

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN
OF THE
TOWN OF SUDBURY,
FROM MARCH 1, 1880, TO MARCH 5, 1881,
TOGETHER WITH THE REPORTS OF THE
OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
AND THE
TRUSTEES OF THE GOODNOW LIBRARY.

MARLBOROUGH:
THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY, PRINTERS.
1881.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF SUDBURY

FOR THE YEAR 1880.

Town Clerk :

JONAS S. HUNT.

Selectmen :

LUTHER G. HUNT. JOHN M. CONANT.
RICHARD R. HERR.

Assessors :

JOHN GOODNOW. ANDREW J. PARMENTER.
DANA W. HAYDEN.

Overseers of Poor :

GEORGE PARMENTER. DANA W. HAYDEN.
NATHAN P. FAIRBANK.

Constables :

JAMES L. WILLIS. JOHNSON P. ALLEN.

School Committee :

MRS. EMILY TAFFT HUNT, 3 years.
CHARLES F. GERRY, 2 years.
ALFRED N. THOMPSON, 1 year.

Treasurer and Collector :

ANDREW J. PARMENTER.

Trustees of Goodnow Library :

HUBBARD H. BROWN, 3 years.
RICHARD R. HERR, 2 years.
JONAS S. HUNT, 1 year.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT No. 1—GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Paid Mrs. Emily Tafft Hunt, spring term.....	\$120 00	
“ “ “ “ fall term.....	117 60	
“ “ “ “ winter term.....	144 00	
		<u>\$381 60</u>

DISTRICT No. 1—PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Paid Miss Marion A. Jones, spring term.....	\$93 60	
“ “ “ “ fall term.....	90 00	
“ “ “ “ winter term.....	108 00	
		<u>\$291 60</u>

DISTRICT No. 2.

Paid Miss Lizzie P. Hurlbut, spring term.....	\$91 80	
“ “ “ “ fall term.....	90 00	
“ I. P. Oviatt, winter term.....	108 00	
		<u>\$289 80</u>

DISTRICT No. 3.

Paid Miss Alice M. Barton, spring term.....	\$90 00	
“ “ “ “ fall term.....	90 00	
“ “ “ “ winter term.....	108 00	
		<u>\$288 00</u>

DISTRICT No. 4.

Paid Miss Nellie F. Thompson, spring term....	\$90 00	
“ “ “ “ fall term.....	90 00	
“ “ “ “ winter term....	108 00	
		<u>\$288 00</u>

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Paid Miss Sarah E. Thompson, spring term....	\$90 00	
" " " fall term.....	90 00	
" " " winter term.....	108 00	
	<u> </u>	\$288 00

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Paid Miss Hattie S. Batchelder, spring term....	\$90 00	
" Minnie J. Mains, fall term.....	90 00	
" " " winter term.....	108 00	
	<u> </u>	\$288 00

CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Spring term.....	\$22 00	
Fall term.....	23 00	
Winter term.....	37 00	
	<u> </u>	\$82 00
Total for schools.....		\$2,197 00

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Paid to C. F. Gerry, on account of school books.....	\$102 15	
Paid to A. N. Thompson on account of school books.....	38 91	
	<u> </u>	\$141 06

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid A. T. Parmenter, bill for 1879.....	\$5 94	
L. S. Cutting.....	25 15	
A. N. Parmenter.....	5 30	
J. W. Rice.....	3 65	
Elisha Moore.....	2 35	
Charles Haynes.....	6 35	
G. H. Bent.....	20 67	
Wm. H. Moore.....	8 69	
Jas. E. Bent.....	6 65	
Wm. P. Jones.....	7 67	
Elmer Smith.....	10 38	

Paid Luther S. Cutting, bill for 1880.....	\$10 60	
Henry N. Hemmenway..	161 42	
Dana W. Hayden.....	201 24	
George H. Bent.....	116 58	
Wm. P. Jones.....	105 46	
Elisha Moore.....	93 65	
Martin W. Goodnow.....	182 77	
Jas. E. Bent.....	72 97	
Abijah Powers.....	176 84	
Abel B. Jones.....	116 41	
Thos. E. Bent.....	79 05	
Wm. H. Moore.....	99 19	
Nathan P. Fairbank.....	39 86	
Hiram Haynes.....	80 15	
J. C. Dakin.....	38 32	
John M. Conant, bridge plank.....	16 75	
	<u> </u>	\$1,694 06

SNOW BILLS.

Paid Wm. H. Moore.....	\$45 50	
Abel B. Jones.....	58 00	
Abijah Powers.....	23 19	
Hiram Haynes.....	75 32	
Nathan P. Fairbank.....	36 92	
Wm. P. Jones.....	42 35	
James E. Bent.....	44 35	
Elisha Moore.....	51 48	
Dana W. Hayden.....	31 36	
	<u> </u>	\$408 47

SPECIAL REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

REPAIRS ON HILL NEAR HOUSE OF JOHN MOYNIHAN.

Paid J. C. Dakin.....	\$100 00	
	<u> </u>	\$100 00

ON CAUSEWAY NEAR THE HOUSE OF LUKE MCCANN.

Paid Dana W. Hayden, for relaying two culverts..	\$38 10	
W. D. Tuttle, for surveying, and profile of road	7 00	
Printing bills and letting out job.....	3 25	
L. G. Hunt, 4 days services as committee and writing contract.....	10 50	
John M. Conant, committee services.....	8 00	
	<u> </u>	\$66 85

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL-HOUSE No. 1.

Paid Calvin Garfield's bill for labor, paints, oil, varnishes, etc.....	\$122 99	
B. S. Baker, for plastering, white-washing and whitening.....	11 30	
		<u>\$134 29</u>

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid T. P. Hurlbut, 13 1-2 days service as School Committee from Oct. 20, 1879, to March 1, 1880....	\$33 75	
journey to Lowell for printing....	4 00	
making School report and return..	5 00	
recording children from 5 to 15..	3 00	
for window seat, 35; and mending chair, 50.....	85	
curtains.....	1 00	
grading at school-house door....	2 00	
repairing seats.....	1 00	
journey to Framingham.....	2 00	
hardware, putty and glass.....	3 89	
repairing fence and doors.....	1 30	
duster and broom.....	85	
wood for school-house.....	80	
		<u>\$59 44</u>

Paid A. N. Thompson for services as School Com- mittee from Dec. 1, 1879 to March 1, 1880, 11 1-2 days at \$2.50.....	\$28 75	
taking stove to Maynard.....	1 25	
repairs on stove.....	6 20	
school supplies.....	1 87	
sawing wood.....	1 50	
car fare.....	75	
repairs, and cleaning funnel.....	2 85	
		<u>\$43 17</u>

Paid for services as committee from March 4, 1880 to Jan. 1, 1881, 21 1-2 days, at \$2.50.....	53 75	
journey to Boston.....	5 00	
supplies for No. 5.....	1 70	

Paid for washing house and curtains, No. 5	\$2 55	
repairs on house	96	
two journeys to Maynard on ac- count of stove, etc.....	2 50	
supplies for No. 4.....	2 41	
washing house and curtains, No. 4.	2 50	
two mats.....	1 00	
		<u>\$72 37</u>

Paid C. F. Gerry, School Committee services, to Nov. 15, 1880.....	\$26 25	
paper for school house, No. 6.....	5 19	
preparing town report and express on same.....	8 50	
use of horse.....	2 00	
balance of Hammond's bill on Mc- Cann case.....	5 00	
		<u>\$46 94</u>

Paid Mrs. Emily T. Hunt for repairing and put- ting up clock.....	1 00	
for repairs in school-houses.....	3 35	
ink wells to Knight, Adams & Co.	9 00	
school supplies, furniture, etc.....	10 24	
1 feather duster.....	62	
repairs in school-house No. 3.....	1 10	
Mrs. Conners, cleaning school-room No. 3.	3 00	
C. O. Parmenter, repairing fence at No. 3..	8 88	
for labor on school-houses No. 1, 2 and 3..	3 90	
Mrs. Moore for cleaning school-house No. 1 for 1879.....	9 00	
W. M. Wotton for care of school-house No. 1, winter term 1879 and 1880....	10 00	
window seat.....	35	
S. B. Taylor, repairing settees and chairs..	2 00	
Wm. H. Moore for labor, supplies and re- pairs on house No. 6 in 1879....	5 71	
repairs and supplies for 1880 on house No. 6.....	4 80	
two journeys to Maynard, and setting up stove.....	3 50	
A. D. Holt, stove for No. 6 (less old stove 14 50)	13 00	
repairing stove pipe.....	20	

Paid A. D. Holt's bill for stove and pipe, and putting in the same at school-house No. 5 \$40.72 (less the value old stove and pipe) \$3.05.....	37 67	
	<hr/>	\$127 32
Paid Morss & Whyte, for two gravel screens....	\$18 00	
Ames Plow Co. for one dozen picks.....	12 00	
handles for the same.....	2 00	
1 dozen steel road rakes.....	12 00	
expressing.....	75	
Chas. W. Leach for printing.....	1 25	
	<hr/>	\$46 00
Paid Richard R. Horr for repairing and painting fence around the Wadsworth monument	11 35	
painting the lettering on monument...	2 00	
improvement of the grounds.....	1 50	
2 lanterns for use at R. R. bridge.....	2 50	
services as Selectman.....	43 90	
	<hr/>	\$61 25
Paid J. W. Hammond's bill for services in the Albert Haynes case.....	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$25 00
Paid Marden & Rowell, for printing town and school reports.....	30 00	
printing posters for Rev. Mr. Oviatt's lecture.....	3 00	
printing dog notices.....	1 50	
express.....	25	
	<hr/>	\$34 75
Paid James Moore for services as moderator at 4 town meetings.....	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$7 50
Paid John M. Conant for services as Selectman 9 1-2 days at 2.50.....	\$23 75	
perambulating town lines, and use of team.....	9 75	
care of lantern, and labor on Dakin road.....	1 50	
journey to South Acton.....	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$36 00

Paid L. G. Hunt, for services as Selectman 19 days at 2.50.....	\$47 50	
3 journeys to Boston.....	10 50	
team 3 days.....	3 00	
writing appointments for Surveyors, Police, etc., highway limits and warrants.....	3 50	
making reports of perambulations of four town lines.....	2 00	
disbursing State Aid and making returns.....	4 00	
postage and stationery.....	4 50	
	<hr/>	\$75 00
Paid to estate of Wm. Brigham, damage caused by straightening the highway....	\$50 00	
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Paid to J. S. Hunt, Town Clerk, for recording town warrants, reports and doings at town meetings for the year 1880.....	\$25 00	
recording 18 births at 50c.....	9 00	
recording 11 marriages at 20c.....	2 20	
recording 37 deaths at 35c.....	12 95	
notifying officers and administering oaths.....	8 00	
making returns of elections.....	3 00	
making returns of dog licenses and money to the County Treasurer	3 50	
recording and returning list of soldiers attending meeting of the Town Clerks at Wayland.....	2 00	
recording perambulations of town lines, Framingham, Hudson, Marlborough, and Wayland...	2 00	
recording laying out of road straightening near Mr. Brigham's.....	50	
express on books, blanks, acts and resolves, and distributing.....	4 10	
postage and stationery.....	1 25	
copying records of births, marriages, and deaths. 271 hours at 20c..	54 20	
	<hr/>	\$129 70

Paid John Goodnow, for services as Assessor, 55 1-2 days at \$2.50.....	\$138 75	
use of team 18 days at 1.00...	18 00	
books, postage, printing, express- ing. etc.	9 45	
copying tax book and returning to Secretary of State, 6 days at 2.50.....	15 00	
preparing report for printing, and correcting proofs of said report.....	13 75	
journey to Lowell.....	3 25	
Huse, Goodwin & Co., for print- ing 450 Assessors' Reports.	38 28	
postage and expressing on re- ports.....	50	
	<u> </u>	\$236 98
Paid to Dana W. Hayden for services as Assessor, 50 days at \$2.50	\$125 00	
use of team. 20 days at 1.00	20 00	
	<u> </u>	\$145 00
Paid to Andrew J. Parmenter for services as As- sessor 52 days, at \$2.50.....	\$130 00	
collecting taxes.....	100 00	
services as Town Treasurer.....	50 00	
	<u> </u>	\$280 00
Paid to James L. Willis, for printing Town meet- ing warrants.....	\$11 50	
procuring and posting warrants....	20 00	
making returns of 26 deaths.....	5 20	
repairs on receiving tomb and hearse.....	5 50	
taking hearse to paint shop and re- turning same.....	1 50	
	<u> </u>	\$43 70
Paid B. C. Witherell for cutting grass in cem- eteries.....	\$7 00	\$7 00
Paid Edward Willis, for care of Town hall, and ex- penses.....	\$61 72	
less receipts for use of hall.....	40 00	
	<u> </u>	\$21 72

Paid T. P. Hurlburt, on account of schools for 1879.....		\$86 40
		<u> </u>
		\$1,633 00
STATE AID.		
Paid Francis Garfield.....	\$78 00	
Persis M. Sanderson.....	52 00	
Geo. H. Murphy.....	48 00	
Sophia Thorp.....	8 00	
	<u> </u>	\$186 00
SINGING SCHOOL.		
Paid George Gardner.....		\$49 25
TOWN CLOCK.		
Paid S. B. Taylor, for care of clock.....		\$25 00
SUPPORT OF POOR.		
Paid deficiency for 1879.....		\$124 48
Overseers of Poor for 1880.....		\$966 68
Town grant for support of poor, 1880.....		\$800 00
Overdrawn.....		\$166 68
ABATEMENT OF TAXES.		
Paid S. B. Rogers, Collector, for 1879.....	\$14 76	
A. J. Parmenter, " " 1880.....	90 95	
	<u> </u>	\$105 71
Paid Selectmen's orders, for 1879.....		\$98 70
INTEREST ON TOWN DEBT.		
Paid John Forsyth.....	\$26 40	
Emily Thompson.....	30 00	
Est. of I. H. Brown.....	63 00	
Margaret Allen.....	12 00	
Hopstill Brown.....	120 00	
Richard R. Horr.....	84 00	
	<u> </u>	\$335 40

INTEREST ON TOWN FUNDS.

Paid Trustees of Goodnow Library.....	\$1,200 00	
Assessors for distribution, the interest on Elisha Goodnow fund.....	180 00	
interest on S. D. Hunt fund.....	60 00	
“ “ old donation “	9 23	
		\$249 23
Paid Overseers of Poor the interest on the Jeru- sha Howe fund for wood for industrious poor		60 00

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

Paid E. E. Brown on acct.....	\$525 00
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CONDITION OF TREASURY, MARCH 5, 1881.

RECEIPTS FOR 1880.

Balance in treasury, March 1, 1880	\$3,825 69
For interest on taxes.....	24 15
balance on corporation tax (1879).....	179 30
support of State pauper.....	3 82
corporation tax	413 31
National bank tax	469 74
re-imbursment of State aid.....	120 00
burial of State pauper.....	10 00
Treasurer of town of Maynard.....	300 00
income of State school fund.....	168 72
County Treasurer on acct. of dog licenses.	118 73
auctioneer's license.....	2 00
tax of 1880.....	10,309 68
	\$15,945 14

EXPENDITURES FOR 1880.

For orders of 1879 paid.....	\$98 70
abatements of taxes, 1879	14 76
“ “ 1880	90 95
interest on debt and funds.....	1,844 63
incidental expenses	1,633 64
repairs of highways.....	1,694 06
“ “ (snow bills)	408 47
“ “ (special).....	166 85
“ on school-house No. 1.....	134 29

For schools	2,197 00	
school books.....	141 06	
painting almshouse.....	75 00	
on acct. of new school-house	525 00	
State aid	186 00	
care of clock.....	25 00	
singing school.....	49 25	
support of poor.....	1,090 96	
registering deed	65	
State tax	840 00	
County tax	422 10	
		\$11,638 37
Balance in treasury, March 5, 1881		4,306 77
		\$15,945 14

Respectfully submitted by

LUTHER G. HUNT,
JOHN M. CONANT,
RICHARD R. HERR,

Selectmen of Sudbury.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF SUDBURY

FOR THE YEAR 1881.

Town Clerk :

JONAS S. HUNT.

*Selectmen :*LUTHER G. HUNT. NATHAN L. PRATT.
THOMAS E. BENT.*Assessors :*NATHAN L. PRATT. JONAS S. HUNT.
DANA W. HAYDEN.*Overseers of Poor :*ASA M. DURRELL. SAMUEL BENT.
ANDREW J. PARMENTER.*Constables :*JAMES L. WILLIS. THEODORIC A. JONES.
FRANK D. SEYMOUR.*School Committee :*ALFRED N. THOMPSON, 3 years.
EMILY TAFFT HUNT, 2 years.
CHARLES F. GERRY, 1 year.*Treasurer and Collector :*

ANDREW J. PARMENTER.

*Trustees of Goodnow Library :*JONAS S. HUNT, 3 years.
HUBBARD H. BROWN, 2 years.
RICHARD R. HERR, 1 year.

Report of Overseers of the Poor.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1881.

INMATES OF THE ALMS HOUSE, MARCH 1, 1880.

Edward H. Gibbs, aged 68 years.	Charles H. Wright, aged 21 years
Geo. W. Smith, " 45 "	Newell Brown, " 78 "
Andrew J. Wright, " 25 "	Henry Paine, " 69 "
Mrs. Betsy Moore, " 82 "	

CHANGES DURING THE YEAR.

Mary' Dean, admitted.....	April 3
" " sent to Tewksbury	" 6
Idella Lyons, admitted.....	" 10
" " died	" 14
Edward Doyle, admitted.....	" 14
" " died	June 22
Edw. H Gibbs, died	April 22
Susanna Parmenter, admitted	Jan. 7, 1881
Joel Oaks, "	Jan. 8

Number of tramps lodged and fed..... 12

VALUATION OF PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM,

PER INVENTORY TAKEN APRIL 3, 1880.

Real estate.....	\$7,450 00
Personal estate.....	1,845 70
Total valuation.....	<u>\$9,295 70</u>

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT
OF THE POOR.

RECEIPTS.

For cows and calves.....	\$184 33
pork.....	9 80
milk.....	399 94
lumber.....	235 91
potatoes and vegetables.....	115 78
hay and straw.....	14 08
labor on roads.....	21 68
entertainment of pedlers, etc.....	8 50
on account of George Orne.....	4 80
receipts for the month of March, 1880....	63 91
from Town Treasury.....	966 68
Total receipts.....	<u>\$2,025 11</u>

EXPENDITURES.

For grain, grinding and feed.....	\$286 92
groceries and flour.....	251 20
stock.....	150 50
dry goods.....	55 94
clothing.....	6 90
boots and shoes.....	5 37
blacksmithing.....	41 18
repairs on sled, etc.....	18 10
hardware.....	38 52
out door labor.....	190 62
in-door ".....	86 26
carpenter work and butchering.....	20 97
on account of State paupers.....	20 90
coffin and robe for E. H. Gibbs.....	9 00
crackers.....	12 00
grass and garden seed.....	13 32
medicines and services.....	10 90
fruit trees and plants.....	6 00
harness and repairs.....	10 08
expenses out of town.....	31 00
wheelwright work.....	15 85
fertilizers and freight on same.....	102 91
household goods.....	67 34
poultry.....	5 15
farming tools.....	43 48
bill for sawing lumber.....	32 75

For painting and repairs on wagon.....	\$13 56
meat and fish.....	25 34
Dr. Oviatt, for attendance on Frederick Carter.....	6 00
F. E. Bent, for taking care of Frederick Carter.....	5 00
City of Boston, on account of Ann O'Neal..	7 00
" " Edna R. Nor- ton.....	7 96
Town of Mendon, on account of Otis T. Parkhurst.....	26 86
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, on account of Elsie E. Lovering.....	166 68
Mrs. Moses Willis.....	40 00
Salary of Superintendent.....	325 00
counsel and searching records.....	7 80
Dana W. Hayden, for services as Overseer.	25 00
George Parmenter, " " " " " "	30 85
Nathan P. Fairbank " " " " " "	33 00
expenditures for the month of March, 1880.	149 14

Total expenditures.....	<u>\$2,402 35</u>
" receipts.....	<u>2,025 11</u>
Deficiency.....	<u>\$377 24</u>

REPORT OF PAINTING OF BUILDINGS.

Paid Calvin Garfield for painting and stock fur- nished.....	\$52 54
for lead and oil bought.....	58 00
Town grant.....	<u>\$110 54</u>
Deficiency.....	<u>75 00</u>
	<u>\$35 54</u>

GEORGE PARMENTER,
DANA W. HAYDEN,
NATHAN P. FAIRBANK,
Overseers of the Poor of Sudbury.

VITAL STATISTICS OF SUDBURY

FOR 1880.

Number of Births18

Males 10, females 8; children of native-born parents 14,
foreign-born 4.

Number of Marriages recorded10

Of the 20 parties to the above, 17 were for the first time
married, and 3 the second time; age of youngest bride 18,
of oldest 39; youngest groom 19, oldest 69; average age
of all 28 years.

Number of Deaths24

Males 8, females 16; married 11, single 13; under ten
years of age 3, between ten and fifty years 9, between fifty
and eighty 8, over eighty 4; age of youngest 5 months and
13 days, oldest 89 years and 1 month, average age of all 47
years and 15 days; disease or cause of death as follows:
accident 1, anæmia 1, apoplexy 1, cholera infantum 2, con-
sumption 7; dropsy on the brain 2, fevers 3, heart disease
2, insanity 1, old age 2, pneumonia 2.

Average annual number of Births in town for the past ten years is.25

“	“	Marriages	“	“	. 8
“	“	Deaths	“	“	.21

There were 13 interments in town, the past year, of persons who
died in other places, and 5 of those who died in town were interred
elsewhere.

J. S. HUNT, *Town Clerk.*

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF GOODNOW LIBRARY.

The Trustees of the Goodnow Library herewith present to the town, their eighteenth annual report. The library was thoroughly examined on the third of March last, and found to be in good condition as usual, all the books being upon the shelves or satisfactorily accounted for. The interest in the library continues, and the circulation increases,—having been for the past year very nearly 16,000,—equal to an average delivery of about 160 books for each library day during the year. The amount of money received by the librarian for fines the past year has been less than usual, and no fault can be found because the books are not generally returned at the proper time, but the trustees feel obliged to say that some of the books are not so carefully used as they might be, or as they should be. A little more care in this direction will save much trouble and expense of replacing books that are so badly worn and disfigured as to be unfit for circulation, or for rebinding. The Trustees have taken pains the past season, to replace, as far as possible, all the books that have been worn out or lost, since the library was first established, and to the best of their knowledge, not more than six books are now missing that have ever been upon the shelves. The highest number now upon the catalogue is 7721,—additions since the last annual report, 372—whole number in the library, including duplicates and books not catalogued, very nearly 8000.

In the periodical department, thirty-three magazines and reviews, and two illustrated weeklys are taken, about half of which, at the close of each year, are bound and placed upon the shelves, the balance sold to the highest bidder.

The report of the Treasurer is herewith submitted :

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER
OF THE GODNOW LIBRARY.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, March 31, 1880.....	\$479 88
Balance of Sinking Fund.....	525 86
Income of Fund for the year.....	1,200 00
Interest of Sinking Fund.....	36 60
Sale of grass.....	11 00
Sale of old books and periodicals.....	19 11
Fines.....	11 62
Sale of catalogues.....	1 30
Returned from book-binder.....	1 20
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	\$2,286 58

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Estes & Lauriatt for books.....	\$416 64
D. Lothrop & Co., " ".....	28 88
Turner & Ross, " ".....	2 75
J. S. Hunt, " ".....	8 88
W. Parmenter, " ".....	5 00
W. H. Moore, for magazines.....	104 00
S. O. Parmenter, ".....	2 95
S. B. Rogers & Co. for coal—bill of 1879.	9 26
Coal for 1880-1881.....	18 40
G. W. Hunt, kerosene.....	14 78
W. F. Stanwood, binding.....	41 45
G. E. Dickey, gilding letters on library..	13 50
Dennison & Co., for gum tags.....	2 00
Express bills for 1879, and magazine....	11 85
Express bills for 1880-1881.....	7 35
R. R. Horr, cellar windows, hatchet, etc.	4 95
R. R. Horr, repairing books, fertilizers ..	16 25
R. R. Horr, stitching magazines, care of vases.....	2 60
J. S. Hunt, labels and magazine.....	7 00
J. S. Hunt, preparing catalogue and print- ing.....	23 00
J. S. Hunt, posting "Author's Catalogue," etc.....	5 00

Paid Thermometer and oil can.....	1 05
Balance due on Building Fund.....	65 00
Deposit on Building Fund.....	300 00
Salary of trustees.....	100 00
Salary of librarian.....	80 00
Deposit in savings bank.....	525 86
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	\$1,818 35
Balance in Treasury.....	<hr/>
	\$468 23

The funds of the Library are invested as follows:

Note against inhabitants of town of Sudbury, interest payable semi-annually, at 6 per cent.....	\$20,000 00
Note secured by first mortgage of real estate.	300 00
Deposit in savings bank.....	525 86
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	\$20,825 86

Signed: H. H. BROWN, *Treasurer.*

Approved: RICHARD R. HARR, *Chairman,* } *Trustees.*
J. S. HUNT, *Clerk,* }

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Friends and Patrons of the Public Schools of Sudbury:

Justice to you and to ourselves, as well as legality, demands that we again present to you our annual report of the work accomplished in and by the several schools of our town, during the past year. The importance of those educational interests, which you have confided to our care, are, I believe, fully realized by us: the responsibility of the trust cannot be shirked or easily thrown off; hence, no step has been ventured upon which has not, first, been conscientiously considered and discussed. To say that the results of the year's labor have been satisfactory to us, we are not prepared. Such an affirmation on our part, would imply either *perfectionism*, or an amount of conceit, with which we do not choose to credit ourselves. Some defects, which existed in our schools at the beginning of the year, we feel we have improved upon, if not wholly remedied. Yet there are many others, which, we trust, in conjunction with your help and counsel, may be overcome in the future. We need more of your sympathy and encouragement; a more decided co-operation in plans for advancing our schools and establishing a higher standard of scholarship. No trustees, no teacher, no scholars can raise our schools to that degree of excellence, attainable by their *capacities*, without your interest, influence and support. Simple *acquiescence* will not help us. Only the most earnest and combined effort, can strengthen and improve our school system.

There are certain duties, which, we believe, *parents* are bound, in justice, to observe; such as encouraging and strenuously insisting on a more prompt and constant attendance of their children in the school-room; visiting schools—not occasionally but *very often*,—and witnessing the every-day routine of work and drill. By doing this you will greatly encourage the teacher. She will feel that she is not merely hired to “keep school,” but that you have placed your child in her care *to be taught*, and, as you are interested to see *how* she is

doing the work, she will take more pains to do it well. The employee most enjoys his labor when he feels that his employer is interested and appreciative. Again, you can better judge whether there is any ground for fault-finding, to which, possibly, you may have been disposed, on listening to occasional complaints, brought from the school-room by an angered child. This leads us to another thought. Too often, our teachers are much annoyed, and disheartened, by receiving *from the children*, messages of dissatisfaction or disapproval *sent by the parents*. *This ought never to be*. It is an injury to the child and an affront to the teacher. If any real or imaginary wrong or injustice exists, a kindly personal interview with her, will, in nine cases out of ten, prove to you that she is in the right; if in the wrong, your suggestions may become benefits, and you will convince her of your friendship, for "They are our friends who tell us of our faults."

In our work we are sometimes obliged to make demands upon you, which, at the time, you may think unnecessary. But could we marshal before you, in solid phalanx, the *ability* and *talent* comprised in our schools, could we show you that the boys and girls of to-day are the future men and women who are to occupy your positions in the arena—either as private citizens or as officials—could you realize that, inasmuch as *you* demanded for your growth and strength, much, much more than your fathers and mothers required in their day, *so* the generation of to-day, with its powers and capacities,—far-reaching and grasping for a stronger support,—demands more for *its* nourishment than *you*, in your day required,—and with this realization, could you look down the long vista of the future, you would not demur nor hesitate to place at their disposal all that they require for their intellectual advancement. Pride in your town—your desire for her future glory and strength, will, we are sure, lead you to place within the reach of your children every help and every facility which their active brains can utilize. We ask, then for your influence, your encouragement and your support, in promoting what we believe to be the best interests of your boys and girls,—*the future fathers and mothers of Sudbury*.

One change has been made in the Text-Books in the past year. "Greenleaf's Arithmetic" was good "in its day," but it did not answer the practical wants of the present time. Your committee thought

best, after a long discussion of the "pros and cons," to exchange it for "Eaton's"—a book used in nearly all the *best* schools in the state.

DISTRICT No. 1—PRIMARY.

It needs no words of ours to pronounce this school a *grand success*. For many consecutive terms, it has been under the charge of the same efficient teacher—Miss Marion A. Jones. It may justly be called a "Home" school. The mutual affection existing between the "little folks" and their teacher, is a very noticeable feature and forms the groundwork of the whole. That "Willing hands make light work," was never more clearly illustrated than in this school. A vast deal of work has been accomplished in the year, as was plainly shown in the examinations. To Miss Jones is due the gratitude of every patron of her school.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number of scholars.....	34	36	33
Average attendance	31	29	27.6

DISTRICT No. 1—GRAMMAR.

For the past four years this school has been in charge of Mrs. Emily F. Hunt. It speaks for itself. Her pupils have proved themselves scholars of ability, and, by their lady-like and gentlemanly deportment, they have gained a high standing in the town. The hearty friendship existing between teacher and scholars, will, we trust, never be forgotten.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number of scholars.....	26	23	38
Average attendance	24.7	21.3	32.2

DISTRICT No. 2.

For the Spring and Fall term we were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Lizzie P. Hurlbut, one of our most experienced and successful teachers. Quiet in her methods of teaching, gentle but firm in her discipline, she won the love of her scholars. The school was small, but, enthusiastic in awakening and interesting its members, she became, herself, interested, and the result could not be otherwise than satisfactory to parent and committee. We were sorry not to be

able to induce her to remain during the Winter term, but she felt compelled to decline our invitation. Miss Belle P. Oviatt was employed for the winter. Educated and refined, we hoped she might not be subjected to the incivilities and annoyances to which, for several winters, former teachers had been exposed. She entered upon her work zealously and conscientiously, but her best efforts were unavailing to overcome the persevering obstinacy and evil inclinations of some of the older pupils. We are sorry to report, that they forgot their manhood, and became as little children in their *actions*, though their influence was more pernicious. Miss Oviatt was heartily supported by her committee, but, had they been aware, at first, of the extent of the insubordination, strenuous and probably effective measures would have been taken to bring about a reform, and thus the work of the teacher might have been a less anxious and laborious one.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number of scholars.....	11	11	14
Average attendance.....	10+	9.9	9.8

DISTRICT No. 3.

This school has been the most difficult one, in which to accomplish good results, of any in our town. Since the burning of Wadsworth's building, many from the village district have attended this school. Miss Alice M. Barton, a young lady of no experience in teaching, but with "grit" and perseverance, undertook to bring order out of this chaotic mixture of scholars, large and small, which took possession of her school-room. She has fully succeeded in her almost discouraging task. Order, industry, politeness and cheerfulness are the characteristics of her school. She has won success by her energy and perseverance.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number of scholars.....	45	46	32
Average attendance.....	38.5	37.5	21.6

DISTRICT No. 4.

This school has also been taught by the same teacher, Miss Nellie Thompson, for several successive terms. The school is small, but some of the youngest scholars exemplify the old Latin phrase, "Multum in parvum." Every term shows us an improvement. She is a zealous

worker and we wish there were more scholars to receive the benefits of her instruction.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number of scholars.....	15	11	15
Average attendance.....	11.6	9.24	11.46

DISTRICT No. 5.

Another pleasant school and school-room does credit to our town. Miss Sarah E. Thompson, the teacher of this school for several years, is too well known to need any report of her work. As is usual, the closing examination of the year showed that much had been accomplished; we always like to visit the school; things are neat, cheerful and home-like, showing that Miss Thompson encourages something more than simply book-knowledge.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number of scholars.....	18	18	22
Average attendance.....	16	15.89	20.16

DISTRICT No. 6.

The Spring term was taught by Miss Hattie Bachelder. She had previously taught in town, but this was her first term in this district. Energetic and earnest, her school was a success, and we could ill spare her from our corps of teachers; but as it suited her convenience to teach nearer her home, we were obliged to look elsewhere for a teacher. Fortune favored us, in presenting to us Miss Minnie J. Maines, who entered upon her duties at the beginning of the Fall term. We have no reason to regret the assignment of this school to her. She has worked quietly but very earnestly, and the numerous displays of cards, reports, letters, etc., at the closing examination, proved that not alone during the six school-hours, did she work for us, but many hours outside the school-room. Her work has been highly satisfactory to all.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number of scholars.....	11	11	11
Average attendance.....	10	10.9	9.42

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