

Tax Collector's Report

TAXES OF 1913

Balance to be collected	\$1,017.40
Paid Treasurer	808.28
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Balance	\$209.12
Interest collected	\$37.36

TAXES OF 1914

Committed for collection	\$6,998.48
Paid Treasurer	5,143.73
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Balance uncollected Dec. 31, 1914	\$1,854.75

Respectfully submitted,

C. N. WHITAKER.

Cemetery Commissioners' Report

OF 1914

John Gordon, labor	\$21.65
J. W. Mulroney, labor	20.80
John Gordon, labor	14.66
J. W. Mulroney, labor	14.00
Eli Deyo, labor	6.00
John Gordon, labor	8.00
J. W. Mulroney, labor	8.00
J. W. Mulroney, labor	10.00
Frank ———, labor	4.00
John Gordon, labor	12.00
J. W. Mulroney, labor	6.00
John Gordon, labor	3.00
Four hundred lbs. fertilizer	8.00
Twelve yards heavy cotton cloth	8.00
	\$144.11
J. W. Mulroney, for mowing Prospect Hill Cemetery	\$10.00

J. W. MULRONEY,
JOHN GORDON,
C. H. BURLEIGH,
Cemetery Commissioners.

Librarian's Report

Total circulation of books,	4,312
Total circulation of magazines,	810
Book borrowers,	345
Books purchased,	27
Books donated,	107
Volumes in Library,	2,745
Magazines purchased, 10; magazines donated, 5.	

Donors of books: Bound numbers of Harper's Magazines, 1850 to 1885, inclusive, C. C. Spellman, Springfield; Commonwealth of Mass., through the Public Library Commission, 36; from trustees of will of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, Boston, 2.

Fifty discarded books, mostly juvenile, from the City Library, Springfield, helped in the circulation.

The books from the Commonwealth were designed to supplement school work, and were a very welcome addition.

A box of books from the Woman Suffrage Association, Boston, through Mrs. Louise O. Smith, was appreciated, and had a fair circulation, but was not counted in the library circulation.

Through bequest of Mrs. M. B. Eddy, Boston, the library became the recipient of "Life of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy," "Science and Health," or "Key to the Scriptures;" also, the weekly journal, "The Christian Science Sentinel."

One of the books purchased, and some that were donated, were used to replace worn-out books.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN Q. ADAMS,
Librarian Free Public Library.

Hampden, Mass., Dec. 31, 1914.

Library Trustees' Report

Appropriation,.....	\$125.00
Available from Joanna Holt fund,.....	20.00
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Total,.....	\$145.00
Expended for:—	
Librarian,.....	\$37.50
Rent,.....	30.00
Books,.....	14.99
Magazines,.....	13.90
Incidentals,.....	1.50
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Total,.....	97.89
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Unexpended,.....	\$47.11

The unexpended balance is due to the early closing of the fiscal year.

We recommend for library \$125.00.

Respectfully submitted,

KENIA M. CAREW,
MRS. WM. J. SESSIONS,
CHARLES S. SHUTE,

Library Trustees.

Hampden, Mass., Dec. 31, 1914.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintendent of Schools

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMPDEN

1914-15

Superintendent's Report

To the School Committee of Hampden:—

GENTLEMEN:—Complying with my request, the teachers have followed the plan suggested in the new form of state registers and are keeping their records for two periods, the first comprising twenty weeks and the second the remainder of the school year. The first summaries will, therefore, be made the last of January and are not included in this report. Those which are appended are for the school year from September 3, 1913, to June 26, 1914.

At the close of the summer term, the teachers at Numbers Three and Four and the supervisor of drawing severed their connection with the schools of this town. The vacancies have been satisfactorily filled, and the work of the various grades throughout the town has been carried on with a fair degree of success.

An attempt to retain the fifth grades in the primary rooms of the village and mountain schools was frustrated by insufficient seating capacity. The entire fifth was therefore sent from Miss Rosenberg to Miss Varnum, while in the village the teachers divided the recitations of the pupils.

The character of the work and the methods of instruction are not materially altered from year to year. We are gradually eliminating arithmetical subjects of doubtful value, and hope by another year to replace them—in the ninth grade—by commercial arithmetic and book-keeping. These studies will be equally valuable to those who attend and to those who do not enter high school.

I think it would be well if the interest of the older

boys and girls could be enlisted in the activities of the clubs under the direction of the Hampden County Improvement League. These are chiefly athletic and agricultural for the boys, and gardening and home employments for the girls. Instruction is given whenever necessary, and interest is stimulated by union and competition of groups all over the county. As most of the work is done in and for the home, it does not unduly burden the teacher, and it is at least worthy our consideration.

The loyalty of the teachers, the cheerful spirit of the pupils, and the co-operation of committee and friends have been prominent factors in the achievement of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. POLAND,

Superintendent of Schools.

December 22, 1914.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, 1914.

Mabel Davis

Arline Howlett

NINTH GRADE GRADUATES, JUNE, 1914,

Entering high school in September.

Annie Linnehan

Roger Ballard

PERFECT ATTENDANCE, SEPTEMBER 3, 1913—JUNE 26,
1914.

Louis Lyons

Gerald McDonald

Joseph Silva

Harry Temple

Present Corps of Teachers

Village Grammar, Miss Alice N. May.
Village Primary, Miss Grace M. Pease.
Mountain Grammar, Miss Jennette Varnum.
Mountain Primary, Miss Jenny Rosenberg.
Scantic, Miss Laura Fisher.
No. 4, Miss Inez Burleigh.

Record of Attendance

SEPTEMBER, 1913, to JUNE, 1914.

Schools	Grades	Total Membership	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent of Attendance	Cases of Tardiness
Village Gr.,	5-9	32	28.3	27.3	96.	91
Village Pr.,	1-5	*27	27.7	26.5	95.	104
Mountain Gr.,	5-9	23	21.6	19.5	89.8	167
Mountain Pr.,	1-4	34	29.	26.5	90.6	235
Scantic,	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	12	11.	10.7	94.6	16
No. 4,	2-6	9	8.6	7.9	91.	10
		137	126.2	118.4	62.8	623

* The seeming discrepancy between total and average membership is due to the registration of some pupils in other parts of the State.

Report of the Supervisor of Manual Arts

Miss Mary L. Poland, Superintendent of Schools, Hampden, Mass.:—

In starting my work on September 8, 1914, we began the study of flowers, leaves, and fruits, thus involving a study of parts of flowers, placing of objects upon certain sized papers, and color theory, resulting in a very interesting set of nature drawings for which a cover was designed calling for a decorative unit and printing.

During this time the primary grades did a little nature work, illustrating by paper cutting, the story of "Red Riding Hood" and of the "Three Bears" story, thus furnishing clear ideas of shape, ideas of standards of workmanship, and learning them to think constructively and to assemble parts.

Following this, several weeks were spent in printing, giving practice in work that is constantly in demand in social, home, and business life, learning to do it easily, quickly, and well. We started with the alphabet, then signs, mottoes, and Thanksgiving cards with illustrations upon them.

After Christmas, object drawing by use of key lines was begun in the grammar grades, enabling the children to draw any object placed before them regardless of shape, size, or distance. The primary grades began construction work, making trays, teapots, sugar bowls, and creamers, furnishing a large box as a living room with tables, chairs, bookcase, and stools, and designing rugs and curtains.

This develops mechanical ingenuity, enables them to think constructively, and aids the adaptation of material to given ends with the greatest possible economy of material, time, and labor.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMINE T. COWLES,

Supervisor of Manual Arts.

Report of the Supervisor of Music

Miss Mary L. Poland, Superintendent of Schools:—

I submit to you the following summary of the Music Course as taught in the Hampden schools and the annual report of work accomplished during the year 1914.

SUMMARY OF MUSIC COURSE.

<i>Tune</i>	<i>Grade I.</i>	<i>Time</i>
Major scale.	Staff reading.	First time motion.
	<i>Grade II.</i>	
Pitch.	Names of lines and spaces.	Second time motion.
	<i>Grade III.</i>	
Finding "Do" from key signatures.		Third time motion.
	<i>Grade IV.</i>	
Names of keys.	First step in chromatics.	
	<i>Grade V.</i>	
Second step in chromatics.		Arithmetic in music. Theory of common time.
	<i>Grade VI.</i>	
Position of sharps and flats in signature.		Fourth time motion. Fifth time motion.
Use of all chromatic characters in writing.		Theory of compound time. Sixth time motion. Seventh time motion.

Grade VII.

Scale structure and expression. Musical term of tempo.

Grades VIII-IX.

Bass clef.
Reading the tenor part.
Intervals. Musical form.

WORK ACCOMPLISHED DURING YEAR 1914.

Grade I.—Major scale as song; first five tones memorized; staff reading with quarter, half, dotted-half, and whole notes; Bowen's Individual Slips, Part I.; rote songs.

Grade II.—Complete scale memorized; staff reading with harder skips; second time motion represented with two-eighth notes; Bowen's Slips, Part II.; rote songs.

Grade III.—Review; finding "Do" from sharp and flat signatures; third time motion represented with a dotted-quarter and eighth notes; Bowen's Slips, Parts II.-III.; Baldwin's Progressive Melodies; rote songs.

Grades IV.-V.—Review; naming sharp and flat keys; first and second steps in chromatics; arithmetic in music; theory of common time; Bowen's Slips, Parts III.-IV.; sight-singing with one and two parts, from New Educational First and Second Readers.

Grades VI.-VII.—Review; fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh time motions; chromatic characters in writing; theory of compound time; musical terms of tempo and expression; Bowen's Slips, Parts V.-VI.; sight-singing with three parts, from New Educational Second and Third Readers.

Grades VIII.-IX.—Review; bass clef; reading of tenor part; Bowen's Slips, V.-VI.-VII.; structure of major and minor scales; three and four part singing, from New

Educational Fourth Reader; selections from Silver Song Series.

Written work is given throughout all the grades, to assist the pupil to put into written form his knowledge of the principles of tune and time and to acquire the ability to think in tone.

In the upper grades three written tests are given during the year, one in December, March, and June.

Respectfully submitted,

PHOEBE HOOPER,

Supervisor of Music.

January 9, 1915.

REPORT

OF THE

School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMPDEN

1914-15

Report of the School Committee

School Committee

M. S. BEEBE,	Term expires 1915.
A. B. NEWELL,	Term expires 1916.
W. E. KENDALL,	Term expires 1917.

Organization

A. B. NEWELL, Chairman. M. S. BEEBE, Secretary.

Truant Officers

MATTHIAS CASEY. J. W. MULRONEY.

School Physician

H. F. CURTIS, M.D.

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

Schools,	\$1,500.00
School supplies,	100.00
School Superintendent,	75.00
Permanent repairs,	50.00
Music,	100.00
Drawing,	100.00
School Physician,	20.00
Supplies sold78
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Total from the Town,	\$1,945.78

Received from State Board of Charity, .	\$147.00
School Superintendent,	220.59
High School tuition,	900.00
Transportation to High School,	256.20
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Total from the State,	\$1,523.79
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Available for school purposes, . . .	\$3,469.57

EXPENDITURES—TEACHERS' SALARIES

School No. 1

Primary	Spring	Fall	Winter	Total
Miss Grace M. Pease. . .	\$130.00	\$136.00	\$36.00	\$302.00
Advanced				
Miss Alice N. May.	\$162.50	\$168.33	\$41.11	\$371.94

School No. 2

Primary	Spring	Fall	Winter	Total
Miss Jenny Rosenberg. .	\$130.00	\$132.00	\$33.00	\$295.00
Advanced				
Miss Jennette Varnum. .	\$162.50	\$162.00	\$40.50	\$365.00

School No. 3

	Spring	Fall	Winter	Total
Miss Emeline H. Stearns	\$130.00	————	————	
Miss Laura Fisher.	————	\$108.33	\$26.11	\$264.44

School No. 4

	Spring	Fall	Winter	Total
Miss Mabelle Searles. . .	\$130.00	————	————	
Miss Inez Burleigh.	————	\$120.00	\$30.00	\$280.00

Total wages of teachers. \$1,878.38

INCIDENTALS

School No. 1

Mrs. Palmer, washing schoolrooms,.....	\$4.00
E. P. Lyons, coal and sundries,.....	15.75
F. E. Eldridge, washing windows,.....	1.00
W. S. Beebe, washing windows, keys,...	1.50
J. W. Mulroney, coal, work,.....	43.60
M. S. Beebe, janitor work,.....	61.00
A. A. Jones, sawing wood,.....	1.00
N. M. Carew, wood,.....	11.50
A. G. Corey, sundries,.....	3.46

 \$142.81

School No. 2

F. Kibbe, janitor,.....	\$25.50
A. A. Jones, grate, sawing wood,.....	4.40
N. M. Carew, wood, lumber,.....	21.50
Mrs. Hulett, washing schoolrooms,.....	5.00
J. Warner, mowing grounds,.....	1.50
Forbes & Wallace, chairs, shades,.....	14.40
J. W. Mulroney, coal,.....	23.26
W. E. Kendall, work, transportation,...	11.15
W. Stebbins, work on pump,.....	.50
Bacon-Farnum Co., sundries,.....	3.10
S. Stevens, work on blackboards,.....	1.00
A. G. Corey, sundries,.....	2.19

 \$113.50

School No. 3

H. E. Temple, janitor,.....	\$16.75
R. H. Pease, repairing shed,.....	3.00
A. G. Corey, sundries,.....	.70

 \$20.45

School No. 4

G. A. Patric, janitor, mowing grounds,..	\$7.42
C. I. Patric, janitor,.....	7.00
A. B. Newell, transportation, desk, cash,	3.22
F. J. Kenworthy, lock,.....	.35
Forbes & Wallace, ink wells,.....	.75
A. G. Corey, sundries,.....	1.06
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	\$19.80
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Total cost of incidentals,.....	\$296.56

CONVEYANCE OF PUPILS

L. E. Laird, carrying pupils to No. 2,.....	\$123.65
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PERMANENT REPAIRS**School No. 1**

Forbes & Wallace, window shades,.....	\$19.45
L. O. Howlett, work on well,.....	5.00
F. Malachowski, work on well,.....	7.50
M. S. Beebe, work on well, grounds,....	6.50
C. I. Burleigh, work on well,.....	4.50
J. Q. Adams, placing desks,.....	6.75
Readsboro Chair Co., desks,.....	60.00
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	\$109.70

School No. 2

N. Canedy, repairing pump,.....	\$1.00
W. S. Beebe, work on well, blackboards,	6.45
C. J. Short, slate blackboards,.....	25.94
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	\$33.39

School No. 4

Forbes & Wallace, window shades,	\$6.95	
Meekins, Packard & Wheat, teacher's desk,	18.45	
		\$25.40
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Total cost of permanent repairs,	\$168.49	
Appropriation,	50.00	
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Deficit,	\$118.49	

MUSIC

Miss Phoebe Hooper, last year's bill, . . .	\$31.50	
Salary this year,	82.02	
		\$113.52
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Appropriation,	100.00	
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Deficit,	\$13.52	

DRAWING

Miss Grace Smith, salary,	\$38.85	
Miss Hermine T. Cowles, salary,	29.44	
		\$68.29
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Appropriation,	100.00	
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Unexpended,	\$31.71	

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENCE

Miss Mary L. Poland, salary,.....	\$234.33
Expense of hiring teachers,.....	5.93
Wilbraham, expense of Joint District...	5.67
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Total,.....	\$245.93
Received from State for Superintendent,.....	220.59
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Net cost,.....	\$25.34
Appropriation,.....	75.00
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Unexpended,.....	\$49.66

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

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

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Ginn & Co.,.....	\$4.01
Edward E. Babb & Co.,.....	108.70
G. & C. Merriam Co., dictionary,.....	10.80
J. H. Van Sickle, state blanks,.....	2.40
A. A. Jones, expressage,.....	.60
City of Springfield, arithmetics,.....	.90
F. J. Kenworthy, expressage,.....	6.75
Laura E. Shute, care of school supplies,.....	32.00
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Total,.....	\$171.07
Appropriation,.....	100.00
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Deficit,.....	\$71.07

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

City of Springfield, \$540.00
 Which will be reimbursed by the State.

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

M. P. Carmody,	\$56.10
F. J. Kenworthy,	251.70
E. P. Lyons,	187.20
A. F. Ballard,	48.00
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	\$543.00

No appropriation.

One half, perhaps the whole, will be reimbursed by the State.

RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

Edmund S. Cogswell, in favor of

Miss A. N. May,	\$15.66
Miss Laura Fisher,	15.66
Miss Mary L. Poland,	1.53
Miss Phoebe Hooper,56
Miss Hermine T. Cowles,56
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	\$33.77

Town of Hampden in account with Laura E. Shute
 for care of school books and supplies for the year ending
 December 31, 1914:—

By inventory,	\$125.77
Books and supplies of Babb & Co.,	113.90
Ginn & Co.,	4.01
Springfield School Department,90
James H. Van Sickle,	2.40
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	\$246.98

To books and supplies furnished schools:—

No. 1 Advanced,	\$33.89
No. 1 Primary,	21.89
No. 2 Advanced,	39.55
No. 2 Primary,	21.97
No. 3,	6.84
No. 4,	16.90
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	\$141.04
Supplies sold,78
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	\$141.82
Inventory of stock on hand and in the hands of teachers,	105.16
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	\$246.98

TRUANT OFFICER

Matthias Casey,	\$2.00
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SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

Appropriated and Available

From the Town,	\$1,945.78
From the State,	1,523.79
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Available,	\$3,469.57

Expenditures

Teachers' salaries,	\$1,878.38
Incidentals,	296.56
Conveyance of pupils,	123.65
Permanent repairs,	168.49*
Music,	113.52

Drawing,	\$83.29
School superintendence,	245.93
School physician,	20.00
School supplies,	171.07
High school tuition,	540.00
High school transportation,	543.00
Retirement association,	33.77
Truant officer,	2.00
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Total expense,	\$4,219.66
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Deficit,	\$750.09

At the time the books were closed, December 31, the Town had not received the money from the State School Fund nor from the dog tax, hence the deficit; had both been received there would have been a surplus nearly if not quite as large as the deficit.

That there may be an understanding of the "Retirement Association" of public school teachers so far as it affects the Town, teachers, and school committee, we quote certain parts of the law verbatim and summarize others:—

The act was passed June 9, 1913, and took effect July 1, 1914.

"All teachers who enter the service of the public schools for the first time as regular teachers, on or after July 1, 1914, shall thereby become members of the Teachers' Retirement Association" and those who have been teaching before that date may, if they choose.

The term teacher includes teachers, principals, supervisors, and superintendents employed by school committees in the public day schools of the cities and towns of Massachusetts, except Boston.

The members of the association contribute a certain amount of their salaries to the Teachers' Retirement Fund.

No annual assessment shall be less than \$35, nor more than \$100.

Assessments are to be deducted from the monthly salary of the teachers by the town or city treasurer upon the order of the school committee, and the sum deducted shall be sent to the secretary of the Retirement Association to be invested by the State.

Members of the Retirement Association may retire at the age of 60 and must retire upon reaching the age of 70 years.

In case a member dies or withdraws from service before reaching the age of retirement, all his contributions, with 3 per cent compound interest, will be refunded.

The retiring allowance depends upon the member's contributions and age at the time of retirement.

The members' own contributions with interest are to be used to acquire an annuity. The Commonwealth is to grant a pension equal to the annuity.

A teacher retiring at the age of 60, having made 20 annual contributions of \$35 each, will acquire an annuity of \$89.24, and the State granting an equal sum as pension, the teacher will receive an annual allowance of \$178.48; retiring at the age of 70 with 30 contributions will receive an allowance of \$473.86.

If teachers contribute more than \$35, they will receive a proportionately larger allowance.

Two of our teachers have joined the Association, Miss Laura Fisher from necessity, Miss May voluntarily.

Besides the ordinary repairs of school buildings, new window shades and several new desks have been put in No. 1, also work has been done upon the well.

Several seats have been put in No. 2, a new grate in the stove, window shades, and some slate blackboards; also window shades and a new teacher's desk in No. 4; the wood shed has been repaired in No. 3 and during the coming year some of the blackboards will need to be painted, the roof repaired, and new window shades furnished.

The Hampden County Improvement League, co-operating with the Massachusetts Agricultural College and the United States Department of Agriculture, sent Albert R. Jenks, Horticultural Adviser, and Miss Ethel H. Nash, to interest the boys and girls of our schools in the Massachusetts Boys' and Girls' Home Economics Club and to induce them to join it, along the line of care for poultry, gardening, agriculture, home making and recreation work, as they may choose.

Your committee heartily indorse this effort and hope that many boys and girls of our schools may join the club and be successful in its work.

The time has arrived when something should be done regarding the heating apparatus in No. 2 building. The present heaters in the two rooms date back to 1885—thirty years—and have certainly seen their best days. They are “back numbers” of the most pronounced type and have earned a long needed rest.

During the severest weather of the winter these heaters, although doing their best, were totally inadequate to the supplying of sufficient heat. Both rooms were affected, but the lower room had the worst of it. A temperature of 50 degrees and under is not conducive to health or comfort and the pupils were obliged to wear sweaters and coats while sitting in their seats during the early hours of the morning session. A new and up-to-date apparatus that will insure comfort to teachers and pupils at all hours

and in all changes of weather should be installed at the earliest possible date.

The proportion of honor pupils in the high schools at Springfield coming from our schools compares favorably with those from other schools and testifies to the careful supervision, the faithful teaching, as well as the earnest study of the pupils themselves.

For a more detailed account of the schools, see the reports of the Superintendent and Supervisors of Music and Manual Arts.

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

For schools, the dog fund and	\$1,500.00
For books and supplies,	200.00
Permanent repairs,	200.00
Music,	100.00
Manual Arts,	100.00
Superintendent,	75.00
School physician,	20.00

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. NEWELL,
M. S. BEEBE,
W. E. KENDALL,

School Committee.