

Tax Collector's Report

TAXES OF 1911

Committed for collection.....	\$6,444.37
Balance to collect.....	5,608.20
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Balance due	\$836.17
Interest paid in.....	\$3.89

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER S. BEEBE.

Hampden, Mass., March 9, 1912.

Librarian's Report

Total circulation of books.....	6,224
Total circulation of magazines.....	996
Magazine and book borrowers.....	291
Books purchased.....	59
Books donated.....	11
Volumes in Library.....	2,396

Donors of magazines: Rev. C. B. Bliss; Grace M. Pease; Misses Beebe, Westfield; Humane Society, Boston; Mrs. A. B. Newell donated back numbers of Century and Harper's.

Donors of books: Francis Blake, Weston, 1; M. V. A., Boston, 2; Smithsonian Institution, 2; Willie V. Sessions, 5; Mrs. John Q. Adams, 1.

Magazines purchased, 8; magazines donated, 6.

Seventy-five photographs of views of Grand Canon of Arizona and vicinity from the Woman's Education Society, Boston, were on exhibition at the library for one month.

Miss Alice Shepard, inspector, visited the library, remaining three days with the Librarian. Miss Shepard helped us to 125 discarded books from the city library, which proved a very material help in our circulation.

Two books that were rejected by trustees were replaced by the chairman, Mrs. William J. Sessions, at her own expense.

During the year the Librarian has been through the library, casting out worn-out and imperfect books and repairing where possible. A few are missing. In this way 200 books have been discarded, 60 are suitable for

rebinding, leaving in actual circulation about 2,129. Outstanding books have been called in and the library renovated without stopping the circulation. The Selectmen's books have gone to more convenient quarters, leaving us with more available space.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN QUINCY ADAMS,

Librarian, Free Public Library.

Hampden, Mass., March 4, 1912.

Report of the Trustees of the Public Library

At the close of this year the library is in excellent condition.

During the year the Librarian has examined the books carefully. Many have been repaired, while others have been discarded.

Seventy volumes have been added to the library. There has been an increase in the circulation of books and magazines over that of any previous year.

We wish that a larger appropriation might be made to supply the demand for new books.

With the growth of the library comes greater care and labor for the Librarian. This year we have increased her salary to fifty dollars per year.

Appropriation for library.....	\$100.00
Joanna Burleigh Holt fund.....	20.00
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Total.....	\$120.00
Expended for:—	
Books	\$30.90
Magazines	12.10
Librarian	50.00
Rent.....	25.00
Incidentals and expressage.....	2.00
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	\$120.00

We recommend for the library, \$150.00.

Respectfully submitted,

ETTA C. BEEBE,
NELSON E. PEASE,

Library Trustees.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintendent of Schools

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMPDEN

1911-12

Superintendent's Report

To the School Committee of Hampden:—

GENTLEMEN:—Our schools were crippled last spring by the loss of one half our teaching force, three leaving us for larger places and for higher salaries than we can pay. Strangers were engaged for No. 2 Primary and for the Scantic, and Miss Etta Beebe, who has done so much for the children of this town in the past, kindly listened to our entreaties and filled the primary vacancy in the village. As these were temporary arrangements other changes were necessary in the fall. No. 2 Primary was made vacant, Miss Smith resigned from the Scantic and was transferred to the village. Miss Macker, who, for a number of terms, had worked most faithfully for the best interests of No. 4, left us and entered Worcester Normal. Graduates from Framingham Normal and from a training school in the eastern part of the state were engaged, but the last named, securing a position nearer home, left us a few days before the fall term opened, and Miss Grace Pease, its former efficient teacher, presided over No. 2 Primary until Thanksgiving when another Framingham Normal graduate relieved her. Our two upper grade teachers and our supervisors of music and drawing were, to our great advantage, all retained and the entire corps has worked patiently, discreetly, and harmoniously, securing good results.

We had no ninth grade graduates in June, but one from Miss May's room entered Springfield Technical on certificate in February and another will be ready in June. One girl graduated from the Central High at

the close of the half year, two from the same school and one from the Technical will finish their work in the summer. At present we are paying tuition for eleven high school students distributed as follows:—

	Fresh- man	Soph- omore	Junior	Senior	Total
Springfield Central.....			2	2	4
Springfield Technical.....		2		1	3
Springfield High School of Commerce.....	1	2	1		4
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A recent report from the Technical makes this statement: "Present average weekly salary for boys,—none for girls being just now available,—including that of some who took college preparatory course but not the maximum mechanical work: Graduates of 1911, \$11.06; graduates of 1903, \$27.39. Highest weekly salary reported from any graduate, \$40.75." The principal of High School of Commerce writes: "The commercial work was organized in 1898 and the first class graduated in 1900, so we have no young men who have been out more than eleven and a half years. We have a good many who are earning from a thousand to twenty-six hundred a year. Young men who graduated last June started on an average of nine dollars a week. The average initial salary for boys has been about four hundred with an increase of one hundred per year. We can easily place three times as many young men as we graduate every year. Some of the most discriminating business men in the city come to us whenever they have need of young men. Tables of statistics of girl graduates from this school show first year salaries of about three hundred thirty-seven dollars with an annual increase

of fifty dollars." Statistics from the Central High cannot, of course, be tabulated on a pecuniary basis, as many take college courses and enter the professions, but the ethical and spiritual values cannot be over-estimated. While it is true that some people make a bad use and some no apparent use of their education, it is also true that the world at present demands and in the future, to a far greater degree, will demand this training and culture. Certainly, those who have had the advantages of schooling beyond that of the grades are, as a rule, better fitted for life and more useful to others than are those who, from choice or necessity, have failed to receive this benefit; and no sacrifice save that of health, should be accounted too great a price for such an inestimable privilege.

It is a great pity that distance makes this schooling so hard for all and impossible for so many of Hampden's bright boys and girls, but because it does and because, in any case, industrial training will be of great value to them, I urge the introduction of such work in our upper classes.

Our Supervisor of Drawing gives instruction in woodwork in each of the other towns of this district and, I think, it would be well to utilize her ability while she is with us. There would be no extra expense beyond that of tools and material. The girls, under their regular room teachers, should be taught sewing. Each boy should be able to do the simple repairing and construction needed in every household and each girl should be taught, in school, to cut, fit, make, and mend her everyday wearing apparel. Education is now extending in this direction and in many schools gardening and cooking are taught, as well as sewing and the use of tools. In a little school in Peru, said to be the highest town in point of elevation in the state, eight of us sat down last fall to a well-cooked dinner

prepared and served by the children and their teacher. They had raised their vegetables in the school garden, put up their pickles and marmalades, hemmed their table linen, and, instead of falling behind in their ordinary studies, were more alert and proficient than they had formerly been. In another town we saw a boy from a second grade fitted to a blouse waist by girls from one of the older classes and here there were also many evidences of their skill in needlework. There has always been much wasted time during school hours but when the pupils take pleasure in these activities they improve the time and when they realize that knowledge gained from books can be immediately applied in the working world, they awake to the fact that its acquisition is worthy their best effort.

I should like a trial of this modern instruction in our upper grades. Much might be gained and, if proved unsatisfactory, there could be little loss.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. POLAND,

Superintendent of Schools.

February 9, 1912.

Report of the Supervisor of Drawing

Miss Mary L. Poland, Superintendent of Schools:—

It is with pleasure that I submit the following report of the work accomplished in drawing during the school year of 1911 and 1912. The fundamental purpose of this department is to give instruction that shall develop ability to use drawing as a common means of expression and to train taste in the fine and industrial arts.

The work in the fall began with the study of nature for all of the grades, training ability to represent plant life and growth. In the primary grades the children drew flowers and plants with colored crayons, representing as well as possible the general appearance of the plant. This work was continued through the intermediate grades and the results represented fairly well the growth, proportions, and colors of the plant. In the grammar grades the nature work was carried on, using water colors, pencil and brush and ink as mediums. Emphasis was laid on the growth and individual characteristics of the plants.

Following this nature study several weeks were spent on object drawing. This work aimed to develop in the primary grades ability to draw well a number of familiar objects of things interesting to the children. The work of each succeeding grade enabled the children to draw objects with greater accuracy.

Illustrative drawing occupied a prominent place in the work outlined for the primary grades. The free, crude expression of ideas by drawing comes easily to all young children and develops rapidly if stimulated and encouraged.

Problems in construction were planned and worked out during the year in all of the grades. At Thanksgiving, booklets, log cabins, place cards, and boxes were made, while at Christmas the children delighted in making and framing little water-color paintings which they had painted, folding cornucopias, and designing calendar mounts. At the Red Schoolhouse the boys have each designed and whittled a necktie rack while the girls have busied themselves with sewing.

Very creditable results have been obtained this year, which are due to the careful supervision of the teachers and the hard work on the part of the children.

Respectfully submitted,

MARJORIE F. FLETCHER,

Supervisor of Drawing.

Report of the Supervisor of Music

Miss Mary L. Poland, Superintendent of Schools:—

It is with pleasure that I submit the following report of what has been accomplished in music during the current year in the Hampden schools, and I wish to express my hearty appreciation of the work done by the teachers. In general there has been marked improvement in the study of music, a willing and enthusiastic spirit among the pupils.

In the primary grades, especially, progress consists in doing simple things better rather than in doing more difficult things. The syllables of the scale are learned by singing them over and over until the performance becomes the most natural thing for the child. The same is true of the rote song, the many repetitions enabling the pupil to express his own mood and thus the song becomes self-expression.

In the intermediate and advanced grades, the work has advanced to a stage in its development which calls for greater power and more efficiency among the pupils. In these grades the pupils are able to apply their technical knowledge directly to the song in the singing of notes and work individually and in class, which means a knowledge of the fundamental principles as expressed in staff notation. The results which have been attained reflect credit upon all of the teachers.

No study is more dependent upon drill than is music. After the fact has been presented so that the pupil understands it, there must be vital practice drill until the application of the knowledge gained gives speed and fluency.

The Weaver system is designed to reach every individual child and expects practically every child to be able to sing, and to sing develops mental poise, self-control, and confidence in the individual.

Respectfully submitted,

PHOEBE HOOPER,

Supervisor of Music.

Present Corps of Teachers

- No. 1 Advanced, Miss Rose Warner Dimock; elected June, 1910; educated at Connecticut Agricultural College, Storrs, Conn.
- No. 1 Primary, Miss Myrtle A. Smith; elected March, 1911; educated at State Normal School, Randolph, Vt.
- No. 2 Advanced, Miss Alice N. May; elected June, 1908; educated at Brookfield High School.
- No. 2 Primary, Miss Eleanor F. Mars; elected November, 1911; educated at State Normal School, Framingham, Mass.
- No. 3, Miss Ruth Mansfield; elected June, 1911; educated at State Normal School, Framingham, Mass.
- No. 4, Miss Eva Fay; elected June, 1911; educated at State Normal School, Framingham, Mass.

Names of Pupils Neither Absent nor Tardy

SEPTEMBER 5, 1911, TO FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

- No. 1 Advanced—Esther Burleigh, Anna Burleigh, Earl Howlett, Gertrude Lyon.
- No. 1 Primary—Louis Lyon.
- No. 2 Advanced—John Speight.
- No. 2 Primary—Harold Speight.
- No. 3 —None.
- No. 4 —None.

Record of Attendance

SCHOOLS	Total Member- ship	Average Member- ship	Average Attendance	Per cent of Attend- ance	Tardy Marks
No. 1 Advanced,	26	27	25.3	93.9	60
No. 1 Primary,	28	24.9	21.6	86	62
No. 2 Advanced,	30	25.1	23.6	92.3	57
No. 2 Primary,	27	23.98	22.7	94	41
No. 3,	14	13.4	12.5	90	24
No. 4,	7	6.6	6.5	96.6	14
Totals,	132	120.98	112.2	92.1	258

REPORT

OF THE

School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMPDEN

1911-12

Report of the School Committee

School Committee

H. M. DAVIS, Term expires 1912.
A. B. NEWELL, Term expires 1913.
J. H. FOWLER, Term expires 1914.

Organization

A. B. NEWELL, Chairman. J. H. FOWLER, Secretary.

Truant Officers

MATTHIAS CASEY, J. W. MULRONEY.

School Physician

DR. H. F. CURTIS.

The following sums were appropriated by the Town for school purposes:—

Appropriation for schools.....	\$1,100.00
Dog fund	117.74
School supplies	200.00
Permanent repairs	200.00
Music	100.00
Drawing	100.00
School Physician	20.00
Superintendent	75.00
Supplies sold04
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Total from the Town.....	\$1,912.78

Received from State school fund,	\$1,257.11
State Board of Charity,	218.50
School Superintendent	227.28
High School tuition,	1,610.00
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Total from the State,	\$3,312.89
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Available for school purposes,	\$5,225.67

EXPENDITURES—TEACHERS' SALARIES

School No. 1

Primary:

	Spring	Fall	Winter	Total
Miss Etta C. Beebe,	\$120.00	—	—	
Miss Madeline Smith,	—	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$360.00

Advanced:

Miss R. W. Dimock,	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$450.00
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School No. 2

Primary:

	Spring	Fall	Winter	Total
Miss M. M. Rose,	\$120.00	—	—	
Miss Grace M. Pease,	—	\$120.00	—	
Miss E. F. Mars,	—	—	\$120.00	\$360.00

Advanced:

Miss A. N. May,	\$144.00	\$144.00	\$144.00	\$432.00
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School No. 3

	Spring	Fall	Winter	Total
Miss Madeline Smith,	\$120.00	—	—	
Miss Ruth Mansfield,	—	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$360.00

School No. 4

	Spring	Fall	Winter	Total
Miss Grace E. Macker . . .	\$113.00	—	—	
Miss E. B. Fay	—	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$353.00
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Total wages of teachers				\$2,315.00

INCIDENTALS

School No. 1

J. W. Duffey, work, stock	\$6.00
Thresher Bros., wood	36.00
A. S. Weeks, janitor	36.00
A. G. Corey, sundries	6.91
J. L. Weeks, work on grounds	2.50
E. Chaffee, work	1.75
J. Q. Adams, work, glass50
A. A. Jones, sawing wood	6.50
E. P. Lyons, work	5.00
S. Davis, work, sawing wood	3.50
C. I. Burleigh, painting 10616	1.50
W. M. Pease30
W. Gardner	1.00
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Total	\$106.69

School No. 2

H. C. Chapin, wood	\$15.75
D. O'Brien, sawing wood	3.00
C. Avery, janitor, sawing wood	36.00
W. Pease, sundries	2.28
J. Borland, work on house grounds	6.50
J. Q. Adams, fitting windows	5.40

A. G. Corey, sundries.....	\$0.45
J. W. Mulroney, coal drawing.....	42.68
C. I. Burleigh, painting.....	.75
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Total.....	\$112.81

School No. 3

R. H. Pease, janitor work.....	\$32.60
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School No. 4

H. Newcomb, janitor.....	\$6.00
H. Heredeen, work.....	3.50
W. Gardner, work.....	2.50
Thresher Bros., shingles.....	.54
A. G. Corey, sundries.....	2.45
C. N. Whitaker, wood, sawing.....	21.00
G. Patrie, janitor.....	3.60
A. B. Newell, work.....	1.65
Mrs. H. Heredeen, washing schoolrooms..	3.00
R. Heredeen, janitor, work.....	6.50
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Total	\$50.74

Total cost of incidentals.....	\$302.84
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CONVEYANCE OF PUPILS

J. Borland	\$140.00
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PERMANENT REPAIRS

School No. 1

J. Q. Adams, work, materials.....	\$9.55
S. Davis, work.....	1.50

F. Perry, work on fence, grounds.....	\$6.00	
H. M. Davis, work on fence, grounds..	6.00	
Bacon & Donovan Engine Co., work, pump, pipe,	3.03	
E. P. Lyons, work, stovepipe, materials, expressage	20.02	
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Total		\$46.10

School No. 2

Readsboro Mfg. Co., 26 desks.....	\$80.69	
J. H. Fowler, freight, flag, cash, work, be- sides \$2.25 received from sale of things	20.58	
E. S. Decker, lumber, door.....	16.39	
J. Q. Adams, work, materials.....	15.65	
J. L. Avery, painting.....	10.87	
Bacon & Donovan Engine Co., pump, pipe	8.00	
F. B. Taylor & Son, 17 windows.....	23.80	
C. H. Short, slate blackboards.....	17.00	
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Total		\$192.98

School No. 3

G. Graves & Son, cord pulley.....	\$0.95	
I. Ricard, flagstaff.....	2.00	
Forbes & Wallace, flag.....	2.69	
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Total.....		\$5.64

School No. 4

G. Graves & Son, cord pulley.....	\$0.95	
H. Goodwill, flagstaff, post, work.....	4.00	

Forbes & Wallace, flag.	\$2.69
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Total	\$7.64
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Total for permanent repairs.	\$252.36
Appropriation	200.00
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Deficit	\$52.36

MUSIC

Miss Phœbe Hooper, salary, expense	\$107.19
Appropriation	100.00
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Deficit	\$7.19

DRAWING

Miss M. F. Fletcher, salary.	\$95.00
Appropriation	100.00
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Unexpended	\$5.00

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENCE

Miss Mary L. Poland, salary.	\$300.00
Expense of hiring teachers.	7.37
Wilbraham expense of Joint District.	6.42
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Total	\$313.79
Received from State for Superintendent.	227.28
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Net cost	\$86.51
Appropriation	75.00
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Deficit	\$11.51

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

City of Springfield.....	\$1,167.50
Received from the State.....	1,610.00
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Unexpended	\$442.50

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Paid Dr. H. F. Curtis.....	\$20.00
Appropriation	20.00

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

E. E. Babb & Co.....	\$79.50
Johnson's Bookstore	2.59
Old Corner Bookstore.....	1.95
J. H. Van Sickle, Morton's Geographies..	34.56
Ginn & Co., books.....	6.04
E. P. Lyons.....	1.30
Stella Day, care of books and supplies, stationery, etc.	32.00
F. J. Kenworthy, expressage.....	7.35
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Total	\$165.29
Appropriation	200.00
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Unexpended	\$34.71

Town of Hampden in account with Stella M. Day for schoolbooks and supplies for the year ending March 1, 1912:—

By inventory, March 6, 1911.....	\$115.46
Books and supplies of Edward Babb.....	79.50

Ginn & Co.	\$6.04	
Old Corner Bookstore.	1.95	
		\$202.95

To books and supplies furnished schools:—

No. 1 Advance.	\$22.31	
No. 1 Primary.	18.39	
No. 2 Advanced.	35.82	
No. 2 Primary.	11.99	
No. 3	11.84	
No. 4	4.19	
Supplies sold04	
Inventory stock on hand.	98.37	
		\$202.95

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

Appropriated and Available

From the Town.	\$1,912.78	
From the State.	3,312.89	
		\$5,225.67

Expenditures

Teachers' wages	\$2,315.00
Incidentals	302.84
Conveyance of pupils.	140.00
Permanent repairs	252.36
School supplies	165.29
School superintendence	313.79
School Physician	20.00

Music	\$107.19
Drawing	95.00
High School tuition.....	1,167.50
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Total expense	4,878.97
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Unexpended	\$346.70

There is a desire on the part of some citizens that the Town should pay for the transportation of our pupils attending the high school in Springfield, alleging that some are deprived of attending on account of the expense of transportation. Others think that it is unnecessary and would be burdensome to the Town. Your Committee call attention to this subject that the Town may consider it, and take such action as seems most fitting.

Besides the ordinary care of the school grounds and repairs of the buildings a new fence has been built east of the school grounds in No. 1, and the changes required by the Inspector of Public Buildings have been made so that the exit doors swing out and are opened from within by a turn handle or knob; in No. 2, similar changes have been made, the stairway has been provided with hand rails, one on each side, a new exit leading from the second floor to the ground by the erection of a suitable stairway has been built.

In Nos. 3 and 4, a new flagstaff has been erected and a new flag furnished each.

These required changes have increased the cost of permanent repairs.

Last year the Town had twenty-one pupils in the high school at Springfield, this year only eleven, hence the expenditures have been so much less than last year that there is unexpended, \$442.50.

The length of school this year has been thirty-six weeks, two of the former teachers remaining, and four new teachers have been employed, whose work has been satisfactory to the parents, Committee, and Superintendent and beneficial to the pupils. The former teachers have not only maintained their high rank, but their experience has added to their efficiency.

The school buildings will require only the ordinary repairs, unless the north roof of No. 1 may require shingling.

For a more detailed account of the schools, see the report of the Superintendent and Supervisors of Music and Drawing.

Your Committee recommend the following appropriations for school purposes the ensuing year:—

For schools, the dog fund and	\$1,100.00
For books and supplies	200.00
Permanent repairs	200.00
Music	100.00
Drawing	100.00
Superintendent	75.00
School Physician	20.00

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. NEWELL,

J. H. FOWLER,

H. M. DAVIS,

School Committee.