

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SELECTMEN  
OF THE  
TOWN OF SUDBURY  
FROM MARCH 1, 1882, TO MARCH 1, 1883.  
TOGETHER WITH THE REPORTS OF THE  
OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
AND THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE GOODNOW LIBRARY.

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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.  
SAMUEL BENT.

*Overseers of the 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.

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

## EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS, 1882-83.

### DISTRICT No. 1.—GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Paid Mrs. Emily T. Hunt, Spring Term,	\$115 60
“ “ “ Fall “	120 00
“ “ “ Winter “	156 00
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	\$391 60

### DISTRICT No. 1—PRIMARY.

Paid Miss Marion A. Jones, Spring Term,	90 00
“ “ “ Fall “	91 80
“ “ “ Winter “	108 00
“ care of house for one year,	24 00
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	313 80

### DISTRICT No. 2.

Paid Miss Ella M. Bent, Spring Term,	78 40
“ “ “ Fall “	81 60
“ “ “ Winter “	97 60
“ care of house for one year,	11 00
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	268 60

### DISTRICT No. 3.

Paid Miss Alice M. Barton, Spring Term,	88 20
“ “ “ Fall “	91 80
“ “ “ Winter “	109 80
“ care of house for one year,	12 00
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	301 80

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

Paid Miss Nellie F. Thompson, Spring Term,	80 00	
" " " Fall "	80 00	
" " " Winter "	96 00	
" care of house for one year,	12 00	
	<u>268 00</u>	

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

Paid Miss Jennie P. Hunt, Spring Term,	91 80	
" " " Fall "	90 00	
" " " Winter "	108 00	
" care of house one year,	12 00	
	<u>301 80</u>	

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

Paid Miss Minnie J. Mains, Spring Term,	78 40	
" " " Fall "	80 00	
" " " Winter "	96 00	
" care of house for one year,	13 00	
	<u>267 40</u>	

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

Paid Miss Lizzie P. Hurlbut, Spring Term,	90 00	
" " " Fall "	60 00	
" " Inez A. Perry, " "	38 00	
" " Lizzie P. Hurlbut, Winter "	120 00	
Care of house for one year,	13 00	
	<u>321 00</u>	

## REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid John C. Jones,	\$125 03
William H. Moore,	122 01
James E. Bent,	112 91
Fred. E. Carr,	131 71
W. L. Stone,	130 69
Hiram Haynes, in two wards,	210 01
Abijah Powers,	110 43
Andrew Hunt,	94 77
Elisha Moore,	86 77
M. W. Goodnow,	145 68
W. H. Fairbank,	80 60

D. W. Hayden, repairs of bridges,	42 75	
Overseers of Poor, for plank,	36 89	
	<u>\$1,432 25</u>	

## SNOW BILLS.

Paid John C. Jones for 1882,	43 00	
Abijah Powers,	25 33	
W. H. Fairbank,	7 52	
Elisha Moore,	25 94	
Albert T. Parmenter,	45 40	
W. L. Stone,	71 62	
M. W. Goodnow,	61 46	
Overseers of Poor,	11 14	
F. E. Carr,	43 50	
	<u>334 91</u>	

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Frank D. Seymour for posting warrant, 1881,	\$2 00	
" " for printing ballots, Yes	1 50	
and No,		
James L. Willis, for printing and posting warrants, 1881,	28 50	
for making return of 22 deaths in 1881,	4 40	
for printing and posting warrants, 1882,	32 87	
	<u>69 27</u>	
Dr. Geo. A. Oviatt, Jr., medical services for attending family of Mrs. Geo. T. Smith,	25 00	
A. J. Parmenter, Treasurer and Collector for 1881,	100 00	
A. J. Parmenter, Treasurer and Collector for 1882,	220 00	
C. F. Gerry, for 8 days School Com., to Dec. 1, 1881,	20 00	
Asa M. Durell, Overseer's services, 1881,	25 00	
Samuel Bent, 18 days Assessor,	45 00	
	<u>435 00</u>	
A. N. Thompson, 31 days School Com., from Dec. 1, 1881, to Dec. 1, 1882, at \$2.50,	77 50	
washing house No. 4,	1 00	
cash paid T. P. Hurlbut,	1 90	
removing seats from Nos. 4 and 5 to No. 1,	2 50	

washing house No. 4,	1 00	
express 25, wash-dish 20, mirror 25, stove poker 12,	82	
coal and teaming,	15 80	
sawing and splitting wood, No. 4,	4 00	
“ “ “ “ 6,	4 50	
broom 33, rep. blinds \$1, rep. chairs 30,	1 63	
washing house No. 6 two times,	2 00	
2-ft. pine wood, “ 6,	1 12	
washing house No. 5,	1 25	
washing curtains and rep.,	2 00	
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Paid estate of L. G. Hunt for 10 days' services of L. G. Hunt as Selectman in 1881,	25 00	
use of team 5 days,	5 00	
preparing reports for printing, 1880,	5 00	
making reports of laying out road and gravel pit,	2 00	
journey to Boston,	4 00	
“ Natick,	3 00	
writing appointments for surveyors,	2 00	
distributing State Aid and making returns,	3 00	
Committee services, schoolhouse No. 7,	11 00	
postage and stationery,	2 50	
	<hr/>	62 50
Paid J. S. Hunt, Town Clerk, for recording warrants, doings of 5 town meetings, re- ports, &c.,	25 00	
notifying officers and committees, and ad- ministering oaths,	10 00	
making returns of elections,	3 00	
attending meeting of Town Clerks at Way- land,	2 50	
recording and making returns of soldiers, “ laying out of roads, perambula- tion of town lines, &c.,	3 50	
returning dog licenses and money to the County Treasurer,	3 70	
express on books, blanks, acts and resolves, and distributing,	4 50	
postage and stationery,	1 50	
recording 23 births, at 50c.,	11 50	
“ 15 marriages, at 20c.,	3 00	
“ 28 deaths, at 35c.,	9 80	

services as Assessor 21 days,	52 50	
distributing income of funds,	5 00	
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Paid James Moore for insurance on almshouse and other farm buildings,		74 00
Paid F. F. Walker, cutting wood for schools,	22 25	
curtains for Landham school,	3 42	
cleaning house, making and putting up curtains,	5 00	
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Paid W. H. Moore, rep., fence and cutting wood at No. 6,	6 56	
Emily T. Hunt, 13½ days School Com., from Sept, 1, 1881, to April 1, 1882, at \$2.50,	33 75	
ink-filler 35, ex. on maps 50, dustpan 25,	1 10	
transportation of seats,	35	
two trips to Dists. 2 and 6 to arrange for removal of seats,	2 50	
trip to No. 2,	75	
dusters \$1, wash-dish 25,	1 25	
taking census of scholars and making re- turn to State Board of Education, and preparing School Reports,	8 00	
B. H. Richardson for legal services,	25	
J. J. Puffer, bill of repairs,	8 33	
J. W. Garfield & Co., for sundries,	3 03	
Geo. W. Hunt, for sundries,	5 70	
L. F. Fuller, for carpet,	8 62	
Calvin Garfield, for glass and setting same,	3 52	
H. L. Sawyer, for 2 stoves, pipe and zinc,	25 69	
“ stove, Dist. No. 3,	13 40	
“ “ “ 1,	12 85	
L. F. Fuller, wall paper and curtains,	8 80	
J. H. Murry, carting desks and gravel, Dist. No. 7,	4 12	
E. A. Powers, repairs No. 1,	1 00	
Daniel Noyes, cutting wood,	8 00	
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## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid N. L. Pratt, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' service as Selectman, \$2.50,	\$36 88	
stationery and postage,	2 29	
preparing town reports for printing, 1881,	8 00	
paying state aid and making returns, "	6 00	
" " " " 1882,	12 00	
writing highway limits and distributing to surveyors,	2 00	
journey to Cambridge for advice,	4 00	
J. W. Hammond for advice,	5 00	
two days committee on loan, and two journies to Boston,	7 00	
for boards, (Not a Public Way),	2 00	
C. A. Wood, painting and lettering boards (Not a Public Way),	5 00	
sawing posts, spikes and putting up notices (Not a Public Way),	3 20	
L. C. Holton, painting cemetery gates,	3 00	
" " fence around Plympton lot,	10 00	
B. C. Witherell, cutting grass in cemeteries,	7 00	
journey to Wayland to see E. T. McManus,	1 00	
putting down grade stakes and letting out 100 feet of road at So. Sudbury to John W. Rice,	1 00	
journey to Cambridge,	3 50	
C. G. Cutter, for gravel for road to depot from the south,	9 00	
journey to Framingham and No. Sudbury, case of Emma Morse,	3 50	
21 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, committee on new roads,	53 75	
		\$185 12
Paid 19 days' services as Assessor,	\$47 50	
use of horse 9 days,	9 00	
J. C. Clark Printing Co., printing Assessors' notices,	3 50	
Times Publishing Co., printing schedules, for Assessors' books,	3 25	
" Collectors' "	1 50	
" " " "	1 65	
Ex. on valuation books 25, postage, 22,	47	
time and expense to Boston to examine tax credits,	3 50	
		\$70 37

Paid Joseph Noyes, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cords of wood,	\$12 50	
J. W. Garfield for repairing hearse,	4 00	
" " paint and varnish on same,	12 00	
Thomas E. Bent, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ days committee on road,	23 75	
Walter Rogers for gravel for new road,	100 00	
		\$152 25
Paid B. H. Richardson for 3 days labor on Wadsworth monument fence,	\$6 75	
cash for lumber for fence,	4 24	
planing "	1 00	
freight on "	25	
George Heard for iron and nails,	85	
D. W. Hayden, for labor on ground,	7 50	
Ira T. Moore for loam,	1 75	
" " 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days with team,	6 75	
D. W. Hayden for 233 lbs. bone,	4 46	
" " grass seed,	1 00	
Express,	50	
Calvin Garfield, labor and material,	16 60	
		\$51 65
Paid James Moore, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' service as Moderator,	8 75	
NEW ROAD TO UNION DEPOT FROM THE NORTH.		
Paid John R. Rooke for work on contract,	\$2,250 00	
" " extra work,	92 25	
D. W. Hayden, 146 $\frac{2}{3}$ yards of stone at \$3,	440 00	
" " for painting beams,	3 50	
" " use of derrick,	20 00	
" " drawing lumber,	4 00	
" " bolts,	2 96	
" " pails, nails and spikes,	1 08	
" " use of team,	8 00	
" " 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ days' works,	31 88	
" " drawing posts,	3 00	
" " chestnut poles,	1 75	
Johan Babstrand, 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' labor,	43 00	
Joseph Tebo, 41 days' labor,	102 50	
George W. Taylor, 27 days' labor,	54 00	
Charles W. Porter, 28, "	55 90	
Charles W. Whitney, 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	53 00	
" " labor for self and horse,	5 50	

Stetson, Mosey & Co., for 780 feet hard pine at 30,	23 40	
O. C. R. R., freight on same,	2 88	
F. E. Carr, teaming on same,	2 50	
Ira Moore, hanging lanterns 26 nights,	4 00	
“ ½ day with team,	2 50	
C. G. Cutter, 955½ yards gravel at 6,	57 32	
Brown & Fairbank, 828 yards gravel at 6,	49 68	
“ land damage,	22 00	
Wm. B. Bailey, land damage,	2 00	
“ 728 1-9 yds. gravel,	43 69	
Francis Haynes, land damage,	125 00	
N. L. Pratt, joining boards,	1 30	
Overseers of the Poor, 858 ft. boards at 15,	12 87	
“ 604 ft. plank at 2¼,	13 59	
“ 2,488 ft. “ 2½,	62 20	
for 43 lb. spikes for bridge,	1 72	
51 “ railing,	2 30	
cement,	80	
Dodge Gilbert & Co. for bolts,	1 65	
Orin Dadman for 135 posts,	16 20	
Isaac Clark, “ 68 “	8 16	
N. L. Pratt, time and expense on railing,	12 50	
“ to Boston for timber,	2 50	
“ “ to buy gravel,	4 00	
Wm. D. Tuttle, for surveying,	3 20	
for spikes for sluice,	55	
G. Fuller & Son for joist,	36 92	
T. E. Bent, for teaming same,	9 62	
	<u>          </u>	\$3,697 37

## RELIEF OF MRS. DORA SMITH.

Paid to Mrs. Dora Smith,	250 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$250 00

## SCHOOL BOOKS.

Paid J. S. Hunt for books,	\$30 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$30 00

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid A. J. Parmenter, abatements for 1882	\$213 87	
State treasurer, adjustment on corporation tax for 1881,	23 70	
“ “ “ “ 1882,	4 52	
	<u>          </u>	\$242 09

## TOWN DEBT.

Paid Hopestill Brown,	\$2,000 00	
Margaret Allen,	200 00	
A. J. Parmenter,	1050 00	
John Forsyth,	440 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$3690 00

## INTEREST ON TOWN DEBT.

Paid Hopestill Brown,	\$97 00	
R. R. Horr,	84 00	
Margaret Allen,	11 07	
Interest on temporary loan,	29 80	
A. J. Parmenter,	57 23	
John Forsyth,	26 18	
State Treasurer,	160 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$465 28

## INTEREST ON TOWN FUNDS.

Paid Trustees Goodnow Library,	\$1,120 00	
Francis Haynes, interest on Jerusha Howe for wood,	60 00	
Assessors for distribution interest on Elisha Goodnow fund,	180 00	
on S. D. Hunt “	60 00	
“ donation “	9 23	
J. S. Hunt interest on Elisha Goodnow fund for school books,	60 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$1,489 23

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid deficiency for 1881, of the Town grant,	446 19	
	800 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$1,246 19

## PAINTING SCHOOL HOUSE No. 6.

Paid Calvin Garfield for labor and material,	\$53 83	
	<u>          </u>	\$58 38

## CARE OF TOWN CLOCK.

Paid Sewall B. Taylor,	25 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$25.00

## STATE AID.

Paid Francis Garfield,	\$72 00	
Persis M. Sanderson,	48 00	
Sophia Thorp,	24 00	
Richard G. Dane,	72 00	
Lydia Dane,	8 00	
Geo. H. Murphy, under Chap. 252,	88 00	
Geo. F. Butterfield, under "	96 00	
		\$408 00

## CONDITION OF THE TREASURY, MARCH 2, 1883.

## RECEIPTS FOR 1882.

Balance in Treasury, March 2, 1882,	\$2,233 37	
Received from taxes of	12,433 16	
loan of State treasurer,	8,000 00	
temporary loan,	1,325 00	
corporation tax,	412 32	
National Bank tax,	497 63	
income of State School fund,	167 95	
re-imbursment of State aid,	198 00	
" relief of indigent		
soldiers,	60 00	
dividend No. 1, Lowell & Fram-		
ingham R. R.,	48 75	
dividend No. 2 Lowell & Fram-		
ingham R. R.,	48 75	
use of Town Hall for 1881,	28 94	
State Treas. for support of State		
paupers,	12 00	
interest on taxes of 1881,	6 12	
G. W. Parker for peddler's license,	6 00	
J. S. Hunt " auctioneer's "	2 00	
A. N. Thompson, overdraft for		
schools for 1881,	2 60	
poll tax previously abated,	2 00	
		\$25,484 59

## EXPENDITURES FOR 1882.

Paid orders of Selectmen,	\$11,559 81
interest on library fund,	1,120 00
" other funds	369 23
" town debt,	435 48
temporary loan,	1,325 00

interest on same,	29 80
of town debt,	3,690 00
State tax for 1882,	1,120 00
county " "	422 10
State Treas., adjustment of corporation	
tax for 1881,	23 70
State Treas., adjustment of corporation	
tax for 1882,	4 52
abatement of taxes,	213 87
balance in treasury, March 2, 1883,	5,171 08
	\$25,484 59

We hereby certify, that in a settlement with the Collector and Treasurer this day, he produced the proper vouchers, and gave us a receipt for the above balance.

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

*Selectmen of Sudbury.*

March 2, 1883.



REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1883.

INMATES OF THE ALMSHOUSE, MARCH 1, 1882.

Henry Paine, 69 years,	Charles H. Wright, 26 years,
Newell Brown, 80 "	Mrs. Betsey Moore, 88 "
George W. Smith, 47 years,	Susannah Parmenter, 35 "
Andrew J. Wright, 24 "	Nancy J. Moore, 59 "

Number of tramps lodged and fed at the almshouse, for the year  
ending March 1, 1883, 45

VALUATION OF PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM,  
MARCH, 1882.

Real estate,	\$6,500 00
Personal estate,	1,772 00
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	\$8,272 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for hay,	\$139 61
grain,	420 42
labor on farm,	105 08
meat,	151 83
fish,	25 16
cloth, clothing and dry goods,	82 39
boots, shoes and repairing,	22 60
labor in the house,	6 35
blacksmithing,	26 85



## VITAL STATISTICS OF SUDBURY,

FOR THE YEAR 1882.

## BIRTHS.

Whole number of births recorded, 24  
 Males 9; females 15.

## MARRIAGES.

Recorded as follows:

- Jan. 1. Frank M. Bowker of Sudbury and Carrie M. Conley of Marlboro.  
 Jan 23. Edward L. Moore and Lilla J. Moore, both of Sudbury.  
 Mar. 15. William Wilson of Medford and Mary A. Hunt of Sudbury.  
 June 4. Walter C. Rice of Clinton and Grace L. Holbrook of Berlin.  
 July 22. Charles F. Goodnow and Gertrude B. Stone, both of Sudbury.  
 Oct. 3. Freeman B. Jests of Hudson and Henrietta N. Hemenway of Sudbury.  
 Oct. 10. Stephen A. D. Taylor and Sadie A. Messenger, both of Sudbury.  
 Oct. 15. Frank Farwell and Mrs. Emma E. Priest, both of Concord.  
 Oct. 18. John F. Oliver of Sudbury and Alma E. Jose of Saco, Maine.  
 Oct. 31. Geo. P. Whitney of Hamilton, Canada, and Carrie L. Goodnow of Sudbury.  
 Nov. 25. John L. Crawford and Frances Chadwick, both of Framingham.  
 Nov. 26. Thomas H. Ashe and Mrs. Abby Forbes, both of Sudbury.  
 Dec. 1. Levi Fountain and Nettie A. Croft, both of Sudbury.  
 Dec. 21. Albert L. Hunt of Boston and M. Lillian Haley of Boscawen, N. H.

## DEATHS.

Recorded as follows:

- Jan. 8. Geo. Parmenter, aged 65 years, of blood poisoning.  
 Jan. 8. Nathan P. Fairbanks, 31 years, of stricture of intestines.  
 Jan. 14. Mrs. Henrietta Puffer, 51 years, of consumption of the lungs.  
 Feb. 20. William T. Sawyer, 40 years, of pneumonia.  
 March 24. Bessie E. Sanderson, 8 months, of cholera infantum.  
 April 8. Mrs. Jerusha H. Hemenway, 73 years, of typhoid fever.  
 May 16. Alfred N. Parmenter, 42 years, unknown.  
 July 23. Mrs. Lucy S. Cutter, 86 years, of heart disease.  
 July 23. Nahum H. Goodnow, 10 months, of congestion of brain.  
 Aug. 4. Ai Willis, 22 years, of typhoid fever.  
 Sept. 1. Mrs. Henrietta A. Day, 34 years, of Bright's disease.  
 Sept. 3. Patrick Tulis, 60 years, of gangrene of lungs.  
 Oct. 5. Mrs. Lucretia M. Goodnow, 55 years, of cancer.  
 Oct. 7. Myra L. Parmenter, 3 months, of congestion of lungs.  
 Oct. 8. Clara A. Farwell, 26 years, of consumption.  
 Oct. 27. Thomas P. Hurlbut, 62 years, of Bright's disease.  
 Nov. 3. Mrs. Jane R. Dakin, 77 years, of consumption of blood.  
 Nov. 13. Mrs. Elizabeth D. Davis, 24 years, of consumption of lungs.  
 Dec. 3. Geo. E. Willis, 32 years, of consumption of lungs.  
 Dec. 14. Mrs. Lucella H. Noyes, 34 years, of diphtheria.
- In addition to the above, seven persons have been buried in town during the year, who died elsewhere.

J. S. HUNT,  
 Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF  
GOODNOW LIBRARY.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, March 31, 1882,	\$551 54	
Income of Library Fund,	520 00	
Sale of grass and rent of land,	25 00	
Sale of magazines,	18 95	
Fines,	9 00	
Interest on mortgage note,	18 00	
		\$1,142 49

EXPENDITURES.

Deposit for Sinking Fund,	300 00	
Paid Estes & Lauriat for books,	334 95	
Paid for magazines,	107 65	
Rebinding books and periodicals,	45 47	
Insurance,	42 25	
Librarian,	125 00	
Trustees,	100 00	
Oil, express, books and ledger,	23 44	
Coal and wood,	19 77	
Catalogue, books, and printing,	27 77	
Care of grounds, repair of road, and books,	17 25	
		\$1,143 55

Balance due Treasurer, \$1 06

The funds of the Library are invested as follows:

Note against town of Sudbury,	\$20,000 00
Note secured by first mortgage,	300 00
Deposit in savings bank,	1,174 56
	\$21,474 56

H. H. BROWN,  
*Treasurer.*

The undersigned have examined the above report, and find the same to be correct.

RICHARD R. HERR,  
JONAS S. HUNT,  
*Trustees.*

Number of volumes on the catalogues,	8,454
Number of volumes added the past year,	337

ANNUAL REPORT  
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OF THE  
TOWN OF SUDBURY.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

*Friends and Patrons of the Public Schools of Sudbury.*

We do not propose to trespass upon your time or attention by any extended remarks, but, very briefly, in accordance with an article in the General Statutes, and in the discharge of a duty, which, as public servants, we take pleasure in doing, submit to you a report of those educational interests which are so dear to us, and upon which depends so much of the future glory or ignominy of our town.

And first, allow me to say, that it is a matter for congratulation, that, in the past few years, our citizens have taken a more earnest and wider view of the great work to be accomplished in the education of our youth. There has, as it were, been a resurrection from the former apathy and indifference which had well nigh engulfed our school system, and to-day, there needs no louder *reveille* than the school-bell to arouse our enthusiasm or to incite us to action. This increased interest has evolved a mightier power than one, (from his standpoint outside the circle) can realize. It has been an enchanter's wand, extending its influence to both teacher and scholar, bearing to each, hope and encouragement. "Like produces like," and from the interest of the parent has been born the incentive to greater enthusiasm and more determined energy on the part of those to whom has been delegated the unrivalled privilege of imparting instruction; while the recipient of such teachings has been aroused to a praiseworthy ambition, not alone to *win* but to *merit* such regard and commendation. Let this same interest on your part continue, for not until our public schools are safely anchored on a pedestal so lofty and grand as to render a higher basis impracticable, have we a right to cease our efforts for their advancement. In discontinued action is loss of power, Let us not forfeit our acquired vantage ground by indifference, now, but let our sympathies, our watchfulness and vigilance, still prove guiding stars of encouragement to both teachers and taught.

In no year of our official connection with the schools has their advancement been more satisfactory than in that just closed. Our teachers have been faithful and efficient, throwing their best energies and strength into the work; governing through love and confidence, winning love and confidence in return, inciting a laudable pride in the acquisition of physical and moral truth and in instilling in the young mind, principles of loyalty and fidelity, as the stepping-stones to an honest manhood and womanhood. Insubordination has become a thing of the past, and the very youngest in our schools are learning that obedience to lawful authority, in school or out, is the only path to morality and honor.

We are also happy to report a very great and advantageous advancement in the matter of constant and punctual school attendance. This is as it should be, and our thanks are again due the parents for their ready co-operation with teachers and committee, in bringing about such results as are shown in the several school registers.

In the way of *practical education* much has been gained. We are sure that all who have been present at our various school examinations must have been convinced of the truth of this statement. Our teachers, though by no means discarding the text-books, are becoming less and less dependent upon them. Living in a progressive age, they find that, in truth, "The times demand new measures and new men," and they have zealously labored to merge formulas and theories into every-day practical facts. More time and attention has been given to the subject of Reading in the past year than before, and no pains have been spared by teachers or committee to place this too long neglected branch of education upon a plane with other important studies. Reading acceptably *at sight* is a *rare power*; but we believe it may be acquired, and to this end *supplementary* reading has been introduced into our schools as an occasional diversion and test exercise. As to its success, thus far, we can report favorably; yet the matter is in its infancy and requires much of patience and determination,—as does all work leading to great results.

In conclusion, permit us to express the hope, that, as we enter upon another school year, with its round of cares and duties, the influences and interests of the past shall inspire us with a

stronger faith for the future. Let our boys and girls remember, that "In the lexicon of youth, which fate reserves for a bright manhood there is no such word as fail."

Let them unite with us—parent and teachers—in new resolutions, which shall invigorate and incite to action, each and all, that we may indeed

Do noble things, not dream them all day long,  
And so make life, death, and the vast forever  
One grand, sweet song,"

#### DISTRICT No. 1—PRIMARY.

In our report of this school words are unnecessary, beyond the assertion that it has been under the charge of the same teacher, Miss Marion A. Jones, for a period of twelve years. With no diminution of zeal in her work, with a heart ever full of care and affection for the little ones, possessing their love and the confidence of her patrons, none can wonder that her services have been retained for so long a time. Her school, in the past year, has been unusually prosperous. Nine scholars have been promoted to the Grammar department, but the closing examination of the year gave satisfactory proof that no time had been wasted by the ambitious little folks in refilling the vacated ranks.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number scholars,	26	29	20
Average attendance,	23.8+	25.95	18.27

#### DISTRICT NO. 1.—GRAMMER.

This being the only graded school in the town, largely composed of pupils from the adjacent districts, it has advantages which on other possesses. These advantages, we think, are appreciated. The scholars have worked most earnestly and assiduously with their teacher, Mrs. E. T. Hunt, who has taught in the school for nearly six years, and this mutual help, supported and encouraged by parents and committee has given to the school a high standing, of which our town may be justly proud.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number of scholars,	20	21	30
Average attendance,	18.6	20.6	28.2

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

At the beginning of the year we assigned this school to the care of Miss Ella M. Bent of our own town. We did this not without some scruples, we must confess, she having had no experience in teaching, but as an offset to this fact was our confidence in her abilities as a thorough and practical scholar. The school was small; so small indeed that to arouse enthusiasm seemed almost impossible, but Miss Bent brought into play the same tact, energy and perseverance which were the characteristics of her predecessor. Thus the school, from change of teacher, fell back but little, and that loss was soon regained. Prompt to ask advice from those more experienced, and quick to advantage herself of whatever suggestions were offered by her committee, Miss Bent has succeeded beyond our expectations, and no school in our town has shown so great an improvement in its manners and its scholarship, as has this. Much credit is due to both teacher and scholars. At the close of the winter term, the attendance of the parents to listen to the exercises, evinced their interest and was a source of encouragement to the committee from whom they received hearty thanks.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number of scholars,	11	10	8
Average attendance,	8.7	8.6	7.7

## DISTRICT No. 3.

This school has shown a continuous progress from term to term. Several of the older scholars have, in the year, left it for higher schools in other towns, but neither the *ardor* nor the *order* has diminished with the numbers. Miss Barton has *taught* here for the past three years, and has gained a reputation second to none. Freedom of her pupils to ask the "whys" and "hows," industry, politeness and self-government, are the characteristics of her school.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole No. of scholars,	25	24	23
Average attendance,	22.4	23	19.5

## DISTRICT No. 4.

MISS NELLIE T. THOMPSON, Teacher.

The sixth year of Miss Thompson's experience in this school has, most assuredly, proved itself the best. The increase in numbers, though slight, together with the more advanced age of her pupils, and, accordingly, their more advanced studies, has been a great source of encouragement to her, and has naturally created a more intense interest and enthusiasm in supplying the increased demands of their advancing intellects. Much attention has been given to reading and spelling, and the exercise in the latter branch was a very noticeable feature of the closing examination. We have nothing but words of commendation for Miss Thompson and her school.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole No. of scholars,	15	11	16
Average attendance,	13.66	10.64	14.33

## DISTRICT No. 5.

MISS JENNIE P. HUNT, Teacher.

Entering upon her second year in this school, with an earnest desire to benefit her pupils, and with a love for her profession which could not fail to arouse in them an interest in study, the success of Miss Hunt is only such as was to be anticipated. Her unwearied patience, her continuous encouragements, her interest in her scholars outside the school room, and in their homes, has greatly endeared her to them, and the pleasant relations existing between them is a very noticeable feature in her school regime. At the examination at the close of the Winter term, the exercises were of a high character. Miss Hunt has combined *oral* and *written* instruction, and with (as seen in the younger classes especially) the most pleasing results. A thoroughness has thus been acquired, which, in those so young, is almost wonderful.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole No. of scholars,	21	14	16
Average attendance,	16.5	13.3	14.9

## DISTRICT No. 6.

For nearly three years this school has been in the care of Miss Minnie J. Mains, and although the scholars are very young—with an average age of less than twelve years—yet in capacity and acquirements we believe they are fully equal to those of more advanced ages. The school is small in numbers, and this fact renders a teacher's work much more laborious than if otherwise, since there is a continued strain on the energies of a teacher to furnish food for the creation of enthusiasm in the scholars. But Miss Mains has fairly conquered the situation; and the promptness and energy which her school displays is most creditable. In the Winter's examination, the spelling and writing exercises, by the younger ones, elicited much commendation from the friends who were present, and, we venture to say, put some of us "older children" to the blush. Miss Mains is doing a good work: the right teacher in the right place.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole No. of scholars,	14	16	16
Average attendance,	13.8	15	15.3

## . WADSWORTH DISTRICT.

Though somewhat interrupted during the Fall term by the necessitated absence of the teacher, Miss Lizzie P. Hurlbut, yet the school has nobly *held its own*, and ranks high in its acquirements. Miss Hurlbut is one of our well-known and efficient teachers, of whose qualifications nothing here need be said, since she possesses the utmost confidence of the community. Her scholars are always *cheerfully* busy, and the many curious paths by which she leads them from mere book-knowledge into the world of observation and inquiry must have a life-long influence upon them. A general knowledge of *cause* and *effect* is what she aims to impart; and that the hints or facts which she throws out are hastily seized upon, is evinced in the freedom with which her pupils propound questions that they may satisfy their curiosity.

During Miss Hurlbut's absence, Miss Inez Perry, of Wayland, was employed as a substitute, and so easily and pleasantly did she

take up and discharge the duties of the school-room, that any interruption of the school was scarcely realized.

The examinations at the close of the several terms were highly satisfactory.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole No. of scholars,	38		30
Average attendance,	34		25.57

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