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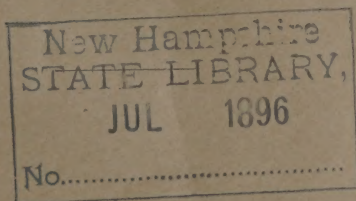
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SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Sullivan:

Your Committee has endeavored to faithfully perform the duties of his office, and respectfully submits to you the following report of the condition of your schools for the year ending March 1, 1880:

DISTRICT NO. 1.

DANIEL W. RUGG, COMMITTEE.

In this District we find three terms of school, and the fourth in session, under the care of Miss Clara S. Nims, of Roxbury, who has before taught this school with good success.

The school passed quietly, a good degree of interest was manifested, and a commendable degree of progress was made. Length of school, 26 weeks; largest number of scholars, 18; the smallest number, 12.

We find a good number of visits recorded, yet more interest on the part of the parents would have still added interest to the school.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

SAMUEL S. WHITE, COMMITTEE.

The Summer Term of 8 weeks was taught by Miss Emma J. Chase, of Marlboro, a teacher of experience, and well qualified for a difficult school, but from an unfortunate misunderstanding in regard to this school, too much sternness was manifested at the commencement,

causing an unpleasantness between teacher and scholars, which was not entirely overcome; yet at the close the school appeared quite well, and the recitations showed improvement. The attendance was quite irregular, the register showing a large number of absences.

The teacher of the Winter Term, of 11 weeks, was Miss Ada M. Farwell, of Harrisville, a graduate of the Normal School of this State, and also of Kimball Union Academy. She is a teacher of good reputation, full of energy and love for her work. With her quiet decision the school conformed to her wishes, and by her earnestness the scholars were stimulated, and in her more general course of instruction the interest of the school was awakened, and had it not been for so much irregularity in the attendance, still more progress might have been made. The reading at the close was good, and the other recitations showed a good degree of interest and improvement. There were 29 pupils in all.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

REUBEN A. DUNN, COMMITTEE.

Both the Summer and Fall Terms were taught by Miss Hattie C. L. Wilson, of this town. This is the second year in succession she has taught in her own District. There were 10 and 15 scholars respectively. Whole length of school, 19 weeks. The scholars were prompt, the lessons well learned and understood, and the school appeared well. The absences were superabundant, 200 in one term.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

PERRY E. KEMP, COMMITTEE.

In this District there was a Summer and Fall Term of 22 weeks in all, with Ida J. Kennerson as teacher. There were 10 scholars in the Summer and 14 in the Fall. The

attendance here was more regular than in some of the other schools. The number of scholars belonging to the District is quite small, but some from an adjoining District added both to the number and interest of the school. We could not expect as much improvement here as with older scholars, yet a fair degree of success was attained.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

ELIAS C. WINCHESTER, COMMITTEE.

The Summer Term of this school was taught by Miss Nellie U. Burpee, of this town. This was her first school. The school was 7 weeks in length, with 11 pupils. The scholars were interested to be in the school-room at the opening of the school, avoiding an undue amount of absences. More energy would have added to the efficiency of the teacher and to the interest of the school. The reading at the close was good, but other recitations did not show that thoroughness and promptness that is desirable.

The teacher of the Winter Term was Miss Anna S. Rockwood, of Swanzey. The school was 13 weeks in length, with 15 scholars. Some of the scholars here seemed inclined to do as they chose, and not to conform to the wishes of the teacher, thus causing disturbance in the school. The teacher failed to inspire her pupils with that independence so much needed for a thorough practical education. Some of the recitations were quite good; yet the general appearance was not what we could wish.

For the blessings of the year that has just closed we have reason to return grateful thanks to the Giver of all good. Health and prosperity have been continued to us, and inasmuch as we have been faithful to our high calling, success has attended our efforts.

We have had five schools in session for the past year,

with an aggregate of 106 weeks. We find 87 pupils, four years old and upward, enrolled. Seven different teachers have been employed, (three from our own town), some laboring faithfully and successfully from previous experience, others lacking energy, therefore not reaping so rich a harvest.

We feel that our schools compare with years that have passed, still the best results have as yet not been attained. Among the evils that have existed the most prominent seems to be the irregular attendance of the pupils. In some Districts there has been an unpardonable negligence on the part of the parents in regard to the attendance of their children. By referring to the annexed table you will see that the absences range from 11 to 200 in a single term. This is unjust to your teacher as well as to your children. No good progress can be made in any school with so many vacant seats and lost recitations. If you cannot spend time yourself to visit the school-room (as is too often the case), be sure that the scholars are there every day, and in season.

In examining the State Superintendent's Report for 1879 we find that New Hampshire is exceeded in the regularity of its attendance by no State in the Union. That of Connecticut is nearly the same.

In accordance with an act of the Legislature, a copy of the new map of New Hampshire has been provided for each of the Districts, at a cost of \$25.25.

Upon the success of our common schools depends, in a great measure, the welfare of our Commonwealth. It is in the school-room that principles are instilled and habits formed that continue to strengthen, until in their might, they rise and overpower us and lead us captive at their will. It is then of the utmost importance that these habits are laid on the foundation of truth and right. Let the foundation be laid broad and deep, that the superstructure

we shall raise shall be an influence that shall be far reaching and elevating to those around us.

The casual reader only will see that ignorance and vice herd together, while the influence of a high standard of education is to raise from the degradation of vice to the high elevation of manhood to which it is our privilege to attain.

As we look back over the past few years we feel that the system of our common schools has been greatly improved, and for this we have reason to be grateful. But the question still presses itself upon us, have we gained the highest elevation we might attain? Has no stone been left unturned, and no effort withheld that might have helped in this great and noble work? Until this has been accomplished we have no right to lay our armor by, or to retire from the conflict, for it is a hand to hand struggle against error, degradation and sin. The high standard of our Commonwealth and its welfare rises and fall with our own cherished system of common schools.

Give us teachers of large literary attainments, those of a high moral character, devoted, self-sacrificing, those that love their work and will inspire their pupils with their own enthusiasm.

But not alone with the teacher rests the responsibility; shoulder to shoulder, as one mighty army, we must go forth, bearing down everything that opposes, until victory perches upon our banners and we are crowned with success.

Respectfully,

ALANSON A. NIMS,
Superintending School Committee.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

No. of District.	TERMS.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Wages of Teacher per month, including board.	No. of Weeks School.	No. of Scholars.	Average No. of Scholars.	Average Daily Attendance.	No of Scholars Not Absent.	Absences	Instances of Tardiness.	Amount of School Money.	Amount of Teachers' Salaries.	Incidental Expenses.	Amount Not Expended.
1,	Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring,	Clara S. Nims, Clara S. Nims, Clara S. Nims, Clara S. Nims,	\$20.00 24.00 26.00 In session.	9 7 10	12 17 18	11.46 16.06 17.68	11.33 15.21 17.01	5 7 8	11 58 67	1 0 1	\$153.37	\$45.00 42.00 65.00	\$9.85	\$41.79
2,	Summer, Winter,	Emma J. Chase, Ada M. Farwell,	30.00 30.00	8 11	23 29	22.9 24.9	21.4 24.2	6 5	113 92	13 37	161.97	60.00 82.50	20.40	
3,	Summer, Fall,	Hattie C. L. Wilson, Hattie C. L. Wilson,	20.00 20.00	8 11	10 15	9.- 12.-	9.- 11.-	3 2	50 200	2 12	106.22	40.00 55.00	9.10	.59
4,	Summer, Fall,	Ida J. Kennerson, Ida J. Kennerson,	18.00 18.00	8 14	10 14	9.- 10.-	9.- 9.-	2 4	29 53	2 7	98.82	36.00 63.00	5.00	
5,	Summer, Winter,	Nellie U. Burpee, Anna S. Rockwood,	17.00 22.00	7 13	11 15	10.7 12.6	11.19	7 1	13 168	5 5	110.32	29.75 71.50	7.00	

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

We, the undersigned, Selectmen of Sullivan, submit the following financial report for the year ending March 1st, 1880.

APPROPRIATIONS

AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING IN MARCH, 1879:

Support of schools,	\$600 00
Repair of highways and bridges,	400 00
To defray town charges,	300 00
Amount of State tax,	604 00
Amount of County tax,	498 96
Rate per cent. on one hundred dollars, money tax,	1 08
" " " highway tax,	22

APRIL INVOICE, 1879.

Resident valuation,	\$159,256 00
Non-resident valuation,	21,294 00
Total,	\$180,550 00
Number of polls, 100.	
Amount of money tax assessed,	\$2,058 22
Amount of dog tax,	18 00

AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY TO EACH DISTRICT, INCLUDING LITERARY FUND.

District No. 1,		\$153 37
" 2,		161 97
" 3,		106 22
" 4,		98 82
" 5,		110 32

BILLS PAID.

Atwell C. Ellis, Town Clerk,	\$15 00
Marshall J. Barrett, Selectman for 1878,	45 00
George L. Mason, " "	37 00
Lyman Davis, " "	27 00
Amos Wardwell, Treasurer,	15 00
Alanson A. Nims, Superintending School Com- mittee,	25 00
Mason A. Nims, Overseer of the Poor,	10 00
George White, agent for town farm,	25 40
L. A. Goodnow, Auditor,	1 00

PAID FOR EXTRA LABOR ON HIGHWAY.

T. S. Richardson,	\$21 04
A. B. Brown,	15 10
T. A. Hastings,	8 60
H. C. Rawson,	18 88
A. N. R. Wilder,	14 38
Mason A. Nims,	7 00
Asahel N. Holt,	13 81
Albert G. Nims,	22 01
George White,	8 34

PAID FOR BUILDING AND REPAIRING BRIDGES.

A. A. Ellis, lumber for bridges,	\$ 7 24
I. E. Comstock, repairing bridge,	10 00
" bridge plank,	5 95
G. S. Kingsbury, "	4 60
Goodnow Brothers, "	30 37
Lyman Davis, labor on bridges,	1 87

PAID FOR MAKING PATHS IN DEEP SNOW.

T. S. Richardson,	\$12 50
Mrs. A. Seward,	2 70
P. E. Kemp,	4 01
A. A. Nims,	3 40

G. S. Kingsbury,	\$6 14
A. B. Brown,	9 75
T. S. Richardson,	7 66
Henry Davis,	1 50
Mitchell Beauregard,	1 25
P. E. Kemp,	3 25
T. A. Hastings,	16 12
I. E. Comstock,	13 06
Alonzo Farrar,	1 63
Lorenzo Mason,	1 12
A. A. Nims,	9 60
Amos Wardwell,	5 32
J. O. Beauregard,	2 75
M. A. Nims,	6 10
Albert G. Nims,	7 70
A. A. Nims,	5 70
J. N. Nims,	1 53

INCIDENTALS.

Wm. B. Allen, printing town reports,	\$20 00
A. N. R. Wilder, sheep killed by dogs,	3 00
Batchelder & Faulkner, retaining fees,	6 00
W. H. Spalter, stationery,	4 95
I. G. Adams, sheep killed by dogs,	7 00
James Chapman, bounty on fox,	50
George White, abated tax,	15 73
Horace Hewes, coffin,	5 00
A. N. Holt, “	5 00
G. A. Willey, “	5 00
Henry W. Hubbard, bounty on foxes,	3 00
George B. Twitchell,	5 00
E. H. Taft, coffin,	5 00
Geo. Kingsbury, repairing fence and hearse-house,	84 00
Solon A. Carter, State tax,	604 00
G. A. Litchfield, County tax,	498 96
A. A. Nims, school books furnished,	2 30

Marshall I. Barrett, calf killed by dog,	\$10 00
Geo. White, collecting taxes in 1877,	24 00
“ abated taxes,	5 39
S. N. Nims, services as sexton,	13 50

DAMAGES ON HIGHWAY.

C. B. Reed,	\$30 00
A. F. Nims,	4 00
Charles Winch,	75
M. W. Hubbard,	50

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Town of Gilsum,	\$34 16
Lyman Davis,	9 39

NOTES PAID.

Lodise Wardwell, note and interest,	\$323 25
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LYMAN DAVIS,
HENRY C. RAWSON,
EDWARD E. RUGG,
Selectmen of Sullivan.

REPORT OF AGENT OF TOWN FARM.

Income for 1879,	\$77 50
Expenses for fencing material, sap hold- er, etc.,	\$4 00
Labor,	5 00
Tax for 1879,	5 20
	\$ 14 20
Balance,	\$63 30

MASON A. NIMS, *Agent.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Sullivan, March 1, 1880.

Amos Wardwell, in account with the town of Sullivan as
Treasurer for the past year.

By cash orders and uncollected taxes,	\$1,266 42
By cash County pauper money,	15 00
By proceeds of town farm for 1878,	35 22
By savings bank tax,	572 89
By literary fund,	30 71
By proceeds of town farm for 1879,	63 30
By proceeds of town farm for 1875, in part,	9 00
By interest of taxes for 1877,	17 41
By taxes of 1879,	\$2,123 18
	\$4,133 13
Amount of orders paid,	\$2,863 58
Uncollected taxes,	904 37
Cash to balance,	365 18
	\$4,133 13

AMOS WARDWELL, *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the above report, and find it correct.

LESLIE H. GOODNOW, *Auditor.*

Sullivan, March 1st, 1880.

Amos Wardwell, as Treasurer, having settled with the Selectmen and found in my hands the first day of March, 1880,	\$1,269 55
Estimated outstanding accounts,	425 00
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Balance in treasury,	\$844 55

AMOS WARDWELL, *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing settlement, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

LESLIE H. GOODNOW, *Auditor.*

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