

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TREASURER,
Assessors, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor,
AND
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
OF THE
TOWN OF AGAWAM,

For the Year ending March 20, 1892.



SPRINGFIELD, MASS.
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ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT

For Town Meeting, April 4, 1892.

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

ARTICLE 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3. To vote on the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"

ARTICLE 4. To choose by ballot one Trustee for the "Whiting Street Fund."

ARTICLE 5. To hear and act upon the report of the Town Officers.

ARTICLE 6. To see what method the Town will adopt for the support of the poor for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow, temporarily, in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, the sum of five thousand dollars, as the same may be from time to time required, and to give the note or notes of the Town for money so borrowed, and that he also be authorized to pay such loans from the said taxes.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer, upon the approval of the Selectmen, to negotiate a loan to replace any existing loan.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of thirty dollars for Memorial Day.

ARTICLE 10. To make the necessary appropriations for the ensuing year, and vote to raise by tax such sums of money as may be required for the same.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will appropriate money for a Superintendent of Schools for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote a discount on all taxes paid on or before the twentieth of October.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collectors to charge interest on all taxes unpaid January 1, 1893.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will abolish the system of Road Commissioners.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will adopt precinct voting at State and National elections.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to have the proceedings of the Town Meetings and records of births, marriages and deaths of the preceding year printed in each annual report.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will accept the following list of jurors:

John G. Freeland; Charles A. Bell, Wm. L. Meachum, Michael B. Kelley, Samuel H. Waterhouse, Wm. F. Flower Homer W. Halladay, R. Mather Taylor, A. H. Sweatland, Edw. L. Johnson, Henry C. Smith, Woodman Pilsbury, Henry L. Tower, George D. Cooley, John E. Crowley, Patrick T. Donovan, Charles W. Hull. Geo. D. Fisk, Lewis A. Borden, Henry C. Earle, Henry E. Bodurtha, Fred. A. Sykes, William W. Day, Frank J. Pomeroy, Harrison Stockwell, Eugene L. Thompson.

ARTICLE 18. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

TREASURERS' REPORT.

JUDSON W. HASTINGS, TREAS.,

In Account with the Town of Agawam.

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To balance in the Treasury March 19, 1891,	\$1,030.70
Cash received from Sp'f'd In. for Savings, temp loan.	5,000.00
State Treas. for School Supt.	406.46
Geo. Leonard, Clerk Police Court,	60.00
W. Springfield, bridge acct., 1890,	161.65
E. H. Smith, bowling ally license,	2.00
Feeding Hills school for chart,	1.40
M. E. Society, for stove,	10.00
E. C. Sheldon & Son, for cow,	28.94
State Treas. for Corporation Tax,	529.92
“ “ National bank Tax,	643.46
“ “ Military aid Chap.	
279 acts. 1889,	44.00
“ “ State Aid Chap. 301	
acts 1889.	124.00
“ “ Income Mass. School	
Fund,	184.56
Rent Town Hall, Agawam,	59.75
“ “ “ Feeding Hills,	24.25
County Treas., Dog Fund,	195.75
Feeding Hills Library Association.	48.00
Agawam; Good Templars,	10.00
Agawam, W. C. T. Union,	5.00
Jas. F. Barry, Collector, 1888,	59.03
Frank J. Pomeroy, Collector, 1888.	96.21
P. T. Donovan, Collector, 1889,	65.00
Frank J. Pomeroy, Collector, 1889,	344.67
Ethan D. Allen, Collector, 1890,	312.75
Leon Dubour, Collector, 1890,	73.53
Frank J. Pomeroy, Collector, 1890,	430.00

Frank J. Pomeroy, Collector, 1891,	\$6,476.68
Ethan D. Allen, Collector, 1891,	5,803.10
Amos Gosselin, Collector, 1891,	3,698.46
Interest on Deposits,	32.09

\$25,961.36

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By paying Springfield In. for Savings, temp. loan,	\$5,000.00
" " " Interest,	1,745.47
" " " on debt,	2,500.00
Desire A. Pyne, Interest,	120.00
County Tax,	1,366.30
State Tax,	930.00
State Treas. for over-paid Corp'ion Tax,	28.38

Selectmen and School Committee Orders :

Paupers, Outside Relief,	1,068.94
" Almshouse,	741.95
Highways and Bridges,	2,467.67
Street Lights,	49.74
Protection of River Bank,	120.30
State Aid,	120.00
Memorial Day,	30.00
Care of Town Houses,	186.11
Repair of Town Buildings,	140.79
Ventilation, Town House, Feeding Hills,	1,289.35
Schools,	4,796.67
Superintendent of Schools,	138.91
Free Public Library,	224.06
Contingent,	1,380.67
Balance in the Treasury March 21, 1892,	1,516.05

\$25,961.36

This certifies that the undersigned have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Town of Agawam, and find them correct with the proper vouchers.

FRED. A. SYKES, }
FRANK L. JOHNSON, } *Auditors.*

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Valuation May 1, 1891.

Real Estate,	\$1,041,225.00	
Personal Estate,	185,073.00—	\$1,226,298.00

Upon which taxes have been assessed as follows :

State Tax,	\$930.00	
County Tax,	1,366.30	
Town Appropriations, Schools,	4,200.00	
Highways and Bridges,	2,000.00	
Support of Poor,	2,000.00	
Contingencies,	1,400.00	
Aid to Soldiers and families,	150.00	
Discount on Taxes,	600.00	
Collection of Taxes,	200.00	
Interest on Town Debt,	1,800.00	
Town Debt,	2,000.00	
Memorial Day,	30.00	
School Superintendent,	250.00	
Ventilation,	500.00	
Street Lights,	60.00	
Care of Town Hall,	100.00	
Repairs of Town Buildings,	100.00	
For Protecting river banks,	75.00	
Underlay,	28.28—	17,733.02
Tax on real and personal estate at the rate of \$13.50 per thousand,	16,555.02	
589 polls at \$2.00 each,	1,178.00—	17,733.02
Which sum was committed for collection as follows :		
To Ethan D. Allen,	6,212.70	
Additional assessments,	800—	6,220.70

Upon which he has been credited :		
Cash paid Treasurer,	\$5,803.10	
Discount allowed,	252.63	
Commission for Collecting,	87.04	
Abatements allowed,	19.55	
Amount due March 19, 1892,	58.38—	\$6,220.70
To Frank J. Pomeroy,	7,356.14	
Additional Assessment,	2.00—	7,358.14
Upon which has been credited :		
Cash paid Treasurer,	5,476.68	
Discount allowed,	295.47	
Commission for Collecting,	97.14	
Abatements allowed,	45.30	
Amount due March 19, 1892,	443.55—	7,358.14
To Amos Gosselin,	4,164.18	
Additional Assessments,	5.30—	4,169.48
Upon which has been credited :		
Cash paid Treasurer,	3,698.46	
Discount allowed,	173.60	
Commission for Collecting,	55.47	
Abatements allowed,	31.29	
Amount due March 19, 1892,	210.66—	4,169.48

ABATEMENTS ALLOWED.

OF TAX OF 1888.

FRANK J. POMEROY, Collector.

Julus Duvall,	\$2.00	Charles McGee,	\$2.00
Patrick Burns,	10.31	Eugene Roberts,	6.59

ON TAX OF 1889.

FRANK J. POMEROY, Collector.

Patrick Burns,	\$10.40		
PATRICK T. DONOVAN, Collector.			
James Stack,	\$2.00	Alex. McNard,	\$2.00
Eugene Roberts,	12.22	Edward R. Williams,	2.00

ON TAX OF 1890.

LEON DEBOUR, Collector.

Joseph Jessman,	\$2.00	Charles McGee,	\$2.00
Eugene Roberts,	12.82	Michael Murphy,	2.00
FRANK J. POMEROY, Collector.			
Patrick Burns,	\$10.82	ETHAN D. ALLEN, Collector.	
William Eneman,	2.00	John E. Carroll,	\$2.00
Frederick Gowdy,	2.00		

ON TAX OF 1891.

FRANK J. POMEROY, Collector.

George Fowler,	\$1.48	James Willey,	\$2.00
E. W. Barrett,	2.00	E. P. & A. N. Munger,	6.75
Patrick Burns,	11.07	Patrick Donnelly,	2.00
Thomas Brooks,	2.00	C. D. Marsh,	2.00
E. L. Johnson,	2.00	Frank Norton,	2.00
Eugene Roberts,	2.00	Henry W. Ripley,	2.00
Abijah Smith,	2.00	William Pettit,	2.00
		William Wolfskiel,	2.00

ETHAN D. ALLEN, Collector.

E. L. Granger,	\$0.68	William Kellogg,	\$2.00
Mrs. E. M. Wright,	0.87	Norman Stiles,	2.00
Fred. Thompson,	2.00	Amos Brown,	2.00
Clarence E. Taylor,	2.00	William Crowell,	2.00
E. R. Williams,	2.00	James Glidden,	2.00
		Wesley Craven,	2.00

AMOS GOSSELIN, Collector.

Frank A. Bagg,	\$2.00	Eugene Roberts,	\$12.20
Mrs. Timothy Crowley,	5.06	Louis Petitouri,	2.00
Timothy Crowley,	4.03	Melvin Sprague,	2.00
Michael Murphy,	2.00	George Hastings,	2.00

DISBURSEMENTS.

ALMSHOUSE DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. M. L. Raiche, board of inmates,	\$542 74
C. A. Rich, blacksmith bill,	1 90
A. K. Fuller, for supplies,	92 46
George R. Estabrook, for range,	26 00
D. N. Butterworth, horse blanket,	1 25
E. A. Kellogg, for coal,	48 00
E. L. Barttlet, for grass seed,	2 60
E. L. Moore, wooden leg,	4 75
Hartford Carpet Company, for carpet,	14 00
Homer W. Halladay, for butchering cow,	1 00
W. W. Houghton, for repairs,	1 65
Seth Ingell, “	1 35
Dr. J. W. Hastings, “	4 25
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	\$741 95

POOR—OUTSIDE RELIEF.

Cash paid Samuel Provost, aid to Mrs.	
Baker,	\$99 50
Mrs. John Gosselin, aid,	34 00
Amos Gosselin, rent for Mrs. J.	
Gosselin,	25 00
Mrs. Harriet Parker, aid,	46 25
J. S. Marsh & Son, aid to Mary	
Roberts,	36 00
F. L. Gunn, ticket for Mary	
Roberts,	36 40
A.W. Allen, aid to Mary Roberts,	2 00

Northampton Lunatic Hospital,	
support of James D. Johnson,	169 46
" Catherine Flynn,	169 46
" M.C. Worthington,	69 65
" Charles R. Ewing,	45 50
" Martha A. Brooks,	19 04
Town of Westfield, aid for Martha	
A. Brooks,	8 75
J. W. Hastings, for medical attend-	
ance,	1 50
U. H. Flagg, for medical attend-	
ance to Ellen O'Brien,	3 00
Chas. H. Lewis, for rent for Fry	
family,	20 00
H. Letellier, for aid to Mrs. Des-	
laurier,	8 00
H. Letellier, for aid to Ellen	
O'Brien,	56 32
H. Letellier, for aid to Darby	
Sullivan,	8 63
H. Letellier, for aid to Sarah	
Roberts,	4 00
Cook & Edgerton, coal for Darby	
Sullivan,	9 15
Cook & Edgerton, coal for Mrs.	
Quirk,	12 00
Cook & Edgerton, coal for David	
Mahoney,	12 00
Crosier Bros., for meat, Darby	
Sullivan,	11 00
James B. Burbank, for meat,	
Darby Sullivan,	17 60
F. W. Crosier, for supplies for	
Mrs. Quirk,	33 00
F. W. Crosier, for supplies for	
David Mahoney,	1 50
Smith Bros., for supplies for	
Ellen O'Brien,	1 60

Smith Bros., for medicine for Darby Sullivan,	1 00	
Smith Bros., for medicine for Sarah Roberts,	1 55	
Clarence E. Smith, for medicine for Mrs. Alex. McNord,	1 50	
Sarah Roberts, for medicine,	2 75	
Dr. A. O. Squire, for medical at- tendance for Sarah Roberts,	3 00	
J. W. Hastings, for medical at- tendance for Sarah Roberts,	1 50	
J. W. Hastings, for medical at- tendance for Kate Harrington,	7 50	
E. L. Tower, for milk for Darby Sullivan,	10 52	
E. L. Tower, for milk for Mrs. Quirk,	8 88	
Dr. W. W. Loomis, for medical at- tendance for Mrs. Baker,	13 00	
City of Springfield, aid for M. Roberts,	2 79	
W.C. Campbell, for care of tramps,	7 25	
A. K. Fuller, " "	3 85	
C. W. Hastings, for supplies for Dennis Humason's family,	17 11	
Sibley & Moore, for Humason family,	5 76	
A. B. Maynard, for coal for Hum- ason family,	6 02	
Gowdy & Remington, shoes for Humason family,	5 15	
Samuel McVeigh, drawing coal for Humason family,	1 50	
J. W. Hastings, medical attendance for Humason family,	8 00	
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Total expense for care of poor,		1,810 89
Appropriation,		2,000 00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

George E. Allen, two scraper blades,	16 50	
Homer Foot & Co., for tools,	2 30	
E. Halladay, road machine,	250 00	
City of Springfield, repairs on south end of bridge,	50 45	
C. A. Rich, repairing on scraper,	8 40	
W. W. Houghton, for repairs,	4 75	
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AGAWAM.

L. R. Button, labor and service as road commissioner,	181 30
J. B. Manly, labor,	10 95
John R. Burke, "	151 50
E. D. Allen, "	13 50
William Hayward, "	33 00
George E. Coville, "	24 75
Frank E. Campbell, "	31 30
John L. Hubbard, "	7 25
Patrick O'Riely, "	132 25
W. C. Campbell, labor and plank,	42 88
E. L. Thompson, plank,	17 92
Edwin Moore, labor,	32 75
James H. Clark, "	16 00
T. J. O'Brien, "	5 00
James Mumford, "	10 50
Julia Flower, gravel,	2 45
C. P. Wilson, labor and gravel,	2 70
James E. Stewart, labor,	1 50
Thomas Lester, gravel,	14 40
C. L. Campbell, "	9 00
Daniel Leonard, plank,	4 00
J. W. Moore, "	4 95
Peter Campbell, labor,	1 35
George Norton, "	3 68

W. H. Porter, labor,	4 00
D. M. Flower, labor and rail and posts,	5 48
John Burt, labor,	7 10
C. W. Hastings, nails,	1 73
L. R. Button, labor,	8 60
Frank King, plank,	3 40
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FEEDING HILLS.

Dexter M. Steere, labor,	3 37
Albert K. Fuller, " and expenses,	80 75
Charles E. Iserman, "	75
Daniel Leonard, "	3 00
James H. Easton, "	152 70
E. A. Kellogg, "	112 90
Sandford H. Sawyer, "	1 50
William Vodrine, "	10 50
Albert Trudeau, "	23 25
Ira F. Humason, "	61 50
Joseph Raiche, "	32 25
Henry Trudeau, "	33 00
W. L. Huntley, "	16 00
Dennis Shea, "	13 12
Daniel W. Brown, "	25 32
J. F. Barry, for lumber and stone,	72 09
J. J. Carroll, labor,	19 25
Hugh Burns, "	27 00
Smith Maynes, "	9 25
D. L. White, "	2 00
Norman Allen, "	5 50
Julia Flower, gravel,	6 16
Noble & Carter, cement,	7 25
Napoleon Trudeau, labor,	6 00
John E. Moran, "	19 50
Elmer E. McIntyre, "	13 50
Homer W. Halladay, stone,	9 50
" " labor, 1888,	2 75
Hinsdale Smith, labor,	21 00

Seth Ingell, labor,	4 50
A. K. Fuller, paid for shoveling snow,	9 12
Daniel Sullivan, labor,	2 25
Robert C. Leonard, “	23 25
A. K. Fuller, for spikes, shovels, two lanterns, etc.,	13 10
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MITTINEAGUE.

Wilder & Puffer, cement,	2 80
David Woodworth, labor,	5 10
T. J. O'Brien, “ and expenses,	155 70
John O'Brien, “	22 80
Dennis O'Brien, “	26 85
Cornelius Crowley, “	25 50
John Collins, “	5 25
James Collins, “	9 00
Alexander McNard, “	2 25
Thomas Lacey, “	6 00
E. S. Young, “	38 25
F. N. Leonard, gravel,	8 00
Patrick Crowley, labor,	21 00
J. J. Othick, gravel,	5 20
E. Trask, rims and grates,	8 82
Burbank & Coomes, for well brick,	2 75
J. P. Wilcox & Co., cement pipe,	30 10
A. H. Brown, labor,	16 00
H. W. Austin, “	29 00
J. F. Barry, railing and posts,	17 70
G. H. Huntington, sand,	80
C. E. Hitchcock & Co., lumber,	2 16
H. Letellier, spikes,	1 22
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AGAWAM BRIDGE.

Robert Ely, Jr., for lighting,	36 50
“ “ oil and chimneys,	10 35

Lewis Phillips, snowing,	\$ 10	
	-----	\$54 95
One-half due from West Springfield,		27 48
Total expended for highways and bridges, less amount due from West Spring- field,		2,440 19
Appropriation,		2,000 00

RIVER BANK.

A. W. Allen, labor,	23 00	
E. D. Allen, “	20 00	
C. P. Wilson, stone,	21 00	
James R. Burke, labor,	20 75	
L. R. Button, “	22 50	
Patrick Reilly, “	3 15	
John Reilly, “	9 90	
	-----	120 30
Appropriation,		75 00

SCHOOLS—Agawam.

Edward W. Barrett, 10 weeks teaching,	130 00
“ “ care of room,	2 50
S. Edith Williams, 33 weeks teaching,	292 00
“ “ care of room,	8 25
Fanny A. Kathan, 33 weeks teaching.	254 00
“ “ care of room,	10 75
Mary E. Clark, 33 weeks teaching,	376 00
“ “ care of room,	8 25
Addie A. Clark, 33 weeks teaching,	231 00
“ “ care of room,	16 50
Mrs. A. E. Worthington, weeks teaching,	70
“ “ care of room,	5
Minnie L. Appleton, weeks teaching,	77
“ “ care of room,	5 50
E. L. Thompson, postage, express,	8 00
“ “ wood,	28 00
“ “ supplies, repairs,	7 95
“ “ drawing coal,	16 50

John M. Slyck, cleaning,	5 55
American Book Co.,	2 16
The W. F. Adams Co.,	6 04
J. L. Hammett,	53 28
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,	10 40
Forbes & Wallace,	8 25
Edward E. Bobb & Co.,	47 86
C. B. Wells & Co.,	1 50
The New England Publishing Co.,	4 20
John F. Healey, atlases,	4 17
Cook & Demond, coal,	82 50
Whitcomb Stove Co.,	48 42
Joseph V. Wolcott, repairs,	2 65
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SCHOOLS—Feeding Hills.

Georgia A. Rogers, 33 weeks teaching,	292 00
Grace L. Hazen, 10 weeks teaching,	130 00
Minnie Davis, 33 weeks teaching,	264 00
Cora T. Smith, 11 weeks teaching,	132 00
“ “ molding pans and maps,	2 00
Nina M. Marsh, 12 weeks teaching,	144 00
George T. Wiggins, atlas,	3 00
H. Rude, books and supplies,	64 00
J. L. Hammett, books and supplies,	5 92
Willey & Co., charts,	61 50
William L. Meacham, repairs,	12 82
D. B. Arnold, painting,	6 67
Arthur Easton, care West street school house,	23 10
Edith F. Allen, sweeping,	17 50
W. H. Granger, wood,	3 50
D. T. Wright, coal,	114 72
Seth Ingell, repairs,	4 77
A. K. Fuller, supplies,	2 75
John F. Healy, atlases,	2 50
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	1,286 75

SCHOOLS—Mittineague.

Harriet F. Durant, 33 weeks teaching,	429 00	
Alice E. Durant, 33 weeks teaching,	330 00	
Carrie K. Shepard, 33 weeks teaching,	297 00	
Marguerite Young, 33 weeks teaching,	297 00	
Harriet F. Durant, for supplies,	1 70	
Harvey Roberts, janitor,	99 00	
Cook & Demond, coal and wood,	19 00	
Cook & Edgerton, coal,	66 00	
James F. Barry, wood,	3 50	
Wilfred Duclos, repairs,	13 25	
Colex Duclos, " "	19 05	
Smith Bros.,	8 61	
H. Letellier, supplies,	15 26	
H. L. Tower, repairing stove,	4 93	
H. Rude, books, &c.,	79 11	
John F. Healy, atlases,	3 33	
	<hr/>	1,685 74
Total expended for schools,		4,796 67
Appropriation,	4,200 00	
Received from Massachusetts school fund,	184 56	
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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Cash paid G. L. Wiggin, Superintendent,	138 91	
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Appropriation,		250 00

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY,

W. F. Adams & Co., for books	\$85 96	
National Temperance Soc'y, for books,	22 50	
DeWolf, Fisk & Co., for books,	99 65	
F. K. Williams & Co., for Printing,	5 50	
W. C. Campbell, for care of room,	6 00	
J. W. Hastings, for expressage,	4 25	
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Appropriation, the dog fund,	195 75	
Rece'd from Feeding Hills Library Ass'n,	48 00	

Rec'd from Agawam Good Templars,	10 00	
" " W. C. T. Union,	5 00	
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Amount unexpended		34 69

CONTINGENT.

James M. Bean, police service, from March 1, 1891 to April 1, 1892,	\$325 00
E. Leonard, 2d, service as selectman,	86 50
" " assessor,	21 00
Alson W. Allen, service as selectman,	54 10
" " assessor,	25 00
James F. Barry, service as selectman,	80 67
" " assessor,	28 00
Henry E. Bodurtha, services as selectman,	12 50
J. W. Hastings, services as clerk and treasurer,	160 00
J. W. Hastings, services as registrar,	22 50
E. A. Kellogg, services as registrar,	20 00
Joseph V. Wolcott, services as registrar,	20 00
Geo. H. Huntington, " "	20 00
Henry Annable, school committee,	30 00
William L. Meacham, school committee,	40 00
E. L. Thompson, school committee,	52 00.
Jacob Diegel, for police service,	6 00
Monroe Hayward, for police service,	22 25
W. C. Campbell, for police service,	12 00
Eugene McCann, for police service,	5 00
Henry Phelps, for police service,	5 00
Charles Gosselin, for police service,	10 00
Jas. J. Carroll, notifying town officers,	2 00
A. E. Worthington, as insp. of elections,	2 50
Elmer E. McIntire, as insp. of elections,	2 50
Jas. H. Clark, deputy insp. of elections,	2 50
Homer W. Halladay, deputy inspector of elections,	2 50
Wm. F. Peckham, repairing wagon shaft,	1 50
Chas. L. Long, for legal service to April 8, 1891,	74 00

Francis A. Scott, for distributing ballots,	2 00	
Monroe Hayward, distributing ballots,	2 00	
Springfield Printing and Binding Co., for Town Reports, [binding]	1 25	
The Williams & Otis Co., for printing Town Reports,	34 65	
James D. Gill, for assessors' books,	10 00	
Dr. N. H. Flagg, in Sherman case,	15 00	
A. K. Fuller, supplies,	4 25	
J. W. Hastings, postage and expressage,	16 15	
J. V. Wolcott, making crate for ballot box,	1 00	
F. K. Williams & Co., for printing,	13 50	
Wm. T. Butler, for repairing ballot box,	1 25	
Mary A. Barry, copying valuation book,	7 50	
C. S. Goodhue, for water rent,	50 00	
Jas. Anderson, for fees as police officer,	2 58	
J. W. Moore, service as sealer of wts. and measures,	5 00	
J. W. Hastings, for recording, index- ing and returning births, marriages and deaths,	42 88	
Dr. N. H. Flagg, for return of births,	6 25	
J. W. Hastings, for return of births,	5 00	
Dr. A. J. Riopelle, for return of births,	75	
C. W. Hastings, supplies,	1 16	
Fred A. Sykes, for service as auditor,	2 50	
Frank L. Johnson, for service as aud- itor,	2 50	
James M. Bean, police court fees.	3 48	
James H. Clarke, police service,	5 00	
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		\$1,380 67
Appropriation,		1,400 00

TOWN HOUSES.

Leonard Clark & Son, for stove,	\$ 13 20
W. C. Campbell, for service as janitor,	44 00
W. C. Campbell, for care of fires,	56 00
A. K. Fuller, for services as janitor,	8 75
A. K. Fuller, for supplies,	6 27

Seth Ingell, for service as janitor,	19 55	
Seth Ingell, for care of fires,	33 00	
C. W. Hastings, for supplies,	5 34	
	-----	\$186 11
Appropriation,		100 00

REPAIRS—Town Buildings.

H. C. Earle, for material and painting		
South End school house,	\$ 39 84	
Whitcomb Stove Co., repairing stove,	6 02	
J. V. Woolcott, repairs,	4 20	
O. H. Sprague & Son, repairs,	55 35	
C. A. Rich, irons and bolts,	75	
James Morgan, cleaning well,	3 00	
Seth Ingell, repairs out buildings,	15 98	
Seth Ingell, repairs and supplies, town hall,	15 65	
	-----	\$140 79
Appropriation,		100 00

VENTILATION—Feeding Hills.

H. O. Sprague & Son,	\$1,289 35
Appropriation,	500 00

STATE AID.

William W. Hitchcock, under chapter 301, acts of 1889,	\$48 00	
Eunice Billings, under chapter 301, acts of 1889,	48 00	
Hubert P. Osborn, under chapter 301, acts of 1889,	24 00	
	-----	\$120 00
Appropriation,		150 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Cash paid Emerson L. Coville,	\$30 00	
	-----	\$30 00
Appropriation,		30 00

STREET LIGHTS.

Charles Hall, two lamps,	\$ 6 50
C. E. Hitchcock, for two lamp posts,	2 80

H. Letellier, for supplies,	20 92	
Robert Ely, Jr., for oil and lighting,	3 10	
Eddie Fuller, care of lamp and oil,	9 43	
James M. Bean, repairs,	1 50	
W. F. Crosier, for oil,	5 49	
	— — —	49 74
Appropriation,		60 00

INTEREST.

Springfield Institution for Savings,	1,745 47	
Mrs. Desire A. Pyne,	120 00	
	— — — — —	1,865 47
Appropriation,		1,800 00

TOWN DEBT.

Springfield Institution for Savings, on note,	2500 00—	2,500 00
Appropriation,		2,000 00

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Springfield Institution for Savings, 6-10 per cent. loan with interest to April 1,	10,120 00	
Springfield Institution for Savings, 4 per cent. loan with interest to April 1,	30,012 99	
Mrs. D. A. Pyne, 6 per cent loan with interest to April 1,	2,009 50	
Estimated outstanding claims,	100 00	
	— — — — —	42,242 49

ASSETS.

Due from J. F. Barry, collector for 1888,	26 77
Due from P. T. Donovan, collector for 1889,	122 95
Due from F. J. Pomeroy, collector for 1890,	402 62
Due from F. J. Pomeroy, collector for 1891,	443 55

Due from Leon DeBour, collector for 1890,	456 44	
Due from E. D. Allen, collector for 1890,	10 00	
Due from E. D. Allen, collector for 1891,	58 38	
Due from Amos Gosselin, collector for 1891,	210 66	
Due from W. Springfield, bridge ac- count,	27 48	
Due from state, for state aid,	30 00	
Due from town of Otis,	43 54	
Value of town farm, stock and sup- plies,	2,100 00	
Value of road machine and tools,	375 00	
Cash in treasury,	1,516 05	
	-----	5,823 44
Liabilities over Assets,		36,419 05

JAMES F. BARRY, } Selectmen, Assessors,
E. LEONARD, 2nd. } and
ALSON W. ALLEN, } Overseers of Poor.

ESTIMATED ACCOUNTS.

Recommended for the several depart-
ments for the ensuing year.

Schools,	4,500 00
Highways and bridges,	2,500 00
Support of poor,	2,000 00
Contingent,	1,400 00
State aid,	200 00
Interest,	1,800 00
Collectors of taxes,	250 00
Discount,	600 00
Town debt,	1,500 00
Town hall accounts,	150 00
Memorial day,	30 00

Repairs on town buildings,	250 00	
Street lights,	60 00	
	-----	15,240 00
Free public library,		Dog fund.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

The town at its last annual town meeting appropriated the dog fund in order that it might receive the gift of one hundred dollars worth of books from the state. It at the same time chose a board of trustees, who submit the following statement:

Early in the year the Feeding Hills Library association voted to transfer to the town all its books and property. In September the books from the State Library Commission were received, and about October first the library was opened, with branch libraries at Feeding Hills and Mittineague.

The whole number of books in library,		
March 21, 1892,	700	
These were obtained from Feeding Hills Library association,	261	
State Library Commission,	155	
Mrs. John E. Lodge, Hon. E. B. Hayes and others,	26	
Francis E. Sessions,	4	
James E. Stuart,	4	
Miss H. M. Bodurtha and others,	5	
Purchase,	245	
Number of book borrowers:		
Agawam,	102	
Feeding Hills,	82	
Mittineague,	80	
	-----	264
Circulation:		
Agawam,	855	
Feeding Hills,	726	
Mittineague,	432	
	-----	2013

Library is open at Agawam, Fridays from 3 to 5 p. m.,
Feeding Hills, Thursdays, 3 to 5 p. m., Mittineague, every
second Monday afternoon and evening.

WM. H. PORTER,
JUDSON W. HASTINGS, } Library
HENRY ANNABLE, } Trustees.



AGAWAM, MASS.

School Report.

1891-92.



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The school year as a whole has been one of improvement over previous years, especially in the primary grades due to the new methods in teaching by objects, whereby the young mind learns through the eye as well as the ear. The Grammar school at Feeding Hills has been one of the best schools in town, a marked improvement over previous years, which is very satisfying to the committee and certainly must be to the parents. Sewing for the girls and knife work for the boys was introduced into the Grammar school at Mittineague the winter term, Friday of each week, and met with a good degree of success. The teachers on the whole have worked hard this year to bring the schools up to a standard that would pass even the critical eyes of the state board but the co-operation of the parents has been lacking. It is a fact that cannot pass without notice because it is so detrimental to the school work, and the elevation of a pupil to a higher plane. The committee would repeat again: Parents, please visit the schools, get acquainted with your respective teachers, see what your boys and girls are doing, and if things are conducted in a manner unsatisfactory to you, mention it to the teacher and committee, and the school board can assure you that difficulties, which will to a certain extent always arise, will be more easily adjusted to the benefit of every one concerned, than by trying to settle them with knowledge of only one side of the question, whereby if the parents were acquainted with all the particulars, would render a very different decision which would be beneficial to the teachers, and the scholars would be sure to show a marked degree of improvement.

HENRY ANNABLE.

In presenting for your consideration the annual report of the work accomplished during the school year, your committee feel it a duty to make a few suggestions to which we invite the careful consideration of parents and all interested in the future wellfare of our schools.

Irregularity of attendance, which, after making reasonable allowance, is still far beyond what is necessary, is one of the greatest hindrances with which our teachers have to contend in their efforts to bring the school up to the high standard desirable; not only does the pupil who is habitually irregular in his attendance suffer loss himself, but is also a positive hindrance to his class, thus defrauding others as well as himself, by disturbing the systematic school work, and to a greater or less extent demoralizing the school. Since the remedying of this evil is largely in the hands of the parents, their attention is called to the fact, that in order to accomplish the prescribed work of the school, the regular attendance of every pupil as far as possible is necessary. In order that the best results possible may be secured there must be on the part of parents a hearty co-operation with both committee and teachers in their work.

That there has been a lack in this direction is undeniable, and unjust criticisms of both have without doubt been injurious in their effect; especially has this been true in regard to the efforts made to improve the moral tone of the schools, by prohibiting all questionable amusements on the school premises and also profanity and the use of tobacco.

Not only should we aim to secure for our children intellectual training, but careful attention should be given to instilling principles of morality into the minds of the pupils. There is no doubt as to the attitude of those who understand these matters in all their bearings.

It is from those who do not visit the schools, and who are unfamiliar with the best methods and means of securing the most efficient school system, that criticisms mainly come. Some advance has been made in regard to deportment during the year. The teachers were requested to report all cases of discipline of a serious nature and to send the offending pupil

home, with the understanding that he could not return except by permission of the committee. This was done in order to bring the misdemeaners of children to the knowledge of parents and secure to the teachers their support in the government of the school.

Since it is true that many of our pupils leave school at the age of 14 or 15, and their education practically ends with the grammar school, it seems desirable that this should embrace in its course of study, some of the branches properly belonging to the high school; this is impossible with the present unsatisfactory grading of the schools, due largely to their crowded condition at the center.

In view of this need your committee would suggest that the town consider the advisability of providing another school room at some time in the near future. In conclusion I am glad to be able to say that the teachers have been uniformly interested in their work, and desirous for the improvement of the scholars under their charge, and have by their co-operation done much to assist me in my work.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. THOMPSON.

The schools in Feeding Hills, have been very well kept during the past year. The Grammar school was kept by Miss Grace L. Hazen, spring term; by Miss Cora Smith, fall term, and Miss Nina Marsh, winter term. The primary school was kept through the year by Miss Georgia A. Rogers and the West St. school by Miss Minnie Davis. There is to be no change for the spring term. One of the most discouraging features of school work for the committee and teachers is the irregular attendance of the pupils. Many do not go more than two thirds of the time and some not that, which is not very encouraging to a teacher who is trying to do good work. It is impossible for a scholar to make much headway who does not attend school regularly, and parents make a mistake in letting their children stay away unless in case of sickness. The parents find fault if we do not have good schools, yet they do not think it is their duty to see that

their children improve the advantages which are offered them. We think we have good teachers and we should do all we can to encourage them.

If parents were to visit the schools once in a while and see for themselves what is being done, we think it would be a benefit to them and to the teachers.

WM. L. MEACHAM.

Number of schools,	12
Number pupils between five and fifteen,	432
Number enrolled during the year,	469
Number over fifteen,	31
Number pupils under five,	1
Average membership,	434
Average attendance,	393

HENRY ANNABLE,	} Agawam School Committee.
E. L. THOMPSON,	
W. L. MEACHAM,	