RULES AND REGULATIONS

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 that 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 question, when called on by the Moderator, shall rise and stand uncovered till they shall be counted.

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

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

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

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

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1889.

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

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS:
LEVI STOCKBRIDGE, FRED L. STONE.
HENRY W. HASKINS.

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

AUDITOR:
FRANK E. PAIGE.

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

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

SEALERS OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:
JAMES HASTINGS.

ELECTOR:
WM. A. DICKINSON.
FIELD DRIVERS.

C. A. PUFFER,  GEO. H. ROBERTS.

FOUND KEEPER:

J. P. GRAY.

FOUNDER VIEWERS:

ALMON E. COWLES,  FRED L. STONE,  W. W. SMITH.

WEIGHERS OF COAL:

THEODORE L. PAIGE,
J. E. MERRICK,
S. A. HARDY,
ROBERT DICKINSON,
Dwight E. OSGOOD,
E. B. LOVETT,
HENRY STOWELL.

MEASURERS OF LUMBER:

DwIGHT GRAVES,
WALTER D. COWLS,
FLAVEL GAYLORD,
LEVI E. DICKINSON.

MEASURERS OF WOOD:

O. D. HUNT,
J. E. MERRICK,
Dwight E. OSGOOD,
W. H. H. MORGAN,
M. E. CUSHMAN.

SECTIONS:

ASA ADAMS,
CHAS. A. HEALD,
HARVEY WHITE,
C. W. DANA.

Aldrich, Marcus A.
Allen, Lysander H.
Angus, Nelson
Armstrong, Timothy M.
Ball, Albert W.
Arnold, E. F.
Ayers, C. G.
Baker, D. E.
Bartlett, D. H.
Boice, Sanford
Ball, Wm. O.
Brown, A. H.
Bowsworth, George E.
Chapin, Lemuel R.
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Chandler, John W.
Clark, Enoch
Cowles, Almon E.
Cowls, Walter D.
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Curtis, George, Jr.
Curtis, Frank O.
Cook, F. D.
Dillon, J. C.
Dickinson, A. S.
Dickinson, D. W.
Gallond, J. Homer
Gunn, George L.
Gold, M. D.
Hall, Arthur
Haskell, James M.
Hawley, Stetson
Hobart, Arthur
Kingsbury, T. A.

List of Jurymen for 1890.

Kingman, Morris B.
Lee, Noah H.
Lyman, James M.
Marah, William L.
Merrick, James E.
Marsh, Nelson
Musson, Parnell
Owen, Willard C.
Paige, T. L.
Pierce, James
Puffer, Charles A.
Preston, James A.
Roberts, George H.
Roberts, Manning
Smith, William A.
Smith, Charles S.
Smith, Hose B.
Sabin, Ephraim T.
Shaw, Lorin S.
Shaw, A. Lovin
Spanking, Phillip D.
Spear, George P.
Starkey, M. T.
Stetson, John H.
Stratton, R. W.
Taylor, Lewis
Thayer, E. A.
Thompson, Edmund A.
Ufford, Henry L.
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Williams, B. Hartley
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SELFCTMEN'S REPORT.

To the inhabitants of the town the Selectmen in closing their official duties beg to submit the following report of their successes and failures in attempts to discharge their responsible trust. We have found (as others have) that the office of Selectman is not a "bed of roses" or a sinecure, but that he who holds it is held, in the strictest sense, to be the servant of the people, any one of whom may, and many do, exercise the right not only to advise, but practically to command these servants, in relation to the most frivolous, as well as, the most important affairs, and this where the real interest is private rather than public. Notwithstanding the many annoying and perplexing demands made upon us, and fault-finding at the character of the service rendered, we have found the great majority of people are very lenient with their servants and willing to accept of honest endeavor, if there is a failure of complete fulfillment. Average success has crowned our efforts in the management of the public affairs of the town, and more than usual prosperity has attended the business efforts of private citizens.

CEMETERY.

At the last annual meeting the town passed the following vote, "Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars, to be used by the Selectmen at their discretion for the purchase of land of the Amherst Cemetery Association, or such land as it shall seem to them best for burial purposes as required by law." From time to time during the summer, one of the officers of the association was informed that the Selectmen were ready to look at its estate, with the view of complying with the vote of the town, but were always told they were not ready or had not determined what course to pursue. The affair remained in this condition until about the first of October, when we were informed that Mr. George Cutler had been...
appointed a committee to show us the property and to negotiate, and with him one of our board examined the estate. It was found that most of their land was in its native wildness, but made accessible by the construction of roads to show its natural beauty and the scenery of the surrounding country. There were large fields in the condition of good farm lands, but unimproved for burial purposes. Quite an area had been improved and staked out into plots twenty feet square, and the information was given that these plots were the only land the association proposed to sell, also that the Selectmen could have for the town as many as they wished and at the same price they were sold to private individuals. The Selectmen had grave doubts if that method of purchase was in accord with the intent of the town, or if any benefit could come to the individual by buying these plots second hand of the town, rather than of the association. But to be sure that we had made no mistake in our understanding of the proposition made to us, on the 5th of October, a note was addressed Mr. Cutler, which, after quoting the vote of the town, and making mention of the different fields which we had examined on the estate, made the following inquiry: "We therefore, inquire, in which of the divisions above named, you are willing to sell, where the same is located and your price for a stated area. Also, if you will give to the town a deed of warranty with unrestricted title." To this note no formal reply was made, but Mr. Cutler brought us a copy of the charter of the association and its by-laws, and said the plots were for sale and anybody could buy them at ten to fifty cents a square foot, according to location. The negotiation was unsatisfactory throughout and ceased at this point. The form of the vote passed by the town, did not, in our opinion, clearly indicate the intention that we should purchase in some other locality, if negotiation with the association failed, therefore, no further effort was made and the money remains in the town treasury.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

In December, 1888, the board of Selectmen granted to the Thomson-Houston company the right to erect poles and string wires in the streets and ways of the town, in the form of a contract, the consideration being an agreement binding itself, its assigns, and successors to maintain one arc light of twelve-hundred-candle power, free and without cost, to the inhabitants of Amherst, the same to be located by the Selectmen. The company fulfilled all its obligation, and even more, by furnishing four arc lights for several months. Soon after this company had erected its plant and commenced the business of lighting, the Amherst Gas Company, which, after strenuous opposition, had been granted permission to engage in the business of electric lighting by the State Gas Commissioners, petitioned our board for a street franchise to erect poles and string wires, and this was followed immediately by a like petition from the Weston Electric Light Company. After exhaustive hearings, on the 5th of May the Selectmen voted the franchise to both of these companies, and the General Electric Company finding a like petition from the State Gas Commissioners, petitioned our board for the same right; but we were unable to reach an understanding with either of these companies, and the Selectmen have advertised to let proposals for the erection of poles and string wires at any price.

Several difficulties within the companies delayed the calmness which appeared to be impending until fall, when the Gas Company bought the property, the rights and obligations of the Thomson-Houston Company and took up its work. But by some inadvertence it did not secure its arc light dynamic, which was removed from town and the light extinguished; at this juncture the Gas Company found itself in a dilemma; it was necessary to erect a new building, to purchase new machinery, to re-arrange its wires to a greater extent, and though it had assumed the obligations of the Thomson-Houston Company, it could not, without great expense, furnish the town with its one arc light. So far as the company obligations to the town are concerned, the matter has been adjusted by cancelling the contract of the Thomson-Houston Company, and executing one with the Gas Company, by which it agrees to furnish the town with seven incandescent lights, of thirty-two candle power to be located wherever the Selectmen shall direct. We believe that both parties are gainers by the change. The company has completed its new building, is now putting in its machinery and it will be but a short time before the seven lights will be furnished. Though the company owns the street franchise, the law requires the Selectmen to locate the poles and this has caused us great annoyance, labor and trouble. As a rule, our citizens have objected to placing the poles in the street in front of their premises; and, at the same time, neither persuasion or argument would get from them permission to put them in the rear of their lots, though they could not attract attention or do any harm there; and instances have occurred where a beautiful street has been marred by a long line of electric light poles, because a single person would not consent to the placing of a pole on his land or stretching a wire over it. It would be well for
of which in great rains the water pours. It all runs down over the premises and into the cellars of the residents on the south side of the street, and thence into the street itself, which acts as a catch-water, carrying it down the slope eastward into Fearing brook. Several years ago, at the joint expense of the residents on the street and the town, concrete gutters were laid on each side of the street. But the rush of water has several times been so great as to wash out the concrete and cut deep excavations. The concrete has been relaid without the desired result and the cuts are now filled roughly with stone, but a large proportion of the south gutter should be laid with a wide solid stone pavement. During the two or three past years the west half of this south gutter has been nearly full of water, which poured through breaks in the concrete, making the road bad and access to the residences difficult. Though suspicious that this condition of the street was the result of some defect in private work, we made excavations at different points, to ascertain the fact, and found that when the buildings, as far east as the property of Prof. Esty, on the south side of the street were erected, the springs which poured into the cellar, as well as much of the surface water, was conducted into a series of wells in the street and thence by a cement pipe, across the lands of Pres. Seelye into Fearing brook. We found this pipe so thoroughly clogged as to be impassable to water which set back, flooding the street. Opening the pipe removed the water, and believing it to be truly a private matter, the cost of the work was assessed upon the owners of the estates for the benefit of which the drains were originally constructed. Two of them paid their assessments promptly, one cannot be found, and one claims he has no interest in the matter, because, when he found the pipe to Fearing brook clogged, he opened his cellar drain into the town sewer in the street where it now discharges. We have had no new bridges to build, but several of them have been thoroughly repaired, and a careful inspection made of all, and we believe they are now in the best of condition. To this latter work we were probably prompted by the breaking down of the bridge over Mill river near Potter's mill, at North Amberst. This structure had been, as was supposed, thoroughly repaired two years ago, and it was not supposed that a defective timber, plank or bolt was left in it. Neither of the present board of Selectmen had any suspicion that it was not perfectly sound, and so citizen who was crossing it daily and almost hourly, suggested any apprehension of its weakness, but on the 10th of August, as the
CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

Extensive repairs have been made to our old concrete walks, in different sections of the town, and in compliance with petitions, new ones laid as follows: On the south side of Amity street, from Prospect to the west side of Lincoln Avenue; On the south side of McClean, from Pleasant to John Donahue's; On Orchard, from Northampton to Prof. Headrah's; On Triangle, in front of J. P. Gray's; At North Amherst, and the gap on South Pleasant, near the house of Nelson Scott, so that now there is a continuous walk from the center of the town to the Central Depot. It has always been the custom for the contractor to receive his full pay for work done, from the town treasury, one-half of which bills are then presented for payment to the abutters as the law provides. The payment of these bills has usually been tardy, but never so slow as the present year, and quite a number are now outstanding. It would be well if some other system was adopted and no more such walks laid until responsible parties give a written guarantee of prompt payment.

LICENSES TO SELL INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

At the last annual meeting the town, as usual, voted "no licenses," but the selectmen are under legal obligation to license one druggist and may more. It is undoubtedly the majority sentiment of our people that our licensed druggists are responsible for a very large proportion of the drunkenness and consequent arrests in town, but full proofs have not been secured to substantiate it; yet there is such a dark shadow over the whole vocation of liquor selling that it is considered wise to refuse license to all parties whose antecedents would not be a guarantee that they would keep faith with those who grant the license, and obey the law in letter and spirit. Judging by the kept record of the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town for medicinal purposes, there is but very little required or used, not more than enough to make a small item in the business of one of our druggists, and without crowding or being specially profited thereby, one in this respect could supply all the legitimate wants of our people. But all four of our druggists applied for a license and the Selectmen, by a large majority, voted to give it to each. The law provides that the Chairman, not the board of Selectmen, must sign the license, and while out of deference to the desire of the board he signed the papers of three, he refused to sign for Mr. W. H. Morgan, giving as a reason for the refusal, the following statement: That Mr. Morgan had, at a recent time, been convicted of the worst kind of liquor selling, had been sentenced to pay fines to the amount of about three hundred dollars, and to the house of correction for ninety days; that he be relieved from the last item of the sentence, he had, in writing placed before the public, "pledged himself never again to engage in the sale of intoxicating liquors in any way and to sell his druggist stand and go into other business at the earliest opportunity." That, in consequence of this pledge and promise a large number of our most respected citizens had signed a petition to the Judge of the Superior Court and had used their influence with the District Attorney that he might be allowed in that Court to plead guilty to all complaints, pay all fines, but that the sentence to the house of correction might remain as a pledge of future good behavior; the petitioners stated to the Court that "they felt sure that he would not hereafter give ground for complaint of any kind;" but that, notwithstanding his pledges and the kindness of citizens in his behalf which resulted in his relief from immediate incarceration in prison, it was susceptible
proof, that he was then continuing the sale of intoxicants, which had produced their ordinary effects of drunkenness and debauchery. The Chairman did not sign Mr. Morgan's license and consequently on the ninth day of November, he petitioned the Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court for a writ of mandamus to compel him. The petition was granted and the supposed Chairman was summoned "to appear before the Supreme Court at the court-house in Springfield on the first Monday of December to show cause, if any he had, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted." The Chairman believed Mr. Morgan was not a fit person to be trusted with the responsibility of selling intoxicating liquors for medicinal purposes only, and that the best interest of the town forbade it. There were two ways by which it might possibly be prevented; First, to appear before the Court and show, as he was able to do, that the statements Mr. Morgan had made to the Court in his petition were false in important particulars, and the papers he had presented to the Selectmen as evidence of his qualification to receive a license were fatally defective by non-compliance with the requirements of the law and consequently he had no right to a license. But Mr. Morgan was aided and abetted in his attempt by many of our citizens and the course might be only a temporary check: It was therefore considered best for the final disposition of the case that the Chairman should resign that position, and reserve the knowledge of Mr. Morgan's illegal status in relation to his license papers, and the proof of his former infractions of the law while under the ban of the Court, to use in support of a protest against his receiving a license from a succeeding Chairman. Accordingly the Chairman sent his resignation to the board on the seventh of November, and Mr. Fred L. Stone was soon after elected and accepted the position. His predecessor appeared before the Court, as summoned, and proved that he was not Chairman of the Selectmen of Amherst at the date of Mr. Morgan's petition or of the Court summons. The decision of the Court was, "that it appeared that Mr. Stockbridge was not Chairman of the board and that there was no law which would compel him to sign the license of the petitioner, and the case was dismissed." No application was made to the new Chairman for the license. Whether it was because he was supposed to be unfriendly to granting it, or that there were rumors in the air that the District Attorney would take a hand in the next bout with a view of a final settlement of the old case by the light of new-found facts is unknown, but very unexpectedly the whole matter rested at this point. During the year several complaints have been made against unlicensed liquor sellers and prosecuted to conviction and heavy penalties: the ways of the dealers are very dark and very peculiar. Some, doubtless, sell from hidden places in their dwellings, others from disguised wagons as they are driven along the street, and others still from bottles carried in their pockets. Whatever is the mode of distribution its effects are the same in producing disorder, lawlessness, poverty and suffering, and constant watch is required to prevent these small streams of crime from becoming a flood.

CENTRAL MASS. STOCK.

The committee empowered to sell this stock at their discretion have, since the last annual meeting a few hundred and fifty shares at fifteen dollars and a fraction per share, realizing the sum of $2291, and they now hold five hundred shares which they will sell or hold as the future market may determine.

Funds for the Erection of the Town Hall.

The original vote of the town was that the Selectmen should borrow the sum of $35,000 for a period of twenty years but in November it was modified to $50,000 for ten years. Thinking it not best to borrow the whole sum when the early payments to the contractor were due, money in the treasury which could be spared was used to make the payments. Then the Selectmen obtained $15,000 from our National Bank on their personal notes and subsequently borrowed $20,000 from the state treasury at three and one-half per cent, with which to take up these obligations. Finally $50,000 in four per cent. town bonds were placed upon the market. They bear date Jan. 1st, 1890, payable in ten years, with interest semi-annually, payable at the First National Bank of Amherst on the first day of July and January. These bonds sold at such premium as to bring the interest at three and one-half per cent, for the entire time.

Levi Stockbridge, }  Selectmen and
Fred L. Stone, }  Overseers of Poor.
Henry W. Haskins, }
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There has been nothing specially new in the work or experiences of the Assessors during the past year. They retire from the office conscious of the fact that it has been their honest, earnest endeavor to so appraise the property of our tax-payers, that each according to his taxable possessions shall bear his just and equitable proportion of the public burdens. And this is the beginning and ending of the Assessors' duty. In point of fact the taxes are made when the appropriations are voted, and the fault-finding labor of tax-objectors would be much more effective in looking sharply after these, than in concealing their property, exhausting their inventive genius in finding schemes by which it may escape through the meshes of the law, or in abusing the Assessors. In the last annual report an attempt was made to show what a proper tax-list was, its form and what was necessary to make it effective as such. The present year, to aid in the procurement of such list, the Assessors prepared and mailed to each known tax-payer a printed schedule with blanks to be filled, stating the amount of each kind of taxable property possessed, and to be returned and oath made to the correctness of the same. Probably not one in five were ever returned to us, and some who did return them declined to swear that they were correct; yet it resulted in giving us more lists, and more that were correct and reliable than had been received in any previous year. As it was the first time anything of the kind had been attempted in this town the result was not surprising, but we are satisfied it is a correct and proper method and if persisted in would result in securing lists from nearly all, make our taxes more equitable, and be a great relief to the Assessors.

The great inequality of taxation between persons of equal property or income ability and receiving equal benefits from the avails of taxation, and between different kinds of property, is arousing serious attention and discussion at the present time. All the wrongs complained of exist in our town, but they could be quickly amended here without "turning the world upside down" if public opinion was
personally outspoken against dodgers and shirks. In 1886 we taxed one of our citizens, Mr. Walter Cowls, for a steam saw-mill, claiming it to be personal property and therefore taxable in this town, the place of his residence, rather than in Leverett where it was being used the first of May. The Assessors of Leverett also taxed it on the claim that it was real estate, under that clause of the law which says "all goods, wares and merchandize and other stock in trade, including stock employed in the business of manufacturing or of the mechanic arts, and all machinery employed in any branch of manufactures shall be assessed where such machinery is situated or employed." Mr. Cowls paid the tax to the Amherst Collector and refused payment in Leverett. The mill was operated in several other towns during the year but the first of May, 1887, it was again in Leverett and the double tax of 1886 was repeated, but it was paid in Amherst. The town of Leverett then sued Mr. Cowls, to compel payment. The question appeared to be of great importance not only to the tax-payers of this town but to the whole state, and one which could be settled only by a decision of the Supreme Court. It was therefore assumed by the town and counsel employed. To save the expense of litigation in the lower courts the counsel of the two towns agreed on a statement of the facts of the case and passed the statement to the higher court. The rescript of the court was returned last November, giving the case to Mr. Cowls, or rather to the town of Amherst on all points at issue, but particularly that clause of the law above quoted, saying that a machine to be moved from place to place to saw logs into boards could by no proper construction of the term be considered a manufactory and therefore real estate. The expense of the suit was fifty dollars, which is much less than the tax already received on the property and the principle is settled for the whole Commonwealth.

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| Acres of land taxed         | 15,919 | 15,900 |
| Dogs taxed                  | 244    | 230    |
| School children between five and fifteen | 604   | 567    |
| Militia between eighteen and forty-five | 514   | 424    |
| Number of polls             | 1061   | 1052   |
| Personal estate taxed       | $ 970,680 | $792,972 |
| Real estate                 | 2,297,520 | 2,284,100 |
| Total valuation             | $3,288,000 | $3,027,072 |
| Rate per $1,000             | 10 25  |        |
| Number of persons assessed  | 1329   |        |

LEVI STOCKBRIDGE,
SALMON WAKEFIELD,
M. W. HOWARD,
Assessors.
ENGINFERS' REPORT.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 14, 1890.

The past year has been one of unusual quiet for our firemen, only two fires requiring their attention. That service has been sufficient to show the fact that the department should be furnished with more hose. The present supply was purchased something like ten years since, and what with use and age begins to show signs of weakness. About seven hundred feet of rubber-lined cotton hose is needed. The present supply was purchased something like ten years since, and what with use and age begins to show signs of weakness.

The present quarters of the department in the centre are badly cramped for room, and some changes in arranging the station by including the room now used as a lockup, for the use of the department, would give it some much needed space. At present the hand-engine is stored in a barn and is in bad condition for use, besides the difficulty of getting it out in case of need. Your engineers would, therefore, urge the necessity of removing the lockup from its present quarters and of having the necessary alterations made to accommodate the fire department as early as possible.

For some time past, the location of Hose No. 2, has been a matter of earnest thought with the active members of the board. Its present location is plainly out of place as there is but one hydrant east of the station, and to get to almost any point where service is required, they are obliged to go up hill. The building in which the apparatus is kept is from 75 to 100 feet from the street, and in passing to and from, have to cross a ditch. The town pays $50 per annum rent for this property. A location nearer the New London R. R. station can be secured, and on the score of economy as well as utility, it is recommended that some action be taken by the town if necessary, towards relocating the station.

For the regular expenses of the department and the hose supply as above mentioned, an appropriation of nine hundred dollars is needed for the coming year.

ENGINEERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN, MAY 1ST, 1889.

W. H. H. Morgan,  E. G. Thayer,
A. F. Hardwell,  M. N. Spear,
G. M. Chamberlain,  G. J. Gallond,
C. H. Miller,  M. E. Cushman,
Asa Brown,  H. P. Bridgman,
O. F. Morse,  W. D. Cows.

Thirty-eight men make up the working force, divided as follows:—
Centre, 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 5: number of fires, 5; number of alarms, 3; number slight and partial fires, 2; total, 3; fires and no alarm, 2.

April 15, '89, first fire of the year: Barn and ice-house with contents, totally destroyed; owners, Henry Hills and Mr. Haskins. Loss, $850; no insurance. Cause, incendiary.

May 16. Town of Amherst School building at North Amherst; total loss $2000; paid by insurance. Cause, incendiary.


Sept. 24. Prof. W. S. Tyler's residence, Oak Grove; partially burned. Loss paid by insurance, building and contents, $1628.75. Cause, defective flue.

Dec. 2. A. E. Munsell's barn, granary and shed; total, $3410.45; paid by insurance. Cause, accidental.

Total amount loss for year, $7914.20; less amount from insurance, $7039.20; net loss, $875.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION AND EXPENSES:

Town appropriation, annual meeting, $800 00

Paid, Alert Hose Co., $192 00
Lafayette H. and L. Co., 144 00
Hose No. 2, 120 00
Chief Engineer, 25 00
C. O. Parmenter, rent No. 2 house, 50 00
Conant & Co., rubber coats and caps, 74 10

23
R. I. Coupling Co., 2 nozzles, 30.00
G. J. Galland, storing engine, 15.00
Spanners and express, 4.15
E. J. Steeves, repairs, 3.83
A. F. Bardwell, investigation account, 8.00
G. M. Chamberlain, 3.00
H. C. Graves, labor, 1.75
Lee & Phillips, cap and nipple, 1.65
T. L. Paige, hauling hose, 1.00
Total: $621.48

INVENTORY OF FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPERTY AT COST.

Fire Engine, $75.00
Canvas chute, jumping canvas and line gun, 123.75
Total: $198.75

Alert Hose Co. No. 1.
450 feet old leather hose, $225.00
800 feet rubber-lined cotton hose, 750.00
50 feet 4 in. cotton hose, 7.50
Four pipes and nozzles, 31.00
Two controlling nozzles, 30.00
Hose straps and jackets, 10.00
Hose cart, 94.00
Hose cart, old, 40.00
Spanners and belts, 19.95
Babcock fire extinguisher, 25.00
Rubber coats and cape caps, 49.15
One hydrant gate, 10.00
One Siamese two-way coupling, 25.00
Chairs and tables, 8.10
Total: $494.00

Lafayette Hook and Ladder Co.
Hook and Ladder truck, $75.00
One 50-ft Bangor extension ladder, 111.80
Six ladders, 40.00
Total: $354.80

Total for Center: $861.55

East Street. Hose Co. No. 2.
125 wooden pails, 15.00
Ten leather buckets, 10.00
Chains and hooks, 10.00
Two ladder hooks, 1.20
Axes and iron bars, 10.00
Rubber coats and cape caps, 19.10
Twelve chairs, 1.50
One table, 1.00
One desk, 1.00
One Store, pipe, etc., 14.20
Total: $341.80

Engineers’ Suits.
Three rubber coats, $35.00
Three hats, 15.00
Two pairs boots, 5.50
Total: $52.00

At North Amherst.
One fire extinguisher and charges at N. A. City, $30.85
One fire extinguisher and charges at F. O., 30.85
Total: $61.70

Total: $234.60

Grand total: $2614.90

W. H. H. Morgan, Chief Engineer.
The past year has been one of unusual growth and prosperity for the Town Library. The resources at the disposal of the Association have been larger than usual owing to the receipt of the $200 given by the late Miss Esther Cutler, and of the first half year's interest ($100) of the $1000 fund left by the late L. O. Carter, which went on interest July 1. As shown by our financial statement, about $600 has been expended in the purchase of books. The Library has not been actually increased to so large an extent as might be expected under these circumstances, for the reason that the committee decided to use a portion of our unusual income in making the Library good by replacing such books as were worn out and were worth continuing in the Library. The fact of a book wearing out in the service is itself evidence that it is in demand, the demand being constant as long as the book appears on the catalogue. Thus, while 262 new books have been added, 289 have been bought to replace worn-out copies, the accumulation of several years.

Attention is thus called to the fact that as the Library increases and the books grow older an increasing expenditure will be needed merely to keep the Library good, and an appropriation which a few years ago would have enabled the committee to add largely to the Library, may be insufficient now even to keep it in proper running order. Under these circumstances it must be seen the decrease in the running expenses of the Library which will follow its removal into the town building, will be nearly or quite offset by this demand for funds to keep the Library up to the present catalogue. In the nature of the case, a growing Library will call for constantly increasing resources. Only in two ways will this burden upon the town (which is always borne cheerfully, as the Library is one of the most popular of our institutions) be lightened; one is by the gifts of benevolent individuals who may from time to time add to its endowment. The Carter fund, of which only the income can be expended, and that only for books of travel, history or biography should be but the first of many such gifts. Kept by themselves, and bearing "Carter Fund" labels, the books bought from this fund will be a constantly growing monument to the large-hearted donor. Undoubtedly his example will be followed.

The other source from which partial support for the Library may be drawn is in the fees of those who take sufficient personal interest in the matter to join the Association at the expense of $1.00 per year. The past year the membership has been thirty-seven. Might it not be largely increased? Following is a list of the books bought from the Carter fund income, this year: Gowing, Five thousand miles in a sledge; Bridgman, Winter in Algeria; Humboldt, Among cannibals; Diary of Philip Hone, 2 Vols.; Edwards, One thousand miles up the Nile; Flatie, Beginnings of American History; Roosevelt, Winning of the West, 2 Vols.; Sidgwick, Caroline Schlegel and her Friends; Malden, Jane Austen. The number of vols now in the Library is 4448.


Dr.

To amt. rec'd from last year's account. 25 23
" of Town, 400 00
" by Will of Miss Esther Cutler, 250 00
" by Library Fair, 210.25
" of Annual Fees, 37 00
" of Fines, 33 49
" Interest from Carter Fund, 20 00
" for Catalogues, 7 .25
" " Membership, 5 00

$988 18

Cr.

By amt. paid for Books, 600 08
" " Express, 11 30
" " Librarian and Assistant, 87 00
" Rent, 120 00
" Care of rooms, 36 00
" Rebinding, 29 10
" Printing, 22 25
To balance for next year.

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AMHERST, MASS., Feb. 29th, 1890. This may certify that I have examined the accounts and vouchers of Mr. J. A. Rawson, Treasurer of the Amherst Library Association, and find them correct, leaving a balance in his hands of thirty-three and 3/4 dollars.

GEORGE CUTLER, AUDITOR.

NORTH AMHERST LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

IN ACCOUNT WITH F. P. AINSWORTH, TREASURER.

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This balance has been expended in new books, a part of which have been received and the rest are expected daily, and when all have arrived and the bill been paid, the balance will be practically used up.

The whole number of books in the Library is 1498.

OVERSEER'S REPORT.

The number of persons supported by the town in asylums remains the same as when the last report was made and they have continued at the same places. There are in the Alms-house at the present time nine persons, the stay of two of whom we trust will be temporary. We have had there for short periods during the year seven other persons, three of whom, Mrs. Jane Whitney and two children, were removed to the town of Upton, and the two children of Mrs. Eleira Upton removed to Greenwich where they had settlements. By the sympathetic and benevolent act of Mr. Rufus Kellogg, a native of this town but now a resident of Green Bay, Wisconsin, Mrs. Sally Dickenson, who was at the Alms-house at the time the last report was made, has been taken therefrom, and is now being supported by him near her old home at North Amherst. Nine persons have received temporary aid out of the Alms-house, all but one of whom are residing in other towns. There are two persons residing here who receive almost constant help though partial support, who have a settlement in the town of Montague and efforts are being made to induce their removal to that place. Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Dickenson have been continued as Warden and Matron at the Alms-house. They have sustained their reputation as efficient and economical managers, have served the town most faithfully, and notwithstanding the intimate difficulties of the situation have made a home with home comforts and associations for the unfortunate ones committed to their care. Besides the farm crops consumed by the family, the sales have amounted to $941.58. The expenses of carrying it on have been $885.18, leaving a balance in favor of the farm besides the crops consumed. The family there has been larger than usual, but instead of bringing a laboring force it has increased the care and absorbed the time of the Warden and necessitated the employment of more hired labor on the farm, increasing the expenses in that department.
INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

February, 15, 1890.

Patrick Shea, Age 86 years.
Michael Martin, 82
Albert Hawley, 67
Sophia Randolph, 65
Eunice Kellogg, 80
Mary Hawley, 27
Bridget Deignan, 66
John Deignan, 62
John Matthews, 52

INVENTORY OF ALMSHOUSE PROPERTY.

1889. 1890.
Household furniture, $433 55 $382 25
Farming tools and implements, 336 70 332 50
Provision and supplies, 398 07 299 50
Live stock, 1083 50 1048 00
Hay and grain, 436 40 749 25

Totals, $2688 22 $2811 50

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. L. STONE, Selectmen and
LEVI STOCKBRIDGE, Overseers
H. W. HASKINS, of the Poor.

REPORT OF TOWN EXPENSES.

NIGHT POLICE AND LAMPS.

Appropriation, $1500 00
From Town Treas., 267 55
Lockup fees, 1 00
Total, $1,768 55

Paid D. H. Tilsen, 750 00
W. C. Hutchinson, lighting lamps, 21 00
A. B. Cloud, oil, 15 33
Arthur E. Davis, lighting lamps, 67 50
Charles Peterson, 13 50
No. Amherst Village Improvement Society, 209 00
W. B. Morell, care of lamps, 15 00
Amherst Gas Co., 479 23
J. E. Merrick, oil, 9 14
Lee & Phillips, repairs, 21 10
Holland & Galloud, glass, 18 96
Gray & Osgood, oil, 7 14
Harvey White, lighting lamps, 170 75
Total, $1,768 55

TOWN HALL PLANS.

R. F. Putnam, $250 00
E. A. Ellsworth, 250 00
Total, $500 00

NORTHAMPTON BRIDGE.

Appropriation, $858 97
Paid, 568 97
FEARING BROOK SEWER.

Balance on hand Feb. 15, 1889,
Interest during year, 
Received in assessment, 
Total, 
Paid sundry orders, 
Balance in Savings Bank, 

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TOWN DEBT.

Appropriation, 
Paid Agricultural Note, 
R. R. Note, 

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MEMORIAL DAY.

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WATER FOR FIRES.

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PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Appropriation, 
Paid Center library, 
North library, 

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INTEREST.

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ARMORY RENT.

Received from State Treasurer, 
" " Town " 
Paid W. W. Hunt, rent, 

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STATE AID.

Amount paid sundry persons, 

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ASSESSORS' ORDERS.

Paid sundry orders, 

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Amount paid, 

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TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation, 
In treasury, 
From treasurer, 
Paid James Hastings, 
F. E. Paige, Auditor, 
E. D. Bangs, Elecror, 
Parnell Munson, Selectman 1888, 
S. Wakefield, Assessor, 
M. W. Howard, Assessor, 
Levi Stockbridge, Assessor, 
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F. L. Stone, 
H. W. Haskins, 
W. A. Hunt, Clerk, 
Registrars of Voters, 

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AMITY STREET SCHOOL HOUSE WALL.

Appropriation, 
From the treasury, 
Paid Michael Britt, labor, 
John Shaw, stone, 
E. J. Steeves, fence, 
H. W. Haskins, fence, 

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CEMETERIES.

WEST CEMETERY.

Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1889, $351.20
Received from sale of lots, $370.20
Paid O. F. Morse, labor, $6.40
Norman Harlow, labor, 30.00
S. P. Clutia, labor, 2.50
Fred Harlow, 8.00
J. P. Gray, 8.05

Balance, $310.25

NORTH CEMETERY.

Appropriation, $100.00
Received from sale of lots, 42.50
Paid John Chandler, labor, $7.88
Hosea B. Smith, 7.30
Asa Adams, 7.48
Amount overtaken in 1888, 28.67

Balance, $118.83

SOUTH CEMETERY.

Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1889, $22.11
Appropriation, 50.00
Paid C. W. Dana, labor, 72.11

Balance, $59.76

WHITING STREET FUND.

Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1889, $450.35
Received, 345.00
Paid sundry persons, 805.35

Balance, $355.35

LICENSE ACCOUNT.

Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1889, $262.34
Received Druggists’ licenses, 3.00
Auctioneers, shows and billiards, 38.00
Paid State Treasurer 1-4 liquor licenses, 75.00

Balance, $222.59

CONTINGENT.

Balance in treasury, $15.79
Appropriation, 1,700.00
Sundry payments, 360.19

Paid J. E. Williams, printing Reports, $121.00
L. J. Spear, repairs at Armory, 3.65
Amherst Savings Bank, rent, 100.00
Frank Wood, use of carriage, 11.00
Springfield Printing Co., Assessors’ books, 15.25
E. H. Arnold, services April 22, 5.00
A. H. Pierce, police, 2.00
A. F. Bardwell, police, 2.00
L. D. Cowless, removing ashes, 14.50
John E. Williams, 72.00
D. H. Bartlett, police, 4.00
Amherst Gas Co., gas at lockup, 26.46
O. D. Hunt, coal at lockup, 12.26
E. D. Marsh, desk top, 2.50
S. P. Puffer, damages, 489.10
Dr. H. E. Paige, services, 18.00
L. J. Spear, repairs at lockup, 50.00
J. A. Rawson, care of clock, 20.00
W. W. Hunt, repairing water tanks, 8.32
Lee & Phillips, repairing hydrant, 25.00
F. P. Wood, meals, 8.00
James Wiley, police, 11.00
R. J. Clark, care of water tank, 2.00
W. F. Williams, horse damage, 35.00
Harvey White, labor, 1.00
H. D. Holland, posting warrant, 2.00
W. W. Smith, posting warrants and services, 45 03
M. N. Spear, books, 1 00
F. C. Russell, repair carriage, 11 00
W. A. Hutchinson, labor, 60
A. W. Hall, repair Puffer wagon, 18 00
Henry Stearns, " harness, 13 65
O. D. Hunt, insurance, 26 25
John McCarty, care of tank, 2 50
W. W. Hunt, tile, 245 62
Hammond & Field, legal services, 50 00
James Stetsen, damage to wagon, 1 20
W. W. Hunt, rent, 123 00
State return of statistics, 4 25
E. D. Marsh, return of deaths, 11 00
Dr. H. H. Seeley, return of births, 5 50
Dr. O. F. Bigelow, " 5 25
Dr. W. Dwight, " 2 75
Dr. D. B. N. Fish, " 1 25
Amherst share for county bridge, 46 61
D. Graves & Co., lumber for voting stalls, 3 90
T. W. Shaw, police, 4 00
E. W. Smith 4 00
G. E. Atkins, labor on reservoir, 4 00
Hamlin & Paige, legal services, 82 00
O. D. Hunt, wood for Town Clerk's offices, 7 00
Assessors, for stamps and envelopes, 9 28
J. A. Rawson, services Nov. 5, 2 00
John Howland, " 2 00
C. O. Parmeuter, " 2 00
H. O. Pease, " 1 25
Express, postage and paper, 18 38
J. M. Harris, gutter, 153 86
W. D. Marsh, burial of Chas. Spaulding, 10 46
PAUPERS.

From estate of S. Moody,
Town of Montague for Mrs. S. Hall, 16 00
" Upton for Edwards family, 54 50
" Greenwich for Whitney family, 54 57
Transportation of State paupers, 2 70
H. C. Dickinson, sale from produce, 56 40
Mrs. Rhodes, for aid rendered, 2 38
State aid, 72 00
Paid Mrs. Jane C. Davis, support of child, 104 24
F. L. Stone, fertilizer, 40 00
Insane hospital, Mary J. Witherell, 169 46
" Horace Frazier, 169 46
" Julia Franklin, 169 46
" Charlotte Hagerty, 169 46
" Michael Canavan, 169 46
Shutesbury, aid furnished C. Spaulding, 45 60
D. E. Dickinson, cow, 50 00
G. W. Bridgett, clothes, Consoloy children, 7 50
E. B. Lovett, rent for Sanford Hall, 26 00
City Worcester, aid to Maria Thompson, 1 00
Michael Dowd, aid, 75 00
E. D. Marsh, burial of Chas. Spaulding, 84 60

Balance Feb. 15, 1889, 925 98
Appropriation, 1,800 00
Pastoral duties, 50 00
Received from sundry persons, 280 19
Sundry payments, 2,673 96
Balance, 462 21

CONCRETE WALKS.
Appropriation, $500 00
Balance in treasury, 154 15
Received from abutters, 315 89
Due " " 171 29
Paid from treasury, 678 36
Balance, $1,799 69
Dr. C. G. Trow, for Charlotte Howard, 10 00
E. M. Putnam, " " 25 00
L. A. Leroy, " " 32 50
Dr. H. H. Selye, for Mrs. Whitney, 10 00
R. W. Stratton, shoes, Connoly children, 5 50
City Northampton, aid Mrs. Mary Warner, 34 69
Mrs. Blake, aid, 3 00
Dr. Hall, for Mrs. Whitney, 5 00
A. B. Cloud, supplies for Mrs. S. Hall, 12 25
Henry C. Dickinson, 400 00
C. H. Sanderson & Co., clothing, Mrs. Whitney, 3 35
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W. S. Westcott, aid Brit, 3 00
" Mrs. S. Hall, 4 00
Harvey White, sexton service, 7 00
W. W. Smith, expense taking Mrs. Ottingbaum to Tewksbury, 15 58
T. W. Sloan, shoes for Mrs. Upton, 2 40
Jackson & Cutler, clothes, 11 24
J. E. Merrick, meal, 156 30
Gray & Osgood, supplies, Mrs. Pierce, 2 00
" Mrs. S. Hall, 4 25
" Foster, 6 00
O. G. Couch & Son, " Connoly children, 7 00
E. P. Marsh, work at town farm, 22 82
Town Shutesbury for Mrs. Blake, 7 18
Asa Adams, burial of Mrs. Howard, 4 00
Towne & Dickinson, supplies, Connoly children, 7 00
H. S. Johnson, rent for Mrs. S. Hall, 8 00
H. C. Dickinson for stock at farm, 215 00
Henry Adams, medicine, Mrs. S. Hall, 2 18
Aid to Mrs. S. Hall, 1 00
E. L. Stone, plow, rake and fertilizer, 86 50
D. Graves & Co., wood for John Smith, 1 38
A. B. Cloud, supplies to Edwards, 2 62
" Mrs. Rhodes, 2 38

A. Dwight, repairing cart-body, 7 50
C. E. Hutchinson, horse collar, 3 50
F. P. Ainsworth & Son, shoes for Edwards, 5 50
Dr. C. W. Hall, town physician, medicines, 37 50
State almshouse, for Thomas Spellman, 19 14
A. B. Cloud, supplies for Edwards family, 2 00
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H. B. Edwards & Co., for Connoly children, 3 04
W. S. Westcott, feed cutter, 5 50
R. W. Dickinson, cow, 46 00

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HIGHWAYS.
Appropriation, $4,000 00
Received from sundry persons, 18 30
Due from " From the Treas. 1,025 48
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F. A. Cadwell, 30 52
George Biss, 241 12
Mike Harley, 33 15
John O'Bourke, 6 00
Edgar Biss, 12 00
Summer Frink, 12 75
M. T. Starkey, 31 82
John Callahan, 54 84
W. L. Nutting, 143 66
Wm. E. Martin, 6 00
Christopher Thompson, Jr., 153 02
Charles Nutting, 42 80
Waldo Stiles, 18 00
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J. M. Harris, galleries, 124 73  
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John Stetson, land for gravel, 37 50  
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W. A. Joslyn, 1 50  
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H. W. Haskins, iron for bridge, 15 50  
Jonathan Merrick, 1 45  
S. E. Harrington & Son, lumber, 1 60  
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Spenser Smith, 10 50  

**$3215.78**

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**TREASURER'S REPORT.**

**RECEIPTS.**

Balance in treasury Feb. 22, 1889, $9,993 40

Received of schools, tuition, 207 25
   " Book fines, 3 75
   Mass. school fund, 23 68
   Dog fund, 280 01
   Grass at No. Amherst City, 4 00
   Trustees academy fund, 100 00
   Insurance, 1,885 00
   Lockup fees, 1 00
   Corporation tax, 1,885 59
   Cemetery, North, 42 50
      " West, 19 00
   Contingents, 260 19
   Licenses, 43 00
   Overseers of Poor, 280 19
   Bills payable, 9,000 00
   Trustees, Whiting Street Fund, 345 00
   Highways, 18 30
   Town hall-building committee, 15,912 64
   State aid, 698 00
   National Bank tax, 1,651 39
   Armory rent, 250 00
   Central Mass. R. R. stock, 2,231 25
   Sewer, Fearing brook, 120 00
   Interest on taxes, etc., 250 12
   Concrete walks, 305 89
   Collector of taxes, 1887, 207 00
      " 1888, 1,285 51
      " 1889, 44,478 61

**$91,561 27**
EXPENDITURES.

Paid County tax, $4,265.40
State treasurer 1-4 liquor license, 75
State tax, 3,000.00
National Bank tax, 1,275.49
Town debt, 7,000.00
Post 147 G. A. R., Memorial Day, 50.00
Water for fires, 1,000.00
Libraries, 500.00
Interest, 5,908.74
Bills payable, 9,000.00
State aid, 648.00
Pauper account, 2,673.36
Police, lockup and lamps, 1,768.55
Highway orders, 5,215.78
School supplies, 765.48
" Incidents, 364.37
" Repairs, 249.86
" Books, 349.76
" Committee, 600.00
" Janitors, 378.50
" Teachers, 7,846.50
" Transferring scholars, 301.60
" Amity Street wall, 273.90
" New building at City, 1,924.82
Cemetery, West, 54.95
" North, 23.25
" South, 12.35
Armory rent, 400.00
Assessors' orders, 74.27
Town officers, 1,091.25
Fire department, 621.48
Whiting Street fund, 270.00
Contingent orders, 1,388.59
Concrete walks, 1,799.69
Palmer lot, 5,000.00
Town hall committee, 15,928.64
Fearing brook sewer, 78.75
" Deposit, 41.25

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To amount of tax committed in 1889, $51,596.83
By paid Treasurer and Collector, $44,922.82
Discounts, 4,695.81
Assessors' statements, 604.63
Balance uncollected, 1,372.55
$51,595.88

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

To amount of tax committed in 1889, $51,596.83
By paid Treasurer and Collector, $44,922.82
Discounts, 4,695.81
Assessors' statements, 604.63
Balance uncollected, 1,372.55
$51,595.88
AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Amherst, Feb. 21, 1890. This is to certify that I have this day examined the accounts and vouchers of W. A. Hunt, Treasurer of the town of Amherst, for the fiscal year 1889 and find them correct, with cash balance on hand of seven thousand, eight hundred fifty-one and $7/100 dollars.

F. E. Paige, Auditor.

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Citizens of the Town of Amherst:

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

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Population of the town, census of 1880, 4298
    State Census, 1885, 4499
Number of children from 5 to 16 years of age, May 1, 1889, as reported by the Assessors, 604
Whole number registered in the schools during the year,
    "    " in attendance, Spring term, 644
    "    " Fall term, 680
    "    " Winter term, 649
Number under 5 years of age,
    "    " over 15 " 179
    "    " from 8 to 14 " 489
Average attendance, Spring term, 628
    "    " Fall " 601
    "    " Winter " 541

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, and a teacher of vocal music who goes to all the schools once a week. The Second Primary has an assistant when the number of scholars exceeds fifty. Some of the schools are so large that we seem to need a new building, but we have got along under a condensed arrangement for the past year, and have planned to try it for another year.
The High School is in excellent condition under the same management as heretofore. Mr. Sherman, the principal, is in his fifth year of service, and the school shows the good results of keeping a good teacher as long as possible. The prospect is that Mr. Sherman will go elsewhere next fall, but we are fortunate in having retained him so long. Miss Julia P. Kimball, one of the assistant teachers, retired on account of ill health, and her place was filled during the Spring term by Miss Jessie Higelow, a teacher of considerable experience in a similar position. Her work was thoroughly acceptable, but she did not wish to continue another term. Miss Clara Hubbell was engaged for the position at the beginning of the Fall term, and is doing good work. Miss M. J. Dixon was so acceptable last year as assistant teacher,—strong in her work and in her hold upon her classes,—that the Committee felt constrained to retain her by adding a hundred dollars to her salary,—and that makes only $500. She remains here this year at considerable pecuniary sacrifice.

The Grammar Schools of the village are under the same teachers as last year,—Miss Stubbins, First; Miss Kingman, Second; and Miss Peirce, Third. They are all doing thorough work by common sense methods,—preparing their scholars well, either for practical life, or for further education. The over-pressure which was experienced last year in the Third Grammar was supposed to be provided for by establishing a class of twenty in that grade in the First Intermediate room under Mr. Adams. Notwithstanding this arrangement there was still an over-pressure. The scholars of Third Grammar grade for our village schools numbered 78 at the beginning of the Fall term. Taking twenty out, there were more left than ought to be in one room. Mr. Adams had an equal number (Intermediate and Grammar classes) in his room. Next year the increase of numbers will be too great for the Second Grammar room. Instead of applying to the town for a new school building, we propose to put the First and Second Intermediate classes into what is now the Second Intermediate room of the Amity building, and use the First Intermediate room for the overflow of the Second and Third Grammar classes. That will bring the number for the Grammar classes within reasonable limits, though it will make rather too large a number for the Intermediate room. It is the best arrangement we can make without a new building.

The other schools in the village are all in good hands, and the scholars are getting on well in their studies. Outside of the village the primary schools are in general good condition. The North and South Grammar schools are under experienced lady teachers,—Miss Cora B. Church, at the North, having taught several years in our own town, and Miss Alice Shovelton, at the South, a Normal graduate, having taught in larger places. Miss Florence J. King, at the newly established Grammar school in North Amherst city, is one of our tried and proved teachers in the Intermediate grade, and is now, in her pleasant new school-room, carrying well along the studies of the Grammar grade. In accordance with the general tendencies of population in our state, we find the number of scholars somewhat decreased in the outside schools, and increasing in the village.

During the Spring term the building occupied by the North Grammar and Intermediate schools was burned. Careful investigation showed no probable origin of the fire except incendiarism. This event caused considerable extra work and some embarrassment. Temporary accommodations had to be provided for the schools, and arrangements made for a new building. The Congregational and Methodist churches kindly allowed their lecture rooms to be used for the emergency. The schools were put into their new temporary quarters with the loss in time of only one school day. The town had already one good room in the brick school-house, which had never been used for school purposes. The Grammar school was put into it immediately, and it was amply sufficient for its needs. At a special town meeting a committee was appointed (consisting of the Selectmen and the School Committee) to consider the location and general plan of a new building. After considerable discussion of the old location and a new one for the two schools, it was thought best by the joint Committee to utilize the room for the Grammar school in the brick school-house at the West street, and build new at the "city" for only one school. This arrangement does away with a separate room for the Intermediate grade, and provides in each village for all the grades in two rooms. It was concluded that, considering the small number of scholars, the advantages of close grading would be more than counterbalanced by the disadvantages of sending the scholars out from each village to any point half way between. This recommendation was adopted by the town, and the building erected accordingly on a lot directly opposite the City Primary school. The grading now at North Amherst is substantially the same as at South Amherst—Primary and Grammar schools, with no separate rooms for the Intermediate grade.
CHANGES OF TEACHERS.

Several changes in teachers have been made. In cases of resignation the Committee have tried to secure the best available material to fill the vacancies. Where the responsibility of the change has been with the Committee, they have used what judgment they had, and what light and information they could get. One change, however, that in the music department,—has been more extensive than was at first contemplated. It had seemed best for a long time to make some change in this department in the High School, and the Committee decided to employ Mrs. L. E. Sanderson for that building, and to ask Mr. Charumbury to continue the work as usual in all the other schools. After a time, however, Mr. Charumbury resigned, and the whole work was given to Mrs. Sanderson. She is taking much pains to give the scholars exact training in the principles of music, and good results are manifest. The present list of teachers is as follows:—

High School, Mr. S. A. Sherman, Principal.

" " Miss M. J. Dixon, Assistant.

" " Clara Hubbell, "

" " Mr. H. K. Whitaker, Tutor.

First Grammar, Miss F. M. Stebbins.

Second " Miss K. P. Kingman.

Third " Miss Elia L. Peirce.

North " Miss Cora B. Church.

South " Miss Alice Shovelton.

North City Grammar, Miss Flora J. King.

First Intermediate, Miss B. H. Adams.

Second " Miss Minnie L. Dana.

East " Miss Carrie M. Keffe.

First Primary, Miss E. M. Strickland.

Second " Miss Sophia A. Peirce.

East " Miss Winifred Scott.

North " Miss Gracia Peirce.

North City Primary, Miss Elia L. Roberts.

Mill Valley, Miss Grace Phillips.

South Green, Miss Mary H. Atkins.

South East, Miss Lizzie Dunakin.

South West, Miss Addie P. Hastings.

Music Teacher, Mrs. L. E. Sanderson.

TRUANCY.

In the matter of truancy we were congratulating ourselves that the arrangements made by the County Commissioners would relieve us of the embarrassment which we had so long labored under, in having a law with no penalty. When, however, we came to lodge our first complaint against one of the worst cases of truancy, the Judge informed us that he could send no boy to our truant school until a town by-law was framed to that effect. All that was necessary was to insert “Hampshire County Truant School” in place of “Northampton House of Correction,” in the present by-law relating to truancy. This obstacle transpired just after the warrant for the last special town meeting was posted, and we have been obliged to suspend action in the matter till the annual meeting. We have no doubt that the sending away of one or two truants to the truant school will deter other scholars from transgressing the statute.

The following paragraph from last year’s report is still in point:—

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 to his attendance, the sending of a note giving an 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.

In connection with the work done by the Selectmen in grading and fencing the Amity St. school yard, the Committee have laid the west basement door closed up with masonry, and a new concrete walk laid. New walks have also been laid each side of the High School building. At the brick school-house in North Amherst the lower wood-work of the porch was found to be so rotted away, that thorough repairs were necessary. At the same time the two school-rooms were repainted. Many small repairs have been made in stoves, furnaces, plastering, shingling, etc., but no extensive work. In the judgment of the Committee a special appropriation of $500 ought to be made for repairs next year. For the protection of the buildings considerable painting and some shingling needs to be done.
A state Inspector has recently visited our town, to examine the condition of our school buildings as to heating and ventilation and general sanitary arrangements. He found our school-rooms better provided for than the average, and the suggestions which he made can be carried out without great expense. He did not visit the buildings at the ends of the town. The South Grammar room is undoubtedly the coldest of all. We have recently had the stove changed to a better position in the room, and have had storm windows put on the west side. The room is larger than is required for the number of scholars, and too large for one stove.

FINANCES.

In coming to the close of the financial year, and finding the funds short, the Committee decided to let the account be slightly overdrawn, rather than to shorten the present term of school to less than eleven weeks. The reason for this is in the first place, that the influenza interfered so seriously with the regular work, that extra time was needed to make up the loss. We felt assured that the town would not want the term shortened under these circumstances. Another reason is, that there has been an unlooked for falling off in resources. The amount from the dog fund was considerably less than usual, and the amount from the state fund was diminished by $150. This last was on account of the assessed valuation of the town reaching beyond three million dollars. As we grow rich, we lose the aid of the state. This was in the statute beforehand, but our attention was not called to it till the diminished amount came to us last month.

CALENDAR.

Spring term begins March 24, ends June 13,—12 weeks.
Summer vacation, 11 weeks.
Fall term begins Sept. 1, ends Nov. 21,—12 weeks.
Vacation, Thanksgiving week.
Winter term begins December 1; holiday recess of two weeks from December 22; term ends March 6,—12 weeks. High School one week longer.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1890-91.

The committee would recommend the same amount as last year, $8500 for the general expenses. In order to have this it will be necessary to add something to make up for the withdrawal of $150 from the State Fund, as explained above.

We recommend accordingly $9650 general appropriation, $800 as before for school books, and a special appropriation of $500 for repairs.

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

RESOURCES.

Balance in treasury, $116.26
General appropriation, $2,500.00
State Fund, 23.68
Dog Fund, 280.01
Grass sold on lot at North Amherst, 5.00
Tuition, 207.25
Academy Fund, 100.00

$10,282.29

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' wages, $7,640.50
School Committee, 600.00
Fuel, 660.85
Supplies, 38.63
Repairs, 269.86
Incidentals, 964.57
Care of buildings, 379.50
Transportation of scholars, 301.60

$10,267.51

ACCOUNT overdrawn, $35.31.

SCHOOL BOOK ACCOUNT.

RESOURCES.

Balance on hand, $89.56
Appropriation, 800.00
Book fines and damages, 8.75
Appropriated by the Selectmen on account of books destroyed by fire, 150.00

$938.31

EXPENDITURES.

Books and supplies purchased during the year, $298.75
Purchase and care of stock, 50.00
Balance in treasury, 48.55

$398.31

Books and supplies in stock, $402.
# DETAILED STATEMENT.

## Teachers

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**Total Salary for Teachers:** $7,646.50

## School Committee

- W. I. Fletcher, $50.00
- J. B. Child, Sec. and Supt. of Schools, $50.00
- C. S. Walker, Chairman, $50.00

## Janitor Service

- High School and Amity Street, $250.00
- North Grammar and Intermediate, $50.00
- North Primary, $35.00
- North City Grammar, $8.00
- North City Primary, $9.00
- East Street, $18.00
- Mill Valley, $9.00
- South Green, $9.00
- South Grammar, $9.00
- South East, $11.00
- South West, $9.00
- North Grammar, $9.00

**Total for Janitor Service:** $713.50

## Fuel

- O. D. Hunt, coal, High School, $216.12
- W. H. H. Morgan, coal, Amity Street, $137.81
- F. J. Cowles, coal, North Amherst, $42.24
- Dwight Graves & Co., wood and kindlings, $12.80
- Mrs. J. W. Blodgett, wood, South Grammar, $18.00
- South West, $17.50
- T. J. Thurston, wood, South Green, $18.50
- J. L. Holley, wood, $2.00
- Harry Bolter, sawing wood, $5.00
- T. J. Metcalf, $5.25
- Walter K. Dana, $4.00
- C. A. Wheaton, $12.00
- Leon Bolter, $3.00
- J. W. Chandler, $14.25
- A. H. Ingrain, $4.65

**Total for Fuel:** $475.78
A. F. Brown, wood, East Street and Mill Valley,  66 25
Jonathan Cowls, wood, North Amherst,  43 68
W. D. Cowls, " 12 45
J. E. Sanderson, " South East,  15 75
" water supply,  3 00
Jonathan Cowls, wood,  11 00

SUPPLIES.
J. E. Williams, report cards,  11 00
Holland & Gallindo, sundries,  4 57
Lee & Phillips, stove and labor,  14 88
E. D. Marsh, shades, etc.,  3 57
Henry Adams, chemicals,  2 90
A. H. Cloud, sundries,  1 31
P.aster Meekins, broom,  2 25
J. E. Merrick,  6 65

$666 85

REPAIRS.
W. E. Smith, work at High School,  13 00
W. E. Smith, " Amity Street,  2 73
W. E. Smith, " North Amherst,  13 90
A. F. Hardwell, repairing clock,  1 00
W. W. Hunt, furnace repairs and material, High School,  38 95
W. W. Hunt, work and materials, Amity Street,  21 00
Lee & Phillips, work at Amity Street,  17 19
Lee & Phillips, " East Street,  9 90
George Graves, painting and kalsomining at North Amherst,  44 19
George Graves, work at High School and Amity Street,  14 24
L. J. Spear, repairing settees,  1 00
J. H. Main, plastering, South Amherst,  5 50
C. R. Kenfield, key,  60
Asheil Dwight, repairing pump,  2 00
E. F. Marsh, work at South Grammar and South East,  16 78
J. F. Perkins, staining bookcases,  3 00
D. W. Bledgett, work at Amity Street,  3 32
H. W. Haskins, work and material at North Amherst,  55 60

$969 86

INCIDENTALS.
E. A. Thomas, insurance,  $22 50
O. D. Hunt,  14 38
J. C. Brainard, " 14 38
Amherst water company,  50 00
J. A. Rawson, new clocks,  23 00
J. B. Child, postage,  7 85
J. B. Child, office sundries,  4 90
Mr. Harris, cleaning clock,  50
C. W. Dunn, work at South Amherst,  1 50
S. W. Crafts, binding,  1 50
J. B. Child, expense to Springfield,  1 00
J. B. Child, extra horse hire after fire,  3 00
J. E. Williams, printing,  19 35
W. W. Smith, truant officer,  10 00
J. B. Child,  5 00
Amherst College, use of College Hall,  25 00
S. E. Harrington, insect boxes,  2 20
R. G. Williams, engraving diplomas,  2 33
J. W. Chandler, water supply,  3 00
S. A. Sherman, botany paper,  2 30
Fred Haskins, cleaning, North Amherst,  4 00
Mrs. Frink, "  1 50
Mrs. Chandler, " City,  3 00
Mrs. Maloney, " South Amherst,  4 00
Mrs. Bias, " Mill Valley,  2 50
C. A. Puffer, " South West,  3 00
Mrs. Taylor, " Village and East Street,  5 25
Mrs. Scannell, "  6 00
Mrs. Bins, "  5 25
N. W. Burnett, "  13 49
P. C. Gnormy, work with team,  1 75
J. M. Harris, concrete, High School and Amity Street,  62 64
T. W. Sloan, rent of room,  24 00
Eose Baker, work at High School,  1 50
John Bestoll, work, Amity Street,  1 00
N. L. Northern R. R., freight,  8 87
Holland & Gallindo, sundries,  2 62

$364 57
Graduates from High School in 1889.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

BESSIE C. ASHCROFT, THOMAS C. ESTY,
EMILY R. COOK, MAY A. LENTELL.

LATIN AND ENGLISH.

MARY HOAR, WALTER E. SANDERSON.

ENGLISH.

LIZZIE F. WILSON.

ROLL OF HONOR.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Charles B. Adams, Three Terms.
S. Percy Cushman.
George S. Fairbanks.
Jennie C. Crowell, Two Terms.
Stella F. Dickinson.
Alice M. Howard.
Annie J. Lentell.
Nellie M. Spalding.
Kate M. Taylor.
Clara F. Winslow.
Grace Woodin.
Fred M. Grover.
Leslie A. Wrigley.
Capitola C. Fairchild, One Term.
Eliza J. Heald.
Arthur E. Magill.

Mary E. Harrington, One Term.

John A. Rawson, One Term.

Elliot Dickinson, Two Terms.
Hattie Fish, One Term.
Cora Hadlow.
Edith Stiles.
Leslie Wrigley.

Fred Hill.
Lula Barnes.

Georgie Thomas.

Carl Stickeman.

Gertie Merrick.

SECOND GRAMMAR.

Nina Buffum, Two Terms.
Minnie Culver, Walter Gaylord, Robert Smith, Bessie Parents, John Couch, Elliot Dickinson, Bertha Ball, Kate Fletcher.

Etta Holley, Mamie Hyde, Nellie Osgood, Alice Rand, Julia Sullivan, Eddie Fisher, Roy Pratt, Michael Scannell, Lindsay Smith, One Term.

THIRD GRAMMAR.

Fred Curtis, Three Terms.
Anna Holley, Albert Braas.

Henry Holt, William Goodell, Grace Lindsay, Amy Dickerman.

Minnie Hyde.

Arthur Turner.

Michael Scannell.

Dwight Wetherbee.

Edward Palmer.

NORTH GRAMMAR.

Clara Parker, Three Terms.

Edith Hall, Maud Dickinson, Myra Hobart, Ella Dickinson.

Etta Haakins, Essie Cowsil, Ella Hall, May Johnson.

Stella Puffer.

CITY GRAMMAR.

Harvey Atkins, Three Terms.

Ellie Wilber, Ellis Harlow.

Nellie Albee, Susie Wilson.

Gertrude Fitts.

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ARTICLES
FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 3, 1890.

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

ART. 2. To hear the report of the town officers for the political year 1889 and act thereon.

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

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

ART. 5. To choose an Elector under the provisions of the Will of Oliver Smith 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 licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town during the ensuing year?"

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

ART. 9. To raise such sums of money as are necessary to defray town expenses during the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

ART. 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars to aid in defraying the expenses of Memorial Day.

ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to revise the town by-law in relation to Truant School, or enact anything in relation thereto.

ART. 12. To see if the town will give Mrs. Josephine H. Herrick the privilege of maintaining a flight of stairs in the Amity Street School House yard, or vote anything in relation thereto.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote any compensation to Edward Puffer for the risk incurred by being precipitated into Mill River by the breaking down of a bridge at North Amherst.

ART. 14. To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen or any part thereof, on the layout of Lessey Street as a townway, and a continuation thereof, south from its western terminus, to Main Street opposite Church Street, and from said terminus, north to a junction with Triangle Street, about five rods east of the Center Cemetery, and make an appropriation for the construction of the same.

ART. 15. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for its public libraries.

ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to erect a suitable building for an Armory Drill Hall, for the use of Company K, 3d Regiment Mass. Volunteer Militia, or take any action in relation thereto.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to give the use of any portion of the land bought for a school-house lot at Amherst City, to the Village Improvement Association of that village, or enact anything in relation thereto.