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# OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF SUDBURY

FOR THE YEAR 1881.

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## *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. DURELL.      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. HORR, 1 year.





# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

## EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS.

### DISTRICT NO. 1—GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Paid Miss Sarah E. Thompson, spring term,	\$100 00	
Mrs. Emily T. Hunt, fall	120 00	
" " " winter	153 40	
care of house for the year,	24 00	
	<hr/>	\$397 40

### DISTRICT NO. 1—PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Paid Miss Marion A. Jones, spring term,	90 00	
" " " fall	91 80	
" " " winter	108 00	
	<hr/>	289 80

### DISTRICT NO. 2.

Paid Miss Lizzie P. Hurlbut, spring term,	90 00	
" Gertrude L. Chapman, fall	80 00	
" " " winter	96 00	
care of house for the year,	11 00	
	<hr/>	277 00

### DISTRICT NO. 3.

Paid Miss Alice M. Barton, spring term,	90 00	
" " " fall	90 00	
" " " winter	108 00	
care of house for the year,	12 00	
	<hr/>	300 00

### DISTRICT NO. 4.

Paid Miss Nellie F. Thompson, spring term,	88 20	
" " " fall	81 60	
" " " winter	96 00	
care of house for the year,	12 00	
	<hr/>	277 80

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

Paid Miss Jennie P. Hunt, spring term,	\$88 20	
"      "      "      fall      "	95 40	
"      "      "      winter  "	111 60	
care of house for the year,	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$307 20

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

Paid Miss Minnie J. Mains, spring term,	91 80	
"      "      "      fall      "	81 60	
"      "      "      winter  "	96 00	
care of house for the year,	13 00	
	<hr/>	282 40

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

Paid Mrs. Emily T. Hunt, spring term,	52 00	
Miss Emily A. Gordon, fall      "	90 00	
"      Lizzie P. Hurlbut, winter term,	108 00	
care of house for the year,	12 00	
	<hr/>	262 00

Unexpended balance in hands of Committee, March 2,	2 60	
Total for schools,	<hr/>	\$2,396 20

## REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid Frank E. Bent for gravel, for 1880,	\$11 10	
"      "      "      "      1881,	8 76	
Fred E. Carr,	196 71	
John C. Jones,	110 62	
Wm. L. Stone,	146 59	
M. W. Goodnow,	152 64	
Wm. H. Moore,	153 61	
Hiram Haynes, in two wards,	315 76	
James E. Bent,	134 28	
Abijah Powers,	103 13	
Elisha Moore,	102 41	
Nathan P. Fairbank,	81 69	
W. H. Fairbank,	121 08	
Thomas E. Bent,	7 16	
N. L. Pratt,	11 12	
	<hr/>	\$1,656 66



## SNOW BILLS.

Paid Wm. L. Stone, bill for 1881,	\$82 62	
Thomas E. Bent, "	19 87	
E. W. Rice, damage, "	2 50	
Abijah Powers, "	90	
Hiram Haynes, "	6 05	
Martin W. Goodnow "	96 53	
N. P. Fairbank, "	5 40	
James E. Bent, 1882,	37 69	
Wm. H. Moore, "	32 80	
Hiram Haynes " two wards,	119 98	
		<u>\$404 34</u>

## SPECIAL REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

## REPAIRS ON HILL NEAR HOUSE OF JOHN MOYNIHAN.

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

ON CAUSEWAY NEAR HOUSE OF LUKE M<sup>C</sup>CANN.

Paid J. W. Rice, on contract,	264 00	
" " for extra work,	81 25	
T. E. Bent, for material and putting up railing,	14 39	
		<u>\$359 64</u>

## REPAIRS ON SHERMAN'S BRIDGE.

Paid Stetson, Moseley & Co., for timber,	\$127 81	
O. C. R. R. Co., for freight on timber,	22 00	
F. E. Carr, for teaming timber,	11 50	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, for spikes,	3 62	
Garfield & Parmenter, for lanterns,	2 00	
C. A. Harrington, for plank,	50 55	
G. F. Harrington, " teaming plank,	5 30	
A. Powers & Son, " irons and repairs,	3 95	
D. W. Hayden, " labor,	13 50	
" " " bolts and spikes,	4 11	
" " " team for lumber,	1 00	
G. W. Taylor, " labor,	10 00	

C. W. Porter,	for labor,	\$10 00
C. W. Whitney,	" "	12 00
" "	" saw,	1 50
Overseers of Poor,	" chestnut plank,	2 40
N. L. Pratt,	" sawing,	75
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		\$281 99

# INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Hobart Noyes, labor in school-house No. 1,	\$1 20
Mrs. Emily T. Hunt, for services to Sept.	
1, 1881, 30 days as school committee,	75 00
2 days work, District 2 and 3,	5 00
for attending 8 committee meetings,	10 00
A. Parmenter, for repairs, District 2,	25
2 journeys to Framingham for teacher,	4 50
1 " Saxonville and Thompson's,	2 25
1 " " for wall paper for	
District 2,	1 50
1 " Town Farm to order wood	
for schools,	75
3 " George Barton's, on school	
business,	1 50
1 " Boston, for school furniture,	5 00
table for District 7,	2 13
extra work, No. 7,	1 00
Bridget Hanlon, for work at No. 3,	1 00
Mrs. Johnson, " " 2,	1 50
Susie Hunt, " " 1,	36
John Burke, for transporting settees,	25
F. E. Bent, " " chairs, 3	
times, District 1,	1 50
Frank Jones, for labor on District 1,	15
for postage and stationery,	85
Ex. on ink wells and books,	60
" registers,	25
for dipper, 25c, dipper, 30c, duster, 25c,	80
" 25c, pail, 25c, 2 chairs \$2.50,	
District 3,	3 00
ink, District 1, 50c, watering pot, 65c,	
curtain cord, 14c,	1 29
repairing house No. 1,	2 00
writing school report, making returns,	5 00
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127 43	

Paid C. F. Gerry, 19 days services as school committee, to Aug. 1, 1881,	\$47 50	
journey to Boston to examine furniture,	5 00	
watering pot for District No. 1,	45	
purchasing and distributing school books,	20 00	
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		\$72 95

Paid A. N. Thompson, services as school committee, Jan. 1, 1881, to Dec. 1, 1881, 24 days,	60 00	
for glass and setting same,	50	
2 journeys to Maynard, on account of stove,	2 50	
1 " Boston, on account of books,	5 00	
sawing and splitting wood,	1 50	
washing room and repairing carpet,	1 50	
E. A. Conant, work on stove,	25	
H. Haynes, repairs,	25	
T. P. Hurlbut, for taking ages of children,	1 25	
L. F. Fuller's bill for repairs on No. 1,	5 80	
J. J. Puffer, " " "	4 20	
for washing school house 3 times,	3 00	
pail, 25c, 3 dippers, 60c, 3 brooms, 90c,		
1 broom, 28c,	2 03	
wash dish, 25c, 3 mats, \$2.55, 1 brush, 38c,	3 18	
1 U. S. A. map, \$4.00, 4 chairs at 90c, \$3.60	7 60	
one set small maps,	9 00	
one dictionary holder,	1 50	
" "	10 30	
" set of maps,	9 00	
" bell, \$1.10, 1 bell, \$1.20,	2 30	
" globe,	12 00	
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		142 66

Paid L. G. Hunt, cash paid Times Publishing Company, for 325 copies of town reports,	34 00	
town meeting warrant for April,	3 00	
U. S. and Canada, express on reports,	35	
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		37 35



Paid John Goodnow, $\frac{1}{2}$ day, committee on distribution of income of funds for 1880,	\$1 25	
1 day making distribution,	2 50	
use of horse and carriage for same,	1 25	
1 day to Boston to examine bank and corporation credits,	4 50	
1 day on abatements and closing assessors' book,	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$12 00
Paid Edward Willis, janitor's service at town house for 1880,	37 89	
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Paid Calvin Garfield, bill of painting, ordered and approved by school committee,	6 38	
for repairs and painting No. 4,	27 95	
	<hr/>	34 33
Paid Edward E. Brown, for $9\frac{1}{2}$ days services as committee on school house No. 7,	23 75	
5 journeys to D. W. Hayden's at 50c,	2 50	
1 " Framingham, for posters,	1 50	
for posting bills,	1 00	
2 journeys to Saxonville, to see mason,	2 50	
3 " J. C. Howe's, on committee business,	1 50	
	<hr/>	32 75
Paid Isaac M. Jones, 3 days committee on school house No. 7,	7 50	
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Paid J. L. Willis, for procuring and posting town warrants for 1880, 4 lots printing,	18 00	
for posting same,	20 00	
making return of 24 deaths,	3 60	
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Paid James Moore, for services as moderator,		
March and April meetings,	5 00	
two special meetings,	2 50	
journey to Boston,	3 50	
	<hr/>	11 00

Paid C. O. Parmenter, tax on school house, re-		
funded,	\$13 20	\$13 20
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Paid D. W. Hayden for 17½ days services as as-		
essor,	43 75	
use of horse 1½ day,	1 50	
splitting and setting guide posts,	8 50	
painting " "	2 00	
for 3 monuments,	1 00	
<hr/>		56 75
Paid J. S. Hunt, town clerk, for recording war-		
rants, reports, and doings of town		
meetings,	25 00	
recording 20 births at 50c,	10 00	
" 16 marriages at 20c,	3 20	
" 35 deaths at 35c,	12 25	
notifying officers, committees, and admin-		
istering oaths,	10 00	
making return of elections,	3 00	
attending meeting of clerks at Wayland,	2 50	
returning dog licenses and money to		
county treasurer,	3 70	
recording and returning soldiers,	2 00	
" perambulation of Concord and		
Sudbury lines,	50	
" laying out of roads,	2 00	
" return of County and R. R.		
Commissioners on roads,	1 50	
express on books, blanks, acts and re-		
solves, and distributing,	4 25	
postage and stationery,	1 40	
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16 days service as assessor,	40 00	
distributing funds,	5 00	
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Paid Wm. H. Moore, for supplies and repairs,		
District No. 6, broom, 33c, repairing		
curtains, 25c, repairing blinds, 25c,	83	
glass, putty, and setting, 25c, cleaning		
house, \$1.20,	1 45	
gravelling around school house,	1 25	
duster and dipper, 70c, fixing pump, 45c,	1 15	
glass and putty, 85c, setting glass, 20c,	1 05	
washing school room,	1 00	
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## DEFICIENCY PAINTING ALMSHOUSE.

Paid N. P. Fairbank,	<u>\$35 54</u>	\$35 54
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## RELIEF OF MRS. DORA SMITH.

Paid Mrs. Dora Smith,	<u>150 00</u>	\$150 00
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## CARE OF TOWN CLOCK.

Paid Sewall B. Taylor,	<u>25 00</u>	\$25 00
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## PAINTING ALMSHOUSE, DEFICIENCY ACCOUNT.

Paid N. P. Fairbank,	<u>35 54</u>	\$35 54
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## STATE AID.

Paid Francis Garfield,	72 00	
Persis M. Sanderson,	48 00	
Sophia Thorp,	48 00	
Richard G. Dane,	42 00	
George H. Murphy,	96 00	
George F. Butterfield,	40 00	
	<u></u>	\$346 00

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## RAISING HEARSE HOUSE.

Paid D. W. Hayden, for raising and grading,	<u>32 17</u>	\$32 17
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## SINGING SCHOOL.

Paid A. H. Newton, jr.,	<u>100 00</u>	\$100 00
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## SCHOOL BOOKS.

Paid J. S. Hunt,	\$182 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$182 00

## ROAD TO UNION DEPOT, FROM THE SOUTH.

Paid Walter Rogers, land damage,	60 00	
John R. Rooke's contract,	575 00	
"      "      for extension of road,	145 63	
N. L. Pratt, for railing posts,	4 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$784 63

## ROAD TO UNION DEPOT, FROM THE NORTH.

Paid Fred A. Houdlette & Co., agents of Phoenix Iron Co., for 5 10½ in. wrought iron beams, 4,725 lbs. at 4c,	189 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$189 00

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid A. J. Parmenter, abatements for 1881,	132 47	
State treasurer, adjustment on corporation tax for 1880,	11 23	
"      "      "      "      1881,	86	
	<u>          </u>	\$144 56

## TOWN DEBT.

Paid estate of Emily Thompson,	\$500 00
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## INTEREST ON TOWN DEBT.

Paid John Forsyth,	26 40	
Margaret Allen,	12 00	
Estate of Emily Thompson,	43 00	
A. J. Parmenter,	63 00	
R. R. Horr,	84 00	
Hopestill Brown,	120 00	
on borrowed money, 1881,	73 61	
	<u>          </u>	\$422 01

## INTEREST ON TOWN FUNDS.

Paid Trustees Goodnow Library,	\$1,200 00	
Assessors for distribution interest on		
Elisha Goodnow fund,	180 00	
interest on S. D. Hunt fund,	60 00	
" " donation " "	9 23	
Overseers of Poor, interest on Jerusha		
Howe fund, for wood for industrious		
poor,	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,509 23

## CONDITION OF TREASURY, MARCH 2, 1882.

## RECEIPTS FOR 1881.

Balance in Treasury, March 5, 1881,	\$4,306 77	
Received from taxes of " "	12,185 34	
borrowed money " "	3,300 00	
corporation tax " "	416 87	
" adjustment,	53 61	
National Bank tax,	467 44	
" " " "	3 84	
legacy of Miss Emily Thompson,	200 00	
E. E. Brown, over-draft on school		
house,	10 12	
re-imbursement of State aid,	136 00	
account of school books,	4 52	
County, on account of dog licen-		
ses,	101 95	
income of State school fund,	168 62	
interest on taxes,	3 68	
auctioneer's license,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$21,360 76

## EXPENDITURES FOR 1881.

For interest on town debt and funds,	1,931 24	
borrowed money in 1881,	3,300 00	
repairs of highways,	1,656 66	
" " (snow bills),	404 34	
incidental expenses,	1,105 23	
Support of schools,	2,396 20	
" poor,	1,000 00	

For pauper account deficiency,	\$453 79
new school house,	2,045 53
"    "    furniture,	266 60
painting    "    No. 5,	75 17
special repairs at J. C. Dakin's,	100 00
"    "    on causeway,	359 64
"    "    Sherman's bridge,	281 99
State tax, 1881,	840 00
County    "    "	422 10
abatement of taxes in 1881,	132 47
adjustment of corporation tax,	12 09
road to Union depot from the south,	784 63
"    "    "    "    north,	189 00
raising hearse house and grading,	32 17
relief of Mrs. Dora Smith,	150 00
care of town clock,	25 00
deficiency on painting almshouse,	35 54
State aid,	346 00
school books,	182 00
payment of town debt,	500 00
singing school,	100 00
Balance in Treasury, March 2, 1882,	2,233 37
	<hr/> \$21,360 76

Respectfully submitted by

NATHAN L. PRATT,  
THOMAS E. BENT,

*Selectmen of Sudbury.*



# OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF SUDBURY

FOR THE YEAR 1882.

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*Town Clerk :*

JONAS S. HUNT.

*Selectmen :*

NATHAN L. PRATT.                      DANA W. HAYDEN.  
BENJAMIN H. RICHARDSON.

*Assessors :*

NATHAN L. PRATT.                      JONAS S. HUNT.  
EDWARD E. BROWN.

*Overseers of Poor :*

JAMES MOORE.                      ELISHA MOORE.  
FRANCIS HAYNES.

*Constable :*

JAMES L. WILLIS.

*School Committee :*

FRANCIS F. WALKER, 3 years.  
ALFRED N. THOMPSON, 2 years.  
EMILY T. HUNT, 1 year.

*Treasurer and Collector :*

ANDREW J. PARMENTER.

*Trustees of Goodnow Library :*

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

# Report of Overseers of the Poor.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1882.

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## INMATES OF THE ALMSHOUSE, MARCH 1, 1881.

Henry Paine,	68 years.	Charles H. Wright,	25 years.
Newell Brown,	79	Betsy Moore,	87
Geo. W. Smith,	46	Susannah Parmenter,	34
Andrew J. Wright,	23	Joel Oaks,	50

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## CHANGES DURING THE YEAR.

Joel Oaks, discharged,	March 14
Nancy J. Moore, admitted	May 9

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Number of tramps lodged and fed at the almshouse for the  
year ending March 1, 1882, 35

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## VALUATION OF PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM,

AS PER INVENTORY TAKEN MARCH 26, 1881.

Real estate,	\$7,000 00	
Personal estate,	2,178 39	
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## DEFICIENCY OF 1880.

Received by the Overseers,	\$453 79
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## PAID THE FOLLOWING BILLS WITH THE SAME :

Bill of Warden, salary,	\$320 79	
House rent for Doyle family,	52 50	
For labor on farm,	80 50	
	<hr/>	\$453 79

## EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF THE POOR.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1882.

Paid for hay, grain and grinding,	\$562 64
seed potatoes, grass, and garden seed,	18 12
flour and crackers,	64 82
phosphate,	220 78
household goods, and repairs on harness,	9 25
A. Powers & Son, bill for blacksmithing,	117 49
dry goods,	32 32
fish and meat,	70 58
hard and tin ware,	20 56
medicine and doctoring cow,	4 59
pasturing cows,	27 00
sundries,	27 29
C. W. Whitney, hewing R. R. ties,	25 27
City of Boston, on account of Helen Dene and Ann O'Neil,	2 27
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on account of Helen Dene,	8 00
groceries,	233 18
farming tools,	107 84
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, on account of Elsie E. Lovering,	58 34
new pump and repairs,	26 34
boots and shoes,	21 21
sawing lumber,	62 48
clothing,	24 84
on account of John Hanlan and family,	25 00
labor on farm,	186 27
indoor labor,	99 00
cattle bought,	220 00
J. L. Willis, for attending the funeral of Mr. Gibbs and Miss Lyons,	10 00
miscellaneous articles,	25 72
building and repairing wagons,	115 84
out of town expenses,	45 68
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	\$2,472 72
on account of State paupers,	15 50
“ Doyle family,	60 00
butchering,	2 75
printing,	1 75
salary of superintendent,	400 00
D. W. Hayden, for wood for state in 1880,	8 00



Paid A. M. Durell, for services as Overseer,	\$25 00
Samuel Bent, " "	33 00
A. J. Parmenter, " "	27 22

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Total expenditures,	\$3,045 94
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# RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF POOR.

For milk,	\$662 84
R. R. ties,	180 50
Industrious Poor Fund, for wood,	60 00
fence posts,	6 00
cattle,	118 50
beef and pork,	34 47
lumber and wood,	337 98
phosphate,	16 52
potatoes,	77 85
pigs,	35 75
butter and eggs,	31 52
use of harrow,	1 00
use of stock,	19 00
hide and tallow,	5 20
calves,	7 50
entertaining pedlers,	3 50
Town grant,	1,000 00
Town of Bernardston, on account of Slate family,	13 62

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Total receipts,	\$2,611 75
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Total expenditures,	3,045 94
" receipts,	2,611 75

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Deficiency,	\$434 19
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ASA M. DURELL,  
SAMUEL BENT,  
A. J. PARMENTER,

*Overseers of the Poor.*

# VITAL STATISTICS OF SUDBURY

FOR THE YEAR 1881.

Whole number of Births, 20

Males 10, females 10 ; children of native-born parents 16, foreign-born 4.

Number of Marriages recorded, 15

Of the thirty parties to the above, 25 were for the first time married, 4 the second time, and 1, third. Age of youngest bride 15 years, of the oldest 32 ; of the youngest groom 21, of the oldest 40 ; average of all 24.

Number of Deaths, 27

Males 13, females 14.

The following is a list of deaths of all who were upwards of ten years of age, viz :

Jan. 6.	Emily Thompson,	68 years.
" 20.	Geo. W. Willis,	60
" 29.	Mrs. Asa M. Durell,	72
Feb. 3.	Mrs. Joseph H. Willis,	27
Apr. 4.	Miss Mittee L. Wheeler,	83
" 10.	Mrs. Chas. F. Gerry,	51
May 25.	Abel B. Richardson,	86
" 26.	Mrs. Wm. H. Goding,	25
June 1.	Reuben S. Willis,	71
" 20.	Mrs. Jeremiah Clough,	85
	Mrs. Samuel N. Bowker,	76
July 3.	Mrs. John Eaton,	74
Aug. 15.	Mrs. Frank W. Goodnow,	24
Sept. 11.	Miss Mary A. Oviatt,	63
" 13.	George Goodnow,	62
" 22.	Luther G. Hunt,	45
" 26.	Thomas Bent,	77
Oct. 19.	Geo. O. Morse,	24
Nov. 17.	Abiathar H. Carr,	76
" 22.	Bertie W. Arnold,	14

J. S. HUNT, *Town Clerk.*



NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE GOODNOW LIBRARY.

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The Trustees of the Goodnow Library herewith submit for the consideration of the inhabitants of the Town of Sudbury, their nineteenth annual report. At the usual time, the trustees made a thorough examination of the library, and with the exception of a single volume, all the books were in their places, or otherwise satisfactorily accounted for. The record books of the librarian show that the circulation for the past year has been 14,880, being a little less than for the two preceding years.

The highest number upon the catalogue at date of last annual report was 7721, at the present time 8188, making the additions of books for the past year 467. The number of books added and the amount of money expended, has been somewhat larger than usual; the trustees having taken advantage of a rare opportunity which enabled them to secure a large number of bound volumes of desirable magazines, at a very low price. It is not the intention of the present board of trustees to exceed the amount usually expended for books, in the future, but rather to reduce it, in order to increase the amount of the sinking fund as fast as possible, to provide for future additions, which must be made to the library building, the shelves of which are rapidly filling up, and if every foot of available space is utilized, an addition must be made within ten years.

The rules relating to the return of books taken out, are generally well observed, but few books being kept longer than the specified time, and but a comparatively small amount of money is paid for fines; but the trustees feel compelled to repeat what has been said before, that some persons do not exercise proper care in the use of the books, that some books are unnecessarily defaced and otherwise damaged; one book was noticed so badly injured, as to require new binding within two months from the time it was purchased, and



## SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

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*Friends of Education and of our Public Schools :*

### GREETINGS :

Since we last submitted to you our Educational Report, another cycle has added its imperishable record to our history. To some, it has brought its triumphs ; to others, bright visions, infusing our youth with laudable ambition,—with the courage and zeal of the veteran marching on to victory ; to some, it has accorded an *immortal crown*. Yet, whatever of good or ill it has bequeathed to us, its terminus brings with it much to call forth our mutual congratulations. A retrospection of the past year's work cannot fail to convince all, that a marked progress has been made in our schools, and though we are still far from the goal we would reach, yet this advance gives us courage to make farther innovations on the old school-life of *drill* and *drudgery*. *Ideals* and *theories* furnish but little, of themselves, to arouse the ambition or enthusiasm of a scholar ; but when he finds a *practical use* for those same theories,—when he is convinced that those ideals are not, as he once supposed, only shadows of something afar off, beclouding and bewildering his brain, but real, tangible fact and substance, of which he can make daily use, propelling them into whatever channel his mind may devise or his will direct, *then* his soul enters into his work and he feels that he may, if he will, exclaim, “I am monarch of all I survey.” *Then* he looks upon the school-room, not as a prison-house, in which he is shut from the busy, outer world, by bars of opaque dogmas and agonistic propositions, but that it is a sunlit workshop, where he may *prove*, by his own observation and experiment, the truth or falsity of what has, before, seemed to him only stupid assertions of *seemingly* learned men ; where he may, himself, apply principles, and learn, in so doing that *brains govern the world*.

We do not propose to make an extended dissertation on what our schools *are* or what they *may* become ; but we feel that we can-



not close our Report, without an attempt to awaken in you an increased zeal for and interest in our educational institutions, from which spring those influences which shall control a country on which the eyes of a world may gaze, nor detect a flaw to mar the lustre of her crown, radiant with the jewels of Education, Truth, Justice, and Liberty. Parents, let us impress upon you the fact that *your responsibility* is as continuous as is that of the teacher. It is a truth, which, with a few individual exceptions, is overlooked in almost every community. *Your obligations do not cease with your appropriations of money for Schools.* You cannot afford to rest here; there are duties still devolving upon you. Do you not care to know *how your* money is used—to what purposes it is applied? Your committee, to whom you trust it, are not infallible. It is for *you* to learn whether you are receiving an equivalent for what you bestow. You can only judge of this from *your own observation.* Then visit your schools often; make it a part of your duty. If you have no particular interest at first, if you “don’t care,” let me refer you to the words of a well-known author: “Make yourself care; get up—shake yourself well; *pretend* to care, and very soon you *will* care.” After a few visits to the school-room, you cannot fail of becoming interested in its work, and *interest* in any object or aim, is the first step to *success.* Your presence in the school-room has a greater influence than you may imagine. It is a font of marvellous power. When our youth are made to realize that their parents, who furnish the supplies for their education, are, *individually,* looking for an *exchange of values,* and that *they themselves,* are responsible agents, they will see to it that they are not chargeable with wasting the funds. Human nature is the same in the boy as in the man, and our average boy, when he fully understands that *his parents,* and not “the town,” furnish the money, will be very apt to keep a sharp lookout for what belongs to him. Again, your repeated visits to the school-room will inspire the teacher to greater exertion. Enthusiastic as she may be, that enthusiasm can but be stagnated by your indifference. She *needs* to feel that her *nerve work* is understood and appreciated; let her know that she has your sympathies and co-operation, and she will be invigorated in mind, while her best energies will be incited to *merit* the title of *Teacher.*

Also, see to it that your children are punctual in their daily attendance at school. In this matter there has been, in all our schools,



a very great improvement, yet we are not *wholly* satisfied. Nothing more surely hinders a teacher's work, — nothing more thoroughly disheartens her, than the continual absences of her pupils. A row of vacant chairs can possess, for her, no particular charm; the sight has an enervating influence, which an earnest teacher cannot overcome. No child can make any degree of improvement, who attends school three and absents himself two days in the week, and parents who allow such an order of things, cannot justly complain if their children do not, at the examinations, show that degree of proficiency, noticeable in those who have been constant attendants.

To our teachers we would speak a word of good cheer and encouragement. Your committee, we believe, fully realize the extent of your responsibility, yet, in no case have they had reason to feel that you have shirked or evaded it. You have readily endorsed and *acted upon* any plan or suggestion which we have presented to you, and you have our sincere thanks. Your cheerful co-operation with us, has been the means of what improvement has been made in our school regime. No year, since our connection with the schools, has borne on its escutcheon, so vividly, the word "Progress," as has the one just passed. We know you have often been discouraged; no *earnest teacher* lives, who does not, at times, feel that her labor is useless, but remember, that

" Heaven is not reached at a *single* bound;  
But we *build* the ladder by which we rise  
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,  
And we mount to the summit, *round by round*."

There will still arise obstacles to be overcome—duties must be performed—principles must be advanced and maintained. The teacher's work, we aver, is the *noblest* and *grandest* bestowed upon humanity. She *may* hold in control every avenue to the heart and soul of the child—and through the heart only *can* the mind be reached. Your first duty, then, is to *win* the child; study his disposition, his inherent characteristics, and make allowances for them; let him understand that your interest and affection in and for him, is not a mercenary one, confined to six hours a day inside the school-room, but that it follows him, in his games, in his home, wherever he may be. Make him to *feel* this, and you have a hold upon him which he will not attempt to shake off. Invest his mind with the importance of *right principles*, as a starting point; teach



him the importance of loyalty and patriotism ; teach him that *honor* and *truth* can alone raise him to the nobility of a *true manhood*. We would have the "Public School" a synonym for *all* that is *noble, true* and *brave*. Years must pass before such results shall be accomplished ; but, we believe, that step by step, they will be reached ; the time will come, when every inch of ground devoted to our public schools, will be looked upon as an *enchanted region*. Take courage, teachers, and go forward ; do your duty and trust results to the future and to God.

"I count this thing to be grandly true :  
That a noble deed is a step toward God,  
Lifting the soul from the common clod  
To a purer air and a broader view."

We cannot pass by the pupils of our schools without a word to them. You are soon to enter the arena of life as *men* and *women*. An inevitable struggle is before you ; a strife between education and ignorance, between right and wrong, between virtue and vice. Arm yourselves with an indomitable courage to contend with and crush error and ignorance—with an unconquerable determination to stand by the *right*. There can be no middle ground for true men and true women. These school-days are pregnant with the germs of principles which shall either build up or destroy. Your education is a priceless gift ; prove your gratitude to those who gave it you, by attaining to the culmination of this life—a true *Christian manhood* and *womanhood*,—which shall outweigh "gold or precious stones."

"The world wants men—large hearted—manly men—  
Men who shall join its chorus, and prolong  
The psalm of labor and the psalm of love.

The times want scholars—scholars who shall shape  
The doubtful destinies of future years,  
And land the ark that bears our country's good  
Safe on some peaceful Ararat at last.

The age wants heroes,—heroes who shall dare  
To struggle in the solid ranks of Truth,  
To clutch the monster, Error, by the throat,  
To bear opinion to a loftier seat,  
To blot the era of oppression out,  
And lead a universal freedom in.

And Heaven wants souls,—fresh and capacious souls,  
To taste its raptures, and expand, like flowers,

Beneath the glory of its central sun.  
 It wants fresh souls,—not lean and shrivelled ones;  
 It wants fresh souls. My comrade! give it thine.  
 If thou, indeed, wilt be a hero, and wilt strive  
 To help thy fellow and exalt thyself,  
 Thy feet, at last, shall stand on jasper floors;  
 Thy heart, at last, shall sun a thousand hearts,  
 Each single heart with myriad raptures filled,  
 While thou shalt sit with princes and with kings,  
 Rich in the jewel of a ransomed soul."

#### DISTRICT No. 1.—GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. E. T. Hunt having had charge of this school for more than four years, and feeling the need of rest and change, declined the invitation of your Committee to retain her situation. Miss Sarah E. Thompson, one of our most experienced and valued teachers, was engaged to supply the vacancy during the Spring term. The school was comparatively small, most of the older pupils attending only during the Winter term. Though decreased in numbers, there seemed no decrease in the enthusiasm or in the amount of work performed by those who remained. At the closing examination the fact was particularly noticeable that much had been taught *outside* the text-books. The class in Literature merited especial commendation. Severe illness in her family obliged Miss Thompson to give up the school at the close of the term, when Mrs. Hunt's services were again secured for the remainder of the year. The quiet and orderly demeanor of the scholars has stamped them as ladies and gentlemen, and the most cordial relationship between teachers and pupils has existed throughout the year.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number of scholars.....	18	22	26
Average attendance .....	14.6	21 4	22.9

#### No. 1.—PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

In her management of this school for so many years, the present teacher, Miss Marion A. Jones, has shown no diminution of zeal or energy. Enjoying the perfect confidence of her patrons, and the love of the "little folks" under her charge, and, with her whole heart in her work, she could not come short of *success*, and we accord it to her. More attention has been paid to singing



exercises the past year—a pleasing feature which we wish all our schools may enjoy. One class has been prepared for promotion to the Grammar Department, and another is rapidly following in its footsteps. Her examinations always prove that both herself and her *school-family* have been “*diligent in business.*”

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number of scholars.....	31 .....	32 .....	26
Average attendance.....	28.7.....	30.9.....	21+

### No. 2—WAYSIDE INN.

The Committee were again fortunate in securing the services of Miss Lizzie P. Hurlbut, a former teacher of this school. Her manner of teaching and her invariable successes are too well known to need comment from us. Any school is fortunate in such a teacher. Miss H. could not be prevailed upon to return for the Fall term, and thus we were obliged, much against our wishes, to look elsewhere for a teacher. Miss Gertrude Chapman, of Framingham, just graduated from the High School, was engaged for the Fall term. With no experience in teaching, we had, for her, some doubts and fears; but she soon showed herself *equal to the occasion*, and we no longer hesitated to place the school in her charge for the Winter term. Prompt, ambitious, energetic, firm in her government, and very thorough in her teaching, the results were more than satisfactory to parents and Committee.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number of scholars.....	14 .....	11 .....	10
Average attendance.....	11+.....	8.7.....	7.4

### DISTRICT No. 3.

For the past two years this school has been under the charge of Miss Alice M. Barton. That her services have been retained such a length of time, speaks louder than words. We pronounce her a *progressive* teacher, earnest in her efforts, and with a laudable ambition to rank herself among the first in the profession. Her examinations are always of a high order, and most enjoyable.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number of scholars.....	28 .....	23 .....	24
Average attendance.....	24.7.....	22.04.....	19.6



## DISTRICT NO. 4.

This school, under the charge of Miss Nellie F. Thompson, for several years, has shown a degree of excellence in attainment, which would hardly be expected from a consideration of the average age of her scholars. Very quietly and perseveringly has Miss T. worked; she has, as it would seem, been preparing and strengthening the almost *infant* minds of the former years, for grasping *much* in the past year. Hers is another of our *home schools*, where her little flock are very tenderly cared for—petted, if they need it—but always taught to *obey*. Some of the younger classes, at the closing examinations, evinced a readiness and promptness very pleasing and satisfactory. We feel that she is doing a good work; that she is the *right teacher in the right place*.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number of scholars.....	14	14	18
Average attendance.....	12.5	11.06	13.7

## DISTRICT No. 5.

The vacancy left in this school, by the appointment of Miss Thompson to District No. 1, was supplied by Miss Jennie P. Hunt, a graduate from the Framingham Normal School. She entertained some fears, lest, following one who had been so long and so efficient a teacher in the school, she might not be able to meet our wishes or expectations. Insisting upon good order as the *first* point to be gained, others were easily attained. The close of her first term gave evidence that she had not "mistaken her calling." A warm affection between herself and her pupils, gave her perfect control over them without the use of force. Each term has witnessed a good degree of progress, very encouraging to all. The Calisthenic exercises, introduced into her school by Miss Hunt, we believe to be of great benefit to the physical growth of her pupils, beside relieving the school-room of its monotony.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number of scholars.....	20	17	23
Average attendance.....	18.8	16.4	21.5

## DISTRICT No. 6.

This school, though comparatively small, is *large* in enthusiasm and acquirements. For the past two years it has been taught by



Miss Minnie J. Mains, of Framingham, who has each term introduced some new feature of interest and profit in her method of instruction. Earnest and progressive, her school seems always busy and interested. Very great attention has been paid to the younger classes, in the way of *reading* and *writing*. This, we believe to be the *basis* of a good education. Miss M. enters into her work with spirit, and we rank her as among our successful teachers.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number of scholars.....	10	13	11
Average attendance.....	9.2	12.7	10.7

#### DISTRICT No. 7.—WADSWORTH.

The new school-building was thrown open in June, for a term of five weeks. Mrs. Hunt was appointed to its organization. In a few days the machinery was in "running order." The scholars seemed to appreciate a school of *their own*, and were anxious to "make up for lost time." The five weeks were thoroughly improved, as those who were in at the closing exercises were willing to attest. In the Fall the school opened regularly, under the charge of Miss Emily A. Gordon, of Littleton. An experienced teacher, a lady of the highest character and qualifications, interested and interesting, she easily and quickly won the affection of her pupils. The school was large and the classes very numerous. Notwithstanding this, much "ground was broken," and much *practical* knowledge gained. The singing, calisthenics, and, more than all else, the *cheerful faces* of the scholars as one entered the room, made it very attractive. We were sorry not to be able to retain Miss Gordon's services for the remainder of the year, but ill health and the onerous duties of the school-room compelled her to decline our invitation. Miss Lizzie Hurlburt, so well-known to us, was induced to enter the school for the Winter term. No commendations are needed from us. She possesses the confidence of scholars, patrons and Committee, and her schools always *speak* for themselves.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number of scholars.....	.....	34	31
Average attendance.....	.....	29.3	24.5

Respectfully submitted,

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