

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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| Total circulation for the year..... | 4,722 |
| Book borrowers | 269 |
| Books purchased | 66 |
| Donations | 7 |
| Volumes in Library | 2,078 |

Donors of books: Massachusetts Volunteer Association, 5; Smithsonian Report, 1; Mrs. John P. Stockton, 1.

Magazines purchased: World's Work, Everybody's, Delineator.

Magazines donated: Outlook, Cosmopolitan, McClure's, Misses Beebe, Westfield; Our Dumb Animals, Boston; Patent Office Reports, Washington.

Miss Alice Shepard of the City Library, Springfield, donated a package of discarded books. Miss Shepard also made a visit of inspection, and obtained for us, through the State Library Commission, Rolfe's edition of Shakespeare and a desk for library use. Miss Prince of the repair department gave us a day repairing books.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Hampden, Mass., March 20, 1909.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The past year has been one of continued prosperity for the library.

It has been insured for \$1,000.

The bequest of \$500 for the benefit of the library made by Mrs. Joanna Burleigh Holt has been paid with accrued interest and deposited by the Town Treasurer in bank.

The library has been the object of various benefactions by individuals and the state, as appears in the report of the librarian.

The number of borrowers of books shows an increase over that of the preceding year of 55.

The circulation shows an increase over that of the preceding year of 1352.

These figures prove that the library is an institution of growing popularity, and worthy of the liberal support of the town.

The trustees have bought books to the full amount available under the appropriation.

There are bills for books now outstanding to the amount of \$10.51.

SUMMARY

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| Appropriation for library | \$100.00 |
| Paid for books | \$29.16 |
| Paid for magazines | 3.30 |
| Paid librarian | 30.00 |

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| Paid rent | 25.00 | |
| Paid incidentals | 1.00 | |
| Paid freight on desk | 1.25 | |
| | <hr/> | 89.71 |
| Unexpended | | <hr/> \$10.29 |

We recommend for library \$150.00.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. T. BALLARD,
J. W. MULRONEY,
MARCUS S. BEEBE,

Library Trustees.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintendent of Schools

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMPDEN

1908-9

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Committee of Hampden:

Gentlemen—The following list gives the names of the present corps of teachers, and indicates the changes of the past year:

No. 1 Adv.—Miss Annie S. Tuttle, elected November, 1908.

No. 1 P.—Miss Una Irene Flack, elected January, 1908.

No. 2 Adv.—Miss Alice N. May, elected June, 1908.

No. 2 P.—Miss Grace L. Pease, elected March, 1893.

No. 3—Miss Nora Hartley Brooke, elected September, 1908.

No. 4—Miss Jennie L. Horr, elected December, 1908.

Supervisor of Music—Miss Mary E. Howard.

Supervisor of Drawing—Miss Madeline Noble, elected June, 1908.

The following teachers have left us since the writing of the last report:

No. 1 Adv.—Miss L. H. Small.

No. 1 Adv.—Miss N. M. Morse.

No. 2 Adv.—Miss E. F. Griffin.

No. 3—Miss E. A. Perry.

No. 4—Miss A. C. Reed.

No. 4—Miss Ruth Sherman.

And Miss Harriett Ellis, former Supervisor of Drawing, who is now carrying on work in the same department in Springfield.

At present every school is under efficient management, and wherever parents are as faithful to the interests of their children as are the teachers, reasonable progress may be noted.

The numbers in No. 3 are still much larger than formerly,

and the supply of blackboards is entirely inadequate. It is a pity to so restrict the efforts of a promising teacher and ambitious children.

Considerable outlay is an increasing necessity in No. 2. The blackboards are very bad in the upper room, and the desks and seats there should be immediately replaced by adjustable furniture similar to that in use in the primary classes. To make these rooms comfortable for teachers and pupils would be but a just recognition of the excellent work which they are doing here.

The book cupboards in Nos. 1 and 2 should be enlarged to give space for storage of maps, charts and other supplies. Some valuable historical charts purchased a few years ago have been badly injured by standing unprotected when not in use.

Last summer the School Committee of Springfield voted "to receive as an experiment, without examination," such candidates from Longmeadow and East Longmeadow as your Superintendent should recommend, for entrance to the High School. By my request this offer was extended to Hampden, and Mary J. Wall was recommended and entered as a member of the Central High School. Her records in our schools show that during the last five years of her attendance she was absent but one day, and that during the eight years in which she did the work of nine grades, she had no tardy marks.

If the same privilege is granted us another year, and the present excellent work is continued, several more will be thus advanced next summer. But in the future, as in the past, great care will be taken to recommend none but those of whose proficiency both teacher and Superintendent are certain, for mistakes in judgment might deprive future classes of this benefit.

The following, quoted from a document sent out by the State Board of Education, gives additional reason for extreme care and watchfulness in this particular:

"In the Service of the Commonwealth.

"STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

"State House, Boston.

"To Chairmen of School Committees and to Superintendents of Schools:

"Many small towns in Massachusetts are sending pupils to outside high schools at the expense of the State for tuition, and it seems advisable to call the attention of the school committees and superintendents of these towns to their responsibility for the qualifications of such pupils. Section 3, Chapter 42, of the Revised Laws, as amended by Chapter 433, Acts of 1902, reads as follows:

"A town of less than five hundred families or householders in which a public high school or a public school of corresponding grade is not maintained shall pay for the tuition of any child who resides in said town and who, with the previous approval of the school committee of his town, attends the high school of another town or city. If such town neglects or refuses to pay for such tuition, it shall be liable therefor to the parent or guardian of a child who has been furnished with such tuition if the parent or guardian has paid for the same, and otherwise to the city or town furnishing the same, in an action of contract. If the school committee of a town in which a public high school or public school of corresponding grade is not maintained refuses, upon the completion by a pupil resident therein of the course of study provided by it, to approve his attendance in the high school of some other city or town which he, in the opinion of the superintendent of schools of the town in which he is resident is qualified to enter, the town shall be liable in an action of contract for his tuition. . . .

"It will be seen by the above, that the law expressly requires, in such cases, the approval of the school committee and the opinion of the superintendent that the pupils are qualified; or, reversing the point of view, the attendance of a pupil from one of those towns in an outside high school

implies that the school committee and superintendent of his town believe him to be qualified for the studies, and that they are satisfied with the use that he is making of the privilege.

"The State Board of Education would urge, therefore, upon these officials a careful and judicious discharge of this responsibility. While it is the policy of the State to open the door of the high school to every capable and industrious boy or girl who is qualified to enter and will profit by the instruction, the Commonwealth should not be called upon to pay tuition for those who, having failed to make a good use of their local educational opportunities, have neither the preparation nor the inclination to make even as good a use of any further opportunity. It is a pleasure to be able to say that most of the pupils from small towns are making excellent records in the high schools they attend, but a considerable number of boys and girls who are not adequately prepared and who seek the privilege for unworthy reasons, are allowed to attend outside schools. This is in danger of becoming an abuse, because school committees think that they have no authority to restrain it. It is the purpose of this letter to impress upon committees that it is their duty to limit this permission to those who to a reasonably satisfactory degree have earned the privilege and are worthy of it.

"GEORGE MARTIN,

"Secretary of the Board.

"October 15, 1908."

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. POLAND,

Superintendent of Schools.

February 10, 1909.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The school year just completed has been one of changes among the teachers. Only two of the six now with us were here a year ago, but the Town is to be congratulated upon having an unusually efficient teaching force, which it is to be hoped we may long retain.

A problem that has confronted us during the past year more noticeably than ever before has been the entrance of children into the upper grades with little or no previous musical training. In many cases the parents are not residents of the Town, and their stay is more or less limited. Our course in music is carefully laid out, and it is seldom that these pupils are "up to grade." In the lower classes special assistance from the regular teachers helps to straighten out matters, but the higher the grade the more difficult the task. However, notwithstanding changes among both teachers and pupils, and the many classes carried on in each room, much has been accomplished along musical lines, and the results obtained are worthy of commendation.

District No. 1 Primary has received several additions to its numbers at various times during the past months. The room contains four grades in music, from the little people who have imitation and dictation of the intervals in the first five tones of the scale to those who sing individually and in chorus from slips and First Music Readers, and have studied the first and second time motions and the place of "do" in the fifteen major keys. There has been need of much ear-training in the lower grades, and this work cannot be hurried.

District No. 1 Advanced has two divisions in music. The lower class sings from slips and Second Music Readers, taking also the first three time motions and the first steps in chromatics; the upper class uses an advanced series of slips and the Third Music Reader, with all the time motions, and drill in chromatic intervals. There are some good voices in this room, and progress has been made, but with three different teachers during the three terms the gain naturally has not been as rapid as it would have been under different conditions.

In District No. 2 Primary there have been a number of changes among the scholars since the last annual report was written. Here, as in District No. 1 Primary, there are four divisions, and much ear-training has been demanded by the lower grades; but there are more pupils in proportion to the size of the school in the third and fourth grades, so that they are rather more advanced in their standing. The latter have covered more pages in the First Music Reader, have been thoroughly drilled in finding "do" from key signature, and taken up the third time motions and first step in chromatics.

District No. 2 Advanced has really three classes, although the lowest is becoming merged into the next higher as advancement is made. The scholars composing the lowest grade had little or no musical knowledge when they entered in the fall. The intermediate division is doing regular fifth grade work, and the ninth grade, in addition to advanced slips and chorus singing from the Third Music Reader, is taking up transposition of keys and scale formation with creditable results.

District No. 3 has increased in numbers during the last twelve months, and has the most pupils it has ever had since the Music Supervisor began her work here. There are five divisions, which are in the whole following pretty successfully the regular grade outlines of study. One pupil sings from the tenth series of slips and the Fifth Music Reader, and is studying the lives of the great composers.

District No. 4 has been unfortunate in being unable to retain the same instructor for any length of time, but the

work is moving forward now. From the first there has been much need of ear-training, and one should be able to contrast the present conditions with the past in order to fully appreciate what has been accomplished here since the introduction of music. The regular course of music study is followed as closely as possible.

More and more widely music is being adopted as a branch of study in the public schools of our country, and when properly taught its value cannot be over-estimated. A systematic and thorough training in its elementary principles should be an integral part of every child's education.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY ELIZABETH HOWARD,

Supervisor of Music.

March, 1909.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING

To Miss Mary L. Poland, Superintendent of Schools, Hampden:

The question, "What can be done to keep the young people on the farm?" comes to many who live in the country. Drawing instruction in the schools is going to help solve this problem. It develops the child's imagination, teaches him to observe keenly and helps him to see the beauties in everyday things. He learns to go to nature for inspiration. Thus he sees the coloring of the early morning and the sunsets, notices the birds and animals, the trees and shrubs, and learns to love them all. It is this love for the things of the country which will keep the young people on the farm.

The course in drawing this year has been much the same as in previous years. In the fall the children drew and painted the bright foliage of the trees and the beautiful autumn flowers. After the leaves disappeared they told stories of the harvest, drew and painted the fall vegetables. During the holiday season the pupils worked out construction problems, and each child made some article to be given away for a Christmas gift. After the construction lessons the work was planned to give the pupils some of the fundamental principles in drawing, such as proportion, foreshortening and convergence. During the months of February and March the pupils have been drawing from objects, the aim of these lessons being to teach the child to observe proportions correctly, and by the correlation of the eye and hand to make an accurate, graphic expression of what was before him.

Drawing is a great help as a ready means of expression. It is quite necessary to the people of the twentieth century

that they know and use the language of lines and spaces. With this fact in view, and the development of the esthetic side of the child, drawing should be a vital factor in education.

Respectfully submitted,

MADELEINE NOBLE.

Supervisor of Drawing.

March 5, 1909.

NAMES OF PUPILS NEITHER ABSENT OR TARDY

School No. 1 Advanced

Two terms—William Nelson Kenney, Walter James Lyons, Maurice John O'Donnell.

One term—Salvatore De Plogito, Madeline Kenworthy, Dorothy Kenworthy, Helen Kibbe.

School No. 1 Primary

Two terms—Anna Burleigh.

One term—Earl Howlett, Axel Torson, Gertrude Lyons, Louis Lyons, Harold Reynolds, Louis Rosenberg, Myron Soper, Etta Soper, Grace Soper.

School No. 2 Advanced

Two terms—None.

One term—Dorothy Eleanor Parker, William Vine Sessions, Rose Mary Scheufler, Elmer R. Smith, Mary Rosarita Speight, John Francis Speight, Mabel Speight Woodward.

School No. 2 Primary

Two terms—Christine Scheufler.

One term—Doris Laird, Miles Stevens, Harold Woodworth.

School No. 3

Two terms—Mildred Jessie Bennett, Maude Alberta Walker, Camilla Soronie Walker, Eva Walker.

One term—Ralph Wesley Bennett, Roland Henry Bennett, Henry Edward Temple.

School No. 4

Two terms—None.

One term—None.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

From September, 1908, to February, 1909

| SCHOOLS | Enrollment | Average Membership | Average Attendance | Per cent Attendance | Tardy Marks |
|--------------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| No. 1 Adv. | 30 | 23.3 | 21.4 | 71.8 | 45 |
| No. 1 P. | 35 | 28.0 | 25.8 | 91.2 | 20 |
| No. 2 Adv. | 23 | 17.0 | 16.6 | 93.3 | 27 |
| No. 2 P. | 30 | 25.9 | 23.4 | 90.7 | 85 |
| No. 3 | 26 | 21.8 | 18.9 | 86.8 | 29 |
| No. 4 | 15 | 12.3 | 10.6 | 85.9 | 65 |

REPORT
OF THE
School Committee
OF THE
TOWN OF HAMPDEN

1908-9

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

School Committee

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|---------------|--------------------|
| M. H. WARREN, | Term expires 1909. |
| A. B. NEWELL, | Term expires 1910. |
| J. H. FOWLER, | Term expires 1911. |

Organization

A. B. NEWELL, Chairman. M. H. WARREN, 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 :

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| Appropriation for schools | \$1,100.00 |
| Dog fund | 127.04 |
| School supplies | 200.00 |
| Permanent repairs | 100.00 |
| Music | 100.00 |
| Drawing | 100.00 |
| School Physician | 20.00 |
| High School tuition | 200.00 |
| Superintendent | 50.00 |
| Cash for glass broken | .30 |
| Shingles sold | 4.37 |
| Supplies sold | .10 |

Total from the Town \$2,001.81

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| Received from State school fund..... | \$1,218.81 | |
| State Board of Charity | 160.50 | |
| School Superintendent | 227.28 | |
| High School tuition | 337.50 | |
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| Total from the State | | 1,944.09 |
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| Available for school purposes..... | | \$3,945.90 |

EXPENDITURES—TEACHERS' WAGES

School No. 1

| Primary | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. | Total. |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Miss M. I. Flack... | \$130.00 | \$110.00 | \$130.00 | — \$370.00 |
| Advanced: | | | | |
| Miss L. H. Small.. | \$143.00 | — | — | \$143.00 |
| Miss N. M. Morse.. | — | \$77.00 | — | 77.00 |
| Miss A. S. Tuttle.. | — | \$24.00 | \$161.00 | 185.00 |
| | | | <hr/> | 405.00 |

School No. 2

| Primary: | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. | Total. |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Miss G. M. Pease.. | \$130.00 | \$110.00 | \$130.00 | — 370.00 |
| Advanced: | | | | |
| Miss E. F. Griffin.. | \$143.00 | — | — | \$143.00 |
| Miss A. N. May.... | — | \$121.00 | \$143.00 | 264.00 |
| | | | <hr/> | 407.00 |

School No. 3

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. | Total. |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Miss E. A. Perry.. | \$130.00 | — | — | \$130.00 |
| Miss N. H. Brooke. | — | \$104.50 | \$123.50 | 228.00 |
| | | | <hr/> | 358.00 |

School No. 4

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. | Total. |
|-------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|------------------|
| Miss A. C. Reed... | \$102.00 | — | — | \$102.00 |
| Miss R. R. Sherman | — | \$99.00 | 9.00 | 108.00 |
| Miss J. M. Horr... | — | — | \$114.00 | 114.00 |
| | | | | <hr/> 324.00 |
| Total wages of teachers | | | | <hr/> \$2,234.00 |

INCIDENTALS

School No. 1

Paid as follows:

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|---|----------------|
| J. Duffy, work | \$1.00 |
| The Bacon & Donnovan Engine Co., materials for pump | 3.90 |
| H. Goodwill, wood | 8.00 |
| A. A. Jones, sawing wood..... | 7.00 |
| C. I. Burleigh, work on pump | 1.50 |
| R. H. Burleigh, janitor | 41.20 |
| E. P. Lyons, cartage | .50 |
| M. H. Warren, work on school grounds.. | 6.50 |
| Mrs. C. Rock, washing school rooms.... | 5.00 |
| J. Q. Adams, work on fence | 2.60 |
| W. Gardner, painting blackboards..... | 1.50 |
| A. G. Corey, sundries | .79 |
| Thresher Bros., wood, brick | 25.00 |
| | <hr/> \$108.39 |

School No. 2

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| Mrs. D. O'Brien, washing school rooms. | \$6.00 |
| G. Avery, janitor | 9.75 |
| S. P. Chapin, wood sawing | 10.25 |
| D. O'Brien, sawing wood | 3.00 |

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| J. H. Fowler, cash to janitor \$3.00, T. Woodwoth 25c, work and materials \$1.25 | 4.50 | |
| I. Avery, janitor | 18.25 | |
| J. W. Mulroney, 6 3-5 tons coal \$44.35, drawing \$6.60 | 51.15 | |
| J. L. Gottsche, sundries | 3.58 | |
| | <hr/> | 106.48 |

School No. 3

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|---|---------|-------|
| R. H. Pease, janitor, sawing wood and repairs | \$29.25 | |
| Mrs. Deyo, washing school room | 3.00 | |
| L. Bennett, use of well four terms..... | 2 25 | |
| J. L. Gottsche, sundries | .32 | |
| Meekins, Packard & Wheat, inkwells... | 1.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 35.82 |

School No. 4

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|--|---------|----------|
| G. Newcomb, janitor | \$16.50 | |
| E. G. Newcomb, work on house and grounds | 10.00 | |
| Mrs. E. G. Newcomb, washing school room | 2.50 | |
| A. G. Corey, sundries | 1.53 | |
| H. Goodwill, wood | 12.00 | |
| F. J. Kenworthy, lock, curtain rollers... | .90 | |
| A. B. Newell, work, bolts for seats..... | .75 | |
| C. N. Whitaker, wood sawing | 23.62 | |
| | <hr/> | 67.80 |
| Miss S. M. Day, postage and stationery..... | 1.50 | |
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| Total cost of incidentals | | \$319.99 |

CONVEYANCE OF PUPILS

Paid as follows:

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| Lucien Winslow | \$102.50 |
| C. Goodwill | 2.25 |
| B. G. Stebbins | 37.50 |
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| Total | \$142.25 |

PERMANENT REPAIRS

School No. 1

Paid as follows:

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| Thresher Bros., lumber | \$17.00 |
| J. Q. Adams, work on fence, house..... | 9.71 |
| C. I. Burleigh, work and materials on chimney | 14.50 |
| F. Schuefler, work on house | 4.12 |
| <hr/> | |
| | \$45.33 |

School No. 2

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| J. N. Isham, freight, work on school desks | \$8.34 |
| W. W. Leach, work | 6.00 |
| M. Pease, placing seats | 3.00 |
| Meekins, Packard & Wheat, 6 desks..... | 20.10 |
| T. Woodworth, work | 1.80 |
| F. J. Kenworthy, freight on desks..... | 1.95 |
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| | 41.19 |

School No. 3

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|---|---------|
| A. G. Corey, painting materials, sundries | \$11.35 |
| E. D. Walker, painting school house.... | 10.00 |
| M. H. Warren, moving seats..... | 1.50 |
| J. Q. Adams, placing seats..... | .75 |
| D. B. Montague, stovepipe | 11.00 |
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| | 34.60 |

School No. 4

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| E. P. Lyons, shingles, cartage..... | \$5.00 | |
| Deducting cash received for shingles sold | 4.37 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | .63 |
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| Total cost of permanent repairs..... | | \$121.75 |
| Appropriation | | 100.00 |
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| Deficit | | \$21.75 |

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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|---|---------|----------|
| Ginn & Co., books and supplies | \$28.83 | |
| H. Rude Co., books | 95.74 | |
| H. A. Ellis, drawing materials | 4.83 | |
| Milton Bradley Co., supplies..... | 46.72 | |
| P. C. Hayden, staff liners | 1.80 | |
| C. Scribner's Sons, geographies | 9.50 | |
| R. R. Sherman, sundries | .80 | |
| M. E. Howard, expressage | .35 | |
| A. N. May, book | .25 | |
| F. J. Kenworthy, freight, expressage.... | 9.60 | |
| American Book Co., geometries | 1.51 | |
| Rand, McNally & Co., supplies..... | 5.76 | |
| Stella M. Day, care of books and supplies | 30.00 | |
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| | | \$234.69 |
| Appropriation | | 200.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Deficit | | \$34.69 |

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Paid as follows:

City of Springfield, Central High School:

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|---------------------------|---------|
| Miss M. A. Sessions | \$15.00 |
| Miss F. E. Carew | 102.50 |

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| Miss E. L. Carew | 80.00 | |
| Miss M. J. Wall | 80.00 | |
| A. F. Redden | 75.00 | |
| H. P. Redden | 75.00 | |
| Technical High School: | | |
| R. D. Ballard | 95.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$522.50 |
| Appropriation | | 200.00 |
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| Deficit | | \$322.50 |

MUSIC

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| Paid Miss M. E. Howard, salary | \$100.00 |
| Appropriation | \$100.00 |

DRAWING

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|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Paid Miss H. E. Ellis, salary | \$25.00 | |
| Paid Miss M. Noble, salary | 60.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$85.00 |
| Appropriation | | 100.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Unexpended | | \$15.00 |

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENCE

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| Paid as follows: | | |
| Miss M. L. Poland, salary | \$290.88 | |
| Expense of hiring teachers, telephone, postage | 18.30 | |
| | <hr/> | \$309.18 |

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| Received from State for Superintendent..... | 227.28 |
| Net cost | \$81.90 |
| Appropriation | 50.00 |
| Deficit | \$31.90 |

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

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| Paid Dr. H. F. Curtis | \$25.00 |
| Appropriation | 20.00 |
| Deficit | \$5.00 |

Town of Hampden in account with Stella M. Day, for school books and supplies for the year ending March 20, 1909:

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| By inventory March 20, 1909..... | \$63.38 |
| Books and supplies of H. Rude Co. | 95.14 |
| Milton Bradley Co. | 46.67 |
| Ginn & Co. | 24.75 |
| | \$229.94 |

To books and supplies furnished schools:

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|---------------------------------|----------|
| No. 1 Advanced | \$35.43 |
| No. 1 Primary | 29.47 |
| No. 2 Advanced | 26.93 |
| No. 2 Primary | 14.98 |
| No. 3 | 28.79 |
| No. 4 | 15.40 |
| Cash for supplies sold..... | .10 |
| Inventory of stock on hand..... | 78.84 |
| | \$229.94 |

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

Appropriated and Available

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|-----------------------------------|------------|
| From the Town | \$2,001.81 |
| From the State | 1,944.09 |
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| Available for school purposes.... | \$3,945.90 |

Expenditures

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|------------------------------|------------|
| Teachers' wages | \$2,234.00 |
| Incidentals | 319.99 |
| Conveyances of pupils | 142.25 |
| Permanent repairs | 121.75 |
| School supplies | 234.69 |
| School superintendence | 309.18 |
| School Physician | 25.00 |
| Music | 100.00 |
| Drawing | 85.00 |
| High School tuition | 522.50 |
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| Total expenses | 4,094.36 |
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| Deficit | \$148.46 |

The sum received from the State school fund this year is over two hundred dollars less than last year. This accounts for the deficit. As it cannot be definitely known at the beginning of the school year how much will be received, sometimes there will be a surplus, sometimes a deficit.

Besides the ordinary care of the school grounds and repairs of the school buildings, the upper part of the chimney of No. 1 Advanced School has been relaid, and the fence repaired. Six new seats have been placed in No. 2 Primary, a new stove and additional seats have been put in No. 3, and the house and blackboards have been painted.

The ice storm strewed the school grounds of No. 4 with broken limbs, and so wrenched the last poplar tree that has stood as a landmark for nearly, if not quite a hundred years or over, that it was thought wise to remove it, since it might fall and injure the house, and possibly the pupils.

The brick remaining after the repair of the chimney of No. 1 have been exchanged with M. H. Warren for wood of equal value, and the shingles left in No. 4 have been purchased by A. B. Newell.

Additional blackboards should be put in No. 2 Advanced and in No. 3.

Those not vaccinated, referred to by the School Physician, are nearly, if not wholly, from the young pupils just entering school, and we trust their parents will have them vaccinated immediately, to prevent the exclusion required by law of those not vaccinated.

Most of the absences from school have been caused by colds or some sickness not severe, but sufficiently so to prevent their attendance. Doubtless there have been cases when sickness has been an excuse, rather than a just reason, for non-attendance. Some parents, as well as pupils, have gained an unenviable reputation in this regard.

The schools have been in session thirty-seven weeks, and commendable progress has been made. In several the enthusiasm of teacher and pupils, the readiness in recitation, the neatness and accuracy of the work, show faithful and painstaking effort on the part of both pupil and teacher that have been crowned with praiseworthy results.

For a more detailed account of the condition of our schools, the Committee refers you to the reports of the Superintendent and teachers of music and drawing, as well as the School Physician.

Your Committee recommends the following appropriations for school purposes the ensuing year:

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| For schools, the dog fund and..... | \$1,100.00 |
| Books and supplies | 200.00 |

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| Permanent repairs | 100.00 |
| Music | 100.00 |
| Drawing | 100.00 |
| Superintendent | 50.00 |
| School Physician | 20.00 |

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. NEWELL,
M. H. WARREN,
J. H. FOWLER,
School Committee.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

For the Year Ending March 20, 1909

To the School Committee of Hampden:

During the year I have visited all of the schools of the Town. I have been in some of the schools several times, as it was necessary to do in order to see all of the pupils.

I have examined 131, of whom 32 have either not been vaccinated or the vaccination did not take, and 31 have more or less serious trouble with their throats, needing the attention of a specialist.

The parents of all these children have been seen or will be as soon as possible, and their needs explained.

There has been but comparatively little severe sickness among the school children this year. The throat of one child has been operated upon, with poor results. The use of but one drinking cup for all the children in a school should be discontinued.

H. F. CURTIS,
School Physician.