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ANNUAL REPORT.

OF THE

TOWN OF HEBRON.

1882.

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN,
AND
Supervisor of Schools

OF THE
TOWN OF HEBRON,

For the Year Ending March 1st,

1882.

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1882.

TOWN OFFICES:

SELECTMEN:

SAMUEL P. CUSHMAN, CHARLES H. GEORGE,
EZEKIEL MERRILL.

CLERK AND TREASURER,
ZIBEON L. PACKARD.

COLLECTOR AND CONSTABLE, SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,
JAMES D. STURTEVANT. S. D. RICHARDSON.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

VALUATION.

The valuation of the town of Hebron, as taken by the Assessors on the first day of April, 1881, was as follows, to wit:

Whole number of polls, 113.

Value of Real Estate,	\$149,511 00
Value of Personal Estate,	34,950 00

The town raised for the year 1881, at their annual town meeting, held March 7th, 1881,

For Schools,	\$480 80
For Roads and Bridges,	200 00
For support of the Poor,	250 00
For Town Officers' Bills,	250 00
To pay the Town Debt,	1,200 00
For Interest on Debt,	700 00
For Contingent Expenses,	100 00

Total amount raised by town,	\$3,180 80
State Tax,	852 47
County Tax,	189 11
Overlay on Tax,	159 79
Unpaid Highway,	13 45

Total amount committed for collection,	\$4,395 62
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SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Fancina Bumpus, for supporting Daniel Bumpus,	\$108 00
Nancy Reckards, for support of children of H. B. Reckards,	30 00
Moses Young, for supporting Delphina Cox,	20 00
Due the city of Lewiston for supplies furnished Orin Q. Pratt's family,	74 25

Total Pauper Bills,	\$232 25
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ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Amount expended on Roads and Bridges :	
Repairs of Davee bridge,	\$4 80
“ Foster bridge,	12 29
“ No. 4 hill,	20 75
“ Road in No. 15,	9 75
“ Other districts,	3 79
Total,	<u>\$51 38</u>

CURRENT AND CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Order blanks,	\$1 75
Books and valuation sheets,	2 75
Printing reports,	11 00
C. H. George for collecting,	41 23
H. M. Everett, for collecting,	2 90
J. D. Sturtevant for warning town meeting and notifying town officers to take oath,	6 50
Stationery, postage and money paid for certificate of oath to school return and list of soldiers,	1 07
Total,	<u>\$67 20</u>

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Town raised for support of Schools,	\$480 80
State school fund,	315 65
Unexpended last year,	66 40
Total,	<u>\$862 85</u>

Money expended in the several districts as follows :

District No. 1.—Money apportioned,	\$45 48	
Amount expended,	33 50	
Undrawn,		\$11 98
District No. 2.—Money appropriated,	\$101 65	
Amount expended,	101 60	
Undrawn,		05
District No. 3.—Money appropriated,	\$128 86	
Expended,	58 50	
Undrawn,		\$70 36

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District No. 4.—Money appropriated,	\$165 17	
Expended,	162 41	
Undrawn,	<u> </u>	\$2 76
District No. 5.—Money appropriated,	\$90 14	
Expended,	84 40	
Undrawn,	<u> </u>	\$5 74
District No. 6.—Money appropriated,	\$144 63	
Expended,	156 89	
Overdrawn,	<u> </u>	\$12 26
District No. 7.—Money appropriated,	\$78 33	
Expended,	78 33	
District No. 8.—Money appropriated,	\$69 80	
Expended,	66 25	
Undrawn,	<u> </u>	\$3 55
District No. 9.—Money appropriated,	\$38 79	
Expended,	38 79	
Abatement of taxes,	<u> </u>	\$66 27

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

S. P. Cushman as Selectman, Assessor, and overseer of the poor :		
Mar. 9, 1 day assigning limits to highway surveyors,	\$1 50	
“ 14, time spent on account of roads in districts No. 8 and 9		75
“ 22, ½ day delivering road limits and procuring place for pauper		75
“ 26, writing bond and time spent at A. K. Bumpus.		1 50
Apr. 9, 8 days taking valuation		12 00
“ 12, 2 days recording valuation		3 00
“ 13 1 day, cleaning Daniel Bumpus' house		1 50
“ 16 2 days assessing highway tax and making out returns to State Superintendent of schools and list of soldiers		3 00
June, time spent on account of Davee bridge		25
Aug. 12, time spent on account of Foster bridge		50
“ 16, 2 days assessing money tax and preparing lists of voters and apportioning school money		3 00

Aug. 29, time spent on account of Cary meadow bridge	25
Sept. 19, examining road near S. D. Richardson's	25
Oct. 24, for removing obstructions placed in the road between Moses Corbetts and Albert Smiths	75
Nov. 11, 1 day at Benj. Hodgdon's	1 50
Feb. 17, 3 days preparing town report	4 50

Total, \$35 00

C. H. George, as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor :

March 9, 1881 to one day assigning limits to high- way surveyors	\$1 50
“ 15, to one day settling bill of O. Q. Pratt, with the town of Norway	1 50
“ 29, to one day at A. K. Bumpus	1 50
April 9, to eight days taking valuation	12 00
“ 12, to two days recording valuation	3 00
“ 13 to one day cleaning Daniel Bumpus' house	1 50
“ 16 to two days assessing highway tax	3 00
Aug. 16, to two days assessing money tax	3 00
Oct. 24, to going to Lewiston on account of death of child of Nancy Reckards	3 00
Nov. 11, to one day at Benj. Hodgsden	1 50
Feb 17, to three days making town report	4 50

Total, \$36 00

Ezekiel Merrill, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor :

Mar. 9, one day assigning limits to highway surveyors	\$1 50
“ 26, one day to A. K. Bumpus	1 50
April 9, eight days taking valuation	12 00
“ 12, two days recording valuation	3 00
“ 16, two days assessing highway tax, and making out returns to State Superintend- ent of Schools, and list of soldiers	3 00
Nov. 11, one day at Benj. Hodgsons,	1 50
Feb. 17, three days preparing town report,	4 50

Total, \$27 00

S. D. Richardson, as Supervisor of Schools	30 00
J. D. Sturtevant, Collector	44 52
Z. L. Packard, Treasurer	25 00
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Total,	\$197 52
Recapitulation of expenses :	
For support of Poor,	\$232 25
For repair of Roads and Bridges,	51 38
For Current and Contingent Expenses,	67 20
For Schools,	780 67
For Abatement of Taxes,	66 27
For Interest on Debt,	663 12
For Town Officers' Bills,	197 52
For Town Bonds,	500 00
For Town Orders,	1,200 00
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Total,	\$3,758 41
Town raised for town purposes, *	\$3,180 80
Overlay,	159 79
Unpaid Highway,	13 45
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Total amount committed for collection, aside from State and County Taxes,	\$3,354 04
State School Fund,	315 65
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Total	\$3,669 69
Leaving a balance in the expenditures of this year, against the town of	88 72

STANDING OF THE TOWN.

The liabilities of the town are as follows :

Town Bonds,	\$11,250 00
Pauper bills now due,	121 25
Interest on bonds, six months,	281 20
Outstanding Town Orders,	1,172 02
Interest on same,	207 73
Orders not on interest,	38 15
School orders,	31 90
Due the several school districts,	94 44
Town Officers Bills,	197 52
Part of current expenses,	10 40
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Total liabilities,	\$13,404 61

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To meet these liabilities we find :

Cash in Treasury,	\$200 59
Taxes secured by deeds, residents,	270 00
" " non-residents,	216 50
Non-resident Taxes,	140 79
Due from the city of Auburn for supplies furnished Melville McKenney's family,	29 18
Due from school district No. 6, money overdrawn,	12 26
Due on tax bills of 1875,	10 04
" " 1879,	39 04
" " 1880,	1,124 21
" " 1881,	3,599 68
Due from the town of Hartford,	6 75
Due from Mrs. E. P. Gurney for rent of Daniel Bumpus estate,	25 00
Total,	\$5,674 04
Leaving a balance against the town of	7,730 57
Respectfully submitted.	

S. P. CUSHMAN,	} Selectmen of Hebron.
C. H. GEORGE,	
EZEKIEL MERRILL,	

To facilitate business, we have thought it advisable to recommend the following appropriations for the year ensuing :

Pay the town debt,	\$1,860 00
Roads and Bridges,	100 00
Town Officers bills,	200 00
Schools,	595 20
Contingent expenses,	100 00
Support of Poor,	250 00

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR.

Fellow Citizens :

Your Supervisor, to whom were entrusted the important interests of the schools in this town during the past year, having attended to the duties assigned him by law, would respectfully submit the following report :

DISTRICT No. 2,—CLARK W. FOSTER, Agent.

Whole number of scholars in the district, 24. The summer term was taught by Addie M. Marshall. Length of school, 8 weeks ; whole number of scholars attending, 4 ; average number, 4. Of course, no very great enthusiasam could be awakened in a school so small, but you noticed that the average attendance was good. Miss Marshall was young, and this was her first experience in teaching, yet she did well.

The winter term was taught by Miss Isa B. Foster. Length of school, 8 weeks ; whole number of scholars registered, 8 ; average number, 6. Miss Foster has taught this school several terms, and always with good success. This was not an exception. The school appeared well, and the scholars had made satisfactory progress.

DISTRICT No. 3,—HENRY K. BEARCE, Agent.

Whole number of scholars in the district, 34. That is the number given by the Agent, in his census return, though the teacher of winter term reports 45. Miss Ada M. Berry had charge of the summer term. Length of school, 10 weeks ; whole number attending, 24 ; average number, 21.

I was pleased with the appearance of the school at both visits. The order was good, and the teacher was evidently faithful in her work.

The scholars appeared interested in their studies, and I should judge that good progress was made. Most of the recitations were unusually good, and of some of the smaller classes, the teacher might well feel proud.

The winter term was taught by George F. Chesley. Length of term, 12 weeks; whole number attending, 27; average number, 23. This was the largest school in town, consequently the teacher had enough to keep him busy, both in discipline and instruction, yet he succeeded well in both, judging from what I saw at each visit. The closing examination was quite satisfactory.

DISTRICT No. 4,—J. J. FULLER, Agent.

Whole number of scholars in the district, 38. Miss Cora R. Record taught the summer term. Length of school, 8 weeks; whole number attending, 17; average number, 14.

This was Miss Record's second term in this district, and though she labored under discouragements as last year, there was evidenced at the closing examination, a fair degree of success.

She labored for thoroughness, as every teacher should, and I felt well satisfied with the result of her teaching. I believe in thorough work, even if there are not so many pages gone over in advance.

Mrs. C. D. Rogers had charge of the fall term of 8 weeks. Whole number attending 21; average number, 18. The teacher was not lacking in experience, for this was her fortieth term, and she knew, well, how to awaken and to keep up a good interest among her scholars.

She was well known to them, and they were attached to her, so the relation of teacher and pupils was pleasant, and the term a profitable one.

The winter term was under the instruction of S. C. Bridgham, an experienced teacher.

Length of school, 10 weeks; whole number registered, 22; average number, 18. I was pleased with the thoroughness required, and which was manifested in the recitations, by the promptness and correctness with which the questions in the different studies

were answered. The reading was excellent, and not excelled by any school in town. The closing examination reflected much credit, both upon the teacher and scholars.

DISTRICT No. 5,—ADDISON MAXIM, Agent.

Whole number of scholars in the district, 23. Miss Hattie B. Perkins taught the summer term with good success.

Whole number attending, 10; average number, 9; length of school, 6 weeks. In a school so small, and where only one or two are advanced, it is difficult for any teacher to awaken very great interest, yet the school appeared well, and made commendable progress.

The winter term was taught by Lulu A. Penley. Length of school, 8 weeks; whole number attending, 17; average number, 14.

If it is any virtue to have one's patience tried, Miss Penley owes a debt of gratitude to a few small boys, who, at the beginning of the term, tested her well in this respect, but the school was not materially injured thereby. The teacher manifested a deep interest in the school; was faithful, kind and ready to assist at any time, and the school progressed well under her instruction. The closing examination was entirely satisfactory, both as to discipline and progress.

DISTRICT No. 6,—HORATIO A. CUSHMAN, Agent.

Whole number of scholars in the district, 33. Miss Effie E. Attwood, teacher of summer term. Length of school 8 weeks; whole number attending, 23; average number, 20.

Miss Attwood was young and inexperienced in teaching, and in her anxiety to have the scholars accomplish what they could of themselves, may have erred, somewhat, in judgment. Her mode of teaching was different from that of most teachers, being more like that adopted in city schools, and for that reason, perhaps, was not appreciated by some. While it is the duty of every teacher to help the scholars all that is necessary, and in every way, it is too often the case, that some students, in their anxiety to "get along fast," are unwilling to help themselves what they might, and parents are not always conscious of the real facts. I have seldom found in any of the schools, bet-

ter discipline, or more interest manifested by scholars in their studies, especially in arithmetic and geography, than here at both visits. While thoroughness was required, I also felt that there was good progress.

Miss Avoline R. Forbes had charge of the fall term. Length of school, 8 weeks; whole number attending, 21; average number, 19.

It is not too much to say that "Miss Forbes is an excellent teacher." She secured, at once, the esteem and affection of her scholars; was kind, patient, and well qualified by an experience of twelve successful terms, to instruct, and the school was carried forward till the close to the satisfaction of all. It was a real pleasure to visit the school, and to witness the respectful deportment, and studious disposition of the scholars, and the progress they were making, and had made in their respective studies. After the closing examination, which was creditable to the school, there were interesting rhetorical exercises, by some of the scholars, which was witnessed by *one*, at least, of the parents who was present.

James S. Sturtevant taught the winter term of 8 weeks. Whole number attending, 22; average number, 16.

The school was well managed and instructed. The scholars, evidently, regarded the teacher's wishes, and rendered ready obedience to his requirements, hence it was a pleasant and profitable term.

DISTRICT No. 7,—CHARLES R. MILLETT, Agent.

Whole number of scholars in the district, 30. Edith P. Cushman, teacher of summer term. Length of school, 8 weeks; whole number attending, 19; average number, 15.

Miss Cushman has had a large experience in teaching, both in this and in other towns, and with very good success. She is well qualified to instruct, and though her discipline was mild, the order was quite good, and the term pleasant. It was evident that the scholars, as a general thing, had made good advancement.

Miss Mary L. Sawyer taught the fall term of 8 weeks. Whole number registered, 16; average number, 13.

Not being notified when the school was to close, I visited it but once, and then it appeared well. No doubt it was a profitable term, judging from its appearance when visited, and from the many years experience of the teacher. Perhaps, of all teachers during the year, she had the most happy faculty of interesting and instructing the smaller scholars. She had a peculiar tact in this direction—a much needed quality in every teacher.

Miss M. E. Purington taught the winter term. Length of school, 9 weeks; whole number of scholars attending, 24; average number, 19. Miss Purington brought with her to this school the experience of fourteen terms, and as usual, she had good success. This is one of the most advanced schools in town, but the teacher was well qualified to instruct it. A commendable interest was manifested, both by teacher and scholars, and the closing examination was very pleasant and gratifying to your Supervisor, and he often wished that the parents and others were present to witness the exercises. The recitations were all good, notably so in history and physiology. Interspersed with these were declamations, recitations, and select readings from most of the scholars, that would do credit to schools of a higher grade. This would rank among the best schools in town.

DISTRICT NO. 8,—C. H. GEORGE, Agent.

Whole number of scholars in the district, 14. There was but one term, and that was taught in the fall and first part of the winter by Miss Effie L. Marinor. Length of school, 10 weeks; whole number of scholars attending, 12; average number, 7. The teacher was earnest and faithful in her efforts to interest and instruct her scholars. There was a marked advancement in all the studies, and the improvement in reading was especially gratifying.

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Amount of money raised by the town the past	
year for the support of schools,	\$480 80
Amount apportioned by the State,	315 65
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Making a total of	\$796 45

Whole number of scholars in town between the ages of 4 and 21, 206.

Dividing the amount of money by the number of scholars, it gives to each \$3.87.

Whole length of all the Summer schools,	48	weeks.
Average " " " "	8	"
Whole " " Fall "	24	"
Average " " " "	8	"
Whole " " Winter "	65	"
Average " " " "	9 2-7	"
Whole number of scholars attending Summer schools		97
Average " " " "		83
Whole " " " Fall "		58
Average " " " "		50
Whole " " " Winter "		127
Average " " " "		101
Average wages of teacher of Summer schools	\$4 14	per week.
" " " Fall "	4 67	"
" " " Winter "	6 21	"

Such, fellow citizens, is the report I have to give respecting our schools, and I think we may regard them, on the whole, as having been prosperous. In most districts, the teachers have been well qualified, and in none has there been any serious trouble. That there might have been improvement in some respects, is evident, but we ought to be grateful that so much has been accomplished. It should be the purpose of every citizen as well as of the Supervisor, to seek to do what will best promote the interest, and increase the usefulness of our common schools.

I need not multiply words, I know, to impress upon your minds, their intrinsic and inestimable worth.

Every intelligent person will admit, that our free schools are the bone and sinew of this great, intelligent republic, and that to educate the people, is to strengthen the government. It is a

matter, then, of momentous consequences, whether the children are properly instructed or not. In all our schools there are children and youth—men and women in miniature—who are soon to control the destinies of this great nation, but we have nothing to fear if they are well educated and enlightened.

Let agents, in the selection of teachers, endeavor to procure such as have not only the requisite literary qualifications, but aptness to teach and ability to govern, and the parents co-operate heartily with them, then our schools will take a higher rank than ever before.

Respectfully submitted,

S. D. RICHARDSON,

Supervisor.

Hebron, March 1, 1882.