number of slight fires, 2; number of alarms, 3; fires and no alarm, 4.

First fire of the year was discovered about 3 o'clock a.m., March 13, 1888, in Palmer's Opera House Block, corner Main Street and Maple Avenue, and resulted in total destruction of same, together with the Cooper house adjoining on Maple Avenue, and partial burning of Union Block on Main Street. The estimated loss on buildings and contents was $62,835. Insurance paid, $35,765.

April 2. Dwelling-house, barn and out-buildings, South Amberst, occupied by E. C. Parker; total loss, except some furniture. Estimated value, $8,960; insurance, $8,800.

Aug. 6. Dwelling-house at N. A. City, occupied by James Stetson; cause burning chimney; not insured; damage about $30.

Sept. 7. A story and a-half dwelling, at N. A. City, occupied by Patrick Shea, also a barn; total loss.

Sept. 25. Dwelling-house on Shays Street, South Amberst, occupied by N. S. Burnett; totally consumed; loss on building and contents estimated at $2,400; insurance paid, $2,150.

Nov. 28. Slight fire in house occupied by Mrs. J. F. Moulton, East Street, caused by a hot stove-pipe.

Dec. 28. In basement of Mrs. C. R. Korfieh's house, Spring Street, occupied by Mrs. C. M. Bryant; cause, over-heated furnace pipe; estimated damage to building and contents, $1,050; insurance paid, $890.

Making a total estimated loss of $70,215; deducting the amount of insurance received, $39,645, this leaves as a net estimated loss, $30,570.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION AND EXPENSES:

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<td>for bell</td>
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<td>Appropriated from treasury to make up deficiency</td>
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<td>Alert Hose Company No. 1</td>
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<td>Lafayette Hook and Ladder Company</td>
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<td>Hose Company No. 2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chief Engineer's salary</td>
<td>25.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>C. O. Parmenter, rent No. 2 hose house</td>
<td>50.00</td>
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Geo. J. Gallond, storing engine, 15 00
McShane, for bell and hangings, 136 19
J. W. Howland, for lumber and labor, 9 28
Boston Woven Hose Co., for fire chute, jumping canvas and gun, 123 75
Conant & Co., for rubber coats and caps, 39 15
Holland & Gallond, for one axe and one bar, 2 06
E. D. Marsh, six chairs, 2 60
Lee & Phillips, stove, etc., 14 20
L. J. Spear, 1 00
T. W. Sloan, boots, 5 50
Albert White, labor, 39 15
S. F. Hayward & Co., repairing extinguisher, 2 05
W. H. H. Morgan, wood, 3 60
March 13 and miscellaneous supplies, 14 20
--- $906 17

INVENTORY OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPERTY AT COST.

At Center.

Fire Engine, $ 75 00
Canvas chute, jumping canvas and line gun, 125 75
--- $198 75

Alert Hose Co. No. 1.

750 feet old leather hose, $375 00
800 feet rubber lined cotton hose, 750 00
30 feet rubber lined ¾ in. hose, 7 50
Four pipes and nozzles, 81 00
Hose straps and jackets, 19 00
Old hose cart, 40 00
New hose cart, 94 00
Spanners and belts, 15 80
Babcock fire extinguisher, 25 00
Rubber coats and cape caps, 10 00
Rubber coats and cape caps new, 39 15
One hydrant gate, 10 00
One Siamese two-way coupling, 25 00
Chairs and table, 8 10
One stove, pipe, etc., 10 00
--- $1450 55

LAFAYETTE HOOK AND LADDER CO.

Hook and ladder truck, 75 00
One 50-ft. Bangor extension ladder, 141 80
Six ladders, 49 00
125 wooden pails, 16 00
Ten leather buckets, 10 00
Chains and hooks, 10 00
Two ladder hooks, 1 20
Axes and iron bars, 10 00
Twelve chairs, 3 00
One table, 1 50
Stove, pipe, etc., new, 14 20
One desk, 1 00
--- $322 70

Engineers' Suits.

Three rubber coats, 32 00
Three hats, 15 00
Two pair boots, 5 50
--- $39 50

At East Street. Hose Co. No. 2.

500 feet rubber lined cotton hose, 400 00
Hose cart, 91 00
Two pipes and nozzles, 29 00
One hydrant gate, 10 00
Fifty feet ¾ ft. cotton hose, 7 50
Hose straps, 6 00
Spanners and belts, 12 65
Rubber coats and caps, 9 50
Chairs and table, 9 75
One stove, pipe, etc., 5 00
One axe, 1 00
One steel bar, 1 05
--- $582 45

At North Amherst.

One fire extinguisher and charges at N. A. City, 39 85
One fire extinguisher and charges, 39 85
--- $260 65

W. H. H. MORGAN, Chief Engineer.
During the past year there have been added to the library 175 volumes, making the total number 4186.

In last year's report it was stated that a large number of volumes were worn out so as to be totally unfit for use, and had been withdrawn from circulation. Under the constant use of the more popular books (many of them the very best books in the library), and with the careless treatment which is accorded to library books by too many readers, the list of worn-out volumes is constantly being increased. On the other hand, their titles cannot be removed from the catalogues in the hands of our people and the fruitless calls for them are a never-ending source of annoyance and disappointment.

What can be done to remedy this evil, which must naturally increase as the library becomes older? The book committee are not inclined to turn to the use the small portion which remains for books out of the town appropriations, when the other necessary expenses have been met. The demand for newly published and important books is so urgent and pressing that this small amount must be used in that direction.

Apparently no resource is left us but the raising of money for the maintenance of the library according to the catalogue, by special efforts such as the fair which was held on two evenings in February. At this entertainment, by the earnest efforts of a large number of our friends, and with the gratuitous services of musicians and others, we secured a little over $200. But even this sum would not replace all the worn-out books already on our hands. Hence it will be apparent that successive efforts of this kind, or at least of a similar general character will be needed, and if even quite successful will not embarrass the library treasury with a plethora of funds.

The librarian reports that 9,515 books were drawn during the year, or nearly two hundred every week. The town library is quietly doing its beneficent work, a work whose value and far-reaching influence none can measure. And it is doing it at a very moderate expenditure as compared with those in other communities.

### PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

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<td><strong>$463.59</strong></td>
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Cash on hand carried to new account: 25.23

This may certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts for the year past, of Mr. J. A. Rawson with the Amherst Library Association.

GEORGE CUTLER, AUDITOR.
### REPORT OF TOWN EXPENSES

#### STATE, COUNTY AND BANK TAX.
- State Tax: $4,222.08
- County Tax: $3,442.50
- National Bank Tax: $1,314.56
- Total: $8,979.14

#### PUBLIC LIBRARIES.
- Appropriation: $500.00
- Paid Center Library: $400.00
- North Amherst Library: $100.00
  - Total: $500.00

#### LICENSE ACCOUNT.
- Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1888: $227.00
- Received Druggists' Licenses: $3.00
- Auctioneers, Shows and Billiards: $263.09
  - Total: $262.34

#### TOWN DEBT.
- Appropriation: $7,000.00
- Borrowed of Amherst Savings Bank: $10,000.00
  - Total: $17,000.00
- Paid State Treasurer Agricultural Bonds: $10,000.00
- " Note No. 8: $2,000.00
- Franklin Inst. for Savings, R. R. Note: $5,000.00
  - Total: $17,000.00

#### INTEREST ACCOUNT.
- Paid State Treasurer: $8,725.00
- Franklin Institution for Savings: $1,908.47
- Amherst Savings Bank: $1,785.54
  - Total: $6,368.81

#### CEMETERIES.
- **WEST CEMETERY.**
  - Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1888: $212.80
  - Received from sale of lots: $208.50
  - Total: $421.30
  - Paid O. F. Morse, labor: $4.00
  - Harvey White: $6.50
  - Fred Harlow: $12.00
  - Norman Harlow: $28.60
  - J. P. Gray: $9.25
  - W. H. Long: $9.65
  - Total: $87.70
  - Balance in treasury: $512.20

- **NORTH CEMETERY.**
  - Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1888: $33.58
  - Received from sale of lots: $3.00
  - Total: $38.58
  - Paid Willis Church, labor: $12.00
  - M. F. Dickinson: $15.00
  - A. Adams: $14.00
  - Total: $44.00

- **SOUTH CEMETERY.**
  - Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1888: $21.11
  - Received from sale of lot: $5.00
  - Total: $26.11
  - Paid C. W. Dana, labor: $4.00
  - Balance in treasury: $22.11
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<td>Paid J. M. Harris</td>
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<td>Paid for Cooper Lot</td>
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<td><strong>MEMORIAL DAY.</strong></td>
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<td>Levi Stockbridge</td>
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### ARMORY RENT

Received from State Treasurer, $300 00  
**ARMORY RENT.**

Received from Town Treasurer, $5 47  

Paid William Kellogg, rent, $100 00  
Paid H. M. McCleod, rent, $40 47  
Paid W. W. Hunt, rent, $225 00  

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### SEWERS

**FEARING BROOK SEWER.**

Balance on hand Feb. 15, 1888, $961 80  
Interest during the year, 41 44  
Paid sundry orders, 41 41  
Balance in Savings Bank, $963 21

**TAN BROOK SEWER.**

Balance in treasury Feb. 18, 1888, $302 52  
Interest, 12 80  
Received on assessment, 14 70  
Paid sundry orders, 2 44  
Balance in Savings Bank, $327 58

**SNELL BROOK SEWER.**

Feb. 15, 1888, amount due on assessment, $52 40  
Received on assessment, 52 40  
Paid sundry orders, 50 29  
Due on assessment Feb. 15, 1889, 52 40  
Due Town Treasurer, $2 11

### ASSESSORS' ORDERS

**HIGHWAY ACCOUNT—SNOW.**

Paid sundry orders, $84 06

**HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.**

Appropriation, $5,000 00  
Received and due from sundry persons, 27 75  

**IRON BRIDGE.**

Paid Berlin Bridge Company, $875 00  
George P. Spear, removing old bridge, 11 50  
George Bacon, for stone, 37 50  
J. C. Reed, labor, 26 50  
S. J. Reed, labor, 15 00  
W. D. Cours, lumber, 73 96  
Austin Eastman, labor, 6 62  
George Hobart, 13 87

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Appropriated from treasury, $858 95  

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Charles Tillson, 3.00
G. L. Hawley, 3.00
Timothy Armstrong, 4.50
Fred. Harlow, 2.10
Wm. F. Joy, 3.25
Wm. Hawley, 4.50
W. W. Waite, 3.00
Loren Bigelow, 6.00
James Martin, 3.00
Wm. F. Goodale, 3.00
Charles McKinney, 3.00
E. H. McKinney, 2.70
F. F. Goodale, 2.55
Louis Gill, 4.50
Wm. H. Smith, 1.95
E. E. Wilson, 2.25
I. Crompton, 5.70
C. E. Hayward, 1.05
Oliver Bangs, 2.25
Wm. Billings, 1.35
George Smith, 1.50
Patrick Ward, 2.25
Dwight Hawley, 3.75
J. P. Grey, 1.50
Wesley Lamson, 4.95
Foster Meekins, 2.85
Walter D. Cowis, 30.30
D. W. Adams, 4.50
Jerry Scannell, 2.75
John McCarty, Jr., 2.25
R. D. Williams, 4.35
Patrick Toohey, 7.5
Mike Magee, 7.5
Chester Williams, 31.12
D. R. Thayer, 3.45
Henry Moody, 1.50
Asa Adams, 24.95
E. D. Huntington, 1.80
A. P. Brown, 24.25

George L. Morse, 6.00
S. Hulkins, 6.75
Fred. D. Kellogg, 3.57
Charles H. Pease, 3.75
D. E. Dickinson, 1.20
Thomas Whitney, 2.25
Herbert Hawley, 3.75
W. W. Smith, 13.12
W. H. Smith, 5.25
Charles Ayres, 13.12
Willis Church, 45.00
George Morse, 45.00
B. E. Averell, 2.55
Thomas Hoyt, 4.50
George Richardson, 75.00
John Slattery, 3.75
Frank L. Pomroy, 1.50
E. E. Dickinson, 3.50
N. L. Harlow, Estate, 15.00
James Stetson, 5.50
Mrs. David Geerlin, 9.80
C. L. Goodell, 2.36
Dennis Linehan, 3.00
E. A. King, 3.00
Edward E. Pomroy, 5.65
S. Wakefield, 1.50
P. D. Spanling, 1.50
Edmund Hastings, 3.00
H. E. Hastings, 1.95
H. D. Dana, 2.50
Dickinson Bros., 4.77
W. F. Williams, 9.15
Morris Garvey, 1.50
Jonathan Merrick, 1.00
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James E. Merrick, 1.50
Thomas W. Smith, 1.88
J. E. Sanderson, 2.00
S. P. Puffer, 2.00
J. F. Morell,  
John Moriarty,  
Horace Cook,  
H. C. Cummings,  
Austin Eastman,  
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Flavel Gaylord,  
A. D. Leorns,  
Stetson Hawley,  
S. O. Johnson,  
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Total for storm March 13th.  

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.  

1887 account.  
Paid George P. Spear, work on bridge, $59 59  
M. F. Dickinson, " 5 75  
Italians, " 9 75  
Dr. Irish, use of roller, 3 00  
Edmund Hobart, work and lumber, 20 70  

$91 43  

1888.  
Paid John O'Neill, labor, $8 65  
John Lynch, " 15 75  
James H. Martin, " 3 75  
Waldo Siles, " 27 45  
Jerry Curran, " 39 89  
Charles H. Pease, " 19 12  
Christopher Thompson Jr., " 112 70  

Chester Williams, labor, $421 59  
Charles Bateman, " 29 25  
George Biss, " 94 78  
I. Crompton, " 6 75  
Clarence Wheaton, " 81 50  
Thomas Shangnessy, " 13 50  
D. W. Dickinson, " 39 38  
Wilber Davis, " 1 50  
John Chandler, " 22 25  
M. T. Starkey, " 60 34  
Patrick Martin, " 8 55  
Dennis Murphy, " 8 55  
Patrick McKenna, " 8 25  
George L. Morse, " 4 65  
Daniel Cashman, " 87 22  
T. L. Paige, " 57 83  
Dennis Litchon, " 37 51  
Jerry Scannell, " 4 50  
A. H. Brown, gravel, 44 65  
Frank Hobart, " 16 88  
M. P. Marsh, " 61 51  
George Hobart, " 7 50  
A. R. Cowles, " 37 41  
Jonathan Cowles, " 15 00  
Charles Eastman, " 7 50  
Lewis Bartlett, " 63 71  
Nelson Angus, " 3 25  
F. Klemick, " 2 25  
Richard Knightly, " 3 75  
W. D. Cowles, lumber, 75 68  
Spencer Smith, " 7 50  
Herbert Dickinson, " 3 00  
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Total: $5,271.56

Account overdrawn: $243.81

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT

Appropriation, DETAILED EXPENSE ACCOUNT: $2,000.00

Paid E. E. Russell, printing Reports: 95.00
D. W. Palmer, rent of hall: 35.29
David Carson, police: 2.00
Lee & Phillips, connecting lamp posts and repairing: 58.75
J. E. Williams, printing warrants, tax lists, voting list, etc.: 104.50
Amherst Savings Bank, rent of office and vault: 100.00
H. M. McCloud, repairing sleigh: 7.00
Charles Howes, police: 2.00
Charles S. Gaskell, police: 2.00
George D. Howe, repairing wagon: 5.00
W. H. H. Morgan, coal for Lock-up: 4.00
Louis H. Orr, for Assessors Books: 13.25
Holland & Gallond, oil, paint, etc.: 6.75
A. H. Bates, removing and burying cattle from Parker fire: 5.00
New London Northern R. R., freight: 53.00
Hamlin & Paige, legal services: 12.00
Henry Holland Estate, oils and paints: 5.45
Thomas & Hawley, painting 2 rooms, Co. K: 11.00
D. H. Bartlett, police: 2.00
Amherst Gas Co., gas for Lock-up: 22.22
P. E. Irish, repairing hydrants: 118.55
Leander Merrick, removing ashes: 3.40

J. L. Dana, police: 4.00
City of Northampton, repairing bridge: 118.14
John McCarthy, water tank: 2.50
James E. Merrick, oil, etc.: 2.64
E. P. Spear, repairing water tank: 2.00
Wm. E. Smith, repairing at Co. K Armory: 48.12
A. B. Cloud, oil: 3.00
J. A. Rawson, care of clock: 20.00
George E. Thayer, oil, chimneys, etc.: 4.79
W. W. Smith, police, posting warrants, etc.: 56.94
Harvey White, labor for Cemetery committee: 19.74
M. N. Spear, books: 1.50
W. W. Hunt, rent of Hall: 125.00
W. W. Hunt, tile, labor, and connecting lamp posts: 122.65
Recording Deeds: 1.75
J. H. Dunbar & Co., tile: 268.15
E. A. Davis, surveying: 8.00
E. J. Clark, water tank: 2.00
J. M. Harris, concrete gutter: 368.00
L. D. Cowles, storing ash boxes: 50.00
George Bisot, labor with team: 3.15
A. W. Hall, repairs on James Stetson's wagon: 2.60
T. L. Paige, livery bill: 1.00
Charles Chamberlain, police: 2.00
Webster Hoyt, police: 2.00
F. A. Coddell, wood for town office: 3.75
Michael Brita, stone laying: 3.00
John Hurley, removing bricks from sidewalks: 2.62
E. T. Sabbin, stone boat: 2.50
E. W. Smith, police: 4.00
Dickinson Bros., repairing broken wagon: 5.25
W. S. Westcott, repairs for plow: 1.75
T. W. Sloan, police: 4.00
O. D. Hunt, coal at lock up: 14.68
O. D. Hunt, wood at town office: 5.00
O. D. Hunt, insurance: 26.25
Wm. G. Bassett, legal services: 5.00
E. D. Marsh, return of deaths: 19.00
Dr. O. F. Bigelow, return of births: 6.00
Dr. Wm. Dwight, return of births, 2 25
Dr. H. H. Seelye, return of births, 3 00
Dr. Herrick, return of births, 75
Dr. C. W. Hall, return of births, 25
Dr. D. B. N. Fish, return of births, 1 00
State return statistics, 45 30
Express, postage and paper, 27 84

$1,384 21

Balance in treasury 815 79

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1888, $1,058 71
Appropriation, 1,000 00
Received from sundry persons, 395 98
Pastoral duties, 50 00

$3,404 69

Sundry payments, 2,408 71

Balance, $995 98

DETAILED RECEIPTS.
From State Treasurer, for transportation State paupers, $35 90
State aid, 72 00
Mrs. Kellogg, 42 00
H. C. Dickinson, sale from produce, 234 98
Labor, John Ritter, 11 10

$995 98

DETAILED EXPENSE ACCOUNT.
Paid Insane Hospital for Charlotte Haggerty, $169 92
Michael Canavan, 170 52
Horse Frazier, 171 22
Julia Franklin, 169 92
Mary Witherel, 97 03
State Industrial School, for Carrie E. Train, 13 00
State Primary School, for Herbert A. Thompson, 13 00
Mrs. Jane C. Davis, for support of child, 104 00

W. W. Smith, expenses to Tewksbury with T. C. Osborn, 11 00
W. W. Smith, expenses to Tewksbury with James Allen, 13 36
W. W. Smith, expenses on Leverett case, 6 00
Town of Granby, for John Deigan, 17 50
City of Boston, for Chas. B. Kellogg, James Lineman, 7 00
R. W. Stratton, for Connelly Children, 9 95
G. W. Blodgett & Co., 7 00
G. W. Blodgett & Co., for G. Spellman, 5 05
R. W. Stratton, for G. Spellman, 2 25
James Lyman, for cow, 50 00
Pastoral Duties, 50 00
Wm. F. Williams, for oxen, 127 50
E. F. Marsh, for building shed, 278 00
Henry Adams, for Mrs. Hawks, 1 95
Charles Deuel, for Edman Hawley, 75
Dr. C. W. Hall, for town physician, for medicine, 14 25
for James Allen, 20 00
Harvey White, for hearse services, 2 00
E. D. Marsh, 8 coffins, 44 00
W. W. Hunt, oil stove at town farm, 2 00
Mrs. A. J. Sears, aid, 10 00
John Ritter, labor, 48 00
Mrs. Paever, aid, 52 00
Charles Batesman, aid, 5 85
Town of Shutesbury, aid for C. Spanling, 80 00
E. B. Lovett for S. Hall, 4 00
O. D. Hunt, expenses Mary Wetherel case, 4 00
Holland & Gallaud, oil, etc., 3 30
John Holley, meal, etc., 121 40
H. C. Dickinson, warden, 400 00
Dr. O. F. Bigelow, 3 50
Dr. D. B. N. Fish, 2 00
O. D. Hunt, Cost for Almshouse, 86 81
Expenses to Springfield of pauper, 85
C. Dana, burials, 9 00
Town of Belcherstown, for A. Lovett, 4 13
G. H. Barton, painting, 7 00

$2,408 71
INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE FEB. 15, 1889.

Patrick Shea, Age, 85 years.
Michael Martin, " 81 "
Albert Hawley, " 66 "
Sally Dickinson, " 83 "
Sophia Randolph, " 64 "
Enice Kellogg, " 79 "
Mary Hawley, " 26 "
Bridget Deignan, " 59 "

INVENTORY OF ALMSHOUSE PROPERTY.

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Less than last year, $40.15.

NORTH AMHERST LIBRARY.

IN ACCOUNT WITH F. P. AINSWORTH, TREASURER.

Dr.

- Balance from 1887, $58.94
- Interest on Kellogg fund in Savings Bank ($150), 36.16
- Town Appropriation, 100.00
- Dramatic Entertainment, 58.85

Total: $232.95

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By Payments made as follows:

- Librarian's salary, $50.00
- Magazines and Books, 95.51
- Fuel and lights, 7.37
- Express on Books, 1.55
- Book binding and repairs, 29.00
- **Total Payments:** $188.43

Balance:

- Kellogg Fund in Bank, $49.52
- Interest from Jan. 1, '88, 150.00

Total: $199.52

Number of books added in 1888, 90.
Total number on list, 1889.
Number of patrons, 500.

Through an oversight this report was omitted after the other Library report.
SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Citizens of the Town of Amherst:

The School Committee submit the following report for the year ending March 1st, 1889.


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<td>Whole number registered in the schools during the year</td>
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<td>Spring term</td>
<td>611</td>
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<td>628</td>
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<td>from 8 to 14</td>
<td>471</td>
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<td>Winter</td>
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SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.

There are nineteen schools in town, and twenty-one regular teachers, besides a tutor in Greek for the High School from the Senior class in Amherst College. The Second Primary has had an assistant part of a term. The Third Grammar, which had an assistant one term last year, had even more need of one this year by reason of larger numbers; but the teacher preferred to keep the work of the school-room in her own hands if possible. She has been able to do this by putting into other hands much of the written work outside of school hours. The burden however is too great. Fifty-eight scholars are more than one teacher can handle safely; and the more thorough and conscientious the teacher, the more dangerous is the excessive strain. Some provision should be made to relieve this over-pressure in one room.

The High School is in excellent condition under the same management as last year. The few changes that have been made,—in textbooks and methods, and in the proportion of time given to different studies,—are highly satisfactory. Last June a class of twelve was graduated with credit to themselves and their teachers. Besides the work done in the classical course, necessary to fit pupils well for college, increased attention is given to English language and literature; and also to debates, composition and delivery, book-keeping, elementary science, and other subjects of importance in practical life; so that those scholars who do not pursue their studies beyond the High School may get the greatest possible benefit from the course. In both the classical and the English courses a large amount of original work is done, in distinction from merely text-book work.

In the fall term a petition was presented to the Committee from the teachers and scholars of the High School, to hold one session instead of two, in accordance with the usage in most of the cities and large towns. Such petitions have been offered before, but never with sufficient endorsement from parents to warrant the Committee in making the change. This time, however, most of the parents’ names were signed; and after a public hearing upon the matter, and no opposition being made, the petition was granted. The session of the school now is from 8.30 A. M. to 1 P. M., and there appears to be general satisfaction with the arrangement. The course of study has been revised, and is printed with this report.

The Grammar Schools are doing good work. The resignation of Miss Edith S. Field from the First Grammar was felt as a great loss. She was a teacher of rare excellence, and had served the town long and well. Her place was filled by Miss Stebbins of the Second Grammar, Miss Kingman was promoted from the Third, and Miss Ella L. Peirce came into the Third Grammar from the East Intermediate. We have every reason to be satisfied with the work done in each of these schools; it is more than usually good, whoever will take the trouble to visit them will see excellent order, and interest, and progress. In regard to the over pressure of numbers in the Third Grammar, the Committee have considered the question of providing another room and teacher, but do not yet recommend this course. It would be a necessity if the number should continue to increase, but the
present excess we think could be provided for by having a small class (from ten to fifteen) take the full third grammar grade in the Amity building, and go from there to the Second Grammar. The present teacher of the First Intermediate, Mr. B. H. Adams, regards this as perfectly feasible, and would rather do it than not. It has been found that the change from Intermediate to Grammar was rather hard for most of the scholars. They were not only required to take three main studies instead of two; but two of them (history and grammar) were new kind of work. To lessen this difficulty the course has been modified so as to take only history as new work at first, and continue geography for two terms, taking up grammar the third term. Practical language work, however,—sentence-making and correct writing,—is carried on through the year; it is given in all the lower schools. The Second Grammar scholars are much interested in the study of physiology, which comes in the last part of their year. It makes a pleasing change from their other studies, and by being furnished with a few books of reference, in addition to the helpful influence of the teacher, they are led to follow up the subject much beyond their required lessons. In the First Grammar School the study of Natural History has become quite attractive. The scholars make lists of birds and insects by their own observation, and many fine specimens are collected and preserved. Prof. Fernald of the Agricultural College has very kindly given some special assistance to the class. In each of the schools of this grade the study of Algebra is to be carried farther than it has been heretofore, with special reference to those who wish to enter the Agricultural College.

CHANGES OF TEACHERS.

In the frequent changes that are made in the outlying schools there is of course more or less uncertainty as to results. The Committee can only use their best judgment with the limited resources at their command. Some teachers without experience have to be employed, and some who bring good testimonials from other places may not prove so well adapted to the schools in which they are placed here. When teachers show marked ability, the Committee retain them as long as possible. We are helped in this matter by the action of the town at the last annual meeting, whereby we can make a slight advance in wages upon satisfactory experience. The best teachers are still likely to go elsewhere for higher salaries, but they will not go quite so soon. Even one or two years added to the length of a good teacher's service is a great advantage. The following is a list of teachers and their respective positions at the present time:

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<td>Miss M. J. Dixon, Assistant.</td>
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<td>First Grammar,</td>
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<td>Miss Lizzie Dunakin.</td>
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<td>West</td>
<td>Miss Addie F. Hastings.</td>
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Truancy is a continual source of trouble, though the cases have not been numerous during the past year. It is hoped that parents will be strict and watchful in this matter, both for the sake of their own children and for the general good. Application in due form has been made by this and other towns to the County Commissioners to provide a truant school according to the State law; but objections and difficulties are allowed to block the matter. It is said there would not be enough use for the school to warrant the expense. It is probably true that there would be very few to send to such a school if we had one; but as long as we do not have one, there will be a great many who ought to be sent. In that respect it would be like the county jail: the sending of one offender would cure or deter many others; and if the jail happens to become empty, it is not considered a reason for not needing one. The Commissioners are required by law to provide a truant school when application is made by three towns. The only discretionary power in the matter is that two or
more counties may unite to support one school. The law should be carried out.

Unnecessary absences also have a damaging effect. No scholar can do well in school who is allowed to be absent at his own notion, or for any slight reason. Such absences cannot be marked as "excused" simply by a note from the parents with no reason assigned. When a scholar is regular as a habit, a written excuse from parents is not ordinarily questioned; but when absences are often repeated, no excuse can be accepted without satisfactory reason. In some cases during the past year this careless and irregular attendance has been carried so far that the delinquents have been dismissed from the school.

IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS.

Some matters that were anticipated have been attended to,—a new underpinning at the South-west school-house, new fence at the South Grammar and at East Street, and a cold air box for the furnace in the west half of the Amity building. Two other necessities have developed in course of the year which had to be met. The roof of the Amity building had to be thoroughly repaired at an expense of nearly two hundred dollars. The slating was broken in many places and the eave-troughs rested upon the walls in such manner that the masonry had become badly disintegrated by the overflow. The greatest damage was upon the north side; and in the spring time especially, the water would leak through and run down on the inside of the walls. The eave-troughs have been taken away, the upper layers of bricks relaid, and the slating projecting over the edge. It is hoped that this will remove the cause of trouble. The other necessity was for a new furnace for the High School at an expense of more than two hundred dollars. The furnace which was replaced had had only four years of service, but it had become utterly unfit for use. The fire risk would forfeit the insurance, and the needed amount of heat could not be obtained. The new furnace is of an entirely different kind, and is thus far satisfactory; others like it in town have stood the test of time and service. There are others of our school furnaces which have been in use so long that it would be no cause of surprise if one of them should give out. The Second Grammar School needs new seats and desks, to correspond with the other rooms in the building; some of the school houses also need to be repainted.

In general, the Committee are endeavoring to keep the schools up to a high standard as to teachers and methods and working facilities. Special attention is given to the lower schools. We have an excellent corps of teachers as a whole. They are in full accord with the Committee, devoted to the welfare of their scholars, and ready to adopt any new measures that give promise of being improvements.

There has been much discussion of late in public prints concerning the system of examinations. There is a strong feeling against over­ pressure, and pressure at the wrong point. This feeling is just, but it does not apply to Amherst. This community has little idea of the array of statistics and tabulations and reports, which teachers have to work at in some places,—and the number of examination papers which are laid upon scholars by superintendents and boards outside the school-room. Teachers must, of course, have written examinations as a part of the regular school work; and supposing this to be faithfully done,—the less there is from the outside, the better.* In promoting from one grade to another, your Committee make more account of the general standing of the scholars than of any one examination test. Those who are really faithful, and attain to a good degree of excellence in their daily work through the year, are promoted without the Superintendent's examination. More than half of our scholars go up in that way; it is their well-earned privilege. Our teachers are not trammeled with time-consuming statistics, but are allowed to give their energies to the direct work between themselves and the scholars, and to have large liberty of details and methods in the management of their schools.

CALENDAR.

Spring term begins April 1, ends June 21,—12 weeks.
Summer vacation. 10 weeks.
Fall term begins September 2, ends November 22,—12 weeks.
Vacation, Thanksgiving week.
Winter term begins December 2; holiday recess of two weeks from December 29; term ends March 5,—12 weeks. High School one week longer.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1889-90...

*There has been considerable outcry during the past year beyond the ordinary expenses. Most of this was unavoidable, and has

The Overseers of Harvard University have recently decided that there is need of a thorough examination of the regular work during the term, in order to avoid the evils of "cramping" at the end of the term or year.
already been explained under the head of repairs. The bill for fuel
was also quite large. Some increase has been made in supplemen-
tary and reference books, and other material for school work. A
special appropriation from the State for the benefit of schools in the
smaller towns came very opportunely to our aid this year. Our por-
tion was $325.94, but we have no assurance that it will be continued.
The Committee hope that by making the amount for school books
$800, as it was previous to last year, the necessary expenses can be
met without further advance in the appropriation. We recommend
accordingly that the town appropriate $9,500 for the general fund,
and $800 for school books.

J. B. CHILD, C. S. WALKER,
W. I. FLETCHER, School Committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RESOURCES.

Balance in treasury, $128.28
General appropriation, 2,475.00
State Fund, 169.88
Special appropriation by the Legislature of 1888, in aid
of the smaller towns for the support of schools, 325.94
Dog Fund, 321.17
Tuition, 149.50
Academy Fund, 100.00
Transportation money returned from last year's report, 6.35

$10,675.77

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' wages, $7,117.50
Music teacher, 396.00
School Committee, 500.00
Fuel, 712.74
Supplies, 210.67
Repairs, 668.75
Incidentals, 288.74
Care of buildings, 368.00
Transportation of scholars, 296.11

Unexpended balance, $10,559.31
$116.26

$10,675.77
## SCHOOL BOOK ACCOUNT

### RESOURCES

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Books and supplies in stock, $421.

## DETAILED STATEMENT

### TEACHERS' WAGES

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$7,513.50
### SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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<td>Maps, books of reference, etc.</td>
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**Total for Supplies:** $210.67

### INCIDENTALS.

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<td>Amherst Water Co.</td>
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<td>Sarah N. Kligman, engraving diplomas</td>
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<td>J. E. Sanderson, water supply</td>
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<td>J. H. Wheelock</td>
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<td>C. W. Dana, service at So. Grammar</td>
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<td>T. W. Sloan, rear of room to High School</td>
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<td>J. B. Child, postage and office sundries</td>
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<td>J. R. Child, expense to Boston</td>
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<td>N. W. Barnett, cleaning</td>
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<td>F. Clark</td>
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<td>Mrs. Graves</td>
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*The special aid received from the State this year enabled us to increase our purchases in this line, and to renew some of the worn out Atlases and Dictionaries.*
Amherst College, rent of Hall and piano for graduating exercises of High School, $25.00
O. D. Hunt, insurance, $45.00
Union School Furniture Co., for new desks at 3d Grammar, $8.68
Chas. Nutting, work at North Grammar, $1.50
John Hurley, work at Amity and High, $5.25
Claude Walker, printing, $1.00
D. H. Cowan, water supply, two years, $6.00
J. A. Rawson, repairing clocks, $2.25
I. L. Townsend, paid for work, $80.00
D. H. Bartlett, service for High School, $1.00
Gracia Peirce, service for 3d Grammar, $5.30
Frank Leach, work at East street, $1.00
Simon Eaton, $1.25

Total: $268.74

REPAIRS.
A. H. Ryan, slate, $8.00
Freight and cartage on same, $1.00
J. E. Sanderson, work at South East, $80.00
J. W. Dana, plank for South West, $2.24
E. F. Marsh, work for South West, $5.00
E. F. Marsh, work for South Grammar, $3.75
E. F. Marsh, fence at South Grammar, $10.19
C. A. Puffer, work at South West, $17.25
E. L. Pomeroy, $15.35
J. W. Blodgett, teaming South West, $7.50
W. E. Smith, repairs on Amity building, $80.24
W. E. Smith, work at High School, $9.40
W. E. Smith, work at Mill Valley, $8.65
W. E. Smith, 3d Grammar, $8.53
L. J. Spear, work for Amity, $2.00
D. W. Blodgett, repairs on Amity building, $97.87
D. W. Blodgett, Mill Valley and City, $11.20
W. W. Hunt, new furnace for High School, $125.00
W. W. Hunt, work for High School, $88.63
W. R. Dickinson, fence at East Street, $50.52
Lee & Phillips, general repairs, $25.37

Geo. Graves, setting glass and painting, $32.61
M. P. Goodwin, fitting key, $7.00
J. M. Harris, concreting, $28.60
W. M. Thurber, work at East Street, $2.90
W. S. Westcott, lime and cement, $3.50
A. Dwight, repairs, $2.00
D. W. Blodgett, work at High School, $3.30
D. W. Blodgett, work at Amity Street, $11.50
H. W. Haskins, work at North Primary, $8.00
L. E. Dickinson, plank, $2.00
P. C. Guernsey, teaming, $1.00

Total: $688.75
Course of Study in the High School.

There are three courses: the Classical, preparatory to college; the English, devoted to the sciences, mathematics, history and English; and the Latin-English, combining the Latin of the Classical course with the larger part of the English course. The English course is three years in length, the others four years. There are compositions and declamations throughout the course, also spelling, pronunciation and regular weekly study of English literature. A student taking either course in full, and passing satisfactory examination, is entitled to a diploma.

Any person admitted to the school, and unable to take a regular course, is permitted to join any class for which he is found qualified.

Candidates for this school are expected to pass satisfactory examinations in United States History, Physical Geography, Arithmetic, Algebra to simple fractions, Natural History, and the elements of Physiology. A certificate from the teacher of a candidate from out of town, stating that these conditions, or an equivalent, have been complied with, is accepted as satisfactory.

**COURSE OF STUDY.*

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*The figures 1, 2 and 3 before the braces indicate the first, second and third terms of the school year.
Graduates from High School in 1888.

CLASSICAL COURSE.
Arthur L. Brainerd, Mary D. Henshaw, Hubert L. Clark, Charles L. Randall, Samuel C. Fairley, Gertrude L. Woodin.

LATIN AND ENGLISH.
Charlotte M. Blackwell, Mary F. Pomeroy.

English.
Bertha H. Baker, Josephine P. Gilbert, Mary Beston, Minnie E. Graves.

The following took a partial course without diplomas:
Frank M. Holt, Cora D. Morell, Walter K. Dana, Katherine L. Powell.

ROLL OF HONOR.

1888-1889.

Perfect in Attendance.

High School.

Bessie C. Ashcroft, Three Terms. Andrew E. Cutting, One Term.
Leila S. Harrington, " " Clara L. Dana, " "
Charles B. Adams, Two Terms. Sherwood O. Dickerman, " "
Stella F. Dickinson, " " Mary B. Eastman, " "
S. Percy Cushman, " " Alice R. Fairbanks, " "
Alice R. Fairbanks, " " Alfred M. Gold, " "
May A. Lentell, " " Harriet M. Gold, " "
John A. Rawson, " " Mary Hoar, " "
Allie F. Sears, " " Alice M. Howard, " "
Kate M. Taylor, " " Arthur E. Magill, " "
Annie M. Winslow, " " Rachel M. Pomeroy, " "
Clara L. Winslow, " " Robert H. Smith, " "
Carleton E. Clutia, One Term. Amelia W. Tyler, " "
Jennie C. Crowell, " " Grace Woodin, " "

First Grammar.

Herbert Fairbanks, Two Terms. Lilian Culver, One Term.
Gertrude Merrick, " " Nellie Marsh, " "
Nellie Spaulding, One Term. Edith Scales, " "
Fred Grover, " " Lessie Wrigley, " "
Andrew Cutting, " " Kendall Emerson, " "
Susie Ames, " " Edward Esty, " "

Second Grammar.

Nellie Curtiss, Two Terms. Bessie Sears, One Term.
Susie Ames, One Term. Mary Wiley, " "
Lilian Culver, " " Herbert Fairbanks, " "
Jessie Dickinson, " " Frank Thompson, " "
Nellie Marsh, " " Maurice Sullivan, " "
Gertie Merrick, " " Eliot Dickinson, " "
Nina Buffum,  Two Terms. Mamie Hyde,  One Term.
Susie White,  " " Arthur Turner,  " "
Robert Smith,  " " Bennie Kemp,  " "
Nellie Osgood,  One Term. Eddie Fisher,  " "
Bertha Ball,  " " Fred Curtiss,  " "
Katie Hart,  " " Ernest Herrick,  " "
Susie Howes,  " " Elliot Dickinson,  " "

Mary Bartlett,  Two Terms. Olive Heald,  One Term.
Fred Woodruff,  " " Carrie Hall,  " "
Ella Dickinson,  One Term. Hattie Matthews,  " "
                        Clara Parker, One Term.

Alfred Goodale,  Two Terms. Katie Dickinson,  Two Terms.
Lillie Bolter,  " " Carey Hayward,  One Term.
Grace Johnson,  Two Terms.

Mary Linehan,  Two Terms. Estella Cutting,  One Term.
Maud Cooley,  " " Susie White,  " "
Susie Howes,  One Term. Charles Pease,  " "
Rupert Dickinson,  " " Annie Scannell,  " "
Willie Sears,  " " Grace Howes,  " "
Robert Merritt,  " " George Ennich,  " "
John Linehan,  " " Carrie Sanderson,  " "
Augusta Trott,  " " Hattie Culver,  " "
Gertrude Henry, One Term.

Carl Morgan,  Two Terms. Everett Brainard, One Term.
Lucy Wetherbee,  One Term. Walter Howes,  " "
Luther Bates,  " " Timothy Sullivan,  " "
Minnie Bates,  " " Mike Murphy,  " "
Maggie Doherty, One Term.

Myra Hobart,  Three Terms. Cornelia Ball,  One Term.
Maud Dickinson,  Two Terms. Hattie Spear,  " "
Etta Haskins,  One Term. Esther Cowsil,  " "
Hattie Matthews,  " " Henry Adams,  " "
Ella Dickinson,  " " James Hardaker,  " "
                        Clara Parker, One Term.

Note: Myra Hobart has been perfect three years and two terms.

Charles Leach,  Two Terms. Bertha Ball,  One Term.
Walter Webster,  " " Harry Heath,  " "

Robert Phillips,  Two Terms. Florence Gaskell,  One Term.
Leon Fisher,  " " Peter Suprenant,  " "
George Fay,  " " Gilbert Culver,  " "
Frank Graves, One Term.

Seaver Eaton,  Two Terms. Erle Brown,  One Term.
Harry Stiles,  " " Charles Leach,  " "
Maud Leach,  One Term. Walter Leach,  " "
Leona Lovett,  " " Arthur Parents,  " "
May White,  " " George Reid,  " "
Fred Avery, One Term.

Harry Billings,  Two Terms. Clara Phelps, One Term.
Estella Eastman,  " " Mabel Spear,  " "
Sadie Cowles,  " " Bernie Bartlett,  " "
Bertha Johnson,  " " Raymond Dickinson,  " "
Mabel Smith,  One Term. Edward Graves,  " "
Cornelia Ball,  " " Edward Hobart,  " "
Florence Dickinson,  " " Mary Marsh,  " "
Alice Eastman,  " " Hattie Spear,  " "
Ella Hall,  " " Frank Whitney,  " "
Almira Hobart, One Term.
NORTH "CITY."

Mary Ashley, Two Terms. Corn Spear, One Term.
Sadie Hardaker, " " Harvey Atkins, " "
Edmund Wilber, " " Willie Smith, " "
Louis Hardaker, Two Terms.

MILL VALLEY.

Annie Holley, Two Terms. Eva Boynton, One Term.
Bessie Holley, " " Howard Clark, " "

SOUTH GREEN.

Ethel Shaw, One Term. Carl Dickinson, One Term.
Clara Dwight, " " Herbert Dana, " "
Edith Morell, " " Richard Pomeroy, " "

SOUTH EAST.

John Goodale, One Term. Laura Tirrell, One Term.
Lottie Bolter, " " Henry Bates, " "
Emma Taylor, One Term.

SOUTH WEST.

Annie Donnahey, Three Terms. Thomas Donnahey, Two Terms.
Mary Donnahey, " " " Belle Miller, " One Term.
Grace Edwards, Two Terms. Arthur Edwards, " "
John Donnahey, " " Fred Edwards, " "

TREASURER’S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury Feb. 23, 1888, $81,630 41
Received of:
- Schools, tuition, 172 29
- Schools, book fines, etc., 13 92
- School, dog fund, 321 17
- Schools, Mass. school fund, 169 52
- Schools, revenue school fund, 325 94
- Schools, trustees academy fund, 100 00
- Smith Charities, bank tax of 1884, 57 24
- Corporation tax, 1887, 308 62
- Corporation tax, 1888, 1,464 07
- West cemetery, 100 00
- South cemetery, 5 00
- North cemetery, 5 00
- Lock-up fees, 1 00
- Interest on taxes, etc., 214 25
- Overseers of poor, 325 98
- Sale of Dickinson farm, 5,010 00
- Concrete walks, 20 57
- Trustees Whiting street fund, 345 00
- National Bank tax, 1,782 56
- State aid, 694 00
- State Treasurer, armory rent, 300 00
- Sewer brook sewer, 52 40
- Tan brook sewer, 14 70
- Amherst Savings Bank, 10,000 00
- Highways, 2 00
- Collector of taxes, 1886, 36 12
- " " 1887, 77 66
- " " 1888, 41,677 32
- Licences, 36 00

Total RECEIPTS, $81,630 41
EXPENDITURES.

Paid County tax, $4,222.08
State tax, 3,442.50
National Bank tax, 1,314.56
State Treasurer, one-fourth liquor license, 75
Town debt, 17,000.00
Post 147, G. A. R., Memorial Day, 50.00
Water for fire, 1,000.00
Interest, 6,368.81
Libraries, 500.00
Pauper account, 2,408.71
State aid, 714.00
Schools, 11,412.06
West cemetery, 70.10
North cemetery, 44.00
South cemetery, 4.00
Police, lock-up and lamps, 1,503.21
Paving brook sewer, 40.00
Swell brook sewer, 34.51
Tan brook sewer, 2.48
Armory rent, 385.47
Whiting street fund, 375.00
Contingent orders, 1,384.66
Town officers, 385.04
Fire department, 906.17
Concrete walks, 263.85
Dickinson farm, 5,860.82
Cooper lot, 3,500.00
Cemetery Association, 1,000.00
Road damage, 75.00
Assessors' orders, 84.06
Highways and Iron Bridge, 6,130.51
Balance in treasury Feb. 21, 1889, $81,630.41

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

To amount of tax committed in 1888, $48,686.95
By paid Treasurer and Collector, $42,098.29
Discount, 4,459.38
Assessors' abatements, 566.81
Balance uncollected, 1,562.47

W. A. HUNT, TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

AMHERST, FEB. 23, 1889.

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts and vouchers of Wm. A. Hunt, Treasurer of the Town of Amherst, for the year 1888, and find them correct, and a cash balance in the treasury of nine thousand nine hundred ninety-three and 41/2 dollars ($9,993.41).

FRANK E. PAIGE, AUDITOR.
ARTICLES
FOR THE ANNUAL MARCH MEETING
HELD MARCH 4, 1889.

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

ART. 2. To hear and act on the annual report of Selectmen, Assessors, School Committee and other town officers.

ART. 3. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurymen as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 4. To elect all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 5. To choose an elector under the provisions of the will of Oliver Smith, Esq. of Hatfield.

ART. 6. To choose Overseers of the income of the Whiting Street Fund for the town of Amherst.

ART. 7. To bring in their ballots, "Yes or No," in answer to the question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 8. To determine the manner of repairing Highways and Bridges for the ensuing year.

ART. 9. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town expenses for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

ART. 10. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for its Public Libraries.

ART. 11. To hear the report of the Selectmen on cemeteries, and report of Directors of Cemetery Association, and to raise and appropriate any money on their recommendation, or take any action thereon.

ART. 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate fifty dollars to aid in defraying expense of Memorial Day.

ART. 13. To see if the town will accept the report of Selectmen on the laying out of extension of Lincoln Avenue from North Hadley road north to Mass. Agricultural College grounds, and act thereon.

ART. 14. To see if the town will pay the claim of the town of Shutesbury for aid rendered Charles Spaulding.

ART. 15. To see if the town will abate the excess of interest charged the First National Bank, or the difference between six and twelve per cent. on the tax assessed to it, for the year eighteen hundred eighty-six.

ART. 16. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to secure the lot adjoining the Center Cemetery on the east, owned by William Kellogg for the purpose of enlarging the Cemetery and to appropriate money for the purchase of said lot.