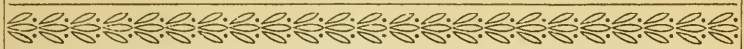


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Also Vital Statistics for the Year Ending December
31, 1902.

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Warrant for the Annual Meeting.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the town of Amherst in the County of Hillsborough in said state, qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the town house in said Amherst on Tuesday, the tenth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.
3. To raise such sums of money as might be necessary for repairing of highways and bridges.
4. To raise such a sum of money as may be necessary for school purposes.
5. To raise such a some of money as may be necessary for the maintenance of town poor.
6. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the observance of Memorial Day.
7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the public library.
8. To see if the town will vote to have a new valuation of real estate in town.

9. To see if the town will vote to pay the cemetery trust fund notes and invest the money in some savings bank.

10. To see if the town will vote to put in a cow bridge on the new road to Manchester.

11. To see if the town will vote to make any repairs on the town house.

12. To take the sense of the qualified voters whether the alterations and amendment of the constitution proposed by the constitutional convention shall be approved.

13. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, and other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

14. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-first day of February, 1903.

HORACE T. HARVELL,
HERBERT H. BELDEN,
FRANK C. TAYLOR,

Selectmen.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

In presenting this annual report to the tax payers of the Town of Amherst, we desire to say that we have endeavored to keep within the very liberal appropriations made at the last annual meeting. In the first of the season we found the road machine which had been in use for several years was badly worn so that new parts would be required and other parts liable to give out when it was mostly needed, so thought it advisable to procure a new machine at an expense of \$250 and keep the old to use in case of need. Our roads have been kept in good condition by road agent Boutelle, but we would recommend that all work with the machine and most of the carting be done before July 1st, which would give us better roads in the summer and spring.

We received a petition signed by a good number of the tax payers of the town calling our attention to the condition of the floor in the upper town hall and asking for a new one, and on inspection thought it advisable to relay the floor this year, as in the near future other repairs are needed on the building. The interior of the hall should receive a fresh coat of paint, to which your attention is called by an article in the warrant.

We have received from the estate of the late Joel Parker a legacy of \$1,000.00, the income of which is

for the Parker lot in the cemetery so far as needed, and any balance to buy books for the Library. We have invested the same in the Amoskeag Savings Bank of Manchester, and as the town is free from debt, with a good surplus in the Treasury, we question the propriety of her borrowing the cemetery trust funds and paying interest on the same, but would recommend that they be invested in some savings bank and if necessary the town can procure short loans in anticipation of taxes.

We found on looking over preceding invoice books that there was little or no money on hand, at interest or in banks, to be taxed, and acting according to law, and following the custom of adjoining towns, we searched the records and from them added about twenty thousand dollars to our taxable property. While in some cases this may seem like an injustice or double taxation, yet it is the only law on the statute book today by which we could be governed. We urged our representatives to the general court to make an effort to amend the present law so that private investors have the same rights as savings banks, viz., all money loaned on mortgage at 5 per cent. or less should pay a tax of $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1 per cent.

Large amounts of lumber are being cut off each year, thus materially reducing the taxable property in town, and in about the same proportion the different departments seem to call for more money. While we believe in progression and do not advocate letting any of the town interests suffer for want of funds to keep them up, yet with the present tax rate the watchword should be retrenchment wherever possible. And if the different departments would, instead of striving to see how much money they could get to use, be as

alert to see if they could not get along with less, we think it would be appreciated by those who have the taxes to pay.

As we say, large amounts of lumber are annually being cut off and the echo of the woodsman's axe is hardly gone before there comes an appeal for a reduction in valuation, but no such haste to get them raised in value after years of growth. To our knowledge wood lots have been sold for three, four and even six times the amount they stood on the assessor's books for and on the other hand some real estate is assessed for 100 per cent. and even more of what it would sell for and in justice to all we believe there should be a revaluation of all the real estate in town.

Respectfully yours,

Selectmen of Amherst.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

April,		
John H. Dodge, old bill	\$20 00	
Boutelle	25 00	
	-----	\$ 45 00
May,		150 50
June,		348 30
July,		293 65
August,		87 73
September,		142 44
October,		245 19
November,		224 49
“		41 25
December,		334 93
January,		87 60
February,		14 55

		\$2,015 63
New road at James Weston's		78 50

SNOW BILLS.

John H. Dodge, March, old bill	\$ 40 65
“ “ April, “ “	112 38
“ “ May “ “	5 70
“ “ Aug. “ “	5 40
“ “ Jan. '03 “ “	1 10
Harry Boutelle, Jan. '03	9 00
“ “ Feb.	16 07

	\$190 30

SCHOOLS.

Appropriation, town meeting	\$1,884 00	
“ school “	1,100 00	
“ “ “ for		
repairs	500 00	
Appropriation, school meeting for		
addition school house	1,500 00	
Nutt fund	149 21	
Library fund	101 50	
Dog license, 1900, 1901	312 73	
W. W. Sloan services on school		
board, treas. and labor	75 00	
W. W. Sloan, clerk school district	4 00	
Mrs. S. E. Dodge, services board		
of education	50 00	
Rev. A. J. McGown, services board		
of education and exp.	56 35	
Milford school district	288 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,020 79
State tax		1,334 50
County tax		1,972 05

TOWN OFFICERS.

Horace T. Harvell, 1st selectman	\$132 90
Herbert H. Belden, 2nd “	129 00
Frank C. Taylor, 3d “	117 30
John H. Coggin, overseer town poor	5 00
E. K. Burt, town treas.	66 00
W. W. Sloan, town clerk	50 00
Dr. John H. Clark, board of health	15 00
Dr. Frederick Chandler “ “ “	25 45
Arthur C. Decatur “ “ “	7 00
E. K. Burt, ballot inspector	5 00
Frank Hanson, ballot clerk	5 00
Henry M. Parker, “ “	5 00

Harry Boutelle, supervisor	10 00	
Chas. D. Wilson, "	10 00	
W. D. Clark, auditor	8 00	
J. E. Upton, "	4 00	
E. K. Burt, sexton	77 50	
Arthur C. Decatur, police	11 50	
W. W. Sloan, fireward	5 00	
A. M. Wilkins, moderator	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$700 65

WATER BILLS.

P. M. Odell, 1901 and 1902 bills	\$ 6 00	
Frank Hartshorn	3 00	
J. P. Trow	3 00	
Geo. P. Bennett	3 00	
Mrs. E. W. Nichols	24 00	
A. M. Philbrick	3 00	
C. P. Wheeler	3 00	
F. C. Taylor	6 00	
Harry Boutelle	3 00	
H. H. Belden, old bill	6 00	
H. H. Belden	6 00	
E. H. Peasley	3 00	
Amherst Aqueduct Co.	30 00	
H. T. Harvell	2 00	
E. K. Burt, cemetery	5 00	
D. H. Rhoades	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$109 00

POLICE COURT.

A. M. Wilkins, justice	\$89 72
W. D. Clark, warrant and holding court	3 50

A. J. Livingston, police, old bill	27 00	
A. C. Decatur " " "	13 00	
	<hr/>	\$133 22

SOLDIERS' AID BY COUNTY.

R. D. Moore, county aid	\$108 50
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COUNTY POOR.

E. K. Burt, goods for W. V.		
Wallace	\$15 00	
Mrs. Mary Buckley,	78 00	
Mrs. Almira Butterfield	78 00	
C. S. White	78 00	
D. W. Cram	78 00	
Mrs. F. W. Dodge, for board of Hutchinson girl	29 00	
Mrs. Hattie E. Collis	29 25	
Lewis Barrett	1 50	
Miss Mary Caldwell	2 48	
W. L. Cross, carrying Chas. Smith to county farm	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$393 23

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Fannie L. Clark, appropriation	\$200 00
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MEMORIAL DAY.

J. Appleton Skinner	\$50 00
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CEMETERY ACCOUNT.

E. K. Burt, labor on :	
M. Francis Moore lot	\$ 2 50
Lucy Blunt lot	1 00
M. W. Richardson lot	2 50
R. H. Cutter lot	1 50

S. F. Upham and Converse lot	5 00	
Harrison Eaton lot	10 00	
C. H. Nutt lot	3 40	
C. H. Campbell lot	2 50	
Old cemetery by Campbell fund	10 25	
Harriet Clark lot	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$40 65

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

W. F. French, supplies	\$ 97	
W. S. Weston, repairing resevoir	1 65	
W. W. Sloan, care of engine house	14 00	
W. D. Clark, supplies	5 22	
F. M. Ackerman, labor	6 50	
F. C. Taylor, labor, etc.	3 00	
A. C. Decatur, setting glass	90	
W. W. Sloan, pay firemen	195 00	
	<hr/>	\$227 24

TOWN POOR.

Hillsboro' Co., board of Geo. Albee	\$82 29
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STREET LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES.

Chas. F. Wells, lighting and supplies	\$307 87
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TOWN HOUSE.

A. C. Decatur, care of town house	\$78 25	
“ “ cash paid out	3 99	
C. D. Wilson, oil	9 77	
F. C. Taylor, zinc for stove	1 43	
H. T. Harvell, wood	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$105 44

CEMETERY AND LIBRARY FUND.

Received of estate of Joel Parker	\$1,000 00
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AMOSKEAG SAVINGS BANK.

The Joel Parker trust fund	\$1,000 00
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MISCELLANEOUS.

A. J. Livingston, feeding tramps	\$ 50
W. B. Rotch, printing reports	58 60
Burnham, Brown and Warren, 4th of July matter	60 00
W. D. Clark, stamps for reports	6 00
Miss E. L. Clark, copying	11 50
Taggart & Tuttle, legal advice	2 00
Edson C. Eastman, collector's book and supplies	3 80
F. M. Ackerman, cleaning common	8 55
" " labor in west cemetery	16 95
W. B. Rotch, printing notices	2 25
Mitchell Mfg. Co., town seal	3 50
Highland Quarry Co., posts for cemetery	3 00
W. B. Rotch, insurance on engine house	20 00
Edson C. Eastman, stationery	1 43
Mrs. Amy C. Bosworth, painting post	50
Dr. W. H. W. Hinds, recording births, deaths	75
Dr. H. S. Hutchinson, " " "	25
Dr. F. Chandler, " " "	3 50
Dr. E. H. Taft, " " "	50
Dr. J. B. Pettengill, " " "	4 25
E. K. Burt, floor in town hall	117 59
H. T. Harvell, teaming, setting posts, hanging gates	6 00
A. C. Decatur, lodging, feeding tramps	13 50
" " oil, labor on hall floor	6 75
C. W. Dodge, labor on walks	2 00
H. M. Parker, care of watering troughs	2 50
F. C. Taylor, " " " "	2 45
John Hadlock, road machine	250 00

E. K. Burtt, labor in cemetery	21 20
W. L. Cross, " " "	2 00
W. D. Clark, carrying men to fire	2 50
W. W. Sloan, care of town clock	15 00
" " recording deaths and births	12 50
" " returning " " "	2 50
" " notifying juror	3 50
E. K. Burtt, express on book	30
Dumas & Co., cemetery trust fund book	9 50
J. H. Dodge, broken drain pipe	3 05
Geo. E. Hill, hens killed by dogs	3 00
W. B. Rotch, insurance on belfry and town house	70 00
E. K. Burtt, expense to Nashua, Manchester	7 00
" " for deposit dividend on Nutt fund	375 00
W. W. Sloan, Engine Co. rebate on rent of hall	12 00
A. J. Livingston, watching fire	2 00
James Cochran, rails and cement for bridges	3 00
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	\$1,152 67

HORACE T. HARVELL,
 HERBERT H. BELDEN,
 FRANK C. TAYLOR,
Selectmen.

We hereby certify we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. D. CLARK,
 C. D. WILSON,
Auditors.

Report of Tax Collector.

Taxes assessed, April 1902		\$11,527 17
“ collected	\$10,400 01	
“ abated	96 19	
“ discounted	126 76	
Balance	904 21	
	—————	\$11,527 17
Interest collected		\$15 56

RODNEY H. PRINCE, *Collector.*

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W. D. CLARK,
C. D. WILSON,
Auditors.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

CASH RECEIVED.

Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1902,	\$2,823 08
Estate of W. L. Weston	5 00
New Hampshire Banking Co.	375 00
Insurance tax	8 25
Railroad tax	330 57
Savings bank tax	895 49
Literary fund	101 50
Interest on Mary P. Nutt fund	149 21
Estate of Joel Parker, cemetery fund	1,000 00
Hillsborough county	517 01
Cemetery lots sold	21 00
Rent of hall	88 00
Collected taxes for 1900	468 64
Collected taxes for 1901	1,461 31
Collected taxes for 1902	10,622 96
Interest on taxes for 1900-1901	34 83
Interest on taxes for 1902	15 56
Licenses on dogs	221 63
Milford Savings Bank, L. Blunt fund	10 08
Police court	603 68
	\$19,752 80

CASH PAID.

State tax	\$1,334 50
County tax	1,972 05
Library appropriation	200 00
Memorial “	50 00

Amoskeag Savings Bank, the Edmund Parker cemetery fund	1,000 00
Police court justice and expenses	133 22
Discount on taxes	126 76
Highway	2,094 13
Snow	190 30
Water rent	109 00
Street lighting	307 87
Schools and building	6,020 79
Town officers	700 65
Fire department	227 24
Town aid	82 29
Soldiers' aid	108 50
County aid	393 23
Expenses of hall	105 44
Interest on cemetery funds	40 65
Abatement of taxes for 1901	29 41
Abatement of taxes for 1902	101 53
Miscellaneous	1,150 67
Cash in treasury	3,274 57
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	\$19,752 80

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount received	\$19 752 80
Paid on orders	16,478 23
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Balance in hands of treasurer	\$3,274 57
Due from Hillsborough county	28 47
Uncollected tax for 1902	904 21
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	\$4 207 25
Cemetery trust funds and interest	2,106 48
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Balance in favor of the town	\$2,100 77
Cemetery trust fund in bank	1,000 00

E. K. BURTT, *Treasurer.*

We hereby certify we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. D. CLARK,
C. D. WILSON,

Auditors.

Report of Police Court.

During the year 23 cases have been before the court, all of a criminal nature, and have been disposed of as follows :

Paid fines and costs	20
Discharged	1
Bound over to superior court	2
	23

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Dr.

To cash received from fines and costs	\$845 26
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Cr.

By cash paid:

A. C. Decatur, officer's fees	\$ 16 08	
F. W. Ordway, " "	45 80	
N. Doane, " "	179 70	
E. K. Burt, town treasurer	603 68	
	\$845 26	

From the amount of \$603.68 paid the town treasurer, the selectmen have drawn orders as follows: Salary of justice, \$89.72, and other orders for officers' fees, and special justice to the amount of \$43.50, leaving \$470.46 the net income from the court for the year ending Feb. 15, 1903.

WILLIAM D. CLARK, *Special Justice.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. D. CLARK,

C. D. WILSON,

Auditors.

Report of Highway Agent.

HARRY BOUTELLE, Road Agent,
In account with THE TOWN OF AMHERST.

Dr.

Received of Town Treasurer, as per order of Selectmen	\$2,015 63	
Sale of old plank	1 00	
	\$2,016 63	

Cr.

Frank Bills	\$52 50
A. W. Merrow	64 95
C. W. Lake	28 50
W. W. Goodale	42 25
E. H. Peaslee	23 75
C. A. Pettingale	182 85
Charles O. Noble	59 40
John H. Dodge	20 45
Elmer A. Seabury	21 70
Charles P. Smith	6 00
Benjamin Monson	3 00
L. F. Bills	1 50
O. P. Smith	4 80
W. F. French	55
L. E. Weston	2 80
James E. Caldwell	4 13
John Hadlock	2 05
Frank Hartshorn	16 82
James A. King	12 75
C. T. Adams	7 15

C. D. Hale	4 35
C. C. Clark	179 11
George J. Maxwell	13 75
C. M. Barrett	22 50
Horace Holbrook	9 00
William Rhoads	22 37
Charles D. Bullard	53 40
Nathan Cady	27 30
John P. Fletcher	30 60
L. F. Bills	28 00
George F. Hanson	13 62
Charles Pherson	3 25
William D. Clark	6 48
N. D. Wright	52 99
Charles D. Wilson	3 15
George N. Wilson	21 00
Eugene Wheeler	9 00
J. W. Morse	6 00
H. A. Harris	2 80
A. J. Livingston	5 36
H. H. Belden	10 15
E. E. Weston	3 52
Fred Boutelle	286 00
New Westerly Granite Co.	1 30
N. Perham	36 95
A. H. Caldwell	5 05
J. E. Fowle	6 25
O. H. Lowd	1 50
R. J. Atkinson	5 60
Horses	294 90
Harry Boutelle	293 48
	<hr/> \$2,016 63

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY BOUTELLE,

Road Agent.

We hereby certify we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. D. CLARK,
C. D. WILSON,
Auditors.

J. H. DODGE, Road Agent,
In account with THE TOWN OF AMHERST.

Dr.

Received of Town Treasurer, per
order of Selectmen \$165 23

Cr.

Bills of J. E. Upton	\$1 68
William Rhoads	5 45
A. G. Hammond	1 85
P. M. Odell	10 40
P. F. Odell	90
H. T. Harvell	12 10
L. H. Pease	7 93
Howard Bills	3 55
James Weston	2 08
H. J. West	30
J. E. Fowle	3 87
E. C. Hubbard	16 60
J. F. McGuinness	1 50
R. J. Atkinson	5 28
W. M. Chandler	12 25
F. W. Chase	3 50
H. H. Piper	1 35
Fred Hanson	1 05
John A. Boutell	2 10
W. W. Goodale	10 90

Frank Hartshorn	13 74
C. F. Wells	8 10
F. A. Holbrook,	3 70
W. L. Cross	2 55
Harry Boutell	7 30
A. H. Caldwell	2 35
L. F. Bills	5 50
J. H. Dodge,	5 15
H. M. Hayward	5 40
E. O. Willoby	1 80
W. W. Colston, 1900 and 1901	5 00
Frank Mace	2 00
Frank J. Whiting	1 10

\$168 33

Cr. By error on F. W. Noyes's bill 3 10

\$168 33

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. DODGE.

We certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. D. CLARK,

C. D. WILSON,

Auditors.

SNOW ACCOUNT.

Received of town treasurer, per order of selectmen	\$25 07
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DR.

H. M. Hayward	\$2 07	
R. J. Campbell	1 95	
Harry Boutelle	1 75	
F. A. Holbrook	4 34	
Horace T. Harvell	2 81	
John L. Gilson	12 15	
	—————	\$25 07

HARRY BOUTELLE,
Road Agent.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. D. CLARK,
C. D. WILSON,
Auditors.

ON ACCOUNT OF NEW ROAD AT J. F.
WESTON'S.

Received of town treasurer, as per order of selectmen			\$78 50
	DR.		
Charles O. Noble		\$10 50	
C. C. Clark		12 00	
C. W. Lake		12 00	
C. A. Pettingale		12 00	
Horses		16 00	
Harry Boutelle		16 00	
		<hr/>	\$78 50

We certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. D. CLARK,

C. D. WILSON,

Auditors.

Abatement of Taxes.

GEORGE E. FARLEY.

Charles P. Clement, over 70 years,	\$1 60	
Edward Sculley heirs, overtax	3 20	
P. B. Flint, over 70	1 60	
E. H. Lakin, left town	1 60	
E. Lampson, " "	1 60	
P. C. Marshall, " "	1 92	
Isaac Parker, " "	1 60	
John Bryson, " "	1 60	
S. N. Dunbar, " "	1 60	
R. Carson, " "	1 60	
Arthur Sachane, " "	1 60	
E. J. Broderick, " "	1 60	
Joe Daniels, " "	1 60	
Daniel Tarcott	2 24	
Aug. Erikson	2 37	
Charles Palmer	2 08	
	<hr/>	\$29 41

R. H. PRINCE.

John Fletcher, overtax	\$1 78
Mary R. Fletcher, "	3 56
Lemuel Fuller, " on lumber	5 34
Mrs Caroline Pulsifer, overtax on note	35 60
David Fisk, overtax on lumber	12 86
Howison Bros., overtax on lumber	1 10
R. R. Hooper, land sold and taxed to others	17 80
Bernard Callahan, died	2 49
C. L. Bates, did not own property	1 42
Ervin Bailey, lives in Merrimack	1 78

P. B. Flint, over 70	1 78
Thomas Broderick, under 21	1 78
Bonnell, T. A., left town	1 78
Charles Fields, " "	1 78
Walter M. Peacock, " "	1 78
John Bryson, " "	1 78
Charles Palmer, " "	1 78
J. Cyr, " "	1 78
W. A. Woodard, " "	1 78
Charles Barker, " "	1 78
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	\$101 53

DISCOUNT ALLOWED ON TAXES.

R. H. Prince, collector,	\$126 76
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Report of Overseer of the Poor.

COUNTY POOR.

W. D. Clark, goods for Mary Buckley	\$78 00
“ “ “ “ C. S. White	78 00
“ “ “ “ E. Butterfield	78 00
E. K. Burt, goods for W. V. Wallace	15 00
Aid to H. L. Corliss	35 75
A. H. Caldwell, for Louis Barrett	1 50
W. L. Cross, committing Chas. Smith to county farm	4 00
T. S. Merrow, board of D. W. Cram	52 00
J. M. Jackson, “ “ “ “	26 00
Mrs. F. W. Dodge, board of Hutchinson girl	26 50
W. D. Clark, goods for Mary Caldwell	2 48
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	\$397 23

SOLDIERS' AID BY COUNTY.

W. D. Clark, goods for R. D. Moore	\$78 00
“ “ “ “ N. J. Wetherbee	11 28
Chas. Pherson, wood for R. D. Moore	14 00
L. Fuller, “ “ “ “	16 50
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	\$119 78

TOWN POOR.

H. K. Libby, board of Geo. Albee	\$92 29
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J. H. COGGIN, Overseer of Poor.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. D. WILSON,

W. D. CLARK,

Auditors.

Report of Trust Funds.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF SPALDING SCHOOL FUND.

Income received during year 1902 as follows:

Peterboro railroad stock	\$ 60 00	
Nashua city bonds	200 00	
Concord water bonds	105 00	
Amoskeag savings bank	25 45	
	_____	\$390 45

Cr.

Paid for use of safe in Amoskeag bank	\$ 5 00	
“ W. W. Sloan, treasurer board of education	385 45	
	_____	\$390 45

Investments are as follows :

City of Nashua bonds	\$5,000 00	
“ “ Concord water bonds	3,000 00	
Peterboro railroad stock	1,500 00	
Amoskeag savings bank	500 00	
	_____	\$10,000 00

FRANK HARTSHORN,
WILLIAM PRATT,
J. APPLETON SKINNER,

Trustees.

We certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. D. CLARK,
C. D. WILSON,
Auditors.

TRUSTEES OF AARON LAWRENCE SCHOOL
FUND.

Dr.

Balance Feb. 15, 1902	\$1,136 66	
Interest	39 57	
Received from Nashua savings bank	162 25	
	<u> </u>	\$1,338 48

Cr.

On deposit in City Guaranty savings bank	\$1,298 91	
Paid board of education, interest	39 57	
	<u> </u>	\$1,338 48

GEORGE E. FARLEY,
DANIEL A. FLETCHER,
J. B. PETTENGILL.

We certify that we have examined the foregoing
account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. D. CLARK,
C. D. WILSON,

Auditors.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The annual school meeting was held in the Town Hall, March 13, 1902.

Mrs. S. E. Dodge, who had previously served twelve consecutive years and was serving a part of the unexpired term of Rev. H. B. Marshall, resigned, was elected a member of the Board of Education for two years; W. W. Sloan was re-elected a member of the Board of Education for three years.

W. W. Sloan was re-elected treasurer of the school district.

The Board organized at its first meeting as follows: Rev. A. J. McGlown, Pres.; Mrs. S. E. Dodge, Sec. W. W. Sloan was given charge of repairs, the purchasing of fuel, etc. The matter of school supplies was assigned to the Secretary. The supervision of the rural schools was divided between the President and the Secretary.

The result of the annual meeting was such as to make various changes necessary, which the Board of Education, so far as it came under its jurisdiction, has endeavored to carry into effect. The Legislative enactment of 1901 pertaining to the education of scholars in towns not supporting high schools led to

the consideration of the question of establishing an approved high school.

The question was freely discussed, and being submitted for decision it was voted to establish a High School according to the requirements of the article in the statutes pertaining thereto. This action led to the consideration of the question of providing suitable accommodations for the new order of things, and a committee consisting of E. C. Hubbard and E. K. Burttt was appointed to act with the Board of Education in making recommendations as to how these accommodations could best be provided. At a subsequent meeting the committee recommended that an addition of twenty feet, corresponding to the original dimensions, be made to the north end of the brick school house. The addition would furnish a suitable room for the High School Assistant and a convenient and commodious room for a grammar school. The recommendation of the committee was adopted, and the Board of Education was appointed a building committee.

This appointment added not a little to the labor and responsibility of the Board of Education. The work was undertaken in early summer and its various parts assigned to experienced workmen. E. Riley of Milford had charge of the foundation. The wood work was committed to E. K. Burttt, the masonry to W. S. Weston, the painting to A. Decatur. It was hoped that the building would be ready for occupancy by the first of September, but on account of unfavorable weather and certain inevitable delays occasioned by the variety of workmen—stone layers, masons and carpenters—the work was not entirely completed until September 20th. The entire work was performed with faithfulness and skill, and at a cost

though considerably greater than the original estimate, yet not so great when the advance of nearly everything going into the construction is considered, as to invite any very severe criticism. The reader is referred to the Treasurer's statement for the amount of expenditure.

The citizens of Amherst can congratulate themselves that they are now in possession of a High School house which is not only ornamental but commodious and convenient.

The passing to an approved High School which was effected at the beginning of the present school year, was not a difficult matter in view of the fact that for several years progress was making toward such a result. Two years of regular High School work had been undertaken and two classes having completed the course had been graduated with diplomas, and a third year had been added and a class was pursuing the studies thereof when the new law to which reference has been made went into effect. This improvement over "The go as you please" system which for a long time had been in vogue was effected by the earnest and persistent endeavor of Miss Mary E. Fulton, who for six consecutive years occupied the principalship in which she manifested not a little efficiency as an instructor and tactician. After the close of this long period of service she handed in her resignation, though she was cordially invited by the officials to assume the principalship of the approved High School.

Miss Blanchard who had assisted her for a year with a good show of efficiency, being called to a more remunerative position in Athol, Mass., also resigned. This action necessitated the securing of two new teachers for the High School. The search for a new

principal resulted in the securing of Miss Harriet E. Park of Mystic, Conn., who had been principal of a single High School for eighteen consecutive years and who had enjoyed good educational advantages as well as professional training. Miss Edith Goddard of Campello, Mass., a young lady without experience, but who had been thoroughly educated and also professionally trained, was secured as assistant. The Board of Education congratulated itself upon its success in securing such talent for this important work; and, having observed the efficiency which each teacher displays in her department, after many weeks, it congratulates itself anew.

With a full course of study and only two teachers to conduct it, it is hardly necessary to say that the teachers must give themselves with untiring diligence to their work. On account of previous work unperformed, the senior class has been obliged to do considerably more than it ought to do, and more than subsequent classes which are regularly in the work will be compelled to do in order to cover the same ground. It is hoped, however, that the class will come to graduation in June with all the work fairly well done, though it is possible that the diploma, if conferred, will not possess equal value to all.

With the establishing of an approved High School the Grammar School became a necessity. This school is very satisfactorily provided for in the room furnished on the lower floor of the brick building by the addition, together with a part of the space which was previously used as a hall. The pupils receiving instruction in this room represent two distinct grades. Intermediate and Grammar grades. They are instructed by a single teacher, Miss Marion E. Fowle, a graduate of our own State Normal School, who man-

ages the combination with ease and efficiency. This school is designed to give thorough instruction in the common school branches, and its diploma will be recognized as a sufficient passport to the High School.

If in this report the High and Grammar Schools have received the first and greatest attention, it is because in their present condition they are new comers and not because they are of so much more importance than the schools scattered up and down throughout the town. The rural school still has a right to be, and to be noticed.

More and more the work done in it challenges admiration. In more than one instance it represents a whole system of schools, from the kindergarten to the Grammar School in one. In order to succeed the teacher must be tactful and versatile. She must be able to govern scholars of all temperaments and ages and apt to teach the same. She deals with fundamentals and consequently her work is important beyond compare. Amherst has nearly half a score of such teachers. Some of them are veterans, and all of them can boast of more or less experience. In only one instance, and only during the short winter term, has a teacher without experience been employed, and her work was of a nature to be commended. All the others in their respective places as heretofore have been faithful and the result realized has been creditable.

The Primary School, with its alert and efficient teacher, continues to hold the high rank which for a long time has characterized it. The work in this school of beginnings during the year has been highly satisfactory.

Vocal music has received regular attention in all the schools in the brick building. Miss Goddard, who

has charge thereof, seems well adapted for this important work.

The class in physics has been greatly assisted in the study of that interesting science by the apparatus which has been added to that already in use. This addition was made possible by the proceeds from the Nutt fund, a benefaction by which in more ways than one we have profited.

As a means of stimulating the patriotic instinct the W. R. C. has hung on the walls of each school room a picture neatly framed of Ex-President McKinley, which, as a companion piece of that of Washington, previously purchased, adds not a little to the adornment of the several rooms. These pictures were procured in part with the proceeds of an entertainment given under the auspices of the above named organization by representatives from the several schools.

The King's Daughters have hung in the Grammar School room a picture of the more prominent American essayists and poets.

A picture entitled "Authors of the U. S.," the gift of Mrs. E. F. Locke, hangs over the teacher's desk in the High School room.

A fine picture of Miss L. C. Lawrence, framed in heavy gilt and plush, the gift of Mrs. C. D. Wilson, adorns the wall of the Primary School.

The prizes which are yearly distributed among the scholars in all the village schools, are made possible through the generosity of the person whom this picture represents.

Mrs. A. M. Wilkins has given a very life-like picture of Abraham Lincoln for the benefit of the school at No. 4.

REPAIRS.

It is the purpose of the Board to keep the several

school houses comfortable and attractive by giving prompt attention to needed repairs. The following houses have received attention during the year. New paper has been hung at Nos. 2, 6, 8, 9 and 10. No. 6 has been further improved with a new floor.

The High and Primary School rooms were rendered not a little untidy by the dust and debris which the enlargement necessarily entailed. These rooms subsequently received thorough cleansing and the High School room was further improved by the white washing of the ceiling and the papering of the walls. In this improvement the school room not only, but the halls leading thereto likewise shared. In the assistant's room and in the Grammar School room, composition blackboards and new furniture were installed.

Contrary to expectation it was found that in order to furnish sufficient heat for all the schools in the brick school house a new furnace would be needed. Accordingly one was purchased and placed in position at the north end of the basement.

The two furnaces combined are of sufficient capacity to furnish heat for the several rooms on the most unfavorable days.

REPAIRS NEEDED.

All the rural houses in which schools are to be continued, without exception, should be whitewashed before the opening for another term. In some of these, this is an imperative demand.

CONCLUSION.

All the schools with one exception have been in session thirty-two weeks. At No. 2 on account of sickness of the teacher four days are wanting.

In some of the other districts, on account of sickness and other causes, there have been suspensions, but the time has been made up.

The scholars living in the extreme south of the town who have hitherto been provided for in two schools in Merrimack, have been regularly conveyed during the fall and winter terms to No. 3. No. 7 has been closed through the year. The High School is scheduled at thirty-six weeks for a year. In order to meet the expense accruing from this extra time the proceeds of the Nutt Fund have been heavily drawn upon. This fund should not be counted on for this purpose.

If the district would appropriate a few hundred dollars as an emergency fund, it would save the Board of Education from no little embarrassment.

In order to meet the exigency which has arisen from the new order of things, the Board has been obliged to presume upon the good nature of the citizens in general in the providing of means to make up a deficit.

The change in the several terms makes it necessary for the High School to continue beyond the limit of the financial year. Some of the teachers whose schools have closed have not received full pay for their services. That the several schools might share alike as to the number of school weeks, the Board allowed them to go on when the money to pay them was not in sight, believing that there would be no objection to making up for the arrearage when the time for appropriation came around. The Board trusts that in this matter its confidence in the citizens at large is well grounded.

Amherst at present enjoys school privileges of which she has reason to be proud. And for this its citizens are to be commended. May they continue to be

generous in their appropriations and in their readiness to co-operate with those who have this important interest in charge.

ATTENDANCE.

The whole number of scholars found enrolled upon the school registers, during the year, between the ages of five and fifteen is 162. Above fifteen, 24. Less than five, 3. The following tables give a summary of attendance as appears in the school registers.

SPRING TERM, 1902.

Schools.	Whole No.	Boys.	Girls.	Av. Att.	Weeks.
No. 1 High	49	18	31	40	12
1 Primary	29	14	15	22	11
2	22	11	11	17	11
3	8	6	2	6	11
4	10	6	4	9	11
5	11	7	4	8	11
6	14	7	7	12	11
8	7	5	2	6	11
9	7	1	6	5	11
10	17	10	7	12	11
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	174	87	89	137	111

FALL TERM, 1902.

Schools.	Whole No.	Boys.	Girls.	Av. Att.	Weeks
No. 1, High	31	12	19	29	13
1, Grammar	23	9	14	18	13
1, Primary	22	11	11	19	13
2,	26	13	13	18	16
3,	17	13	4	11	16
4,	11	7	4	9	13
5,	9	6	3	8	16
6,	10	7	3	9	15
8,	5	3	2	4	9
9,	9	2	7	6	16
10,	22	10	12	15	16
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	185	93	92	146	156

WINTER TERM, 1903.

Schools.	Whole No.	Boys.	Girls.	Av. Att.	Weeks.
No. 1, High	29	11	18	26	11
1, Grammar	18	7	11	16	8
1, Primary,	20	10	10	18	8
2,	19	11	8	15	4
3,	14	11	3	11	5
4,	10	6	4	9	8
5,	9	6	3	8	5
6,	10	7	3	8	6
8,	5	3	2	4	12
9,	6	1	5	5	5
10,	11	5	6	8	5
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	151	78	73	128	77

NUMBER OF WEEKS IN YEAR.

Schools.	Terms.	Weeks.
No. 1, High	3	36
1, Grammar	2	21
1, Primary	3	32
2,	3	32
3,	3	32
4,	3	32
5,	3	32
6,	3	32
8,	3	32
9,	3	32
10,	3	32
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	32	345

ROLL OF HONOR.

NOT ABSENT OR TARDY DURING THE YEAR.

Guy E. McGown,	Marion L. Dodge,
Fred J. Baker,	Mildred C. Cadwell,
Fred A. Barker,	Susan D. Baker,
Warren Hutchinson,	Doris Allen
Alfred W. Bartlett,	Wilbert F. Parker,
Walter K. Weston.	

FOR TWO TERMS.

Clara B. Clark,	Frank G. Pettengill,
Ethel F. Hodgman,	Everett Byrd,
Bertha W. Barrett,	James A. Barker,
Olie M. Byrd,	Elgin Bartlett,
Ethel I. Caldwell,	Arthur D. Glover,
Grace L. Pettengill,	Milton A. Glover,
Grace E. Piper,	Walter E. Elliott,
Elvene E. Taylor,	Philip J. Clarkin,
Grace Bartlett,	John J. Doyle,
Fannie E. Glover,	Horace R. Boutelle,
Mabel Powers,	Leon K. Boutelle,
Agnes G. Buckley,	Clyde H. Parker,
Katie J. Doyle,	Paul N. Whiting.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. MCGOWN,

S. E. DODGE,

W. W. SLOAN,

School Board.

REPORT OF TREASURER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1903.

TEACHERS' SALARIES, SPRING TERM.

District 1, Mary E. Fulton	\$180 00	
“ 1, Lydia Blanchard	120 00	
“ 1, Grace R. Moore	99 00	
“ 2, Myola F. Furber	82 50	
“ 3, Emma Alexander	77 00	
“ 4, Effie P. Smith	77 00	
“ 5, Mabel L. Parker	66 00	
“ 6, Emma G. Hubbard	66 00	
“ -8, Lilla F. Warren	77 00	
“ 9, Cora E. Holbrook	77 00	
“ 10, Aimee M. Vinton	77 00	
		\$998 50

FALL TERM.

District 1, Harriet F. Park	\$216 69
“ 1, Edith Goddard	130 00
“ 1, Grace R. Moore	144 00
“ 1, Marion E. Fowle	117 00
“ 2, Myola F. Furber	120 00
“ 3, Mabel L. Parker	112 00
“ 4, Emma G. Hubbard	91 00
“ 5, Effie P. Smith	112 00
“ 6, Emma Alexander	105 00
“ 8, Lilla F. Warren	63 00

“ 9, Cora E. Holbrook	112 00	
“ 10, Aimee M. Vinton	112 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,434 69

WINTER TERM.

District 1, Harriet E. Park	\$116 67	
“ 1, Edith Goddard	70 00	
“ 1, Grace R. Moore	45 00	
“ 1, Marion E. Fowle	45 00	
“ 2, Myola F. Furber	31 50	
“ 3, Mabel L. Parker	35 00	
“ 4, Emma G. Hubbard	35 00	
“ 5, Effie P. Smith	35 00	
“ 6, Emma Alexander	42 00	
“ 8, Lilla F. Warren	84 00	
“ 9, Bertha G. Hubbard	30 00	
“ 10, Aimee M. Vinton	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$604 17
Whole amount paid teachers		<hr/>
		\$3,037 36

CLEANING AND CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

N. E. Eames, No. 1	\$1 50
A. W. Merrill	2 00
Lucy J. Webster, No. 1	3 75
S. E. Lakin, No. 1	3 90
Abbie Bullard, No. 1	5 75
Cora W. Bartlett, No. 5	2 00
George A. Merserve	50
Mary F. Sullivan, No. 1	6 00
E. O. Willoby, No. 4	50
F. M. Ackerman, No. 1	25 75
J. O. Willoby, No. 4	2 75
W. J. Buckley, No. 2, care, shavings and broom	3 60

J. A. Barker, No. 5	3 30
C. R. Parker, No. 6	2 75
F. M. Ackerman, No. 1	45 50
C. R. Parker, No. 6	3 75
Maude E. Towne, No. 4	2 75
W. J. Buckley, No. 2, care, shavings and broom	5 10
J. A. Barker, No. 5	4 80
“ “ “	1 50
Emma Alexander, No. 3	1 83
Lilla F. Warren, No. 8	1 83
Aimee M. Vinton, No. 10	1 83
Mabel L. Parker, No. 3	3 50
Cora E. Holbrook, No. 9	3 00
Lilla F. Warren, No. 8,	2 25
Aimee M. Vinton, No. 10	3 50
Mabel L. Parker, No. 3	1 25
Lilla F. Warren, No. 8	3 00
Aimee M. Vinton, No. 10	1 25
Emma Alexander, cleaning No. 6	3 00
Mrs. Geo. H. Powers, cleaning No. 9	1 50
Charles R. Parker, care No. 6	1 50

 \$156 69

FUEL ACCOUNT.

Lemuel Fuller, wood and cutting	\$10 50
George E. Farley, wood and cutting No. 5	10 00
E. C. Hubbard, wood and cutting No. 8	11 55
F. S. Adams, wood and cutting No. 10	11 00
L. B. Converse, wood No. 1	7 50
F. C. Taylor, coal No. 1	7 25

George E. Parker, wood No. 6	13 00	
F. C. Taylor, coal No. 1	122 53	
C. M. Barrett, wood and cutting No. 3	11 95	
F. M. Ackerman, sawing wood	9 30	
C. A. Peabody, wood and cutting No. 7	9 75	
	<hr/>	\$224 33

BOOKS, PAPER, PENCILS, ETC.

Samuel Ward Co.	\$4 39	
Edson C. Eastman	2 41	
Allyn Bacon	6 67	
George F. King & Co.	8 45	
S. E. Dodge	1 83	
F. W. Farnsworth	60	
Edward E. Babb & Co.	5 40	
Ginn & Co.	46 98	
J. L. Hammett Co.	2 25	
S. E. Dodge	75	
American Book Co.	49 88	
	<hr/>	\$129 61

MISCELLANEOUS.

Cora Richardson, carrying pupils	\$33 00
H. A. Glover, " "	25 00
Carl E. Knight, legal advice,	1 00
C. D. Hale, carrying pupils	3 00
H. A. Glover, " "	75 00
V. R. Dodge, one organ	15 00
School board, Merrimack, tuition	94 00
" " " "	38 50
" " Bedford, "	8 25
Clara E. Hebert, attending school No. 10	18 00
Cora Richardson, carrying pupils	12 00
W. B. Rotch, insurance	86 00

G. S. Wheeler, repairing organ	2 50	
W. D. Clark, auditor	2 00	
J. E. Upton, “	2 00	
W. W. Sloan, express and cartage	9 95	
	<hr/>	\$425 20

NUTT FUND.

Balance on hand March 1, 1902	\$95 84	
Received from treasurer	149 21	
	<hr/>	\$245 05
Paid G. S. Wheeler, repairs on piano	\$3 50	
G. S. Wheeler, piano cover	3 50	
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.	12 96	
George C. Ricker, books	2 90	
Express	65	
A. J. McGown, supplies	1 52	
F. M. Ackerman, castors	1 00	
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.	44 86	
Balance on hand March 1, 1903	174 16	
	<hr/>	\$245 05

NEW ADDITION TO SCHOOL HOUSE AND
REPAIRS AND FURNISHINGS OF
SCHOOL HOUSES.

A. C. Decatur, labor and supplies	\$67 73
J. F. Benson, labor	1 25
G. F. Hanson, bolts, washers, rods	7 35
W. S. Weston, laying brick	12 75
Kendall & Wilkins, cement	1 50
L. L. Junkins, drawing plan	5 00
W. F. French, supplies	13 86
F. C. Taylor, furnace	190 00
Charlie Knights, cleaning brick	1 00

C. W. Dodge, cleaning brick	6 75
Pollard & Jenkins, paper and papering	34 88
F. C. Taylor, labor and supplies	11 13
W. F. Head & Son, brick	135 00
G. Fuller & Son, laths and lime	88 63
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight	11 20
H. B. Leighton, carting lumber	17 00
E. K. Burt, labor and supplies	170 15
C. L. Bailey, lathing	10 64
R. H. Prince, drawing brick	18 70
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight	4 59
“ “ “ “	4 00
J. F. Benson, labor	1 00
W. S. & E. E. Weston, laying brick	47 00
“ “ “ “ “ “	52 16
Newton Perham, posts and sills	55 00
C. W. Dodge, labor	1 65
W. S. & E. E. Weston, laying brick	61 00
E. E. Weston, sand and carting	24 00
Pollard & Jenkins, paper and papering	38 93
E. K. Burt, labor and supplies	155 67
W. B. Rotch, insurance	8 00
W. S. Weston, laying brick	95 31
George H. Pettengill, cleaning brick	6 00
F. M. Ackerman, cleaning brick	6 75
W. S. Weston, laying brick	82 00
Lawrence Clark, cleaning brick	3 00
James Reilly, foundation	135 00
Frank A. Sloan, cleaning brick	3 00
L. W. Weston, cleaning brick	2 70
H. S. Barker, cleaning brick	2 10
Guy E. McGown, cleaning brick	12 97

W. S. Weston, laying brick	107 76	
“ “ “ “	60 00	
C. L. Ogden, cleaning brick,	12 00	
John Peacock, labor	5 60	
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight	12 80	
“ “ “ “	11 20	
F. M. Ackerman, labor	3 00	
W. F. French, bolts	2 75	
E. E. Weston, taking down wall	44 60	
F. A. Sloan, cleaning brick	2 35	
H. M. Parker, moving furniture, etc.	3 80	
W. W. Sloan, express	60	
Bennett & Jenkins, papering	3 00	
L. F. Wyman, repairing organ	1 25	
E. E. Weston, repairs Nos. 1 and 4	4 00	
H. M. Parker, fertilizer	3 55	
A. J. Hutchinson, paper	2 46	
J. F. Benson, repairs No. 6	75	
F. C. Taylor, repairs and furnishings	15 40	
W. D. Clark, supplies	19 36	
C. D. Wilson, supplies	14 19	
	<hr/>	\$1,936 77
Amount raised for repairs and new addition to brick school house	\$2,000 00	
Paid out for repairs and furnish- ings and addition	1,936 77	
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Balance		\$63 23
Balance repair fund on hand March 1, 1902		91 72
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Repairs balance March 1, 1903		\$154 95

BALANCE SHEET.

Amount required by law	\$1,884 00	
“ raised in school meeting	1,100 00	
Literary fund	101 50,	
Dog money	312 73	
Town of New Boston	88 96	
“ Mont Vernon	18 35	
Lawrence fund	39 57	
Spalding fund	385 45	
Balance on hand March 1, 1902	75 44	
	<hr/>	\$4,006 00
Paid for teachers	\$3,037 36	
Care and cleaning school houses	156 69	
Fuel	224 33	
Books, paper and pencils	129 61	
Miscellaneous	425 20	
Balance on hand March 1, 1903	32 81	
	<hr/>	\$4,006 00

W. W. SLOAN, *Treasurer.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. D. CLARK,
C. D. WILSON,
Auditors.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY.

OFFICERS.

<i>President,</i>	REV. A. J. MCGOWN.
<i>Secretary and Treasurer,</i>	MRS. F. L. CLARK.
<i>Librarian,</i>	MRS. A. M. WYMAN.

TRUSTEES.

J. H. CLARK,	}	Term expires March 1903.
MRS. GEO. W. NICHOLS,		
A. M. WILKINS,	}	" " " 1904.
MISS L. R. FLETCHER,		
REV. A. J. MCGOWN,	}	" " " 1905.
MRS. F. L. CLARK,		

The following statistics for the year are presented :

Number of books issued,	4,042
Number of magazines issued,	1,624
Making a total of	5,666
Number of families using library	120
" cards issued	250
" volumes added to the library	151
" " donated " " "	79
" " purchased for " "	51
" " replaced	3
" " discarded	2
Whole number of volumes in library	3841

The library has again been kindly remembered by many friends, in donation of books and pamphlets, foremost among whom is Miss Anne M. Means of Boston, who gave at one time 43 volumes of romance, history and literature.

Other donors are :

Mr. Geo. H. Campbell, 11 volumes.

Mrs. Geo. A. Spalding, 4 vols, 5 pamphlets and interesting letters and bank bills.

Mr. Daniel A. Fletcher, 1 vol.

Mr. A. E. Pillsbury, 1 vol.

Gen. E. S. Greeley, 1 vol.

Mr. Eli Sawtelle, 2 vols.

Mr. T. W. Lawson, 1 vol.

Mrs. James N. Prince, 4 vols.

Mr. Warren Upham, 4 pamphlets. "On the Ice Age."

Miss Elsie Russell, 1 vol.

Mrs. Chas. H. Campbell, McClure's magazine.

A friend, *The World's Work*.

Col. W. B. Rotch, *The Milford Cabinet*. Lake Mohawk Conference, 1902. Our trade with Scandinavia, 1890—1900.

The following public documents were also received :

N. H. annual reports, 3 vols.

Journals of N. H. Senate and House, 1 vol.

17th report Civil Service Commission, 1 vol.

Report of N. S. Commissioner of Education. 1 vol.

Annual report Smithsonian Institution, 1900, 1 vol.

15th annual report of the Interstate Commerce Commission, 1901.

Biennial school report, Wisconsin, 1901, 1902. T. D. Harvey.

Reports of the trustees of the State library, June 1900 to June 1902.

U. S. department of agriculture, the world's markets for American products, Great Britian and Ireland, Germany, Belgium, 3 pamphlets.

CONDITION OF BUILDING AND GROUNDS.

The building is in excellent condition. No repairs have been made the past year. The posts in front of the library and the fence bordéring the east side of the grounds are decaying and before long will need repairs.

NEEDS.

Attention is again called to the limited shelf space for the accumulating volumes, already exceeding the expectations of those who established the library. The library is crowded today; the stacks encroaching on the floor space intended for and heretofore devoted to the executive work of the librarian.

Appended are the reports of the treasurer, a list of the magazines taken and a list of the books added to the library during the year.

Very respectfully,

THE TRUSTEES.

The Selectmen of Amherst.

LIST OF MAGAZINES.

The Century.
The Granite Monthly.
Harper's Magazine.
Little Folks.
Munsey.
The New England Magazine.
The Review of Reviews.
Scribner's Monthly.
St. Nicholas.
Success.
Talks and Tales.
Woman's Home Companion.
Youth's Companion.

Treasurer's Report of Amherst Town Library for 1902.

By balance	\$62 83	
appropriation	200 00	
received from Mrs. Campbell	1 00	
" for fines and sale of catalogues	2 16	
	\$265 99	
To services of librarian	\$50 00	
" " janitor	15 00	
cleaning	3 00	
books	92 23	
printing	2 75	
wood	6 50	
The Bookman	2 00	
The Outlook	50	
binding and repairing	26 57	
magazines	28 45	
supplies, postage, etc.	2 43	
oil	1 60	
cash on hand for unfinished book stacks	34 96	
	\$265 99	

Books Added in 1902.

A

Asbjornsen, P. C. Fairy tales from the north.	913.16
Atherton, Chas. H. Memoir of Hon. Joshua Atherton.	116.14
Atherton, Mrs. Gertrude F. Conqueror.	913.7

B

Balfour, A. J. The foundation of belief.	812.59
Barbour, A. M. That Mainwaring affair.	813.59
Barr, Amelia E. The preacher's daughter.	913.23
Barr, Amelia E. Trinity bells.	914.8
Bates, Arlo. The puritans.	914.6
Benson, B. K. A friend with the countersign.	913.10
Benson, E. E. The Princess Sophia.	912.23
Boutwell, Geo. S. Sixty years in public affairs. 2 vols.	814.31
Brooks, Noah. Lem, a New England boy.	913.11
Bullard, Susan, translator. Fairy tales from far Japan.	813.53
Bulloch, Shan F. Irish pastorals.	912.16

C

Castle, Egerton. Consequences.	912.24
Conant, Wm. H. Fiftieth anniversary poem.	813.54
Croly, Geo. Tarry-thou-till-I-come.	913.6

D

Dawson, Wm. H. German life in town and country.	912.18
Dix, Beulah M. A little captive lad.	913.24
Dixon, Thomas, Jr. Leopard's spots.	914.24
Don.	914.7
Doyle, A. Conan. War in South Africa.	333.23

E

Earle, Alice M. Home life in Colonial days.	914.9
Eldridge, Geo. Dyse. I will repay.	913.22
Elizabeth, Ordeal of.	813.57
Emerson, Evalyn. Sylvia.	913.19
Emery, M. S. How to enjoy pictures.	814.29

F

Fiske, John. Essays historical and literary. 2 vols.	814.33
Fiske, John. New France and New England.	914.22
Francis, M. E. Yeoman Fleetwood.	914.13
Fraser, Mrs. Hugh. Marna's mutiny.	912.26

G

Garland, Hamlin. The captain of the gray horse troop.	913.17
Glenbworth, M. L. The tenth commandment.	813.56
Gordon, C. W. (Ralph Connor). Glengarry school days.	912.31
Gray, Maxwell (M. G. Tutliet). The house of hidden treasure.	914.4
Green, Anna K. (Mrs. C. Rohlf's). Agatha Webb.	811.9
Green, Anna K. One of my sons.	813.61
Green, Homer. Picketts gap.	913.21
Green, Sarah P. McLean. Flood tide.	914.23
Greenough, James B. and Kitteredge, Geo. L. Words and their ways in the English speech.	623.35

H

Harris, Joel C. Sister Jane.	914.2
Harrison, Mrs. Burton. A triple entanglement.	914.21
Hawkins, A. H. Quisante.	912.22
Hawkins, A. H. Simon Dale.	914.10
Hawkins, A. H. Tristram of Blent.	912.27
House party stories told by famous authors.	914.18
Howard, L. O. Mosquito.	813.51
Howells, W. D. Ragged lady.	914.20

I

Inman, Henry. The old Santa Fe trail.	814.32
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J

Jackson, A. W. Deafness and cheerfulness.	811.8
Jewett, Sarah Orne. Deephaven.	911.5
Johnson, Annie F. The little colonel's house party.	913.14
Johnson, Mrs. Clark. Earning her way.	912.32
Johnson, Mrs. Clark. Her college days.	912.30
Johnson, Mary. Audrey.	913.8

K

Kipling, Rudyard. Kim.	814.30
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L

Long, Wm. J. Secrets of the woods.	913.18
Lothrop, Mrs. H. W. (Margaret Sidney). Five little Peppers abroad.	913.12
Lynch, Hannah. French life in town and country.	912.19

M

Mathers, Helen. Lovely malincourt.	912.20
Mathews, Brander. A confident tomorrow.	912.29
Merriman, Henry Seton (Hugh Stowell Scott). Dross.	914.19
Merriman, Henry Seton (Hugh Stowell Scott). Prisoners and captives.	813.62

Morette, Edgar. The Sturgis wager. 914.17

N

Naylor, James B. Ralph Marlowe. 914.5

Nesbit, E. The would be goods. 913.15

Norris, Frank. Blix. 914.11

Norris, W. E. The fight for the crown. 912.21

O

Owen, Mary Alicia. Voodoo tales. 813.63

P

Palmer, F. H. E. Russian life in town and
country. 912.17

Parton, James. Life of Aaron Burr. 2 vols. 814.26

Patter, Fred Lewis. Mary Garvin. 913.9

Perry, Nora. A rose bud garden girl. 914.3

Patter, Henry C. The citizen and his relation
to the industrial situation. 813.55

Patter, Henry C. East of today and tomorrow. 912.28

R

Ray, Anna C. Nathalie's chum. 913.20

Rayner, E. Free to serve. 914.1

Rich, A. Judson. Josiah W. Pillsbury, Eliza-
beth Dinsmore Pillsbury. 813.52

Riis, Jacob A. The making of an American. 814.27

Roberts, Chas. G. D. The heart of the ancient
woods. 912.15

Robertson, Harrison. Red blood and blue. 813.58

S

Stephen, R. U. Philip Winwood. 914.12

Stoddard, John L. Canada, Malta, Gibraltar. 814.28

T

Thatcher, Oliver J. and Schwill, F. Europe in
the middle age. 421.30

Thompson, W. M. and Lawson, T. W. Lawson
history of the American cup. 517.43

U

Upham, Warren. The ice age. 337.14

W

Walford, L. B. One of ourselves. 813.60

Walford, L. B. Sir Patrick the Paddock. 914.16

Weyman, Stanley J. The castle inn. 914.15

Weyman, Stanley J. Shrewsbury. 914.14

Wharton, Edith. The valley of decision. 2
vols. 912.13

Wiggin, Kate D. (Mrs. Riggs). The diary of a
goose girl. 913.13

Wilkins, Mary E. (Mrs. Freeman). The love of
Parson Lord. 811.10

Williams, Martha McCulloch. Next to the
ground. 912.14

Winter, John Strange (Mrs. Arthur Stannard).
The money sense. 912.25

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Biographical review of Hillsboro and Cheshire Co.,
N. H.

Dictionary of the Bible, 4 vols. Edited by James
Hastings, M. A., D. D.

Elements of Criticism, vol. 2.

Index of periodical literature, 1815-1899. Wm.
Fletcher and Mary Poole.

National register of the Sons of American Revolu-
tion, Gen. E. S. Greeley.

Public libraries in the U. S. of America, 1876.

Statesman's year book, 1902.

United States official register, 1843.

World's almanac, 1902.

150 copies extra wanted for Library.

VITAL STATISTICS.

To the Selectmen:

In compliance with an act of the Legislature, enacted June session, 1887, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the annual report," I herewith submit the following:—

WILLIAM W. SLOAN, *Town Clerk.*

Births Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1902.

Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Name of the Child (if any.)	Sex and Condition.			Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	Color of parents	Residence of parents.	Occupation of father.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.
			Male.	Female.	Living or still-born.								No. of child 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.
Jan. 2	Amherst	George William	M		L	5		Amherst	Farmer	Stoneham, Mass	Amherst	
" 8	"	Bernard Arthur	M		L	2		"	"	Pittsfield, Me	Athens, Me.	
Feb. 7	"	Ethel Viola	F	S	L	6		"	Physician	Londonderry	Lynn, Mass.	
" 14	"	Ovile	F	L	L	7		"	Farmer	Bedford	Merrimack.	
Mar. 19	"	Leonard Murry	M		L	8		"	Sectionman	Standbridge, Can	Standbridge Can	
" 20	"	Louis Sherman	M		L	1		"	Farmer	Ayer, Mass	East Farnum, P.Q	
" 26	"	"	M		L	2		"	"	"	"	
" 26	"	"	M		L	4		"	Teamster	Athens, Vt	Springfield, Vt.	
Apr. 3	"	"	F	S	L	5		"	"	Needham, Mass	Albion, Mass.	
" 8	"	Frances Elizabeth	F	L	L	3		"	Merchant	Amherst	New Boston.	
Mar. 1	"	Howard Herbert	M		L	3		"	Farmer	Temple	Needham, Mass.	
May 23	"	Earl S.	M		L	7		"	Mason	Nashua	Lyndeboro.	
June 23	"	Robert Atkinson	M		L	2		"	Merchant	Deering	Bridgeboro, Pa.	
Aug. 27	"	Luna	M		L	1		"	Farmer	Annapolis, N. S.	Moors Forks, NY	
" 31	"	Leo Dennis	M		L	5		"	"	Parrie, Can	Quebec, Can.	
Sept. 16	"	Byron Edwih	M		L	7		"	"	New Boston	Wilton.	
Oct. 7	"	Gladys Angeline	F	L	L	4		"	Teamster	Pelham	Amherst.	
" 7	"	Alfon Andre	M		L	1		"	Quarryman	Lyndeboro	Nova Scotia.	
" 13	"	Flna Cecelia	F	L	L	2		"	Labourer	So. Boston, Mass	Candia.	
Oct. 30	"	Doris	F	L	L	8		"	"	Worcester,	Boston, Mass.	
Nov. 28	"	"	M		L	2		"	"	Lister, P. O.	St. Julie, P. O.	
Dec. 4	"	"	F	L	L	8		"	"	Warners	Tunnelheads	
" 30	"	"	F	L	L	1		"	Station agent	Nelson	Landoff.	

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM W. SLOAN, Town Clerk.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1902.

Date of marriage	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age.	Color.	Occupation of groom and bride.	Place of birth of each.	Names of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Occupation.	Marriage.	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married.
Jan. 11	Amherst	Walter M. Peacock	Amherst	27		Paik turner	Amherst	Johu G. Peacock Estella M. Plummer	Springvale, Me. Orange	Farmer	1	Geo. A. Williams, clergyman, Amherst.
"	30	Millford	Nashua	33		Weaver	Quebec, Can.	John Boncher Mary Boncher	"	Farmer	2	
		Amherst	Amherst	21		Woodworker	Biddeford, Me.	Ambrrose Delamore Selena Tucatre	St. Julian		1	Geo. F. Marshall, Catholic priest, Milford.
May 23	Marblehead Mass	Kate Broderick	"	23		Mill hand	Amherst	James Broderick Hannah Conden	Amherst Ireland	Farmer	1	
		Edmund C. Burns	"	26		Tanner	"	Daniel Burns	Ireland		1	Henry Keane Lyons, Catholic priest, Marblehead, Mass.
		Mary A. Cahill	Marblehead	24			Marblehead	Johanna Lewis Timothy Cahill	Ireland		1	
June 16	Nashua	Orlando H. Lowd	Amherst	29	All White	Merchant	Milford	Winnie Callahan Chas. A. Lowd	Ireland Henniker	Shoemaker	1	Cyrus Richardson, clergyman, Nashua.
		Clara May Brown	W. Newton Mass	19				Sarah A. Crooker	Mont Vernon		1	
"	17	Amherst	Amherst	26		Farmer	Bow	Asa G. Hammond Mary Arlen	Bow Canterbury	Farmer	1	Francis A. Gray, clergyman, Nashua.
		Lilla Duncklee	"	28			Sandwich	Alice Duncklee			2	

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WILLIAM W. SLOAN, Town Clerk.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1902.

Date of death.	Name and surname of deceased.	Age.			Place of birth.	Sex and condition.	Sex.	Color.	Occupation.	Place of birth.		Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.						Father.	Mother.		
Jan. 16	Lydia T. Maxwell	84	5	13	Groton, Mass.	F	W	.....	Groton, Mass.	Groton, Mass.	Aaron Brown	Sarah Pierce.
Feb. 3	Delbert V. Goodale	10	10	14	Milford	M	S	.....	Springfield "	Springfield "	Geo. L. Goodale	Flora B. Pillsbury
" 7	.....	69	3	26	Amherst	F	S	.....	Lynn	Lynn	James B. Pettengill	Ada E. Bartlett
" 8	Nancy J. Wetherbee	69	3	26	New Boston	F	W	.....	New Boston	New Boston	Benjamin Gould	Nancy Graham.
" 10	Henrietta Holbrook	57	8	21	Chelsea, Mass	F	M	.....	Sharon	Rumford, Me	Granville Parker	Hannah Hutchins.
" 24	Mary E. Trow	61	10	19	Amherst	F	W	.....	Amherst	Amherst	Sammuel Shepard	Mary A. Ober.
March 9	Earl W. Ruiter	1	7	1	"	M	S	.....	Candia	Franklin, Vt	Henry B. Ruiter	Emma Britch.
" 13	Nancy F. Towus	76	11	13	Manchester	F	W	.....	Athol, Mass.	Manchester	Henry R. Barrett	Abbie Stevens.
Apr. 26	Arthur C. Hardy	42	1	1	Amherst	M	S	.....	Amherst	Milford	Elbridge G. Hardy	Adeline McConihe.
" 30	Chester Shipley	78	1	16	Hollis	M	M	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
May 23	Alpheus Stevens	77	4	23	Manchester	M	M	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
June 4	Earl S. Weston	77	4	1	Amherst	M	S	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
June 18	Ellen M. Peaslee	59	10	25	"	F	W	.....	Nashua	Lyndeboro	Edward F. Weston	Christiana E. Woodward
" 23	Ruth Wilson	92	2	23	Amherst	F	W	.....	.....	Alstead	Stephen Holbrook	Lydia Brigham.
Aug. 15	Mary L. Clark	62	1	3	Marblehead, Mas	F	M	.....	.....	.....	Caleb Bontelle	Rebecca Converse.
Oct. 25	Emily M. Clark	65	5	21	"	F	M	.....	.....	.....	Neil Marchison	Ellen Brown.
" 25	Eliza A. Eaton	74	5	12	Wilton	F	W	.....	.....	.....	Amos Sanderson	.....
Nov. 21	Mary E. Philbrick	61	4	11	Amherst	F	W	.....	Merrimack	New Ipswich	Geo. Kenon	Martha M. Walker.
" 11	Fred E. Burt	28	.....	.....	Wilton	M	M	.....	Milford	Amherst	John Ober	Rebecca Kendall.
" 20	Perley W. Dodge	63	7	22	Amherst	F	M	.....	New Boston	Francesstown	Edwin K. Burt	Ella S. Hutchinson.
Dec. 15	Anstices S. Thomas	83	5	28	"	F	S	.....	Middletown, Mass	.....	Perley Dodge	Hariet W. Woodbury.
" 30	Anna S. Rhoades	49	2	6	Mont Vernon	F	M	Amherst	Augusta, Me	James M. Crooker	Sarah J. Smith.	

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WILLIAM W. SLOAN, Town Clerk.



