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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

## SULLIVAN, MAINE

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1,

**1911.**

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JUL 30 1912.

# TOWN OFFICERS.

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SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

E. F. CLAPHAM,      E. E. BRAGDON.      J. B. HAVEY,  
H. H. HAVEY, TREAS.      O. W. HAVEY, CLERK.

TAX COLLECTOR,  
W. C. HAVEY.

ROAD COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT NO. 1.  
ATWOOD L. BUNKER.

ROAD COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT NO. 2,  
OSCAR HAVEY.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,  
A. W. GORDON.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,  
F. L. ORCUTT,      FRANK CARLTON,      F. F. HASKELL.

TRUANT OFFICERS,  
GEO. H. TRACY,      G. H. HANNA.

CONSTABLES.

G. M. FARNSWORTH,      F. A. PATTEN  
A. T. WILSON,      FRED A. CRABTREE,

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## REPORT OF TREASURER.

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H. H. HAVEY, Town Treasurer,

In account with TOWN OF SULLIVAN.

DR.

Cash in treasury Feb. 28, 1910,		\$714 91
Rec'd of State as follows:—		
support of paupers,	\$262 71	
dog licenses refunded,	55 33	
school and mill fund,	1,205 99	
apportionment of common school fund,	708 88	
school equalization fund,	127 31	
State road,	279 78	
		\$2,640 00
Rec'd for cemetery lots as follows:—		
Nellie Robertson,	\$15 00	
Alvin Dyer,	15 00	
Hattie Nason,	15 00	
N. H. Williams,	15 00	
Shirley Bunker,	15 00	
Catherine Robertson,	15 00	
		\$90 00
Rec'd of town of Mt. Desert, acc't Henry Reed,		\$234 62
W. O. Havey, collector 1910,	8,922 11	
town clerk, dog licenses,		90 00
selectmen, Caroline Pettee, tax.		5 00
A. W. Gordon, district supt., act. schools as follows:		
town of Sorrento,	\$107 13	
town of Gouldsboro,	70 00	
town of Franklin,	80 00	
town of Cranberry Isle,	34 25	
town of Hancock,	42 00	
town of Searsmont,	12 50	
books sold,	6 35	
		\$352 23
Rec'd of Union Trust Co., interest,		\$10 30
Masonic Lodge, rent for 1 year,		60 00
H. W. Dunbar, stumpage Merchant lot,		16 12
		\$13,135 29

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**Paid State as follows:—**

State tax,	\$1,848 00	
State pensions,	144 00	
dog tax,	90 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,080 00
<b>Paid county tax,</b>		582 66
selectmen's orders,		10,177 93
Cash on hand Feb. 28, 1911,		844 70
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		\$13,135 29

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. HAVEY, Treasurer.

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H. H. HAVEY, Treasurer,

In account with SULLIVAN SCHOOL BUILDING.

Balance on hand Feb. 28, 1910,	\$2,556 00
Rec'd of Union Trust Co., interest,	3 94
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	\$2,553 94
Orders paid,	2,435 21
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Balance on hand Feb. 28, 1911,	\$118 73

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. HAVEY, Treasurer.

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## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

### VALUATION.

Resident, real estate,	\$225,371 00	
Resident, personal estate,	71,342 00	
Non-resident, real estate,	58,910 00	
Non-resident, personal estate,	4,448 00	
	<hr/>	\$360,071 00
Number of polls 311 at \$3.00 per poll.		
Rate \$22.20 per \$1,000.		

## AMOUNT ASSESSED.

Roads and bridges,	\$1,200 00	
Sidewalks,	300 00	
Memorial Day,	25 00	
State roads,	400 00	
Support of poor,	250 00	
Support of common schools,	1,000 00	
Support of high school,	500 00	
Text books,	350 00	
Repair of school houses,	250 00	
Incidental expenses,	800 00	
Superintendent of schools,	150 00	
Principal and interest on town notes,	1,150 00	
State tax,	1,848 60	
County tax,	532 66	
Overlays,	176 77	
Supplementary tax,	17 21	
	-----	\$8,947 64

E. F. CLAPHAM,  
E. E. BRAGDON,  
J. B. HAVEY,  
Assessors of Sullivan,

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

ATWOOD L. BUNKER, Commissioner, District No. 1.

## RESOURCES.

By amount unexpended,	\$ 25 96	
raised by town,	600 00	
	-----	\$625 96

## EXPENDITURES.

Pd. Atwood L. Bunker, labor, 56 days at \$2.25,	\$126 20
George R. Watson, team, labor 23 days at \$3 00,	69 00
Frank White, labor, 8 days at \$2 00,	16 00
Archie O. Bunker, team, 7 1-4 days at \$4 00,	29 00

Pd. David T. Patchen, 14 days at \$1 85,	\$25 85	
Munroe Bunker, 34 1-4 days at \$1 85,	63 41	
Hollis Watson, 2 3-4 days at \$1 75,	4 80	
Edward Johnson, 18 1-2 days at \$1 85,	34 23	
Edward Johnson, team 1 day at \$3 00,	3 00	
V. B. Gordon, gravel,	1 20	
Clarence Johnson, labor. 1 day at \$1 85,	1 85	
Crabtree & Havey, supplies, 1909,	8 28	
Alvin Hooper, labor, 3 days at \$2 00,	6 00	
H. D. Gordon, labor, team 8 days at \$3 00,	24 00	
W. B. Estabrook, labor, team 3 days at \$5 00,	15 00	
Ivory Leighton, labor, team 4 3-4 days at \$5 00,	23 75	
Harvey Watson, labor, 2 1-2 days at \$2 00,	5 00	
J. B. Havey, labor, 3 1 2 days at \$2 00,	7 00	
Stillman Webb, labor, team 1-2 day at \$4 00,	2 00	
Frank Cummings, labor, 1-2 day at \$1 80,	90	
Talbot Butler, labor, team 5 days at \$3 00,	15 00	
James Mattocks, labor, 3 1-2 days at \$2 00	7 00	
F. L. Orcutt, labor, team 3 days at \$5 00,	15 00	
Alfred Leighton, labor, team 3 1-2 days at \$6 00,	21 00	
Preble & Clark, machine repair,	9 13	
Preble & Clark, supplies,	3 95	
B. R. Joy, sharpening,	1 15	
Crabtree & Havey, supplies,	7 49	
Dunbar Bros , gravel,	12 00	
Atwood L. Bunker, team hire,	5 00	
Atwood L. Bunker, snow bill,	1 00	
Atwood L. Bunker, express bill,	1 05	
C. M. Uonant, machine edge,	4 00	
Preble & Olark, supplies,	2 76	
		576 94
Balance unexpended,		\$49 02

## SIDEWALK ACCOUNT.

ATWOOD L. BUNKER, Commissioner.

## RESOURCES.

Amount raised by town,		\$800 00
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## EXPENDITURES.

Amount overdrawn, 1909,	\$ 48 25	
Pd. Dunbar Bros., lumber,	123 90	
E. W. Johnson, 6 days at \$1.85 per day,	11 10	
E. F. Clapham, 1 day at \$2 00 per day,	2 00	
Leon Whalen, hauling lumber,	14 00	
Munroe Bunker, 6 days at \$1 85 per day,	11 10	
Atwood L. Bunker, 6 3-4 days at \$2 25 per day,	15 13	
Dunbar Bros., lumber,	3 10	
Hooper, Davey & Co., merchandise,	5 52	
Weston Robertson, 6 hours' team labor,	2 25	
A. Simpson, Jr., nails,	4 50	
Ed. Webb, 1-2 day at \$2 00 per day,	1 00	
Will Hooper, snow bill,	75	
Atwood L. Bunker, snow bill,	1 68	
Atwood L. Bunker, horse,	5 00	
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		\$249 28
Balance unexpended March 1, 1911,		<hr/>
		\$50 72

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

OSCAR HAVEY, Road Commissioner, District No. 2.

## RESOURCES.

By amount unexpended,	\$112 07	
raised by town,	600 00	
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		\$712 07

## EXPENDITURES.

Pd. Oscar Havey, labor, 57 1-4 days at \$2.25,	\$128 75
Oscar Havey, team, labor, 32 days at \$4,	128 00
W. R. Hanna, snow bills, 1909,	15 05
Chas. Grant, labor, 3 1-4 days at \$1.85,	6 30



Pd. Dunbar Bros., lumber,	\$26 21
Clarence Johnson, labor, 8 days at \$1.85,	14 80
W. B. Estabrooks, labor team, 4 da, at \$3,	12 00
Eugene Havey, labor, 8 days at \$1.85,	15 12
C. M. Conant, machine edge,	4 00
I. E. Doyle, labor, 7 1-2 days at \$1.85,	13 87
William Martin, labor, 2 days at \$1.85,	3 65
Wm. Robertson, labor, 2 7-8 days at \$1.85,	5 31
Wm. Robertson, gravel,	3 20
E. C. Hanna, labor, team, 2 days at \$4,	8 00
Frank Johnson, labor, 1 5-8 days at \$1.85,	3 00
F. L. Orcutt, team labor, 7 days at \$3.25,	22 90
Eugene Havey, labor, 1909,	3 90
Eugene Havey, labor team,	16 85
A. B. Havey, labor, 12 days at \$1.85,	22 20
Chas. Grant, labor, 1 day at \$1.85,	1 85
Geo. Ferrin, labor, 7 days at \$1.85,	12 95
E. W. Johnson, labor, \$1.85,	14 02
Simeon Havey, labor, 2 days at \$1.85,	3 70
B. C. Baker, gravel,	9 40
Herbert Sinclair, labor, 1 day at \$1.85,	1 85
C. W. Doyle, labor and gravel,	11 52
F. L. Orcutt, gravel,	2 56
Fred Bean, gravel,	1 72
E. C. Hanna, supplies,	8 95
Harold Whalen, labor,	1 38
E. W. Doyle, labor, team, 2 days at \$4,	8 00
Dunbar Bros., lumber,	8 21
E. O. Hanna, labor,	9 60
E. A. Hanna, labor,	1 56
Ivory Leighton, labor, team, 8 1-2 days, \$5,	42 50
Pearl B. Robertson, labor, team, 1 1-2 days \$4,	6 00
Clarence Johnson, labor, 7 3-4 days, \$1.85,	14 33
A. T. Hill, supplies,	71
Eugene Havey, lumber,	4 70
Oscar Havey, snowbills,	18 67
Preble & Clark, machine work,	9 12
Obed Crane, labor, 2 days,	3 60

Pd. A. T. Hill, labor,	\$3 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$652 96
Balance unexpended,		<u>\$59 11</u>

## STATE ROAD ACCOUNT.

ATWOOD L. BUNKER, Commissioner.

### RESOURCES.

Balance unexpended, 1909,	\$ 19 92	
Amount raised by town,	400 00	
received from State,	279 78	
received from E. F. Clapham, dis-		
count on pipe,	12 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$711 70

### EXPENDITURES.

Pd. Atwood L. Bunker, 43 1-4 days at \$2 25,		
October 25,	\$ 97 34	
Munroe Bunker, 23 days at \$1 85, Oct. 25,	42 56	
E. F. Clapham, 2 days at \$2 00, Oct. 25,	4 00	
Stetman Webb and team, 45 1-2 days at		
\$4 50,	204 75	
J. M. Blaisdell and team, 1-3 day at \$3 00,	1 00	
Hooper, Havey & Co., stone,	51 75	
George Watson and team, 2 days at \$3 00,	6 00	
V. B. Gordon, gravel,	54 60	
Frank White, labor, 3 1-2 days at \$2 00,	7 00	
Brad Smith, ferriage,	8 05	
Brad Smith, clay,	10 00	
A. G. Gordon, labor, 12 1-4 days at \$1 85,	22 66	
O. M. Conant, pipe, 150 ft.,	60 00	
D. T. Patchen, labor, 30 1-4 days at \$1 85,	55 96	
E. W. Johnson, labor, 29 1-4 days at \$1 85,	54 11	
	<u>          </u>	\$679 78
Balance unexpended,		<u>\$31 92</u>

## HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

DR.-

By amount raised on town notes,	\$6,500 00
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1909.		
Nov. 23.	Pd. Nellie Workman,	\$ 150 00
26.	Norman Hale, contractor,	225 00
Dec. 14.	Norman Hale, contractor,	600 00
1910.		
Jan. 1.	Norman Hale, contractor,	1,500 00
17.	N. P. Foster, plans,	50 00
28.	A. W. Gordon, apparatus,	15 35
28.	Norman Hale, contractor,	1,000 00
Feb. 7.	Norman Hale, contractor,	425 00
Jan. 29.	A. W. Gordon, apparatus,	2 86
Mar. 9.	Norman Hale, contractor,	1,000 00
8.	Hellen Hodgkins and M. E. Preble, deeds,	150 00
Apr. 6.	L. E. Knott, apparatus,	116 11
6.	Edward E. Babb & Co., appa- ratus,	78 05
19.	Norman Hale, contractor,	600 00
2.	Norman Hale, contractor,	300 00
Dec. 23.	L. E. Knott, apparatus,	66 89
1911.		
Feb. 3.	H. W. Dunbar, deed,	100 00
23.	L. E. Knott, apparatus,	2 62
25.	Stan Wilson, apparatus,	2 08
25.	A. W. Gordon, apparatus,	1 25
	To balance,	114 79
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	Union Trust Co., interest,	\$3 94
		\$6,500 00

## PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON TOWN NOTES.

### RESOURCES.

Amount raised by town, \$1,150 00

### EXPENDITURES.

Dec. 12.	Pd. S. E. Doyle, interest,	\$ 35 00
	A. B. Crabtree, interest,	50 00
23.	Bar Harbor Banking and Trust Co., note and interest,	840 00

1911.			
Jan. 28.	Pd. Bar Harbor Banking and Trust Co., interest,	\$100 00	
Feb. 21.	Bar Harbor Banking and Trust Co., interest,	100 00	
		<hr/>	\$1,125 00
	Balance unexpended,		\$25 00

## INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

### RESOURCES.

Amount raised by town, March, 1910,	\$ 800 00	
raised by town, Memorial Day,	25 00	
overlays,	176 77	
supplementary tax,	17 21	
sale of cemetery lots,	90 00	
superintendent of schools, salary,	150 00	
rent of Masonic hall,	60 00	
Dog licenses refunded,	55 33	
Caroline Pettee tax,	5 00	
Union Trust Co., interest,	10 30	
	<hr/>	\$1,389 61

### EXPENDITURES.

Amount overdrawn, 1909,	\$547 25
Pd. F. L. Carlton, S. S. committee, 1909,	10 00
H. O. Johnson, damage,	27 00
Campbell Pub. Co., town reports,	19 70
Loring, Short & Harmon, town books,	13 45
H. W. Dunbar, insurance,	45 00
Fire bills, 1910,	58 60
A. W. Gordon, Supt. of schools,	143 71
Andrew Doran, Memorial Day,	25 00
Dunbar Bros., spades, (fire)	3 75
Geo. H. Tracy, truant officer,	12 50
Dunbar Bros., town house repairs,	1 53
Clara Smith, water tub, 1909-10.	6 00
Fred Orabtree, bill J. Orabtree case,	3 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, order book,	3 00
B. C. Baker, moderator,	3 00

Pd. R. A. Black, board of health,	\$17 00	
Geneva Young, water tub,	3 00	
W. B. Blaisdell, ballot clerk,	2 00	
E. W. Johnson, care of town house,	4 50	
G. M. Farnsworth, posting warrants, etc.,	13 50	
R. F. Gerrish, printing notices,	1 50	
R. A. Black, Robert Petrie case,	5 00	
R. A. Black, reporting births and deaths,	5 50	
F. A. Patten, housing hearse,	10 00	
F. L. Orcutt, S. S. Com., 1910,	10 00	
M. L. Stevens Lodge, abatement,	24 50	
A. Simpson, Jr., spades, (fire)	3 70	
W. C. Havey, abatement,	32 54	
W. R. Martin, labor on road, vote of town,	16 66	
W. C. Havey, Smith Bean Est. tax,	2 20	
W. C. Havey, Caroline Pettee tax,	1 66	
W. C. Havey, Everard Greely tax,	8 88	
Mattie Dunbar, water tub,	3 00	
Maria S. Clapham, office rent,	10 00	
W. C. Havey, collector, 1910,	178 44	
W. C. Havey, interest on accepted town order,	30 00	
O. W. Havey, town clerk services,	26 72	
Peter H. Bunker, ballot clerk,	2 00	
Atwood L. Bunker, ballot clerk,	2 00	
F. L. Orcutt, ballot clerk,	2 00	
E. F. Clapham, services as selectman,	110 00	
E. F. Clapham, expenses paid,	17 34	
J. B. Havey, services and expenses,	70 00	
H. H. Havey, services as treasurer,	100 00	
E. E. Bragdon, services as selectman,	52 25	
	—	\$1,687 84
Overdrawn,		<u>\$298 23</u>

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## OVERSEERS OF POOR.

### RESOURCES.

Balance unexpended, March 1, 1910,	\$248 49
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Amount raised by town,	250 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$498 49

## EXPENDITURES.

Pd. H. W. Dunbar, house rent Ed. Tracy,	\$23 00	
F. E. Pettengill, supplies Ed. Tracy,	13 94	
W. Lipsky, supplies, Ed. Tracy,	11 04	
town of Eden, Mrs. Ernest Moores,	85 73	
	<u>          </u>	\$133 71
Balance unexpended,		<u>\$364 78</u>

## STATE PAUPER ACCOUNT.

## RESOURCES.

Rec'd from State,	\$217 66	
Due from State to Jan. 1, 1911,	60 69	
	<u>          </u>	\$278 35

## EXPENDITURES.

Pd. for supplies to Simon Young,		\$278 35
E. F. CLAPHAM,		
E. E. BRAGDON,		
J. B. HAVEY,		
Overseers of Poor.		

## SARAH E. MERCHANT, ACCOUNT.

## RESOURCES.

By Atwood Bunker place, so called,	\$500 00	
stumpage from H. W. Dunbar,	16 12	
	<u>          </u>	\$516 12

## EXPENDITURES.

Apr. 2, '08. Pd. S. E. Phelps, medical at-		
tendance,	\$4 25	
Apr. 18, E. G. Preble, board,	7 75	
Dec. 8, James West, wood,	4 00	
May 6, '10, E. O. Hanna, supplies,	13 28	
	<u>          </u>	\$29 28
Balance unexpended,		<u>\$486 84</u>

## LIST OF DELINQUENT TAX-PAYERS.

Simpson, Miss Juliette estate of \$25 53

### FINANCIAL REPORT.

#### ASSETS.

Amount due from State on paupers,	\$ 60 69	
due from State on high school,	500 00	
due from State on pensions,	144 00	
due from Lamoine, O. Hodgkins,	25 28	
due from cemetery lots sold,	30 00	
due from collector, 1909,	18 80	
due from collector, 1910,	25 53	
due from Franklin, common school tuition,	20 00	
due from towns, high school tui- tion,	117 50	
due from tax deeds, (est.)	112 74	
of town property,	200 00	
town cemetery lot,	75 00	
Balance in treasury March 1, 1911,	344 70	
		\$1,674 24

#### LIABILITIES.

Town orders unrepresented,	\$ 353 72	
Outstanding bills, (est.)	137 25	
Outstanding town notes,	5,700 00	
		\$6,190 97
Balance against the town March 1, 1911,		\$4,516 73

E. F. CLAPHAM,

E. E. BRAGDON,

J. B. HAVEY,

Selectmen of Sullivan.

### TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Number of male dogs licensed in 1910, 60 at \$1 each,	\$60 00	
Number of female dogs licensed in 1910, 6 at \$5 each,	30 00	
		\$90 00
Total number dogs licensed, 66,		\$90 00

Cash paid to treasurer H. H. Havey, for year 1910, \$90 00  
 Number male dogs licensed in 1909, 59;  
 females, 4; total, 63.

#### VITAL STATISTICS.

Number of births recorded in 1910, 29; males, 10; females, 19; living, 27; stillborn, 2. Number of births, recorded in 1909, 26. Number of marriages recorded in 1910, 17. Number of marriages recorded in 1909, 13. Number of deaths recorded in 1910, 28; in 1909, 21. Deaths in 1910, of infants less than one year old, 3; between five and ten years of age, 1; between ten and twenty, 2; between thirty and forty, 2; between sixty and seventy, 6; between seventy and eighty, 6; between eighty and ninety, 8. Total, 28.

#### CAUSES OF DEATH.

Pneumonia, 4; Organic heart disease, 2; Pulmonary tuberculosis, 2; Senile Debility, 2; cancer of breast, 1; Cerebral apoplexy, 1; Acute Oystitis, 1; Maternal Placenta Praevia, 1; Intestinal obstruction, 1; Premature birth, 1; Aortic Regurgitation, 1; Marasmus, 1; Cerebral hemorrhage, 1; Arterio Sclerosis, 1; Apoplexy, 1; Angina Pectoris, 1; Epithelioma of lower jaw, 1; Parenchymatous Nephritis, 1; Diabetes Mellitus, 1; Concussion of brain, 1 Acute Poliomyelitis Anterior, 1.

C. W. HAVEY, Town Clerk.



# REPORT

## OF THE

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

SULLIVAN, MAINE, MARCH 1, 1911.

*To the Members of the Superintending School Committee and  
the Citizens of the Town of Sullivan:*

I respectfully submit the following report of the condition and progress of the schools of Sullivan for the year ending March 1, 1911:

#### SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

F. L. Orcutt, chairman, term expires March, 1911.  
F. L. Carlton, term expires March, 1912.  
F. F. Haskell, term expires March, 1913.

#### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

A. W. GORDON.

#### SCHOOL CENSUS.

The whole number of persons between five and twenty-one years of age in town on April 1, 1910, was found to be three hundred four. Of this number forty-three were under seven years of age, one hundred forty-eight between seven and fifteen or within the compulsory school age, and one hundred thirteen were fifteen years of age or over.

#### SCHOOL POPULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	NUMBER OF SCHOLARS.			
	Under 7.	Between 7 and 15.	15 or over.	Totals.
West Sullivan,	23	85	67	175
Sullivan Harbor,	5	20	14	39
Sullivan Centre,	3	7	5	15
Ash District,	5	10	8	23
Bridgham Hill,	5	22	17	44
Tunk,	2	4	2	8
	—	—	—	—
Totals,	43	148	113	304

## ENROLLMENT AND AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.

DISTRICTS AND SCHOOLS.	WHOLE NUMBER REGISTERED				AVERAGE ATTENDANCE			
	Spring	Fall	Winter	Average	Spring	Fall	Winter	Year
West Sullivan	99	101	91	97	82	91	77.4	83.46
Grammar	18	20	18	18.6	16	19	16.	17.
Intermediate	35	37	35	35.7	30	33	30.	31.
Primary	46	44	38	42.7	36	39	31.4	35.46
Sullivan Harbor	26	29	19	24.7	23	23	16.	20.67
Sullivan Centre	9	11	11	10.3	8	11	8.	9.
Ash District	12	12	10	11.3	11	11	9.	10.34
Bridgham Hill	33	31	29	31.	30	29	24.8	27.93
Grammar	16	19	17	17.3	14	18	15.	15.66
Primary	17	12	12	13.7	16	11	9.8	12.27
Tunk	5	9	9	7.7	5	7	8.	6.67
<b>Totals</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>143.2</b>	<b>158.07</b>
<b>High school</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>47.8</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>48.5</b>	<b>*52.76</b>	<b>44.75</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>229.8</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>220.5</b>	<b>195.96</b>	<b>202.82</b>

\*First half winter term.

The whole number of different scholars registered in.. . . .	
common schools during the year,.....	214
The number registered for three terms,.....	146
The number registered for two terms,.....	32
The number registered for one term or less,.....	36

## GENERAL STATISTICS.

Population of town of Sullivan, 1910,.....	1,132
Number of polls, 1910,.....	311
Number of scholars on April 1, 1910,.....	304
Percentage of school population attending common.....	
schools,.....	52
Percentage of school population attending common.....	
schools for State, 1910,.....	45
Percentage of school population attending high school,.....	14
Percentage of school population attending public.....	
schools in town, 1910,.....	66

TEACHERS EMPLOYED 1910-1911.

Name	School Taught	Terms	Graduate of	Partial Course	State Teachers' Certificate	Terms Experience
Harvey L. Carter...	W. Sullivan Grammar...	3	Castine Normal.....	.....	10 years	33
Edna M. Havey.....	W. " Intermediate	1	Sullivan High.....	.....	3 years	8
Sadie W. Clark....	W. " Intermediate	2	Hampden Academy.....	.....	.....	13
Bessie M. Gordon..	W. " Primary.....	3	.....	M. W. Seminary....	Life....	20
Lillian V. Gray....	Sullivan Harbor.....	3	E. M. C. Seminary.....	.....	.....	8
Beatrice Gordon....	Sullivan Centre.....	3	Sullivan High .....	.....	.....	5
Edith R. Wingate..	Ash District.....	1	Cherryfield Academy....	.....	1 year.	4
Vera M. Smith.....	Ash District.....	1	Sullivan High.....	Farmington Normal	.....	3
Vera M. Smith.....	Tunk Pond.....	1	.....	.....	.....	..
Ruth Allen.....	Ash District.....	1	Sullivan High.....	Farmington Normal	.....	2
Eva E. Came.....	Bridgham Hill Grammar	1	Holden, Mass., High.....	.....	.....	9
Edna McArthur...	Bridgham Hill Grammar	2	Calais High.....	.....	.....	10
Sarah A. Parker...	Bridgham Hill Primary..	1	Castine Normal.....	.....	Life.....	20
Bertha McCourt...	Bridgham Hill Primary..	2	Patten Academy.....	Gorham Normal.....	.....	8
Marcia I. Hayey...	Tunk Pond.....	2	Sullivan High.....	.....	.....	2
Ralph G. Reed....	Principal High School...	1	Bates College.....	.....	.....	4
Harold E. Donnell	Principal High School. ..	2	Coburn Classical Ins.....	Colby College.....	.....	7
Florence Hamblen	Assistant High School....	3	Bates College.....	.....	.....	18
Average weekly salary of female teachers in common schools.....					\$ 9 33	
Average monthly salary of male teachers in common schools....					52 00	
Average monthly salary of male teachers in high school.....					80 00	
Average weekly salary of female teachers in high school.....					12 67	

## COMPARATIVE COST OF SCHOOLING.

School	Instruction	Fuel	Janitor service	Totals	Weeks of school	Average enrollment	Average cost of schooling per scholar per week	Average cost of schooling per scholar *a year
West Sullivan	\$1,102 00....	\$83 68...	\$49 50....	\$1,235 18....	32 2-3....	97. ....	.39....	\$12 86
Sullivan Harbor	368 50....	34 10....	16 50....	419 10....	38 ....	24.7....	.51....	16 97
Sullivan Centre	258 50....	26 88....	16 50....	301 88....	33 ....	10.3....	.80 ..	29 31
Bridgham Hill	634 00....	58 23....	32 50....	724 73....	32 1-2....	31. ....	.72....	23 73
Ash District	256 00....	23 50....	16 60....	295 60....	32 ....	11.3....	.81....	26 97
Tunk Pond	247 50....	17 00....	16 50....	281 00....	33 ....	7.7 ...	1.11....	36 50
Average cost of common schools per scholar for the year 1910-11.....				\$17 90				
Average cost of common schools per scholar, per week, 1910-11.....				54				
Average cost of high school per scholar for the year 1910-11.....				30 57				
Average cost of high school per scholar, per week, 1910-11.....				85				

\*Thirty-three weeks for a school year.

## SCHOOL ACCOUNTS.

We have received this year for common school tuition as follows: Franklin, \$80.00; Sorrento, \$40.00; Gouldsboro, \$70.00. These amounts have been divided among the several school accounts in proportion to the expenditures of these accounts. The sum of \$20.00 is still due from Franklin for common school tuition.

In addition to the amounts received for high school tuition as shown by that account there is the sum of \$117.50 due for high school tuition divided among the towns of Hancock, Gouldsboro, Sorrento, Cranberry Isles, Harrington and Addison. These tuition bills will be payable at the end of the high school year in June, 1911.

## COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

## RESOURCES.

Unexpended balance from last year,	\$ 131 91
Amount raised by town,	1,000 00
Amount received from State,	2,042 18
school and mill fund,	1,205 99
common school fund,	708 88
equalization fund,	127 31
Amount received from tuition,	156 79
Franklin,	60 02
Gouldsboro,	57 76
Sorrento,	33 01
	\$3,330 88

## EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' salaries, West Sullivan,	\$2,866 50
Harvey L. Carter,	429 00
Edna Havey,	90 00
Sadie W. Clark,	220 00
Bessie M. Gordon,	363 00

<b>Sullivan Harbor.</b>		
Lillian V. Gray,		0368 50
<b>Sullivan Centre.</b>		
Beatrice Gordon,		258 50
<b>Ash District.</b>		
Edith R. Wingate,		88 00
Vera M. Smith,		88 00
Ruth Allen,		80 00
<b>Bridgham Hill.</b>		
Eva E. Came,		110 00
Edna MacArthur,		220 00
Sarah A. Parker,		104 50
Bertha McCourt,		199 50
<b>Tunk Pond.</b>		
Vera M. Smith,		82 50
Marcia I. Havey,		165 00
<b>Janitor service,</b>		179 25
Bills for last year,		31 75
Bills for 1910-11,		147 50
<b>Fuel,</b>		246 89
Bills for last year,		3 50
Bills for 1910-1911,		243 39
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		\$3,292 64
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<b>Unexpended balance March 1, 1911,</b>		\$38 24

## HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

## RESOURCES.

<b>Amount raised by town,</b>		\$500 00
<b>Unexpended balance from last year,</b>		178 11
<b>Received from Cranberry Isles for tuition,</b>		34 25
Hancock for tuition,		42 00
Searsmont for tuition,		12 50
Sorrento for tuition,		67 13
<b>Amount now due from State,</b>		500 00
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		\$1,333 99

## EXPENDITURES.

## TEACHERS' SALARIES.

A. W. Gordon,	\$160 00
R. G. Reed,	220 00
Harold E. Donnell,	440 00
Florence E. Hamblen,	500 00

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 \$1,320 00

Unexpended balance March 1, 1911,

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 \$13 99

## TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT.

## RESOURCES.

Amount raised by town,	\$350 00
Amount received from Gouldsboro, Franklin and Sorrento,	18 48
Amount received for books sold,	6 35

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 \$374 83

## EXPENDITURES.

Overdraw from last year,	\$61 30
D. O. Heath & Co.,	42 34
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	54 01
D. H. Knowlton & Co.,	2 75
J. L. Hammett Co.,	40 99
Allyn & Bacon,	24 84
Houghton, Mifflin Co.,	3 75
American Book Company,	42 84
Ginn & Co.,	1 38
Silver, Burdett Co.,	17 35
Educational Publishing Co.,	1 38
W. H. Sherman,	6 00
Howard & Brown,	10 70
Mall Publishing Co.,	11 70
R. F. Gerri-h,	8 37
Smith & Sale,	9 15
T. W. Burr & Co.,	18 32
Dunbar Brothers,	15
Frank P. Noyes,	96
Bangor R. S. Co.,	1 29

<b>Expressage, freight, etc.,</b>	<b>\$28 44</b>	
	<hr/>	<b>\$388 01</b>
<b>Overdraw, March 1, 1911,</b>		<hr/> <b>\$13 19</b>

**REPAIRS ACCOUNT.****RESOURCES.**

<b>Amount raised by town,</b>	<b>\$250 00</b>	
<b>Unexpended last year,</b>	<b>9 73</b>	
<b>Received from Franklin, Gouldsboro and Sorrento,</b>	<b>14 73</b>	
	<hr/>	<b>\$274 46</b>

**EXPENDITURES.**

<b>Ambrose Simpson, supplies,</b>	<b>\$ 3 45</b>
<b>W. H. Seavey, labor and supplies,</b>	<b>2 75</b>
<b>Ernest Haskell, labor,</b>	<b>3 00</b>
<b>E. C. Hanna, supplies,</b>	<b>2 71</b>
<b>Dunbar Bros., supplies,</b>	<b>64 51</b>
<b>R. B. Dunning, supplies,</b>	<b>7 00</b>
<b>C. H. Workman, labor,</b>	<b>3 50</b>
<b>Vermont School Seat Company, desks,</b>	<b>74 80</b>
<b>W. F. Southerds, labor and supplies,</b>	<b>24 14</b>
<b>T. E. Hammond, labor,</b>	<b>16 07</b>
<b>J. L. Hammett Company, hyloplate,</b>	<b>5 22</b>
<b>W. E. Martin, labor,</b>	<b>10 70</b>
<b>E. E. Babb &amp; Company, supplies,</b>	<b>11 50</b>
<b>F. L. Orcutt, labor and supplies,</b>	<b>7 00</b>
<b>B. U. Baker, labor,</b>	<b>2 50</b>
<b>K. F. Haskell, labor and supplies,</b>	<b>9 35</b>
<b>Watson Joy, labor and supplies,</b>	<b>6 00</b>
<b>O. G. Small, supplies,</b>	<b>1 15</b>
<b>C. E. Grover, supplies,</b>	<b>1 00</b>
<b>Stoddard School Furniture Co., supplies,</b>	<b>12 20</b>
<b>Preble &amp; Clark, supplies,</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Freight,</b>	<b>8 01</b>
<b>Cleaning schoolhouses,</b>	<b>32 50</b>



Rent of District hall for high school, 1909,	\$25 00	
	<u>      </u>	<u>\$384 80</u>
Overdraw March 1, 1911,		\$59 84

#### COMMON SCHOOLS.

We have had a school year of thirty-three weeks in all the common schools except in the West Sullivan intermediate, the East Sullivan primary and the Ash District where the school year has been thirty-two weeks in length. The regular school year has been divided into a spring, a fall and a winter term of eleven weeks each.

The work of our schools during the past year has been of a high order, a great improvement being made in nearly every school in town. This, however, does not signify that our schools have reached a high standard of efficiency but merely indicates that a beginning has been made towards that desired end. Our schools have had a course of study and have been considered graded for some years but under the system of town superintendence it was not possible for a superintendent to give sufficient time to the schools and as a consequence the extent to which the course of study was followed and the manner in which the schools were graded depended almost entirely on the teachers. As a result of these conditions the course of study was followed in a very loose manner and in some cases not at all, while the grading was very poor; this was especially noticeable in the small schools where young and inexperienced teachers were employed who could not be expected to have any knowledge of grading a school.

This year's work has been principally directed in improving these conditions. At the beginning of the fall term the schools were practically graded over again, the standard adopted for each grade being similar to that used in schools of a recognized standing. An outline of work was given each teacher and the work of developing a uniform system of grades for the whole town begun. This work has progressed in a very encouraging manner up to the present time, but there is still a lack of uniformity in the grades of the different schools. All the schools, however, could not be expected to be up to grade at such an early date as it takes graded schools several years to reach the standard usually required.

## \*\*GRADES BY SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS	GRADES									TOTALS		
	*0	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX		
West Sullivan Grammar	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	3	6	0	18	
West Sullivan Intermediate	0	0	0	5	18	12	0	0	0	0	35	
West Sullivan Primary	7	13	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	
Sullivan Harbor	0	2	2	0	4	3	0	0	8	0	19	
Sullivan Centre	0	1	3	0	2	0	1	3	1	0	11	
Asb District	0	0	3	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	10	
Bridgham Hill Grammar	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	0	7	3	18	
Bridgham Hill Primary	1	1	3	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	12	
Tunk	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	9	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>170</b>	

\*Beginners who came in during the winter term and those who are not doing regular first grade work on account of irregular attendance.

\*\*Classification for the winter term.

As the schools are now graded, scholars of average ability should be prepared to enter high school from fourteen to sixteen years of age. This depends somewhat on the age a child enters school. Many parents do not send their children to school until they are six or seven years of age, but with a child of ordinary good health, it is now generally agreed among educators, it is better to send them when five years of age rather than later. Beginners do not remain in the schoolroom long enough to injure their health, while a properly graded course of study is a great aid to their mental development and the drill in discipline which they receive is beneficial in many ways.

A system of report cards has been introduced this year, the reports being sent to parents twice each term. These cards enable parents to keep in touch with the progress of their children in the various branches of the school course and also show their attendance, punctuality, deportment and effort. Parents should examine these reports very carefully before signing. When the cards indicate unsatisfactory work, poor deportment or lack of effort the teacher should be consulted. Parents by taking an interest in such matters can do much to

aid their children in doing better work and taking more interest in their school.

Attendance is a matter over which parents have almost complete control especially when excuses are required from scholars who have been absent. These excuses without doubt seem a useless bother to many parents but this method is of great value in keeping a record of scholars and prevents many cases of truancy which otherwise might occur without the knowledge of the parents. Parents should be prompt in sending excuses but should use much judgment in writing them; they should consider whether an excuse is really deserved or not and remember the time worn excuse of keeping the child from school to help at home is a very poor one. The attendance this year has been much better than last but the records show that a good many scholars have been absent from one-half to several days at a time. This should be avoided if possible as irregular attendance causes scholars to get behind in their grade and may result in non-promotion at the end of the school year. It also makes extra work for the teacher and in this manner is an injury to the whole school.

More visits from the parents to the schools are to be desired. Parents by visiting school can keep in touch with the work of their children and be an aid to both scholar and teacher. Along this line the School Improvement League offers parents an opportunity to show their interest. Parents as well as scholars are eligible to membership. Much can be done through the agency of the school league to beautify schoolrooms and grounds and make them more attractive which can be done in no other way. Parents by joining this league can be of much assistance in this work and I believe every parent should make an effort to have the schoolrooms and grounds where their children pass so many hours of their childhood, as beautiful and attractive as possible. Leagues have been organized in most of the schools this year and in some schools excellent work has been done.

The elementary course in drawing which was introduced last year has been continued and in some schools very good results have been attained although to obtain the best results a special teacher should be employed to teach this subject. Many towns are now employing special teachers for singing and

drawing in their schools and in fact nearly every town progressive in education is adopting this plan. A special teacher for these subjects could be employed to advantage in this school district by the several towns sharing in the expense. This arrangement would make each town's proportional part of the expense small and give the scholars the benefit of first class instruction in these subjects. In this State there are quite a large number of school unions following this plan and the arrangement has proved a success. I can see no reason why this plan would not be equally successful in this school district.

I wish to call the attention of the citizens of Sullivan to the large number of small schools which we have in this town. By looking over the statistics of attendance, grades, etc., it will be seen that the average number of scholars for many of the schools is too small for good work. It will also be seen that the number of grades in the small schools is larger than in the other schools which of course makes a greater number of recitations for these small schools with too short a time for each recitation. One teacher sent in a program of over thirty recitations. It will be noticed that the number of scholars in each grade of these small schools is very small, usually from one to three. This is another bad feature of small schools and makes the school work dull and uninteresting for both teacher and scholars.

This condition of having so many small schools in our town unless soon changed, will tend to retard the development of an up-to-date school system more than all the other difficulties combined and is a matter concerning which every citizen, who is interested in better education, should direct his attention at an early date. It is a matter which affects, either directly or indirectly, the development of every school in town.

### HIGH SCHOOL.

At the beginning of the spring term the high school was moved into the new high school building. The change from the small crowded room where dingy walls, rickety tables and settees, a smoky stove and other inconveniences too numerous to mention, had been endured so long, to a modern, well-equipped high school building, was much greater than one not

actually familiar with the conditions can imagine. It is needless to say that teachers, scholars and everyone interested in the welfare of the school are delighted with the new building and the improved conditions. The new building has proved to be a model of comfort and convenience and well suited for the purpose for which it was planned.

Mr. Ralph G. Reed, a graduate of Bates college, was engaged as principal for the spring term, Miss Florence Hamblen continuing as assistant. At the close of this term a class of eight were graduated consisting of the following members: Marion S. Mattocks and Seth A. Johnson, College Preparatory course; Fremont O. Bragdon, Irene W. Conners, Florence L. Havey, Marcia I. Havey, Armand E. Joy and Roscoe P. Noyes, English course.

Mr. Harold E. Donnell was engaged for principal for this year and Miss Hamblen re-engaged as assistant. The work of these teachers has been very satisfactory, the scholars making rapid progress under their instruction. During the fall term the school was inspected by State Inspector of High School J. W. Taylor, found to be in a satisfactory condition and fully meeting the requirements of an A. grade high school. In fact I believe the scholars of our high school are doing work equally as good as that done in many schools of much greater pretensions and that it will be only a short time before they will be able to acquire just as good an education right here in their home town as in the ordinary fitting school. The two courses give a scholar the choice of the College Preparatory course, which as its name suggests fits for college, or the English course which gives a scholar who does not intend to enter college a good general education. We now plan to have those pursuing the College Preparatory branches to take the college entrance examinations at the end of each spring term in those branches which they have just passed over. By following this plan it is hoped to have the school placed on the approved list of college preparatory schools within a few years.

The choice of courses is a point upon which parents who have scholars to enter high school should exercise much judgment. Many in the entering classes are allowed to make their own choice of the course which they are to follow. This is a mistake and often results in scholars pursuing a course which is

not adapted to their needs or abilities and consequent poor work and discouragement on their part. Whenever it is possible consideration should be given to their future plans and the choice of courses made accordingly. Courses of study will be gladly furnished parents who wish them for reference.

There is a large increase in the attendance this year. Fifty scholars were registered in the fall term with an average attendance of over forty-eight. This is a very good average especially when the distance necessary for many of the scholar to go is taken into consideration. At the beginning of the winter term several more scholars were registered, making an enrollment at the present time of fifty-four. Of this number twenty-eight are boys and twenty-six girls. In most high schools the girls greatly outnumber the boys, many boys eligible to high school, failing to take advantage of their opportunity to secure a high school education. The large number of boys in our school is a very encouraging feature and shows that the boys of Sullivan and vicinity are fully alive to their opportunities. It is hoped this good record will be kept up.

It was remarked in the report last year that the number of tuition scholars would doubtless increase after the high school was settled in the new building and this prophecy has come true. We had ten tuition scholars during the fall term and this number has now increased to thirteen. These scholars come from five different towns and this fact indicates that the people of the neighboring towns are beginning to recognize the standing and efficiency of our high school. Without doubt the number of tuition scholars will be still larger next year as more scholars in the neighboring towns qualify to enter. A rate of tuition has been fixed at 75 cents per week or \$27 a year. With the number of tuition scholars at present the school will receive over three hundred fifty dollars a year for tuition.

#### ENROLLMENT BY CLASSES AND COURSES.

COURSE	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	*SPECIALS	TOTALS
	YEAR	YEAR	YEAR	YEAR		
College Preparatory	10	4	0	2	1	17
English	9	9	9	5	5	37
	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	19	13	9	7	6	54

\*Post-graduates and scholars who entered in the winter term and are not classified at present.

### ENROLLMENT OF TOWN AND TUITION SCHOLARS.

TOWN SCHOLARS.		TUITION SCHOLARS.	
North Sullivan	13	Hancock	4
West Sullivan	10	Sorrento	5
Sullivan Harbor	8	Gouldsboro	2
Sullivan Centre	0	Cranberry Isles	1
Ash District	4	Addison	1
Bridgham Hill	6		
Tunk	0		
	—		—
Totals	41		13
Total, 54.			

Mr. Edwin Ginn, who will be remembered by many as a former teacher in this town, now senior member of Ginn & Co., the well known firm of text book publishers, has recently presented the school with a library of reference books. These books are a much needed addition to the equipment of the school and are greatly appreciated by both scholars and teachers. All friends of the school unite in expressing their thanks and appreciation to Mr. Ginn for his generosity and interest in the school.

There is an increasing demand for a commercial course in the school. We have several commercial branches at present in the English course including bookkeeping, commercial arithmetic, commercial geography, commercial law, etc. These branches are of much practical value to the scholars but under the present arrangement it is not possible to have such an extended course in these subjects, especially in bookkeeping, as is desired. A regular commercial course would include a thorough course in the commercial branches and also include a course in typewriting and shorthand. With the large number of scholars enrolled at present there is already too much work for two teachers and it seems that next fall would be an opportune time to introduce such a course arranged on similar lines to the commercial courses in other high schools. A commercial teacher capable of teaching shorthand and typewriting could be secured at about the same salary as a regular assistant teach-

er. Such a teacher could take the commercial branches now taught by the principal and this would make a better division of the regular work between the other two teachers. Each teacher would have a less number of subjects and could teach those for which they were best fitted with the results of better instruction. Under the present arrangement each teacher is compelled to teach a wide variety of subjects and very few teachers can be first class instructors in all high school branches. From these facts it will be seen that by employing a commercial teacher we would be able to have a regular commercial course and at the same time improve the other two courses.

Such a course would be a benefit to a large number of scholars who are now receiving no benefit from our schools. Among this number are those who are eligible to high school but are unable to attend for the whole year. A commercial course gives an opportunity for individual work and would give this class of scholars the privilege of taking this course for a part of the year, most likely in the winter term, when they were able to attend. Without doubt some of the graduates from the regular courses would like to come back to school and take this course. In regard to the expense an additional appropriation of two hundred dollars together with the tuition money received should pay the salary of a commercial teacher. There would also be the expense the first year for two or three typewriters and other minor expenses. I believe such a course is needed and would many times repay the cost in the increased efficiency of the school.

#### TEXT-BOOKS.

The cost of text-books is an item of school expense which we often hear criticized and many times with good cause. We hear citizens criticizing this expense who are in sympathy with every effort made for school improvement yet they say the expense for text-books is too much and they are honest in their opinions. The most common complaint against this expense is that the privilege of free text-books is abused and that the books are unnecessarily injured and often lost. This argument is only too true in most cases and many superintendents, rather than hear this criticism, will make their estimate for this appropriation far below what is actually needed, with the result



that the scholars are not properly provided with text books.

Many times there are not enough books for all the pupils and often those which they have are old and worn out. The use of such books makes the school work anything but attractive and they are objectionable both from the point of efficiency in the school work and from their unhygienic condition. This is a very undesirable condition to exist in any school as scholars to do the best work, must be provided with clean, up-to-date text-books and enough of them for all school requirements. I believe the average tax-payer is perfectly willing to see this done provided he knows the books are properly cared for and the money rightly expended.

For this reason I wish to take more space than is usually given this subject and endeavor to explain just what is being done to properly care for our text-books and also to give the citizens an idea of the requirements of this account especially for this year.

Much attention has been given to the care of text books this year. The system of text book accounting which was introduced last year has been further perfected so that now each teacher is charged at the beginning of each term with all the books in their school and a strict account kept of all books delivered to and received from each school during the term. These accounts are kept in duplicate by teachers and superintendent. The teachers in turn charge the scholars with all the books delivered to them and holds them responsible for their return in good condition, reasonable allowance being made for ordinary wear. Scholars who unnecessarily injure or lose books are required to pay for them in accordance with the provisions of chapter 15, section 21, Revised Statutes of 1903, which reads as follows:

"When a pupil in the public schools loses, destroys or unnecessarily injures any such school book or appliance, furnished such pupil at the expense of said town, his parent or guardian shall be notified, and if the loss or damage is not made good to the satisfaction of such committee within a reasonable time they shall report the case to the assessors, who shall include in the next town tax of the delinquent parent or guardian the value of the book or appliance so lost, destroyed or injured, to be assessed and collected as other town taxes."

At the end of each term the teachers are required to make a report of all the books in their schools and of all the books lost or injured and by whom. This account must agree with the duplicate account kept by the superintendent and teachers are held responsible for all missing books. By this method a strict account is kept of all the text-books and teachers are made more careful in regard to the oversight of text-books while scholars are impressed with the fact that it is for their own interest to return their books in good condition. A great improvement has already been made by this system but we have found other difficulties.

The majority of scholars like to take their books home for vacation but for what purpose we have been unable to discover. They seldom look at these books during vacation and usually forget to return them at the beginning of the next term. In many cases there has been a change in teachers and the new teacher knows nothing about the books which have been taken out. They remain in the home and eventually become the property of the scholar by a sort of adverse possession. This practice has become so common that it is now considered the proper thing for scholars to have as many of the town's books at home as they wish. On investigation this year it was found a great many books were lost in this manner every year and a request was made in each school that the scholars bring in all the schoolbooks which they had at home. Many scholars complied with the request and the results were truly astonishing, one boy bringing in seven books. To overcome this difficulty, a rule has been made that no books shall be taken out for vacation except in special cases where it seems necessary. By means of the system of text book accounting and these rules we feel that this property of the town can be properly cared for and very few books lost or damaged which are not paid for.

The name of text-book account is rather misleading as many things are purchased with the funds of this account besides text books, among these being maps, globes, dictionaries, diplomas, copy books, crayon, school paper, erasers and other supplies which are furnished the schools. This year, in addition to the text books and usual supplies furnished the schools, four cabinets of maps have been bought for as many different schools. For the past two years a larger proportion of these

funds than usual has been used to buy high school books. This has been necessary by reason of the numerous new studies which have been added to the high school courses, the high cost of these books and the necessity of replacing many books which were unavoidably damaged in the hall where the school was formerly located. In this hall there was no place to properly care for books either in the way of desks or book-case and the books were damaged a great deal by being moved when the hall was used for public purposes. The large number of tuition scholars has also caused an extra expense for high school books while the whole amount of their tuition must be credited to the high school account. This causes an extra expense to the text book account with no added resources.

For the ensuing year the expense for high school books will be smaller but there will be an added expense for common school books. Several of the series of the common school books are badly worn and should be partially replaced with new books. The grammars are not adapted to the needs of our schools and should be exchanged for a new and modern book. A new text-book in physiology is needed. The physiology which we have now has been in the schools for the past fifteen years and is out of date. The expense for these books and the usual expense for supplies will necessitate the raising of a liberal amount for this account for next year.

A great many do not take into consideration the ordinary wear of text books but this is a large expense in itself. It has been figured out by authorities on the subject that the life of the average text-book is from three to four years with good usage. If we take four years for the average it will be seen that we must replace one-fourth of all the text books in town each year. According to this manner of reckoning the annual expense to our town for the wear of text-books could not be estimated at less than two hundred fifty dollars. To this amount add the expense for supplies and it will be seen that three hundred dollars is hardly sufficient for the demands of this account each year,

#### REPAIRS.

It is hardly necessary to remind the citizens of Sullivan of the importance of clean, wholesome and comfortable school surrounding for children. Draughty, ill-ventilated school-

rooms, spine curving seats, unsanitary and often filthy out-buildings and small, unkept school grounds are a thing of the past in all progressive towns and should be in ours. With this end in view, we should not only endeavor to keep our school building in good repair, but should make all the improvements in them which are necessary for the health, comfort and good morale of the children.

This year the principal repairs have been made at the West Sullivan, Sullivan Harbor and Bridgham Hill schoolhouses. At West Sullivan the roof of the school house has been repaired, improvements made in the out-buildings and book closets arranged for each room. At Sullivan Harbor the schoolroom has been thoroughly repaired and painted. This room is now in first-class condition with the exception of desks which should be replaced with modern desks as soon as possible. At Bridgham Hill the primary room has been provided with new desks and minor repairs made to the building.

For next year more repairs will be needed than usual. As mentioned in last year's report, something should be done to improve the arrangement of the two lower rooms at West Sullivan. These rooms are poorly lighted and ventilated and very inconvenient as now arranged. The flag pole cannot be used with safety and should be put in proper condition.

At Sullivan Harbor as above mentioned new desks would be a great improvement.

At the Centre the building should be painted outside in the near future. New steps are needed and the wall under the building needs attention. The out-buildings are in bad condition.

At the Ash district extensive repairs are needed. The building leaks although we could not say whether the roof needs shingling or merely patching. The schoolroom should be painted, the plastering repaired and repairs made to the floor. The out-building needs shingling.

The Bridgham Hill schoolhouse should be painted both outside and inside. The present condition of natural wood finish with the small windows makes the rooms very dark. The windows should have cords and weights. All the doors of this building need attention. The building used for a woodshed is an unsightly dilapidated affair and not fit to be seen on any school property.

The Tunk schoolhouse needs painting inside and out, the plastering should be repaired and the doors put in order. I would suggest that the wall paper used in this room and also in the room at the Ash district be removed and the walls painted a light tint of green. Wall paper soon gets dirty and is more expensive in the end for schoolrooms than paint.

A fire escape is needed at the Bridgham Hill schoolhouse and it is open to question whether the schoolhouse at West Sullivan does not come within the provisions of the law regarding fire escapes. The rope ladders which have been furnished these schools do not comply with the law and are wholly unsuited for the purposes of a fire escape.

A matter of great importance and one which receives far too little attention is the out-buildings connected with our schoolhouses. These buildings are usually of the cheapest construction possible and are often neglected and in a filthy, disgusting condition. This is a serious matter and degrading to the morals of youth. I believe we should insist in having and keeping these buildings in a proper and respectable condition at any cost. To this end I suggest that these buildings be put in proper condition by making any needed repairs and painting, also that the doors be fitted with locks. By following this plan I believe these buildings can be kept in a proper and respectable condition.

I will further add that I believe more attention should be given our school grounds. Every building should have grounds sufficiently large to enable the scholars to enjoy their games and sports without occupying the public highway or trespassing on the adjoining property. Several school grounds in town are grown up to bushes and in a sadly neglected condition. It seems to me this should be a matter of local pride and a condition which could be improved by the people of the several sections of the town taking an interest in the appearance of their particular school grounds. A great deal could be accomplished by the assistance of the people on Arbor Day. Another feature of several of our school grounds is the old tumble-down pasture fence which surrounds them. Every school ground should be surrounded by a neat substantial fence and the improvement in the appearance of the school property of the town would repay

the cost. Neglected schoolhouses and unsightly school grounds are a poor advertisement for any town.

In closing this report I wish to thank the teachers for their earnest and conscientious work in our schools and to express my appreciation to the members of the Superintending School Committee for their support and assistance, and to all citizens who have co-operated with us for the improvement and success of our schools.

Respectfully submitted,  
ADELBERT W. GORDON,  
Superintendent of Schools.

## COPY OF WARRANT.

STATE OF MAINE.

HANCOCK, SS.

To G. M. Farnsworth, a constable of the Town of Sullivan, in  
Said County:

Greeting:—

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Sullivan, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the town house in said Sullivan on the thirteenth day of March, A. D. 1911, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles to wit:

- Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting.
2. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To hear the report of selectmen.
4. To choose three or more selectmen.
5. To choose three or more assessors.
6. To choose three or more overseers of poor.
7. To choose a town treasurer for the ensuing year.
8. To choose a road commissioner or commissioners for a term of one, two or three years.
9. To see if the town will vote yes or no upon the adoption of the provisions of chapter 112 of the public laws of Maine for the year 1907, as amended by chapter 69, public laws of 1909, relating to the appropriation of money necessary to entitle the town to State aid for highways for the year 1911.
10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate in addition to the amounts regularly raised and appropriated for the care of ways, highways and bridges the sum of \$400, being the maximum amount which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of chapter 112 of the public laws of Maine for the year 1907 as amended by chapter 69, public laws of 1909.
11. To see how much money the town will raise for repairs of roads and bridges.
12. To see how much money the town will raise for the repairs of sidewalks,

13. To see how much money the town will raise for Memorial services.
14. To see what action the town will take relative to the collection of taxes.
15. To choose a collector of taxes.
16. To choose a member of superintending school committee.
17. To choose all other necessary town officers.
18. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of poor.
19. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of common schools.
20. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of a free high school.
21. To see how much money the town will raise for free text books.
22. To see how much money the town will raise for repairs of school buildings.
23. To see how much money the town will raise for incidental expenses.
24. To see if the town will allow W. R. Martin to work out his tax on road leading from his house to house of James Ash.
25. To see how much money the town will raise to pay principal and interest on town notes.
26. To choose three trustees for the York Hill cemetery to serve one, two and three years.
27. To see what action the town will take relative to give Mrs. Sarah J. Merchant her property.
28. To see if the town will exempt K. of P. hall taxes for a term of five years.
29. To see what action the town will take relative to bill of E. R. and Nettie Conners for filling taken from Ashley Mine lot.
30. To raise a sum of money to pay salary of superintendent of schools.
31. To see what action the town will take relative to taxes due from H. W. Dunbar for the year 1909.



32. To see if the town will authorize its superintending school committee to continue the union of the following towns to wit: Sorrento, Winter Harbor and Gouldsboro for the purpose of employing a superintendent of schools in accordance with the provisions of section 40 to 45 inclusive of chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes.
33. To transact any other business which may come before said meeting.

The selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the town house at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Sullivan this first day of March, A. D. 1911.

E. F. CLAPHAM,

E. E. BRAGDON,

J. B. HAVEY,

Selectmen of Sullivan.

A true copy.

Attest:—G. M. FARNSWORTH.