

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Town of Sudbury,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1876.

LOWELL, MASS.:

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REPORT.

REPORT OF CERTAIN RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TOWN OF SUDBURY FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1876.

By vote of the town the subscriber was directed to prepare a statement of the unappropriated money remaining in the treasury, March 1, 1875, with the amount of the unappropriated money received during the year ending March 6, 1876, together with the town grants for incidental expenses, and for payment of town debt, and the purposes for which any such money has been applied :

RECEIPTS.

Balance for incidentals, March 1, 1875,.....	\$668 79
Overlay on taxes,.....	480 55
Grant for repair of Town Hall,.....	57 12
Appropriation to pay for hearse,.....	58 85
Borrowed money,.....	508 44
Corporation tax of January, 1875,.....	655 15
Bank tax of January, 1875,.....	623 89
Town grant for incidentals, 1875,.....	1000 00
Town grant to pay debt, 1875,.....	1000 00
Overlay on taxes, 1875,.....	199 01
Corporation tax received January, 1876,.....	726 52
National Bank tax, January, 1876,.....	414 59
Auctioner's license,.....	2 00
Received on account of expenses at Mrs. Moore's funeral,.....	1 50
Total receipts.....	\$6396 41

EXPENSES.

J. S. Hunt, services as Treasurer and Collector.....	\$300 00
cash paid C. E. Daniels, for team to Con- cord Centennial,.....	35 00
recording warrants, reports, &c., of town meetings,.....	15 00

J. S. Hunt, making returns of elections, &c.,.....	\$3 00
recording and returning soldiers,.....	1 00
recording perambulations of town lines,...	1 00
distributing acts and resolves, and express on do.,.....	1 50
expenses to Cambridge on account of dogs,	2 50
express on books and blanks,.....	1 50
postage and stationery,.....	1 00
recording 22 births at 50c.,.....	11 00
recording 19 deaths at 35c.,.....	6 65
recording 10 marriages at 20c.,.....	2 00
notifying officers and administering oaths,	3 00
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	\$384 15
T. P. Hurlbut, cash paid J. L. Hammett for school books,	\$200 00
9½ days services as selectman,.....	28 75
to making four warrants,.....	2 00
to making and distributing highway limits,	2 00
preparing and posting voting lists,.....	2 00
paid for printing voting list,.....	8 00
2½ days Centennial Committee,.....	7 50
journey to Boston to see State committee,	5 00
cash paid for badges,.....	3 00
4½ days "Green Hill" committee,.....	13 50
½ day at G. H. Hall's road,.....	1 50
cash paid H. H. Goodnough, for do.,.....	1 00
cash paid S. B. Taylor, for mending chairs, &c.,.....	1 67
cash paid C. B. Austin, for gravel,.....	3 12
cash paid Dexter Robinson, for gravel and work,.....	4 87
cash paid for sand, bricks and cement for hall,.....	8 05
cash paid B. S. Baker, work on Town House,.....	3 50
cash paid J. Cloyes, lettering monument,	2 60
journey to Cambridge, Norton case,.....	5 00
collecting highway tools,.....	3 00
Paid J. J. Puffer, repairing settees,.....	4 22
one year's payment State aid, making return, &c.,.....	15 00
making orders and keeping Town books,	10 00
27½ days service on school committee,...	68 75
purchasing and distributing school books,	18 00
taking and recording children between 5 and 15,.....	8 00
making school report and return,.....	4 00

T. P. Hurlbut, printing school report, \$12.50, journey to Lowell, \$3.75,.....	\$16 25
journey to Acton and Framingham for teacher,.....	4 00
printing roll of honor,.....	3 00
express and postage,.....	3 72
cleaning and repair of school room,.....	3 80
use of team, \$1.00; stationery, 43c.,.....	1 43
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	466 23
Less \$1.50 received of James Moore,....	1 50
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	\$464 73
Isaac M. Jones, 9½ days services as selectman,.....	\$28 50
services on Centennial committee,.....	8 50
team 1 day,.....	1 50
journey to Cambridge,.....	5 00
repairing sluice, &c.,.....	2 00
drawing jurors,.....	50
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	\$46 00
Luther G. Hunt, 9 days services as selectman,.....	27 00
team 3 days, at \$1.50,.....	4 50
services on Centennial committee,.....	5 00
journey to Cambridge,.....	5 00
repairs on school house No. 4,.....	50
repairs on school house No. 5,.....	2 00
setting glass, 50c., printing guide board, 50c.,.....	1 00
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	\$47 50
Thomas E. Bent, 22 days taking valuation and making taxes,.....	55 00
cash paid for books and stationery,.....	6 35
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	\$61 35
Samuel B. Rogers, 21 days making taxes,.....	52 50
use of horse,.....	5 00
300 brick,.....	3 60
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	\$61 10
John M. Conant, 15 days services as school committee, 1874 and 1875,.....	35 50
11 days services as assessor,.....	27 50

John M. Conant, cash paid for 60 gross crayons,.....	\$11 75
cash paid for brooms, \$2.28, brush, 42c.,...	2 70
cash paid for washing school houses and curtains,.....	3 75
cash paid for repairing blind,.....	50
cash for taking down funnel,.....	75
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	\$82 45
Francis F. Walker, services as Overseer of the Poor, 13 days,.....	39 00
George Goodnow, services as Overseer of the Poor, and for cash,.....	10 50
Samuel Bent, services as Overseer of the Poor, 5½ days,.....	13 75
John Goodnow, cash paid for printing warrants, 1874,...	11 00
cash paid for printing warrants, 1875,...	10 65
notifying town officers,.....	2 70
getting, posting, and making return, both years,.....	31 50
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	\$45 85
James Moore, cash paid for dinner for 23 at Concord,	34 50
cash paid for 2 journeys to Boston,.....	10 00
cash paid for journey to Lowell,.....	4 00
cash paid to T. P. Hurlbut,.....	1 50
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	\$50 00
John B. Goodnow, services on "Green Hill" committee,	6 00
journey to Framingham,.....	1 50
printing and expressing,.....	1 65
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	\$9 15
John W. Garfield, cutting grass on burial grounds,.....	11 00
work on Town House,.....	2 65
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	\$13 65
Joseph Noyes, grading a road to George H. Hall's yard,.....	15 00
William D. Tuttle, leveling and making profile of "Green Hill,".....	8 00
setting stakes and arranging grade line,...	5 00
examining grade and expenses,.....	3 00
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	\$16 00
A. A. Skinner, 74 lbs. tunnel for school house,.....	12 33
1 waterpot,.....	75

A. A. Skinner, 1 dust pan,.....	\$ 35
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	\$13 43
James L. Willis, return of 20 deaths, year ending Janu- ary 1, 1874,.....	4 00
return of 13 deaths, year ending January 1, 1875,.....	2 60
return of 20 deaths, year ending January 1, 1876,.....	4 00
mowing burial grounds, 1874,.....	6 75
journey to Worcester on account of hearse, Balance for care of Town Hall, year ending April 1, 1875,.....	5 00
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	10 00
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	\$32 35
A. D. Norton, of Framingham, balance over town grant for Green Hill,.....	4 75
Eli H. Willis, cash paid for delivery of 29 loads of gravel from Green Hill, 25 cts.,.....	7 25
14 loads at 50 cts.,.....	7 00
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	\$14 25
Homer Rogers, 26½ days services on school committee,...	66 25
cash paid Charles O. Parmenter, for repairs on school houses and furniture,.....	48 25
cash paid for stove for District No. 3,....	10 00
cash paid for funnel for District No. 2,...	10 75
paid E. Hunt's bill for brooms, pails, dip- pers, ink, and curtains,.....	19 60
Gazetteer for teacher's desk,.....	7 00
M. Sullivan, for sawing wood,.....	5 00
Isaac Rice, for sawing wood,.....	2 10
repairing clock,.....	1 10
journey to Marlboro for teacher,.....	2 00
Rent on Wadsworth school house,.....	100 00
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	\$272 05
Abatement of taxes by assessors,.....	46 86
Of the town debt the following has been paid:	
One note to Levi S. Jones,.....	150 00
Almira F. Hunt,.....	700 00
Harriet Williams,.....	200 00
Asa M. Durrell,.....	450 00
John Eaton,.....	500 00
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Entered on note to Susan Moore,.....	200 00
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Total paid on notes,	\$2900 00

Total receipts,.....	\$6396 41
Total paid out,.....	4643 87
Remaining in treasury,.....	\$1752 54
The above remainder in treasury is credited as follows:	
Balance of town grant for incidentals,.....	75 28
Balance of town grant to pay debt,.....	3 45
Corporation tax,.....	726 52
National Bank tax,.....	414 59
Overlay on all taxes,.....	532 70
	\$1752 54

TOWN DEBT.

The town owes to Goodnow Library Fund,.....	20,000 00
Jerusha Howe Fund,.....	1000 00
S. D. Hunt Fund,.....	1000 00
Elisha Goodnow Fund,.....	3200 00
Donation Fund,.....	453 78

Total owed to funds,..... \$25,653 78

Notes of the town held by individuals are as follows:

Levi S. Jones,.....	200 00
Jonas Hunt, (held by Clara J. Hunt),.....	500 00
Hopetill Brown,.....	2000 00
Clara J. Hunt,.....	320 00
Rebecca Jones,.....	150 00
Thomas L. Dakin, trustee,.....	500 00
Richard R. Horr,.....	1200 00
Margaret Allen,.....	200 00
Israel H. Brown,.....	1050 00
Calvin Morse,.....	200 00
Susan Moore, (held by J. A. Rockwood),.....	800 00
T. J. Sanderson, (two notes \$500 each),.....	1000 00
Francis Haynes,.....	400 00
George E. Willis,.....	230 00
Emily Thompson,.....	500 00
Richard R. Horr,.....	300 00
John Forseythe,.....	440 00

Total held by individuals,..... \$ 9,990 00

Total owed to funds,..... 25,653 78

Total debt,..... \$35,643 78

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS P. HURLBUT.

SCHOOL REPORT.

In compliance with the Statutes of the Commonwealth and the custom of the past, we lay before the town a statement of the condition of the schools, over which we have had supervision.

In discharging this duty the committee are happy to be able to make so favorable a report.

Having had an excellent corps of teachers, all of whom have been connected with our schools for more than a year, and some for many years, and having been to a noticeable degree free from colds and epidemics, our schools have not been exposed to the possibility of failure that they sometimes are, and the results are that we have had a year of exceptional success in regularity of attendance and thorough and efficient instruction.

The usual review in detail of the several schools will, we believe, justify the above remarks.

The whole number of scholars attending the schools, was as follows:

Spring Term, 203; Average, 175.

Autumn Term, 169; Average, 143.

Winter Term, 218; Average, 189.

an average of 23.3 scholars to each school, and an attendance of 21 during the year.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

The Primary department of this district has been under the same efficient charge that has been over it for many years—and when we report that it maintains its good character, we have said all that is necessary. This is the only school in town that in any sense can be said to be graded, and the results achieved are in a measure to be attributed to this fact, and it illustrates the advantages that would accrue to our schools, if it were possible to bring our children together in sufficient numbers, that those just commencing their school-life and those far advanced might be under different discipline and instruction. We have no school in town where the influence of the teacher is so easily and permanently stamped upon the minds of the scholars, as in this.

The qualifications requisite for a good teacher of a primary school, are not readily found. We find some of the best readers in town in this school.

Whole number of scholars during the

Spring Term, 23; Average, 20.

Autumn Term, 32; Average, 26.

Winter Term, 27; Average, 24.

Mr. E. F. Richardson has had charge of the High School, so called, during the year. Your committee feel a good degree of satisfaction at the condition of this school at the close of the year, and can but believe that the policy adopted by the town, three years ago, was eminently a wise one, and the selection of a teacher to effect the reform desired, was most fortunate.

Not only has the school been improved, but the sentiment of the district has been changed, and we believe it is now possible for our average teacher to work in this school with some encouragement for success.

There has been but one master in the school or out of it; and while the discipline has been all that could be desired, there has been no arbitrary government, but a most perfect harmony between teacher and pupil, rendering his labors comparatively easy and profitable.

There have been during the year a few scholars from other districts. The distinguishing characteristic of this school has been the practical nature of the instruction; the aim of the teacher has been to give the scholars something for use, not for ornament.

The school has not been, and cannot be, in any proper sense, a high school. Many of the scholars do not attend but for a single term in the year, and the question is not how to bind them to a course of study, but how to do them the most good while there.

The time has not yet come when Sudbury can with any assurance of success maintain a High School, in the sense in which that term is used on our statutes, and our wisdom is best exhibited when we do not as we would like, but as we can, with existing facts before us.

Whole number of scholars during the

Spring Term, 35; Average 30.

Autumn Term, 20; Average, 17.5.

Winter Term, 29; Average, 27.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

This school has been under the charge of Miss M. Ella Hagar during the year, and the results have been satisfactory to the committee, and so far as we can learn, to the parents of the scholars without exception.

We consider the size of the school, having an average during the year of but eleven scholars, as unfortunate so far as the highest results of our common schools are concerned. Too large a number would be preferable.

The incentives to study and improvement are of necessity largely lost, when there are but one or two in a class. This is unavoidable under the present circumstances, but is an element to be considered in judging of the results of the year.

Whole number of scholars during the

Spring Term, 14; Average, 11 5-8.
Autumn Term, 11; Average, 7 5-7.
Winter Term, 14; Average, 12 5-8.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Miss S. Lizzie Eaton has had charge of this school during the year, with results highly creditable to both scholars and teacher. There are few teachers who accomplish so much with so little apparent effort.

Having the respect and confidence of every scholar and the support of the district, and a high average of attendance, the teacher had a favorable opportunity to impress upon the school the benefits of her long experience as a teacher; and considering the

variety of the ages and attainments, the results of the year are all that could be expected.

The school in Wadsworth Building has diminished largely the numbers of this school.

It would be desirable to divide the scholars of this district more equally between the two schools, but we believe it cannot be done without much dissatisfaction to very many of the district.

Whole number of scholars during the

Spring term, 14; Average 12.8.
Autumn term, 13; Average, 11.9.
Winter term, 16; Average, 14.5.

WADSWORTH SCHOOL.

Miss Susie Moore has had charge of this school during the year. This is the largest one in town, and will most likely increase as rapidly as any in the future.

The instruction has been systematic and very judicious in its adaptation to the little ones just commencing their school life, and both judicious and efficient as relates to the advanced scholars, of which there were some of the best in town.

A small advance in the quantity gone over, but frequent reviews and thorough drills, has made the result very satisfactory. A few facts learned are worth many half learned.

The discipline of the school has been sufficient, the instruction systematic, and on the whole we find this has been one of the best among the many good schools of Sudbury.

Whole number of scholars during the

Spring term, 40; Average, 34.6.
Autumn term, 37; Average, 32.8.
Winter term, 40; Average, 35.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

The first two terms of the year were taught by Miss Lizzie P. Hurlbut, the last term by Miss S. Lizzie Thompson, both of whom have been long identified with the schools of Sudbury, and under whose charge we should have been disappointed had the results of the year not been of a high character, both as regards the quantity and quality of work done.

The long distance many of the scholars have to travel to reach the school, and the fact that many of the families are obliged to have the services of their children during the busy seasons of the year, has made the number of absentees larger than it would otherwise have been, and of necessity has been of detriment to the school.

But the committee are satisfied that this results, not from any lack of interest or appreciation of the advantages of the school, but from conditions beyond the control of either parents or children. For scholarship and general excellence in all departments of the school, we regard this one of the best in town.

Whole number of scholars during the

Spring term, 36; Average, 29.
Autumn term, 18; Average, 14.5.
Winter term, 37; Average, 33.2.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Miss Mary D. Bull had charge of this school during the Spring and Autumn Terms, and Miss Lizzie P. Hurlbut that of the Winter.

The character of the school, under the former's instruction, was of a high order, and Miss Hurlbut found it in excellent condition. Her effort was to maintain its high character, rather than to recover it from demoralization, which the closing examination proved she succeeded in doing.

The average attendance was the highest of any school in town, and the Roll of Honor the longest.

During the winter term there were thirteen out of twenty-six scholars who were neither absent nor tardy.

Considering the ages of the scholars, and their scattered homes, this is a record of which the district may be proud.

Whole number of scholars during the

Spring Term, 25; Average, 22.5.
Autumn Term, 20; Average, 18.9.
Winter Term, 26; Average, 24.99.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Miss Emma A. Moore has taught during the year. This was her first school, and while the committee are well pleased with the results of the year, we have found the last term the best.

The art of teaching is to but few a gift—to most it is something to be acquired. Unlike poets, the model teacher is made.

In this school we have been pleased to notice the improvement in the method of teaching—more systematic—less ground passed over, but better tilled.

A characteristic of the examination was a general attendance of the parents and friends of the school, a fact of encouragement to both teacher and scholars.

Whole number of scholars during the

Spring Term, 16; Average, 13.3.

Autumn Term, 18; Average, 17.4.

Autumn Term, 19; Average, 18.2.

HOMER ROGERS, JOHN M. CONANT, THOMAS P. HURLBUT,	}	School Committee.
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