

# REPORT

OF THE

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

## TOWN OF MAYNARD,

From MARCH 1, 1881, to MARCH 1, 1882.

ALSO, THE

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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1882.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, ss. *To either of the Constables of the Town of Maynard, in said County,*

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of said Maynard, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Riverside Hall, in said Town, *On Monday, the Thirteenth day of March, instant, at twelve thirty o'clock in the Afternoon,* then and there to act on the following articles, to wit :

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear and act upon reports of Town Officers and Committees.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers and Committees for the year ensuing.

ART. 4. To see whether the Town will, by its vote or otherwise, ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens, the right to hold offices and vote in town affairs on the same terms as male citizens.

ART. 5. To see whether or not the Town will authorize the issue of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors within its limits during the year ensuing.

ART. 6. To see what action the Town will take about building a road from Mr. Toohey's in the easterly part of Stow, to Lawton's Crossing, or thereabouts, in Maynard, to do or act as they may think best.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will revoke the acceptance of the Act providing for the election of Road Commissioners, and abolish said Board.

And you are required to serve this Warrant by posting a printed copy thereof, by you attested, at the Post Office, and one at each of five other public places in said Town seven days at least before the time appointed for meeting as aforesaid.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two.

VINCENT J. BRENNAN,  
GEORGE FLOOD,

*Selectmen of Maynard.*



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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### RECEIPTS FROM MARCH 1, 1881, TO MARCH 1, 1882.

#### *Assessment for 1881.*

For support of Schools,	\$4,000 00	
“ repairs of Highways,	1,500 00	
“ Incidental Expenses,	2,500 00	
“ Public Library,	1,000 00	
“ New School-house,	3,500 00	
“ State Tax,	1,095 00	
“ County Tax,	550 24	
	\$14,145 24	
Assessments in excess of Taxes,	2,640 27	
	\$11,504 97	
Amount of Taxes for 1881,	\$11,504 97	
Received from Corporation Tax,	355 31	
“ “ Bank “	36 90	
“ “ labor, J. McClure,	3 00	
“ “ Prof. Voight, coal at school-house,	1 32	
“ “ B. Lynch, trees,	1 50	
“ “ town of Hinsdale, aid to M. Shea,	26 53	
“ “ dog licenses,	161 28	
“ “ liquor “	825 00	
“ “ cemetery lots,	112 00	
“ “ auctioneer's license,	4 00	
“ “ military aid returned,	308 00	
“ “ taxes, 1880,	29 68	
“ “ Mass., school fund,	193 22	
“ “ loan,	3,000 00	
Amount in Treasurer's hands March 1, 1881,	697 83	\$17,260 54

The Treasurer is credited as follows:

Amount of Selectmen's orders,	\$16,949 77	
“ “ abated taxes,	17 10	
“ “ unpaid taxes,	99 18	
Balance due Town March 1, 1882,	194 49	
	\$17,260 54	

## ORDERS DRAWN ON TREASURER, AS FOLLOWS:

*Support of Schools.*

D. J. Richards, Spring Term,	\$266 64	
M. A. Sweatt, " "	120 00	
E. H. Priestley, " "	80 00	
M. E. Felton, " "	120 00	
A. B. Woodruff, " "	120 00	
F. W. Dawson, " "	120 00	
C. A. Hussey, " "	132 00	
O. J. Perry, " "	40 00	
J. H. Vose, " "	120 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,118 64
J. D. Studley, Fall Term,	\$244 42	
M. A. Sweatt, " "	110 00	
E. H. Priestley, " "	110 00	
M. E. Felton, " "	110 00	
F. W. Dawson, " "	110 00	
C. A. Hussey, " "	121 00	
O. J. Perry, " "	110 00	
S. McGrath, " "	110 00	
J. H. Vose, " "	110 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,135 42
J. D. Studley, Winter Term,	\$288 86	
M. A. Sweatt, " "	130 00	
E. H. Priestley, " "	130 00	
M. E. Felton, " "	130 00	
F. W. Dawson, " "	120 00	
C. A. Hussey, " "	143 00	
O. J. Perry, " "	130 00	
S. McGrath, " "	130 00	
J. H. Vose, " "	130 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,331 86

## SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

C. A. Slyvert, care,	\$254 00	
D. C. Osborn, " "	6 00	
J. H. Vose, " "	5 00	
E. O'Connors, " "	1 25	
C. F. Rogers, " "	1 87	
F. Taylor, " "	10 00	
E. Doyle, " "	10 00	
Mrs. Grant, " "	5 80	
Mrs. Lynch, " "	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$297 42

*Wood, Coal, Supplies, Etc.*

C. A. Gerry, erasers,	\$14 05	
Assabet Manufacturing Co., coal,	318 74	
“ “ “ wood,	9 25	
W. A. Haynes, “	32 00	
J. P. Bent, “	24 00	
C. Randall, “	5 50	
T. Moynihan, cutting wood,	7 50	
W. W. Oliver, repairing clock,	3 50	
Haynes Brothers, books and supplies,	76 57	
H. Curtis, sundry supplies,	11 33	
A. C. Stockin, spelling-books,	28 72	
		<hr/> \$531 16
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Unexpended balance as per last report,	\$34 45	\$4,414 50
Appropriation, 1881,	4,000 00	
Massachusetts, School Fund,	193 22	
Amount overdrawn,	186 83	
		<hr/> \$4,414 50

## NEW SCHOOL-HOUSE, SUDBURY STREET.

*Payments, as follows:*

Aaron S. Thompson, for land,	\$500 85
S. B. Shattuck, building school-house per contract,	2,610 00
S. B. Shattuck, building cellar per contract,	150 00
“ “ extra work,	131 51
W. D. Tuttle, surveying and plan,	5 00
L. Maynard, express on plan,	25
J. W. Reed, writing deeds and agreements,	10 00
Assabet Manufacturing Co., labor, lumber,	140 87
lime and cement,	105 00
Smith & Glidden, 12,000 bricks,	6 00
E. Henderson, carting “	19 20
Fitchburg Railroad Co., freight on bricks,	69 13
F. Conant, labor as mason,	12 85
Dinsmore, Bracket & Co., basement windows,	45
Fitchburg Railroad, freight on same,	2 71
Bogman & Vinal, hinges and screws,	3 00
Pratt Brothers, printing proposals,	235 00
Magee Furnace Co., furnace,	
	<hr/> \$4,001 82
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	4,001 82	
Fitchburg Railroad Co., freight on same,	1 55	
Novelty Manuf'g Co., school furniture, desks,	290 00	
Corse, Woodbury & Smith, shades, etc.,	28 64	
Asa S. Woodart, hanging shades,	1 50	
J. S. Hammet, liquid slating,	36 00	
American Powder Co., bell,	20 00	
F. J. Knight, hanging bell,	3 50	
New England Co., charts,	14 00	
W. W. Oliver, clock,	10 00	
G. H. Gooding, painting black-boards,	6 00	
A. R. Sumner, painting, and cleaning glass,	8 00	
W. A. Walker, pump,	25 50	
Bryan Lynch, labor,	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,453 51
Appropriation, 1881,	\$3,500 00	
Amount overdrawn,	953 51	
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MAYNARD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

*Payments as follows:*

Estes & Lauriat, books,	\$988 10	
J. W. Reed, making catalogue and care,	30 00	
Tolman & White, printing catalogues,	79 86	
Winkley, Thorp & Dresser, record and index,	9 25	
C. W. Leach, printing cards, rules and regulations,	5 25	
Bogman & Vinal, lock and keys,	1 43	
G. Flood, team to Concord,	1 50	
Haynes Brothers, desk, chairs, &c.,	21 54	
Assabet M'f'g Co., lumber, labor, &c.,	10 00	
F. W. Nyman, labor,	1 50	
A. D. Holt, bracket, lamps, &c.,	5 60	
B. F. Parrott, labor, &c.,	8 88	
C. W. Wells, mucilage,	1 50	
Fitchburg R. R. Co., for freight,	1 73	
Peters, expressage,	3 50	
C. A. Slyvert, care,	7 50	
C. Randall, carting books,	75	
	<hr/>	\$1,177 89
Appropriation, April, 1881,	\$1,000 00	
“ dog tax,	161 28	
Amount overdrawn,	16 61	
	<hr/>	\$1,177 89

## MILITARY AID.

James Carney,		\$72 00
Alson R. Sumner,		36 00
Mary Monedict,		48 00
Dennis Long,		48 00
Olive M. Lovering,		48 00
Margaret Moore,		44 00
Charlotte Holbrook,		16 00
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		\$312 00

## REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

*Road Commissioners' Bills.*

Amount overdrawn, 1880,		\$474 63
Edward Henderson:		
59 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' labor of self,	\$2 00,	\$119 00
59 $\frac{3}{4}$ " " " 2 horses,	3 00,	179 25
140 $\frac{1}{9}$ " " " men,	1 50,	210 16
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " boy,	1 25,	5 62
13 $\frac{1}{4}$ " " " "	1 00,	13 25
Half repairs at depot,		35 31
Breaking out roads,		29 00
Gravel,		30 30
Sundry repairs,		18 89
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		\$640 78
James Haynes:		
62 $\frac{3}{4}$ days' labor of self,	\$2 00,	\$125 50
63 " " " 2 horses,	3 00,	189 00
123 " " " men,	1 50,	184 51
Half repairs at depot,		16 25
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		\$515 26
Joel F. Parmenter:		
46 $\frac{3}{4}$ days' labor of self,	\$2 00,	\$93 50
136 $\frac{1}{6}$ " " " horse,	1 50,	204 25
173 " " " men,	1 50,	259 49
Half repairs at depot,		43 93
Breaking out roads,		51 50
Sluice stone,		6 25
Sharpening tools,		1 00
C. E. Watson, labor, lumber and iron,		57 08
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		\$717 00
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		\$2,347 67
Appropriation, 1881,	\$1,500 00	
Amount overdrawn,	847 67	
	<hr/>	\$2,347 67

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

*Payments as follows:*

## TOWN OFFICERS.

V. J. Brennan, services as Selectman, Overseer of the Poor, &c.,	\$65 00	
G. Flood, services as Selectman, Overseer of the Poor, &c.,	55 00	
F. A. Davidson, services as Selectman, Overseer of the Poor, &c.,	25 00	
E. R. Chase, services as Town Clerk,	35 00	
“ “ “ obtaining and recording births, marriages and deaths,	43 70	
L. Maynard, services as Coll. and Treas.,	50 00	
A. Balcom, “ “ Assessor,	18 75	
S. P. Brooks, “ “ “	24 00	
G. F. Cutting, “ “ “	33 00	
“ “ “ “ Seal. of W. and M.,	5 00	
J. W. Reed, “ “ School Committee,	50 00	
T. Hillis, “ “ “ “	40 00	
J. H. Vose, “ “ “ “	10 00	
W. R. Hall, “ “ Truant Officer,	15 00	
		<u>\$469 45</u>

## REPAIRS ON SCHOOL-HOUSES.

S. B. Shattuck, lumber, labor, &c.,	\$5 20	
D. C. Osborn, labor,	3 00	
E. Henderson, “ man and horses,	8 00	
G. H. Goding, “	18 00	
J. K. Harriman, “	9 00	
F. W. Nyman, “	6 25	
B. F. Parrott, “	2 50	
		<u>\$51 95</u>

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

Lydia Maynard, board of J. McClure and wife,	\$33 33	
Kate Burke, “ “ “	56 67	
Mary Ollis, “ “ “	112 50	
Mary Manning, “ “ “	58 00	
G. Flood, moving “ “	1 00	
		<u>\$261 50</u>
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$261 50	<u>\$521 40</u>

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>			
Mrs. Mullen, clothing for	"	\$261 50	\$521 40
F. A. Davidson, medicine for	"	7 02	
E. R. Smith, ointment,	"	1 45	
Dr. F. U. Rich, medical at-	"	10 00	
tendance on	"		
Robert Gregg, board at Tewksbury,		12 20	
W. H. Mason, board of Michael Doner,		169 46	
Mrs. McGrath, " " "		31 66	
J. K. Harriman, rent of George Blye,		36 50	
Town of Monson, aid to Elizabeth Barr,		60 00	
George Flood, expenses in " " case,		114 53	
Town of Marlboro', aid to Mary Manning,		7 05	
Town of Ware, aid to Walter Ross,		49 00	
C. Randall, board of John Durgan,		9 44	
Lying-in Hospital, board of Julia Puffer,		144 00	
Dr. F. U. Rich, medical attendance on Julia		4 28	
Puffer,		75	
James Drake, board of Michael Shea,		19 03	
Dr. F. U. Rich, medical attendance on Michael			
Shea,		3 00	
Railroad fare to Hinsdale for Michael Shea,		4 50	
H. Curtis, crackers for tramps,		1 63	
J. S. Smith, crackers and herrings for tramps,		3 35	
Haynes Bros., clothing for J. McClure and wife,		12 94	
A. Freil, care 110 tramps,		13 75	
W. R. Hall, care 6 " "		54	
" " board, etc., Robert Glory,		19 37	
Mrs. Davis, nursing " "		17 00	
C. W. Wells, medicine " "		6 50	
Dr. F. U. Rich, medical attendance Robt. Glory,		21 50	
Lunatic Hospital, support Wm. King and James			
Adams,		371 40	
		<u>          </u>	\$1,413 35

#### INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Robert Elliott, care street lamps,	\$329 50	
David Henderson, care street lamps,	29 30	
State Tax,	1,095 00	
County Tax,	550 24	
25 per ct. liquor licenses paid Commonwealth,	206 25	
A. Maynard, rent of hall,	100 00	
Grand Army, decoration day,	50 00	
E. Henderson, labor, men and horses at		
cemetery,	50 25	
	<u>          </u>	\$2,410 54
		\$1,934 75

*Amounts carried forward,*

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$2,410 54	\$1,934 75
T. Moynihan, labor at cemetery,	1 50	
F. A. Davidson, labor at “	3 00	
D. Stratton, surveying at cemetery,	8 50	
O. S. Fowler, mowing at “	8 00	
American Powder Co., stakes for cemetery,	5 00	
C. A. Wood, varnishing hearse,	12 00	
O. S. Fowler, returning deaths,	8 75	
C. W. Leach, printing warrants, etc.,	3 25	
Tolman & White, “ “	1 25	
Abram French, burners and chimneys,	4 34	
Hooper, Lewis & Co., order book,	6 50	
Pratt Brothers, printing Town Reports, 1881,	22 00	
“ “ “ Voters’ Lists, etc.,	13 00	
Express,	7 75	
J. Jones, storing, care weights and measures,	2 50	
J. W. Reed, taking census school children,	8 00	
F. A. Davidson, agent, insurance new school,	38 50	
“ “ blanks for liquor licenses,	1 50	
“ “ express, stationery, etc.,	5 66	
A. D. Holt, 72 street-lamps, repairs at lockup,	20 35	
A. Freil, lime-washing at lockup,	4 00	
W. Haynes, wood for “	5 38	
F. J. Knight, repairs at “	3 50	
A. D. Holt, repairs and fixtures for schools,	21 30	
Tax bills and postage,	4 85	
A. Balcom, blank book and postage,	3 00	
T. Moynihan, moving guide posts,	1 50	
G. H. Goding, painting lamp posts,	8 50	
E. Underwood, Agent, insuring Library,	12 50	
“ “ “ “ Schools,	60 00	
T. Groom & Co., cash book for Treasurer,	3 00	
H. Curtis, burners and chimneys,	16 88	
V. J. Brennan, telegrams, stationery, &c.,	3 50	
G. Flood, posting Warrants, &c.,	3 15	
“ “ expenses in varioloid case,	6 10	
“ “ sundry supplies to Jas. Wilson,	3 50	
H. Curtis, “ “ “ “ “	9 73	
J. K. Harriman, “ “ “ “	17 16	
A. Stewart, “ “ “ “	4 64	
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		\$2,784 08
Military aid, sundry persons,		312 00
Unexpended balance, 1882,		1,955 66
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		\$6,986 49

Unexpended balance as per last report,	\$1,138 01
Appropriation, 1881,	2,500 00
Military aid reimbursed,	308 00
Licenses for sale of intoxicating liquors,	825 00
"    of auctioneer,	4 00
Labor, John McClure,	3 00
Prof. Voight, coal at school-house,	1 32
B. Lynch, trees,	1 50
Town of Hinsdale,	26 53
Cemetery lots,	112 00
Corporation tax,	355 31
Bank tax,	36 90
Taxes, 1880,	29 68
State tax,	1,095 00
County tax,	550 24
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	\$6,986 49

## STATEMENT.

Amounts overdrawn, Schools,	\$186 83
"    "    Highways,	847 67
"    "    New School-house,	953 51
"    "    Library,	16 61
Abated Taxes,	17 10
Unpaid "    "	99 18
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Unexpended in Incidentals,	\$2,120 90
	1,955 66
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Overdrawn,	\$165 24
Loan,	\$3,000 00
Assessments in excess of taxes,	\$2,640 27
Appropriations overdrawn,	165 24
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Assessments overdrawn,	\$2,805 51
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Amount in Treasurer's hands,	\$194 49

## INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWN, MARCH 1, 1882.

For loan,	\$3,000 00
Less cash in Treasurer's hands,	194 49
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Net debt,	\$2,805 51

VINCENT J. BRENNAN, } *Selectmen of*  
 GEORGE FLOOD, } *Maynard.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF MAYNARD,

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR 1881-82.

# REPORT.

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FELLOW-CITIZENS :

In accordance with custom and the law, we respectfully submit the following report :

The most important change that has taken place in relation to our schools during the past school year, has been the abandonment of the Turnpike school, and substituting therefor a primary and intermediate school in the new school-house. By the erection of the new school-house on Sudbury street, we have been able to complete the grading of all the schools, so that we are at present enjoying an advantage, which only a few towns in our Commonwealth do, or can enjoy, namely, on account of the compactness of our population and the smallness of our territory, a thorough system of gradations in all of our schools. In this respect, the town is exceptionally favored ; and, it is to be hoped that our citizens will not lose sight of this important advantage and abandon the present system.

The Turnpike school, the term before this change, had eighty-six different scholars, more than the house could accommodate, and ranging all the way from those who did not know the alphabet, to those who should have been in the High school. Little could be expected of a teacher in such a school, and the only surprise is that parents and citizens have allowed such a school to exist as long as it did. But the scholars in that district are now on an equality with the others, and are enjoying equal advantages.

None of our schools, at the present time, except the High school, have more than three classes, some only two, thereby giving the teachers ample time for instruction and explanation, and are not compelled to hurry through the recitations, leaving it to chance, whether the pupils understand the lesson or not, having merely, perhaps, committed it to memory without any thorough understanding of the same.

The method of instruction in our schools has changed much in the last few years, and the teacher who would now undertake to conduct a school on the same methods used and employed twenty years ago, would be as much behind the times as he who would, at the present time, use the old-fashioned machinery of fifty years ago in the manufacture of cloth. So rapid has been the advance in the methods and systems of teaching, that we think that only a few of the parents and guardians have kept pace with them, and have but an inaccurate idea of the methods and principles in use at the present time. The most radical changes have taken place in the methods employed in teaching and instructing the pupils in our primary schools. Instead of a teacher now spending months, and sometimes a year, in learning a few scholars their A B C's, and then, perhaps, not fully accomplishing the desired result, the teacher commences and learns the pupils short and easy words, both in print and script, from the black-board, the charts and the primmers, together with the exercise of copying the same on their slates, and the result is, that we soon find, even in one term, that the pupils who do not know the letters will read sentences made up of common and familiar words. The letters are learned gradually, without any special attention being

given to them. The advantage of this plan over the old, can only be determined by those acquainted with the success obtained.

It has been our aim to encourage our teachers not to depend entirely upon any text-book, but to instruct their pupils in the different methods and theories advocated by the authors of other books, and by oral explanations and demonstrations, to endeavor to cause the pupils to thoroughly understand the fundamental principles of their studies.

Your committee have not made any changes of teachers during the year, but have retained those they found engaged at the commencement of the last spring term. The only changes that have occurred have been caused by voluntary resignation. D. J. Richards, teacher of the High school, left us for a more desirable position in another school, at the end of the spring term. The same is to be said of Miss A. B. Woodruff, teacher of the Acton street Primary school, who resigned to accept a situation at Melrose. These are the only changes that have happened during the year. Both of these teachers your committee would have gladly retained.

John B. Studley, of Concord, a graduate of Harvard College, was engaged as teacher of the High school, and Miss O. J. Perry, of Hyde Park, a graduate of the Boston Normal School, who had taught as a substitute in the Acton and Nason streets Primary schools for six weeks in the spring term, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Woodruff. Miss Sadie Magrath, who had previously taught in this town under the supervision of Dr. Scott, who highly recommended her for the position, was engaged as teacher of the new

Primary school on Sudbury street.

We do not desire to discuss the merits or faults of each teacher in print. We recognize certain superiority in some over others, as teachers, and where any faults have existed, or mistakes have been made, we have endeavored to correct them without undue publicity. We believe they are as good a corps of teachers as can be obtained for the salaries paid.

From the parents and citizens we have had no complaints, and if any have existed, we have not been informed of them. We have made no changes in the salaries of our teachers during the past year, except the placing of Mr. Vose on a level with the rest. We think the salaries as they are at present established, give the teachers a fair and adequate compensation for their services when compared with those paid by other towns. We regret that the parents, and those who should be interested in our schools, visit our schools so seldom. Children are, by nature, proud of their work and like praise and commendation, and when visitations cease to excite curiosity and surprise, then they become a benefit to our schools. Teachers, themselves, are emulous, and desirous that their schools should appear to as good advantage as the others in town, and they are kept on the alert by these frequent visits from parents; and, like any class of persons engaged in performing the same task day after day, year after year, without any change, unintentionally become indifferent and careless, and let the work take care of itself as much as possible, simply going through the process without thought or ambition. Many a good teacher has thus ceased to be useful, and nothing but a change from one school to another can awake and

restore their usefulness. Frequent visits from those interested in our schools would dispel this trouble. Scholars soon forget to notice anything strange about the visits of the committee, and go on with their allotted tasks without interruption. Let the visits of others be often enough to cease to be a novelty, and they become a benefit and an encouragement to both teacher and pupils by convincing them that others are interested in their work, and they will all strive to do their best.

A few changes in our text-books were made during the year; none were made except those which your committee deemed necessary. These changes produced the usual amount of objections and fault-finding on the part of some. These were expected and carefully weighed and considered before the changes were made, and we think that those changes will be upheld by those who are well wishers of the success of our schools.

Repairs, somewhat extensive, are needed in and upon some of the school buildings. The school-house on Nason street must be shingled, or, at least, the older portion of the roof. This should have been done some year or two ago. It is enough to inform you that the High school had to be dismissed once during the last term to shovel out the snow in the attic, which, becoming melted by the heat in the room below, came dripping through the ceiling and walls in such quantities, that scholars could not remain in their seats. The roof on the Main street school-house needs shingling; or perhaps patching would do, but we think not. Both the Nason street and Acton street school-houses sadly need painting, and the Nason street house needs some other general repairs in the shape of new boards in floors and stairways and in other respects. The above mentioned repairs are a matter of economy and should

not be delayed. A fence and walk are needed at the Sudbury street school-house.

Your committee suggest for your consideration the expediency of a special appropriation for repairs ; also the fact that the Turnpike school-house is unoccupied and that the scholars, with a very few exceptions, are better accommodated at present where they now attend.

The basement of the Nason street house, which the higher primary school now occupies, needs some changes and alterations to make it fit for a school-room, on account of its being heated by a large furnace situated in the school-room, which also furnishes the heat for the remainder of the building.

The rooms in the Sudbury street house are the largest and best in town. And while the house itself is of the same dimensions on the outside as the Acton street house, eight feet have been added to the length of the two school-rooms by an alteration in the hall and stairways. It will be only a short time before additional school room will be needed in the lower part of the town to relieve the schools now occupying the Acton and Nason street houses. The rooms occupied by the Primary schools have been taxed to their utmost limits in the last spring and fall terms. Our expenses have been necessarily increased by the creation of one more school in town, which was needed to relieve the Turnpike school and the schools in the Main street house, and by the unusual high price of coal and wood. It would be cheaper for the town to substitute coal stoves for those that now burn wood in the Main street school-house, and also add to the comfort of the scholars.

The attendance of scholars during the year has been irregular and broken, on account of sickness, especially during the first of the spring term, the latter part of

the fall term and during the whole of the winter term, making the average attendance unusually low. Scholars leaving after having attended school twenty weeks, have created the usual annoyance and interruption in some of the schools ; and, while we do not expect to do away with this trouble altogether, we ask parents to endeavor to have their children enter school at the commencement of a term and leave at the end of one; and, while out of school not to entirely neglect their studies, but to retain the knowledge, at least, of what they have previously learned, and thus escape the continuous plan of going over again the same subject studied while attending school before. This can be accomplished by a very little study at home.

Your committee adopted the plan at the end of the spring term of requiring scholars passing from the Intermediate schools to the Grammar school, and from the Grammar to the High, to submit to a written examination ; and we think this plan should be continued, as it is the only way to determine the fitness of a scholar for promotion.

The Primary school, on Main street, was closed one week earlier than the other schools, on account of the illness of the teacher, Miss Dawson.

We trust that the interest in our High school will continue and be increased, and make it in fact, what it is in name.

The whole number of children in town May last was 529 ; length of school year 36 weeks.

Annexed is a special report of the statistics of each school.

JOSEPH W. REED, }  
 THOMAS HILLIS, } *School Committee.*  
 JOHN H. VOSE, }

## SPECIAL REPORT OF EACH SCHOOL.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

D. J. RICHARDS, }  
 JOHN B. STUDLEY, } . . . *Teachers.*

Salary, \$800 per annum.

Whole number of pupils during the year,	.	33
Average membership	“ “ “	24
Average attendance	“ “ “	22

Not absent or tardy for three terms, Mary Whitney ;  
 for two terms, Lilla D. Hillis ; for one term, Irving G.  
 Robertson, Charles S. Rogers.

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Miss CLARA A. HUSSEY, . . . *Teacher.*

Salary, \$11 per week.

Whole number of scholars during the year,	.	49
Average membership	“ “ “	34
Average attendance	“ “ “	33.32

Not absent or tardy for three terms, none ; for two  
 terms, George Flood, Hannah Hurley, Mary Lehy,  
 Maggie O'May, Eddie Ractcliffe ; for one term, James  
 Cleary, Charles Carr, Harland Maynard, Lessie Maynard,  
 William Hayes, Fred Taylor.

## MAIN STREET INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Miss M. E. FELTON, . . . *Teacher.*

Salary, \$10 per week.

Whole number of pupils during the year,	.	54
Average membership	“ “ “	38
“ attendance	“ “ “	35.33

Not absent or tardy for three terms, Alice Harris; for two terms, Effie Flood, Frank Lawton; for one term, Lena Foley, John Hannon, Katie Cullen, Katie Hannon, Frank Moynihan, Rubie Wilson, James Coughlan, Maggie Doyle, Willie Kelley, Jeanette O'May.

NASON STREET INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

MISS MARY A. SWEATT, . . . *Teacher.*

Salary, \$10 per week.

Whole number of pupils during the year, .	59
Average membership " " "	41
" attendance " " "	39.5

Not absent or tardy for three terms, none; for two terms, none; for one term, Mamie Brennan, Charles Brackett, George Brooks, Annie Callahan, Myron Hapgood, Annie Morris, Hattie Naylor, Maggie O'May, James O'May, Brooks Reed, Maggie Robertson, Lizzie Wilson.

GARFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL, *Sudbury St.*

JOHN H. VOSE, . . . *Teacher.*

Salary, \$10 per week.

Whole number of pupils during the year, .	45
Average membership " " "	39.5
" attendance, " " "	35.2

Not absent or tardy for two terms, Bertie Haynes; for one term, Fred. Brunelle, Lilla E. Churchill, Cliffie Cheney, John T. Cleary, Persie Haynes, John E. Hannon, Mary Little, Alice McEvoy, Mary McEvoy, John Murry, Arthur B. Parrott, Belle G. Whitton.

## ACTON STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MISS A. B. WOODRUFF, } *Teachers.*  
 MISS O. J. PERRY, }

Salary, \$10 per week.

Whole number of pupils during the year,	.	80
Average membership	" " "	61.33
" attendance	" " "	52.4

Not absent or tardy for three terms, none; for two terms, none; for one term, Frankie Brackett, Nelson Cook, Mamie McLaughlin.

## MAIN STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MISS FANNIE W. DAWSON, . *Teacher.*

Salary, \$10 per week.

Whole number of pupils during the year,	.	92
Average membership	" " "	56
" attendance	" " "	49

Not absent or tardy for three terms, Willie Hannon; for two terms, Ella Doyle, Alice Parkinson; for one term, Florence Davis, Alice Drake, Marie Duberger, Lizzie Lehy, Eddie Little, Lizzie Panton, Jimie Wilson.

## NASON STREET INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

MISS E. H. PRIESTLEY, . . . *Teacher.*

Salary, \$10 per week.

Whole number of pupils during the year,	.	54
Average membership	" " "	44.6
" attendance	" " "	40.5

Not absent or tardy for three terms, none; for two terms, Jennie Naylor; for one term, Charles Brackett, Josie Brennan, Mary Conley, Ida Gove, Solomon Led-

gard, Sadie Lockwood, Joshua Naylor, James O'May, Sarah Seacole, Willie Smith, Annie Wagner, Sadie Wilson.

GARFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL, *Sudbury Street.*

Miss SADIE G. MAGRATH, . *Teacher.*

Salary, \$10 per week.

Whole number of pupils during the year,	.	49
Average membership	" " "	35.5
" attendance,	" " "	33.5

Not absent or tardy for three terms, none ; for two terms, none ; for one term, Bertie Larkin, Willie Larkin, Olins Sumner, Bertie Sumner, Arthur Whitton.