

ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

SELECTMEN

— OF THE —

TOWN OF SUDBURY

For the Year Ending March 1, 1884,

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORTS OF THE
OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, SCHOOL
COMMITTEE, AND THE TRUS-
TEES OF THE GOODNOW
LIBRARY.

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1884.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF SUDBURY.

FOR THE YEAR 1883.

TOWN CLERK.

Jonas S. Hunt.

SELECTMEN.

James Moore, Samuel Bent,
Benjamin H. Richardson.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

James Moore, Francis Haynes,
Elisha Moore.

CONSTABLE.

James L. Willis.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Francis F. Walker, 2 years, Alfred N. Thompson, 1 year,
Emily T. Hunt, 3 years.

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

Andrew J. Parmenter.

TRUSTEES OF GOODNOW LIBRARY.

Richard R. Horr, 2 years, Jonas S. Hunt, 1 year,
Hubbard H. Brown, 3 years.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

VITAL STATISTICS OF SUDBURY FOR THE YEAR 1883.

The whole number of births during the year was twenty; ten males and ten females; eighteen were children of native born and two of foreign born parents.

MARRIAGES.

The following is a list of the marriages recorded in Sudbury for the year 1883.

- Jan. 11, William Coughlin and Cora A. Hammond, both of Wayland.
Feb. 10, Charles W. Priest and Laura G. Riley, both of Framingham.
April 25, Edward A. Cooper and Addie M. Moore, both of Sudbury.
April 25, Ira T. Moore and Lydia A. Belcher, both of Sudbury, married at Framingham.
May 6, James McBride and Elizabeth E. Lee, both of Sudbury, married at Concord.
May 9, Cyrus L. Willis and Ella F. Moore, both of Sudbury, married at Waltham.
June 15, Fred E. Doty and Ida Hamilton, both of Sudbury.
July 3, John Thompson and Julia Richards, both of Sudbury.
July 18, J. Frank Davis of Waltham and Carrie G. Smith of Sudbury.
Oct. 5, Charles W. Whitten and Ellen Nichols, both of Sudbury married at Dorchester.
Nov. 8, John J. McCann of Sudbury, and Anne Sullivan of Wayland, married at Framingham.
Nov. 23, Geo. O. Dadman and Annie L. Thayer, both of Sudbury.
Dec. 12, Hiram Bennett and Mary L. Haynes, both of Sudbury, married at So. Boston.
Dec. 20, Moses W. Maynard and Jennie E. Griffin of Granby, Ct., married at Unionville, Ct.

DEATHS.

The following is a list of deaths in Sudbury in the year 1883, with the age of each in years and cause of death:

- Jan. 17, Christopher G. Cutter, aged 92, old age.
 March 3, Mrs. Caroline E. Perry, aged 61, heart disease,
 April 10, Newell Brown, aged 81, old age,
 " 27, Wilbur M. Bailey, aged 23, consumption.
 May 13, Hattie B. Parmenter, aged 15, bilious fever.
 " 24, Edwin Harrington, aged 62, pneumonia.
 June 3, Arthur Jennison, aged 66, disease of kidneys.
 " 3, Mrs. Lucy Jones, aged 97, old age.
 " 19, Mrs. Helen A. Houghton, aged 38, consumption.
 " 24, Mrs. Sarah Dakin, aged 86, paralysis.
 Aug. 14, Bessie Ella Willis, aged 5 mos., cholera infantum.
 " 24, Mrs. Polly C. Wheeler, aged 77, disease of kidneys.
 Oct. 10, Rev. Calvin R. Fitts, aged 43, typhoid fever.
 Nov. 1, Georgie Cooledge, aged 66, kidney disease.
 " 12, Lorenzo Parmenter, aged 52, consumption.
 " 14, Mrs. Almira Clark, aged 72.
 " 18 Mrs. Adeline Haynes, 62, nervous exhaustion.
 " 21 Mrs. Lillian I. Moore, aged 21, internal inflammation.
 Dec. 13, Abiel Thompson Hill, aged 71, consumption.
 " 24, Lemuel P. Brown, aged 78, dropsy.
 " 31, Mrs. Mary P. Goodnow, aged 51, cancer.

Eighteen of the above were buried in Sudbury and three elsewhere and there were six interments in town of persons who died elsewhere. But one of the persons above was under fifteen years of age, and seven were over seventy-five, the average age being 58 years, 4 months and 18 days.

JONAS S. HUNT, Registrar.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS, 1883-84.

District No. 1, Grammar School.			
Paid Miss Emily A. Gordon, Spring Term,		\$100 00	
	Fall	100 00	
	Winter	102 00	
		<hr/>	\$302 00
District No. 1, Primary.			
Paid Miss Marion A. Jones, Spring Term.		\$90 00	
	Fall	90 00	
	Winter	104 40	
Care of House one year,		24 00	
		<hr/>	\$308 40
District No. 2.			
Paid Miss Ella M. Bent, Spring Term,		\$90 00	
	Fall	90 00	
	Winter	108 00	
Care of House one year,		11 00	
		<hr/>	\$299 00
District No. 3.			
Paid Miss Mary E. Schafer, Spring Term,		\$88 20	
	Florence S. Stratton, Fall	90 00	
	Winter	108 00	
Care of House for one year,		12 00	
		<hr/>	\$298 20
District No. 4.			
Paid Miss Nellie F. Thompson, Spring Term,		\$90 00	
	Fall	90 00	
	Winter	108 00	
Care of House for one year,		12 00	
		<hr/>	\$300 00
District No. 5.			
Paid Miss Jennie P. Hunt, Spring Term,		\$90 00	
	Fall	84 60	
	Winter	109 80	
Care of House for one year,		12 00	
		<hr/>	\$296 40

District No. 6.			
Paid Miss Lauretta J. Bent, Spring Term,	\$88	20	
Fall	91	80	
Winter	109	80	
Care of House for one year,	13	00	
			\$302 80
District No. 7.			
Paid Miss Lizzie P. Hurlbut, Spring Term,	\$100	00	
Fall	100	00	
Winter	120	00	
Care of House one year,	13	00	
			\$333 00
			\$2,439 80

REPAIRS ON HIGHWAYS.

Paid John W. Rice,	\$168	61	
Martin W. Goodnow,	185	16	
" " snow bill,	9	81	
John C. Jones,	131	64	
" " snow bill,	12	04	
Frank E. Bent,	106	48	
William L. Stone,	144	69	
Dana W. Hayden, '82 and '83,	193	24	
" " Dudley bridge,	30	99	
William H. Moore,	139	92	
Elisha Moore,	132	09	
Hiram Haynes, two wards,	171	65	
" " snow bill,	9	37	
Andrew Hunt,	105	37	
" " special,	50	00	
James E. Bent,	122	89	
" " snow bill,	7	50	
Abijah Powers, 1882,	8	26	
Fred E. Carr, 1882,	20	25	
Road Machine,	150	00	
			\$1,999 96
B. H. Richardson, services as Selectman,	1882,	31	25
D. W. Hayden, services as Selectman, '82,		32	50
A. N. Thompson, services as school committee, 21 days,		52	50
For 2 dippers 20c. and 22c. 1 dish 40c.			82
Cleaning House Dist. No. 4,		2	00
Washing Floor,		1	00
Washing Curtains,		1	00

Sawing Wood,	6	00	
Glass and Setting,		60	
Cleaning Clock, 75c. Lock, 25c.	1	00	
Sawing Wood, Dist. No. 5,	6	00	
Cleaning House, Dist. No. 5,	1	00	
Repairing Clock,		75	
Washing House, Dist. No. 6,	1	00	
Repairs, 60c. Glass and Setting, 30c.		90	
Sawing Wood,	6	00	
J. S. Hunt, administering oath,		35	
9 1-2 days as School Committee,	23	75	
Washing School House, Dist. No. 4,	1	00	
Duster, \$1 75. Broom, 35c.	2	10	
Stove Poker,		12	
Sawing Wood, Dist. No. 5,	4	50	
			\$112 29
Paid A. W. Thompson, broom 45c. repairs \$1			
Dist. No. 5,	1	45	
for repairing clock Dist. No. 6,	1	00	
for broom 36c., carting wood 75c.,	1	11	
paying teachers, etc.,	5	00	
work on school house No. 6,	2	90	
10 yds. cord 15c., tassels 28c.,		43	
1 curtain fixture 10c., putting up curtains 70c.,	80		
making curtains,	1	00	
			\$125 98
Paid N. L. Pratt for journey to Lowell and Ac-			
ton on road case,	2	50	
car fare 1.50, express on plan of land,	1	65	
T. E. Bent services with surveyor,	2	50	
T. E. Bent 1-2 day setting road bounds,	1	25	
N. L. Pratt, do.	1	25	
journey to Boston to see counsel,	4	00	
Lowell,	4	00	
notifying witnesses,	5	00	
cash for telegrams,	1	00	
one day service,	2	50	
carrying counsel to Concord Junction,	1	50	
cash paid for plans of three lots of land,	14	90	
T. Moore for building farm crossing,	12	50	
			\$54 55
Paid N. L. Pratt for preparing receipts and			
expenditures,	7	50	
journey to Marlboro,	1	50	
for printing,	34	00	
express on reports,		25	
			\$97 80

Paid F. F. Walker for services as school committee 23 1-2 days,	58 75	
3 cords of wood \$15.00, cutting \$3.75	18 75	
Attending 3 committee meetings, moving furniture, etc.,	3 75	
latches 38c., repairing clock 50c., express,	1 50	
17 days as school committee,	88	
furnishing school books, etc.	15	
finding board for teachers, fixing stove, Dist. No. 1,	42 50	
labor on No. 3 school house,	50	
repairing clock in Dist. No. 3, underpinning,	1 00	
cleaning windows, Dist. No. 3,	1 00	
Repairing stove pipe in Dist. No. 1, and blacking	2 08	
Calvin Garfield, for glass and setting,	1 50	
		\$135 86

Paid Emily T. Hunt 24 1-2 days service as school committee,	61 25	
To J. Murry for labor on school grounds,	38	
For transportation of settees,	50	
S. Taylor for repairs on seats,	1 00	
B. H. Richardson for work on school house,	35	
Journey to Wayland,	1 25	
Book for Wadsworth School	1 25	
Express on same,	15	
Broom for Dist. No. 1,	45	
Fire kindlings,	50	
Mrs. Johnson for work at Wadsworth and Dist. No. 2	2 50	
For transporting settees, &c.,	1 00	
Estate of T. P. Hurlburt as per bill,	5 00	
Water pitcher, Centre Dist.,	63	
Duster 40c, dust pan 15c,	55	
Dan. E. Noyes for cutting wood, &c., Dist. No. 3,	2 25	
Mrs. Johnson for cleaning rooms in Dist. 1 and 2,	2 50	
For transportation of seats, &c.	50	
Stove pipe, setting glass, tacks, &c.,	78	
5 lights, ground glass,	75	
Express on same,	15	
S. E. Hunt for extra work, &c. at Wadsworth,	1 25	
		\$84 94

Paid E. T. Hunt for postage and stationery,	92	
Preparing school report and making return,	5 00	
Transportation of chairs five times,	2 50	
		\$93 36
Paid A. J. Parmenter services as collector,		\$120 00
Paid Rufus Williams for digging and stoning well,	57 75	
W. M. Ranney for lumber,	9 54	
H. H. Goodnough for carting lumber,	1 75	
F. Smith for lumber,	96	
W. A. Walker for pump,	23 00	
E. H. Richardson labor on curb and platform on well,	5 62	
One day as committee,	2 25	
F. Smith for chestnut plank,	1 73	
F. Bent for " lumber,	1 30	
For spikes and carting lumber,	45	
		\$104 35

Paid B. H. Richardson 2 days labor on school house, No. 3,	4 50	
For lumber,	1 80	
Nails, screws and latch,	28	
Cord and staple,	40	
		\$6 98

Paid H. L. Sawyer for stove,	12 00	
45 lbs and one elbow pipe,	5 52	
10 lbs zinc,	1 00	
Call bell,	1 00	
		19 52
Paid L. A. Cooper for slating blackboards,		\$49 50

Paid James Moore for cutting wood for schools in '83,		\$72 90
" " " '84,		\$60 00

Paid E. O. Ballard insurance,		75 00
Paid Edward Willis balance on town house,		28 55
Paid J. P. Willis for wood,		5 00
Paid Oliver R. Rice books for schools,		40 00

Paid J. C. Jones for sawing 3 1-2 cords of wood for schools,	5 25	
clearing around schoolhouse,	75	
sawing six cords wood,	9 00	
		15 00

Paid Daniel Noyes for sawing, splitting and packing 4 1-2 cords wood,		9 00
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Paid J. S. Hunt for 22 1-2 days taking valuation and assessing taxes,	56 25	
two journeys to tax commissioner office,	8 00	
4 1-2 days copying valuation and taxes,	11 25	
distributing income of funds,	3 50	
cash for books, stationery, express, postage,	6 50	
		85 50
Paid J. C. Jones for sawing and packing 3 1-2 cords wood for Dist. No. 3,		5 25
Paid J. L. Willis for procuring and posting warrants for April meeting,	8 00	
November meeting,	9 00	
" " 1883,	8 25	
making return of 22 deaths,	4 40	
to journey to paint shop, with hearse,	50	
		30 15
Paid Jonas S. Hunt on account of school books,	38 14	
" " " "	56 83	
for copying records of births, deaths and marriages from 1639 to 1850 for N. E. Historic Genealogical Society,	50 00	
to recording warrants of town meetings,	25 00	
notifying officers, committees, copying votes and administering oaths,	10 00	
making return of elections,	3 00	
attending meeting of town clerk at Wayland,	2 50	
recording and returning list of soldiers,	2 50	
" " perambulation of town lines,	50	
returning dog licenses and money to County Treasurer,	3 90	
Cash paid for books, blanks and distributing, express, postage and stationery,	2 90	
recording 20 births at 50c.,	10 00	
14 marriages at 20c.,	2 80	
28 deaths at 35c.,	9 80	
		221 62
Paid J. C. Clark printing Co. for printing list of voters.		8 50
Paid John W. Garfield for repairing School house windows,	4 20	
cleaning windows,	2 50	
window cords,	2 45	
soap 7, broom 40,	47	
window weights,	30	
		9 92

Paid John Goodnow 22 1-2 days as assessor at \$2.50 per day and for distribution of funds, use of horse and carriage 4 1-2 days,	56 25	5 63	61 88
Paid Bacon & Yates for chairs,			45 84
Paid George Oviatt Jr. M. D. for certificates of 9 births at 25 cts.			2 25
Paid James Moore for 3 cords of wood for schools.			15 00
Paid Walter Rogers for gravel for new road,			10 80
Paid John M. Conant 16 days making taxes, use of horse 5 days,	40 00	7 00	47 00
	STATE AID.		
Paid Francis Garfield,	45 00		
Persis M. Sanderson,	48 00		
Richard G. Dane,	72 00		
Lydia Dane,	48 00		
George F. Butterfield under chapt. 252,	96 00		
Michael Sweeney	28 00		
Henry N. Hemenway	68 00		
Josiah Gleason	30 00		
Paid Wm. B. Bailey	18 00		
			453 00
	INTEREST ON TOWN DEBT.		
Paid R. R. Horr,	84 00		
State Treasurer,	320 00		
			404 00
	INTEREST ON TOWN FUNDS.		
Paid trustees of Goodnow Library	800 00		
Interest on Jerusha Howe fund,	60 00		
Elisha Goodnow	180 00		
S. D. Hunt	60 00		
Donation	9 23		
Elish Goodnow fund for books	60 00		
			1109 23
	SPECIAL REPAIRS ON ROADS.		
Paid for repairs on Concord road,	\$500 00		
For widening road and bridge at South Sudbury,	400 00		
	PAINTING SCHOOL HOUSE, NO. 3.		
Paid J. P. Allen for labor and material,	\$101 40		

CARE OF TOWN CLOCK.

Paid Sewall B. Taylor, \$25 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid A. J. Parmenter, abatements 1883, \$93 30
 State Treasurer adjustment on corpora-
 tion tax, 1883, 14 30
 John E. Sawyer, tax refunded, 2 00
 \$109 60

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Orders of Overseers, \$1,421 32
 Order of Overseers for horses, 400 00
 From Ryan fund, 58 50
 State Paupers, 12 00

EXPENDITURES FOR 1883.

Paid orders of Selectmen, 10248 67
 interest to state treasurer, 320 00
 interest on Library Fund, 800 00
 to R. R. Horr, 84 00
 State tax, 915 00
 County tax, 527 63
 adjustment of Corporation tax, 14 30
 abatement of taxes, 93 30
 balance in treasury March 1st, 1884, 4681 56
 \$17684 46

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

JAS. MOORE, } Selectmen
 SAMUEL BENT, } of
 BENJ. H. RICHARDSON, } Sudbury.

Sudbury, March 1st, 1884.

CONDITION OF TREASURY, MARCH 1, 1884.

RECEIPTS FOR 1883.

Balance in treasury March 1st, 1883, 5171 08
 Received from taxes from 1883, 10635 57
 railroad Dividend, 78 00
 corporation tax, 411 67
 National Bank tax, 500 48
 reimbursement of State Aid, 224 00
 relief of indigent sailors and soldiers, 96 00
 auctioneer's license, 2 00
 income of state school fund, 167 94
 from John Ryan, 285 00
 dog licenses, 112 72
 \$17684 46

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.

NAMES OF PAUPERS AT THE ALMSHOUSE MARCH 1, 1884.

Mrs. Betsey Moore, 84.	Henry Paine, 70.
Susannah Parmenter, 36.	Geo. W. Smith, 48.
Nancy J. Moore, 60.	Andrew J. Wright, 24.
Charles H. Wright, 27.	

Number of Tramps lodged and fed at the almshouse for
the year ending March 1, 1884, 172

VALUATION OF PROPERTY AT THE TOWN FARM MARCH 1, 1883.

Real Estate,	\$6,500 00
Personal Estate,	1,650 00
	\$8,150 00

RECEIPTS.

Received for Milk,	\$586 27
Calves,	54 17
Beef and Tallow,	5 19
Pork,	29 96
Mowing,	8 00
Drawing Hoops and use of horse,	4 50
Fowls,	6 76
Chips,	1 50
Bull,	20 76
Cows,	168 00
Horse,	40 00
Rye, Beans and Corn,	14 80
Eggs,	18 66
Potatoes,	26 44
Pigs,	49 50
Wood,	60 00
Butter,	42 65
Pedlers and moving Mrs. Dakin,	7 50
Board of Mrs. Davis,	19 00
Board of Mrs. Ryan,	35 00
Board of Mr. Ryan,	24 00
Sundries,	19 87
Lumber,	8 00
	\$1,250 53

Paid for Fish,	\$33 32
Crackers,	18 89
Scraps and Lard,	4 00
Medicine and small articles,	17 15
Blacksmithing,	45 48
Meat,	172 40
Davis for labor on farm,	143 00
Watson for mason work,	14 85
Labor in the house,	83 45
Charles Haynes for work,	7 00
Francis Haynes for butchering,	1 00
J. N. Davey for shingling,	17 50
Doctor Goodnough for medical services,	10 20
Coffin and robe for Newell Brown,	13 00
J. L. Willis for burial of Newell Brown,	7 00
S. B. Taylor for fixing cart and sled,	11 15
Eames for cart wheels and express,	10 25
Cattle,	134 00
Pigs,	38 00
Francis Haynes for pasturing cattle,	28 40
Charles Haynes for hay,	35 50
	\$845 54

Paid City of Boston for the last sickness and bur- ial of Annie Welsh,	51 95
Patrick O'Neil,	3 00
City of Cambridge for Esther Carr,	1 50
Board of Helen Dean at the State Industrial School,	35 71
Town of Maynard for John Hanlan,	21 49
Hiram Curtis for goods,	10 00
For wood,	5 00
For Mrs. Doyle for groceries,	13 60
For wood,	2 50
George Smith's house rent,	25 00
Theodore Hunt,	81 48
For Board Josiah Gleason,	4 00
Henry N. Hemenway for Groceries,	5 00
For wood,	18 30
Sawing and splitting wood,	8 25
	\$286 78
Dora P. Smith,	300 00
Horses,	400 00
Wardens salary,	420 00

James Moore's services as overseer,	82 00	
Francis Haynes,	35 00	
Elisha Moore,	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$1272 00

Total amount expended,		3566 64
		2750 53
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		816 11

Receipts from the farm,	1250 53
Grant,	1500 00
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Total receipts,	\$2750 53

JAMES MOORE,
FRANCIS HAYNES,
ELISHA MOORE,
Overseers of the Poor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GOODNOW LIBRARY.

At the annual examination, Feb. 28, 1884, the Library was found to be in a very satisfactory condition, all the books belonging to it being in their proper places or otherwise accounted for.

The highest number upon the catalogue is now 8500. 148 volumes were withdrawn for rebinding and 39 volumes to be disposed of, as worthless and unfit for circulation, and which will be replaced immediately by new if possible. Three new magazines viz.: "Cassell's Magazine of Art," the new "English Illustrated Magazine," and the "Manhattan," have been added to the list of periodicals, making a total of thirty in this department. The additions of new books the past year have been 180 volumes, and to replace old ones, 18. The circulation for the year was 14,041; the largest for one month was 1435, in March, and the smallest 770, in July. The Librarian for the past year, having performed all her duties in a manner entirely satisfactory to the trustees, has been reappointed.

The following is the report of the Treasurer:

RECEIPTS.	
Balance due treasurer March 21, 1883,	1 06
Income of original fund,	800 00
Interest on mortgage note,	18 00
Fines,	25 55
Sale of surplus magazines and old books,	19 85
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	864 46
EXPENDITURES.	
Paid balance due treasurer,	1 06
For new books,	167 24
magazines and periodicals,	104 70
rebinding books and magazines,	14 42
repairs of books and furnace,	7 90

coal, wood and oil,	42 21	
express bills,	8 35	
covering paper \$5.40, duster \$2.75,	8 15	
labor on road and grounds,	4 00	
Insurance \$30., Librarian \$110., Trustees		
\$100.,	240 00	
deposite for sinking fund,	250 00	
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Balance in treasury,		16 43
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		864 46
The funds of the Library consist of a note against		
the town of Sudbury for	20 000 00	
Note secured by first mortgage of real estate,	300 00	
Deposits in Savings Banks,	1424 56	
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Respectfully submitted,

H. H. BROWN, Treasurer.

Examined and approved,

R. R. HERR, } Trustees.
J. S. HUNT, }

March 20, 1884.

ANNUAL REPORT
—OF THE—
School Committee
—OF THE—
TOWN OF SUDBURY.

Friends and Patrons of the Public Schools:

In accordance with our annual custom we present to you a statement of the standing of the several schools, the charge of which you have intrusted to us.

DISTRICT NO. 1, GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

At the beginning of the year, Mrs. Hunt declining the invitation of the Committee to remain in the school, the services of Miss Emily A. Gordon, of Lancaster, were secured to fill the vacancy. Although not physically strong, we knew her as a lady of culture, education and of great mental powers. She proved herself well fitted for teaching those who were truly desirous of being taught, but her poor health, which did not improve as she had hoped, prevented her in a great measure from carrying out that system of discipline which is necessary, in any school, in order to insure complete and satisfactory success. Toward the close of the winter term, her health gave way entirely and she was obliged to resign her position, and return to her home, suffering from a very serious attack of nervous prostration. She had, in her quiet way, won the affection of her scholars, and, had not her health been so sadly impaired, a much more successful year's work might

be reported. There was a very observable thoroughness in her instruction, which could not fail to be of lasting benefit to those who chose to avail themselves of it.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number scholars,	20	19	22
Average attendance,	18.8	17.4	20.7
Per cent.,	94	91	94.5

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Miss Jones is too well known as a teacher, possessing the love and confidence of scholars and patrons, to require any words of ours. Thirteen of the best years of her life have been devoted to the "little folks", in the same school-room; she has allowed nothing to interfere in that devotion, and this fact tells the story of her fitness for the work and of her place in the hearts of the entire community.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number of scholars,	31	34	27
Average attendance,	26.19	28	23
Per cent.,	84	82	86

N. B.—Among twenty-one (21) of the above number for the winter term, the average attendance figured at 20.3 while the per cent. was almost ninety-seven, (97).

DISTRICT NO. 2. (MIXED.)

To Miss Ella M. Bent, the teacher of this school, we must accord a high degree of credit for the judicious, and progressive manner in which she has conducted it. Taking it when disorder and rebellion held full sway, a less determined spirit might have yielded to these two enemies of progress; but she set about her work with such a hearty resolution, that very soon the "disputed claim" was her own. Nor would we fail to give the scholars of this district their deserved share of credit. In yielding to a just discipline, they have not been conquered. They have proven the victors over themselves.

Teacher and scholars have worked patiently and lovingly together under the reign of restored order, and we have to report more genuine advancement in this school, both in manners and studies, than in any other in town.

The closing examinations were highly satisfactory to all, and Miss Bent may feel that she has not been "sowing the seed" in vain.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number of scholars,	11	15	11
Average attendance,	10.2	14.2	8
Per cent.	92	94 2-3	72

DISTRICT NO. 3.

The spring term was taught by Miss Mary E. Schafer of Boston. Without previous experience in teaching, and no knowledge of the requirements of an ungraded school, no one can wonder that the results were not satisfactory. She was earnest and faithful, gaining the good will of her scholars and the respect of the parents and committee. But she made the discovery herself, that she had no "tact for governing," and conscientiously avowed this fact to the committee. For the fall term, we were fortunate in our selection of Miss Florence S. Stratton of Weston, whom we retained through the Winter term, and who has proven herself in this first experience in teaching, admirably fitted for the work.

The order which she has so much improved upon and maintained, without severity, is very commendable, and an increased interest in their studies corresponding to their improved manners in the school room, is a noticeable feature among the scholars. We shall look for a still greater improvement in the coming year for with the love of her scholars and their willingness to work with their teacher, there can be no other outlook.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number scholars,	26	25	23
Average attendance,	21.9	22.9	20.4
Per cent.	84	91	88

DISTRICT NO. 4.

For so many years has this school been under the charge of Miss Nellie F. Thompson, and so fully has she identified herself with all its interests and the well doing of its scholars, in school and out, that any remarks by us as to its standing, are uncalled for. The progress in stud-

ies from term to term is very marked, and the order is always of the best. Though the scholars are young (the average age of those attending during the winter term, being only nine years and four months) they easily and understandingly do the work of much older scholars. The district well deserve to be proud of its school, and its teacher fully merits the credit and confidence which the district accords to her.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number Scholars,	17	17	17
Average attendance,	15.2	16.88	16
Per cent.,	89.8	99	94

DISTRICT NO. 5.

For the past three years this school has been most fortunate in having been under the care of the same teacher, Miss Jennie P. Hunt, and we can only report our complete satisfaction at the work accomplished by her in connection with her scholars. Not alone in the school-room has her influence been felt, but a congeniality of feeling, among the patrons of the school, has been engendered, as the outgrowth of the love and sympathy existing between the scholars and their teacher. A constant progress, especially among the younger classes, has been observed in the several examinations during the year.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number Scholars,	18	20	24
Average attendance,	17	18.2	21.2
Per cent.,	94.7	91	88.3

DISTRICT NO. 6.

We have nothing but words of commendation for Miss Laurretta J. Bent, teacher of this school for more than a year. Under Miss Mains, its former teacher, it had reached a high standard, but consequent upon a change of teachers, the committee were prepared for a declension, for a time, in the energies and activities of the scholars. Our first visit to the school, however, after Miss Bent had entered upon her duties, relieved us of any anxiety as to her success. Example, as well as well as precept, seems to be her motto, and we find her pupils steadily advancing in a respectful bearing in the school-room, in politeness

among themselves, in order and studiousness. Modern in her methods, seasoning them with judgment, and with an aspiration to keep up with the times, she cannot fail to win the highest success in the avocation which she has chosen.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number scholars,	16	18	17
Average attendance,	15.4	17.5	15.5
Per cent.,	96	97	91

DISTRICT NO. 7. "WADSWORTH."

This is the largest school in town, and in a certain sense, requires the outlay of more strength, mental and physical, than any other. The scholars, in ages and attainment, are of such variety that it is a very difficult task to classify them and to keep all the machinery of the schoolroom at work at the same time. It requires a clear head, a steady hand and a vast amount of patience and courage to overcome the obstacles which must of necessity, arise from these circumstances. But we believe we have these requisities at the helm, in the person of Miss Lizzie P. Hurlbut, whom we have come to consider, in a great measure, as belonging to us. Under her guidance and instruction our children may be sure of a good foundation for their education. We can give her no commendation which she does not deserve. She has and will ever have the thanks and confidence of our whole community for her work among the young people of the town.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number scholars,	80	31	29
Average attendance,	27.4	30.1	25.9
Per cent.	91	97	89

N. B. Average attendance of twenty-five scholars during the winter term is over 95 per cent.

By reference to the above report and comparing the per cent. of attendance with that of other years, you will see that it stands much higher than at any time in the past five years. This is most certainly encouraging; but allow us to attract your notice to the notes under Report of Dist. No. 1. (primary) and Dist. No. 7. Take, for instance,

the winter term at Wadsworth, for which the Register, according to the requirements of the law, gives an attendance of 89 per cent. One would exclaim at once, "What a low percentage!" And so it is; but that comes from the continual absence of the few; dropping those few, we find that twenty-five of those scholars have showing of 95 per cent., and are really suffering unjustly.

By detaining your children from school, for trivial causes, you are not only doing them a wrong, but wronging their classmates and disheartening the teacher. We wish we might impress the importance of this matter upon your minds, as it appears to us, for there is no one thing which so tends to the undermining of a teacher's work, as this irregularity of attendance at school.

Our views have been so many times expressed to you in regard to the successful working of our school system, that we hardly feel to-day more than to refer you to what we have fully and earnestly expressed in the past. Remember that the education given now to your boys and girls is worth more to them than will be your silver and gold—a treasure that cannot be taken from them.

Respectfully submitted,

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