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**ANNUAL REPORT**

OF THE

# **Town Officers**

OF THE

## **Town of Sullivan**

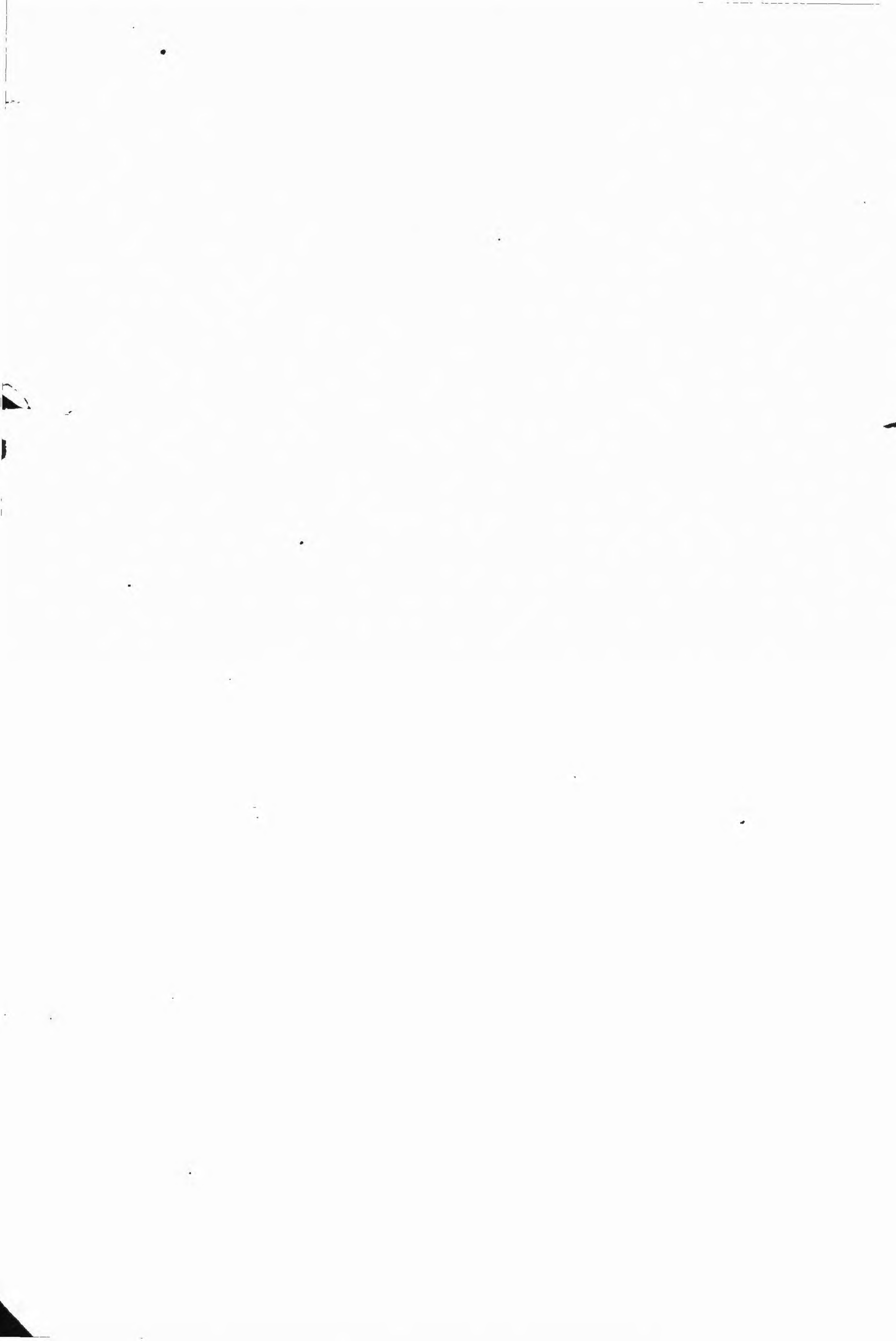
**For the year ending March 1,**

**1897.**

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## Report of Treasurer

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1896.

### RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury March 1, 1896,	\$ 870 48
Collector 1895, balance,	1,277 51
Collector 1896,	3,238 61
State treasurer, school fund and mill tax 1896,	942 02
State treasurer, soldiers' pensions,	48 00
"    paupers,	182 27
"    dog licenses, refunded,	61 80
"    free high school,	90 00
"    bounty on seals,	6 00
"    R. R. and telephone tax 1896,	06
American Book Co., returned,	8 07
City of Ellsworth, paupers,	274 07
Peddlers' licenses,	12 00
Town Clerk, dog licences,	71 00
Sale of school house, district No. 5,	20 00
Town of Gouldsboro schools,	52 00
Circus permit,	2 00

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\$7,105 89

**EXPENDITURES.**

Town orders,	\$5,531 56
Accepted town orders,	169 75
Interest town orders,	44 25
State tax, 1896,	610 62
County tax, 1896,	412 44
Bounty on seals,	5 00
Interest on town notes,	32 00
Dog licenses, state treasurer,	71 00
State pensions,	48 00
Cash in treasury,	181 27
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	\$7,105 89

CHARLES H. PREBLE, Treasurer.



## Report of Assessors

OF TOWN OF SULLIVAN, 1896.

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Assessed value of resident real estate,	\$179,589 00
Assessed value of resident personal property,	53,379 00
Assessed value of non-resident real estate,	42,458 00
Assessed value non-resident personal property,	4,957 00
Total valuation,	<u>\$280,383 00</u>
Number of Polls, 360. Poll tax, \$3.00.	
Rate \$17.20 per \$1,000.	

### AMOUNT ASSESSED.

For support of Poor,	\$400 00
incidental expenses,	900 00
support of common schools,	1,016 00
free high schools,	200 00
repair of roads and bridges,	1,250 00
repair of school houses,	50 00
school books,	250 00
for new school house,	700 00



Paid for Memorial day,	\$ 15 00
State tax,	610 62
County tax,	412 44
overlays,	98 52
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Total assessment,	\$5,902 58
Total amount assessed on polls,	\$1,080 00
Total amount assessed on property,	4,822 58
Supplementary assessment,	48 30
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Total committed to collector,	\$5,950. 88

E. F. CLAPHAM,	}	Assessors of Sullivan.
A. T. WILSON,		

Sullivan, March 1, 1897.



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## Report of Overseer of Poor.

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### SUPPORT OF POOR.

#### RESOURCES.

Amount raised by town,	\$400 00	
due from Sorrento,	82 34	
received from Ellsworth,	3 51	
due from Ellsworth,	11 59	
due from State,	221 38	
	<hr/>	\$718 81

### SUPPORT OF POOR.

For Mrs. Foy,	\$85 52
E. H. Duun,	94 00
Amaziah Havey,	43 81
David Dalzell,	1 24
Mrs. Lucinda Tracy,	74 51
Mrs. Hulbert,	21 72
C. Hilgrove,	13 17
Simon Young,	18 69
H. Garland,	15 10
Rodney Partridge,	2 50
Oliver Gay,	104 00
Mrs. N. Haas.	121 00
Mrs. Hayworth,	63 50



Paid A. Eldridge,	\$21 00	
J. D. Bragg,	2 90	
Tramps,	16 75	
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Total,		\$699 41
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Balance unexpended,		\$19 40

### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

District No. 1, Balance unexpended Mar. 1 1896,	\$34 56	
Amount apportioned, district No. 1,	541 57	
Amount raised for Wilson bridge,	150 00	
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Amount available,		\$726 13

#### EXPENDITURES.

D. L. CRIMMINS' BILLS TO MAY 1, 1896,	\$ 62 35
DISTRICT NO. 1, ATWOOD L. BUNKER, COM- MISSIONER FROM MAY 1, 1896, TO MARCH 1, 1897.	
Paid Atwood L. Bunker, labor and sundries,	177 31
Clapham & Smith, labor,	32 00
Fred Bunker, labor,	11 55
Munroe Bunker, labor,	24 00
Harland Mace, labor,	2 75
Henry Mace, labor,	7 88
John Mace, labor,	2 00
Willis Sperry, labor,	16 50
Robinson & Havey, stone,	7 00
V. B. Gordon, gravel,	4 08
E. F. Clapham, labor,	39 00
Crabtree & Havey, sundries,	8 86
Hooper & Havey, powder,	6 00
Howard Bunker, labor,	11 55
John Pherson, labor,	7 00
Sherman Libby, labor,	6 80

Paid James Workman, labor,	\$16 50	
Geo. Watson, labor,	2 75	
Moses Baker, labor,	35	
John Mortimer, labor,	2 75	
• Winfield Workman, labor,	50	
Henry Butler, snow bill,	2 00	
John Blaisdell, snow bill,	20	
Orrin Stratton, snow bill,	1 35	
Moses Hawkins, snow bill,	1 80	
N. S. Bunker, labor,	20 00	
Crabtree & Havey, stone,	50 00	
A. T. Wilson, labor,	11 00	
Road machine, repairs,	4 88	
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Balance unexpended March 1, 1897,		\$185 42
District No. 2, balance unexpended March 1, 1896,	\$ 2 34	
Amount apportioned, district No. 2,	558 43	
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## EXPENDITURES.

H. O. Whaling, bills to May 1, 1896,	\$46 96
A. T. HILL, COMMISSIONER FROM MAY 1, 1896, TO MARCH 1, 1897, labor,	86 45
Paid A. L. Bunker, labor,	8 00
Clapham & Smith, labor,	32 00
H. E. Hill, labor,	14 44
F. E. Johnson, labor,	24 67
T. B. Johnson, labor,	18 43
Jesse White, labor,	31 37
Herbert Sinclair, labor,	39 74
D. A. Hanna, labor,	20 90
J. S. Lord, labor,	21 29
F. L. Orcutt, labor and gravel,	23 57
Wm. Martin, labor,	1 92
Dunbar Bros., sundries,	6 91

Paid E. Noyes, sundries,	\$ 1 13	
E. G. Preble, sharpening,	1 60	
Wm. J. Lord, sharpening,	2 95	
C. W. Doyle, labor and lumber,	20 18	
Will R. Hanna, gravel,	60	
N. Noyes, gravel,	3 42	
Fred Bean, labor,	7 80	
H. J. Bean, labor,	5 00	
Harry Ash, labor,	1 50	
R. M. Orcutt, labor,	1 75	
G. W. Ash, powder,	1 80	
A. H. Dyer, labor and gravel,	3 75	
Henry Ashley, labor,	8 87	
C. H. Preble, powder and fuse,	3 24	
Geo. Ferrin, labor,	1 75	
Hiram Preble, labor,	6 24	
B. H. Bunker, labor,	1 00	
Machine repairs,	7 37	
A. T. Hill, snow bills,	26 11	
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Total expenditures,		\$482 71
Balance unexpended,		78 06

### INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

#### RESOURCES.

Amount raised by town,	\$900 00
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#### EXPENDITURES.

Paid Loring, Short & Harmon, town books,	\$ 8 50
Bar Harbor Press Co., 1895 town reports,	17 00
W. H. Simpson, town plan 1895,	12 00
E. F. Clapham, bills paid out,	25 00
O. V. Simpson, expenses Hutchings trial,	34 10
Moses Hawkins, amount paid out,	9 93

Paid Moses Hawkins, part payment of services,	\$20 75
Arthur L. Bunker, commission at 1 per cent on taxes July 1,	15 61
Henry Boynton, services in Stuart case,	29 75
Henry Boynton, bills paid on Hutchings case,	13 47
A. W. King, stenographer, Hutchings case,	23 00
C. P. Simpson, plan in Hutchings case,	4 50
E. F. Clapham, part services as selectman,	50 00
M. E. Rideout, ballot clerk,	4 00
N. Noyes, ballot clerk,	4 00
Moses Baker, care of town house,	3 00
Expenses of burial of Nicholas Haas,	41 40
J. F. Knowlton, preparing Hutchings case,	31 60
Mrs. D. A. Hooper, damage to window in blasting,	30 00
A. L. Bunker, commission as collector 1895,	188 10
Bar Harbor Press Co., printing Hutchings case,	60 00
John U. Hill, services as moderator,	3 00
A. T. Wilson, posting warrants,	6 00
A. T. Wilson, part services as selectman,	30 00
A. E. Perry, repairs on town house,	50
Geo. Graham, services as truant officer,	3 50
Frank Johnson, rent for hearse house,	3 00
W. H. Simpson, part payment services as selectman,	25 00
A. H. Dyer, storing road machine,	2 00
G. H. Robertson, Memorial day,	15 00
W. H. Simpson, part payment services as selectman,	24 32



Paid W. H. Simpson, balance as services as selectman,	\$15 47
Moses Hawkins, balance services as superintendent of schools,	34 25
W. L. Haskell, births and deaths,	4 00
Henry Boynton, town clerk,	27 20
E. F. Clapham, balance services select- man,	14 17
A. T. Wilson, balance services select- man,	17 83
C. H. Preble, treasurer's fees,	69 25
J. S. Doyle, witness and traveling fees,	3 02
A. L. Bunker, abatements 4 per cent discount,	62 42
A. L. Bunker, abatement 1895,	60 94
A. L. Bunker, abatement road tax S. G. Co. 1896,	40 00
A. L. Bunker, abatement watering troughs,	12 00
Geo. Graham, town lot for gravel,	25 00
Total expenditures,	\$1,123 58
Overdrawn,	223 58

### NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

Amount raised for new school building, \$700 00

#### EXPENDITURES.

Paid Geo. Graham for lot for building,	\$ 25 00
Simon Havey on account of new school house,	200 00
Havey & Doyle, lumber for new school house,	97 50
Simon Havey, on account of new school house,	200 00
Simon Havey, balance account new school house,	116 50

C. H. Workman, work on new school house,	\$20 00	
Material for and building fence, new school house,	9 15.	
C. R. Foster, desk for do.,	12 00	
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Total expenditures,		\$680 15
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Balance unexpended,		\$19 85





## Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

Wilber C. Havey,	term expires 1898.
Fred A. Noyes,	“ “ 1898.
Winfield S. Pettee,	“ “ 1897.
Fred L. Orcutt,	“ “ 1899.
Moses Hawkins,	“ “ 1897.

*Gentlemen of the School Committee and Fellow Citizens:*

In submitting to you the annual report of our schools for the municipal year ending March 1, 1897, I will not enter into minute details or lengthy suggestions, but will try to cover the ground in a brief and general way. In looking over the report of last year it seemed to me that we would have funds enough for three terms of school in the year besides the high school.

With the advice and co-operation of the committee, it was so arranged; and in every school in town there were three terms, one of ten weeks and two of nine weeks, all commencing and closing at the same date, with one exception where the teacher was sick for one week, which made the closing of that term one week later. Every school has had twenty-eight weeks within the year, besides a couple of weeks of an unfinished term at Sullivan Harbor. To me all the schools appeared successful; with one exception the discipline was very good indeed, and in that case I attributed the want of good order more to the ill health of the teacher than to her want of ability. In all the schools so far as I could judge by my visits and examinations there was a marked improvement and advancement manifested with the majority of the scholars.

It is true that all pupils cannot make the same progress in all their studies, for the simple reason that they have not the same capacity for learning. Therefore my advice to teachers has been to have patience with the dull ones and to stimulate them to make greater efforts. I am pleased to say where such a course has been adopted I have noticed very good results. It seems to me we have been very fortunate in obtaining good teachers; and must need say there lies the great secret in the management of our schools—the selection of good and efficient teachers. It is a fact that our common school teachers are obliged to be much better qualified now than twenty or even ten years ago—and thanks to our free high school and the interest the people of this town have taken in the cause of education, we now have thirteen or sixteen young people amongst us qualified to teach in our public schools.

All the reason I can give for not filling all the places for teachers in our town for the spring and fall terms with resident teachers was the fear of some local prejudices which I thought might exist in some localities. It is a fact that sometimes a little ungrounded prejudice will work great harm in the management of a school. It seems to me the teachers for the past year have performed their work very conscientiously, with a view to the advancement of their pupils and to establish a record as good teachers. The teachers have reason to thank your school committee and a large majority of the parents of the pupils for the interest they have taken in the schools. There is one thing to which I wish to call the attention of some of the parents, that is the punctual attendance of their children in school; for it is impossible for a pupil to have any rank in his or her class, or do any satisfactory work, if absent anywhere from one to five days in a week.

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### SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

We have now in town five school buildings, one built last year at Sullivan Center, which is amply large for that school and is a very neat and comfortable building. The others are all in

fair repair and will need but small repairs for the coming year with the exception of the one near Mr. G. W. Ash's store. That house should have an additional window put in each side to give more light, and the back end of the house needs re-clapboarding or shingling besides some repairs inside.

### FREE TEXT BOOKS.

Following some of the suggestions of my predecessor I have completed the change he commenced in Geographys, introducing Frye's in all the schools. I have made a complete change in Arithmetics, putting in Milne's, which appears to be one of the best now published. In introducing these books I have taken, so far as possible, advantage of exchange prices. I have also partially introduced Milne's Algebra, and would recommend having it used in all the schools. So far as the other books are concerned there seems to be the greatest need of spelling books of any, and perhaps it would not be out of place to recommend a more thorough study of the spelling book in our schools.

### FREE HIGH SCHOOLS.

The term closed March 27, 1896, after continuing ten weeks. It was under the instruction of Mr. A. J. Whitney, a most thorough and efficient teacher. It was a very profitable and successful term. The term for this year is still in session and will be reported later.

### SUPPORT OF COMMON SCHOOLS.

#### RESOURCES.

Amount un-expended March 1, 1896,	\$ 334 39
raised by town,	1,016 00
received from State,	942 02
received from town of Gouldsboro,	52 00

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\$2,344 41



## EXPENDITURES.

## Paid West Sullivan Sidewalk Association

for cleaning school house,	\$ 10 00
A. J. Whitney, teaching 2 1-2 months,	100 00
Cora Gordon, assistant primary dept.	75 00
Wm. Goodwin, boarding teacher,	40 00
Louise M. Hawkins, teaching and board,	110 00
Clarence Havey, janitor service,	10 00
Sidney Havey, sawing wood, etc.	5 66
S. S. Scammons, 2 1-4 cords wood,	10 12
Bertha H. Blaisdell, ass't primary dep't.	67 50
A. J. Whitney, teaching 2 1-4 months,	90 00
Clarence Havey, janitor service,	9 00
Josie B. Bunker, teaching and board,	90 00
A. J. Whitney, teaching 2 1-4 months,	90 00
A. J. Whitney, school apparatus,	1 75
Joseph Petree, sawing wood,	1 67
Henry M. Mattocks, janitor service and sawing wood,	15 75
Mattie Moore, teaching,	67 50
Louise M. Hawkins, teaching and board,	99 00
C. H. Abbott, boarding teacher,	4 00
Crabtree & Havey, wood and school supplies,	21 34
S. P. Havey, boarding teacher,	66 47

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 \$984 76

Paid Willie Workman, janitor service,	\$ 2 00
Willie Workman, sawing wood,	1 50
Josie H. Bridgham, teaching 4 weeks,	36 00
Mrs. Dyer, cleaning schoolhouse,	4 00
Josie H. Bridgham, teaching and board,	90 00
Charles Urann, janitor service,	5 00
Josie H. Bridgham, teaching and board,	81 00
Willie Workman, janitor service,	4 50
E. J. Roberts, teaching 2 1-4 months,	78 75
Charles Urann, janitor service,	6 75
School supplies,	1 45

**Paid Mrs. M. H. Hawkins, boarding teacher, \$33 75**

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**\$344 70**

**Paid Jennie M. Strong, cleaning schoolhouse, \$ 1 50**  
 Agnes Patten, teaching and board, 80 00  
 Everard Noyes, janitor service, 3 50  
 Fred Noyes, 2 cords wood, 7 00  
 Fred Noyes, 1 broom, 25  
 Agnes Patten, teaching and board, 76 50  
 Everard Noyes, janitor service, 3 60  
 Everard Noyes, sawing and housing wood, 1 50  
 Everard Noyes, janitor service, 4 50  
 Letitia A. Taylor, teaching and board, 81 00

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**\$259 35**

**Paid Alice Havey, teaching and board, \$ 90 00**  
 Geneva Pettee, janitor service, 5 00  
 Geneva Pettee, cleaning schoolhouse, 2 00  
 Cora Gordon, teaching and board, 76 50  
 Geneva Merchant, janitor service, 4 50  
 A. J. Pettee, wood, 10 50  
 Edward M. Tucker, teaching 2 1-4 months, 76 50  
 Pearl Robertson, janitor service and  
 sawing wood, 5 10  
 Mrs. M. A. Martin, boarding teacher, 33 75  
 G. W. Ash, school supplies, 87

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**\$304 72**

**Paid Fred Orcutt, three cords wood, \$ 9 50**  
 Fred Orcutt, sawing wood, 2 25  
 Fred Orcutt, cleaning schoolhouse, 2 00  
 Imogene Farnham, teaching, 60 00  
 Ralph Stevens, janitor service, 5 00  
 O. P. Bragdon, boarding teacher, 30 00  
 Gretchen Barker, teaching, 58 50  
 Ralph Stevens, janitor service, 4 50  
 Herman Smith, boarding teacher, 27 00

Paid Henry Hawkins, teaching and partial board 2 1-4 months,	\$81 00	
Mrs. O. P. Bragdon, boarding teacher,	27 00	
Ralph Stevens, janitor services,	4 50	
J. L. Hammett, school supplies,	2 35	
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		\$313 60
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		\$2,207 13
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Unexpended,		\$137 2

### FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

TERM ENDING MARCH 27, 1896.

Resources, \$200 00

#### EXPENDITURES.

Paid A. J. Whitney, teaching 2 1-2 months at \$45,	\$112 50	
Wm. Goodwin, boarding teacher.	42 50	
Mary Evans, assistant one week,	2 50	
Josie B. Bunker, assistant nine weeks,	22 50	
Harvey Hooper, janitor service and sawing wood,	12 75	
A. J. Whitney, school apparatus,	3 00	
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		\$195 75
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Unexpended,		\$4 25

### REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Resources raised by the town, \$50 00

#### EXPENDITURES.

Paid Fred A. Noyes,	\$2 50
A. J. Pettee,	4 60
Fred Orcutt,	1 00
James W. Pettee,	4 00
J. L. Hammett, Liq. slating,	1 00



M. Hawkins, and bills paid,	\$6 29
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	\$19 39
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Unexpended balance,	\$30 61

### FREE TEXT BOOKS.

Resources raised by the town,	\$250 00
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#### EXPENDITURES.

Paid Ginn & Company,	\$66 50
American Book Company,	78 28
J. L. Hammett Company,	23 50
John E. Potter & Company,	3 50
Ginn & Company,	18 25
American Book Company,	18 02
Express and freight on books,	7 53
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	\$215 53
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Unexpended,	\$34 47

In closing the above report I wish to add that I felt some reluctance in accepting the office, when the full responsibility of the situation was presented to me, and now I wish to thank the committee and the people of the town for their kind support.

MOSES HAWKINS,  
Superintendent.

Sullivan, February 26, 1897.