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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Treasurer, Selectmen,

AND

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF HERMON

FOR THE

Year Ending March 3, 1898.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND INHABITANTS OF
HERMON:

The following is a correct statement of the business transacted by
your treasurer for year 1897:

DR.

1897.

Mar. 20,	To due from L. M. Gordon, Collector of 1895	\$ 143 75	
	Due from A. J. Kimball, Collector of 1896	1,070 33	
	One tax deed.....	2 20	
	Cash on hand	411 60	
	State tax	1,061 57	
	County tax.....	488 55	
	Town tax.....	2,817 54	
April 20,	Dog licenses refunded by state.....	92 29	
Oct. 15,	Warrant, \$1,703 from state for Free High School	72 50	
	School fund and mill tax.....	962 16	
Dec. 28,	Received from state, reimbursement for sheep killed by dogs.....	44 00	
Jan. 6,	Warrant, \$2,334 from state for Free High School	61 25	
	R. R. and telegraph tax.....	3 23	
Mar. 3,	Rent of town hall.....	5 00	
	Cash received from town of Monti- cello	76 22	
		\$7,312 19	

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Aug. 31,	By receipt for county tax.....	\$ 488 55	
Mar. 1,	“ “ state tax.....	1,061 57	
	198 town orders.....	3,517 20	
	25 “ “	493 79	
	2 tax deeds.....	22 45	
	1 tax deed and cost.....	5 99	
	Due from A. J. Kimball	1,721 87	
	Cash on hand	77	
		\$7,312 19	

All which is respectfully submitted,

THURSTON HUNT, Treasurer of Hermon.

Hermon, March 3, 1898.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Value of resident real estate	\$250,923 00	
“ “ personal estate.....	49,344 00	
“ non-resident estates.....	37,159 00	
Total valuation of estates.....		\$337,426 00

Whole number of polls assessed, 327, @ \$2.00, \$654.00.
 Per cent. on each dollar, .011 mills.

APPROPRIATIONS.

State tax required by warrant to be assessed	\$1,061 57	
County tax “ “ “ “ “	488 55	
Voted and raised by town for schools	1,100 00	
For support of poor.....	600 00	
Cash for roads and bridges.....	200 00	
For contingent expenses.....	500 00	
Memorial expenses.....	15 00	
Repairs of school houses.....	125 00	
Free High School	150 00	
Total appropriations including State and County taxes.....		4,240 12
Overlayings made by assessors.....		127 54
Total assessment.....		\$4,367 66

SCHOOL FUND.

Amount raised by town.....	\$1,100 00	
State school fund and mill tax	962 16	
Unexpended balance of 1896.	333 24	
Total school fund		\$2,395 40
Paid school bills of 1896.....	2 50	
“ “ “ 1897-98	2,370 55	
Total paid out for schools		2,373 05
Unexpended school fund		\$22 35

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Unexpended balance March 2nd, 1897	\$ 87 50	
Amount raised by town.....	150 00	
Total Free High School fund.....		\$237 50

Paid for spring term of 1897.....	145 00	
Less one-half from State.....	72 50	
		72 50
Unexpended balance.....		\$165 00
Paid for fall term	125 50	
Less one-half from State.....	61 25	
		61 25
Unexpended balance March 3, 1898.....		\$103 75

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Raised for support of poor.....		\$600 00
Paid town of Searsport, support of R. M. Young..	51 42	
Thomas G. Kimball, support of Dolly Jennis,	76 00	
For commitment and support of Winnie B.		
Gould in insane hospital	76 22	
For care and support of Eliza Harding:		
Paid Frank Tibbetts.....	\$55 75	
O. T. Dore, conducting funeral Eliza		
Harding	1 00	
P. H. Waugh, for burying Eliza Harding.	2 00	
Abel Hunt, casket and robe, Eliza Hard-		
ing	12 00	
Dr. Whitcomb, medicine and attendance, 10 85		
	81 60	
Insane Hospital, Everett Gubtil.....	143 94	
“ “ James Staples	125 33	
Care and support of J. R. Merrill:		
Paid Henry F. Tibbetts.....	\$184 34	
Dr. Whitaker, medical attendance.....	3 00	
	187 34	
Sumner Sylvester, keeping snow-bound traveler,	85	
J. M. Taylor, keeping four tramps.....	1 25	
	743 95	
Received from town of Monticello on acc't of		
Winnie B. Gould.....		76 22
		\$667 73

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Raised in cash for roads and bridges		\$200 00
Paid Thomas Caverly, labor	\$ 2 45	
J. M. Taylor, “	70	
S. M. Luce, “	5 45	
Geo. Clark, “	4 20	
G. W. Chase, “	3 00	
John D. Fuller, “	7 82	

Tyler & Conant, edge and bolts for road machine.....	8 25	
M. M. Grant, bridge plank.....	12 20	
Morse & Co., " "	41 77	
Liberty Wetherbee	4 30	
J. B. Miller	1 50	
Thurston Hunt, spikes.....	69	
G. A. Snow, road railing.....	1 00	
Wm. Kimball, labor	90	
Geo. E. Tibbetts, labor, railing	3 50	
Wm. Robinson, gravel.....	7 00	
		<u>\$104 73</u>
Repairs Hermon Pond bridge		92 68
Paid bills of 1896, C. E. Phillips, Road Commis- sioner's order :		
Paid Taylor Clark	1 90	
Joseph Prescott	1 40	
C. S. Tibbetts	4 37	
Shepard Luce	5 35	
Ezekiel Jackson	2 00	
Alfred Overlock.	5 67	
Thos. Caverly.....	4 07	
P. H. Nowell.....	85	
A. K. Patten	2 20	
Robert Swan.....	1 25	
C. P. Brackett.....	3 00	
		<u>32 06</u>
Total expended summer work.....		<u>\$229 47</u>
Paid snow bills, winter work		<u>\$479 10</u>
SCHOOLS.		
Raised for repairs on school houses.....	\$125 00	
Paid repairs on school houses.....	120 10	
Raised for school books, nothing.		
Paid for school books	69 10	
Raised for memorial expenses	15 00	
Paid Grand Army Post, memorial expenses	15 00	
Paid damage to sheep by dogs, Joel A. Friend.....	2 00	
CONTINGENT EXPENSES.		
Raised for contingent expenses.....		<u>\$500 00</u>
Paid Chas. H. Glass & Co., reports of 1896.....	\$13 75	
Wm. Bowen, care of town hall	1 75	
" " driving hearse, burial Joseph Benjamin.....	1 00	

T. G. Kimball, Health Officer, services 1896....	3 00
G. W. Moore, " " " " ...	3 00
A. J. Kimball, premium collection, 1896.....	110 65
D. F. Davis estate, examination Mt. Evergreen Cor.	5 00
Thurston Hunt, carriage paint for hearse.....	1 20
Insurance on town house	18 75
G. W. Chase, work in cemetery, Hermon Pond,	3 00
Wm. Bowen, banking town house.....	2 00
Liberty Weatherbee, work in Pleasant Hill cemetery	3 00
D. Bugbee & Co., books, stationery, etc	8 90
T. W. Vose, legal advice.....	3 00
J. B. Miller, wood for town house.....	2 00
Thurston Hunt, recording births and deaths...	7 05
Dr. F. P. Whitaker, reporting births and deaths,	11 25
" " " Secretary Board of Health,	5 00
" " " services Health Officer, Irvin Robinson's	4 00
C. S. Grant, services selectman, etc	40 00
J. M. Taylor, " " "	45 00
Rufus Robinson, " " "	75 00
Rufus Robinson, use of team	8 00
L. M. Gordon, premium, collector of 1895.....	99 87
Selectmen, postage and registered letters	1 91
Alonzo Newcomb, public watering tub.....	1 50
Thurston Hunt, services as treasurer.....	27 95
E. E. McLaughlin, Supervisor of Schools	97 25
	\$603 78

ABATEMENTS MADE TO A. J. KIMBALL ON HIS COLLECTION OF 1896.

Lester Bryant	\$2 00
Wm. Bryant	2 00
Obediah Banks, heirs of	2 47
Joseph W. Benjamin.....	10 85
John P. Bryant	2 00
Chas. E. Edminster	2 00
John F. Ellis.....	2 00
Seth H. Gilman	3 51
Ernest L. Grant.....	3 09
Dexter Goodspeed.....	2 00
John E. Hammond	2 00
Benj. Ham	2 00
Thos. Kirk	36
Bridgett Kirk	5 22

James R. Lynn.....	11 28	
Elijah W. Libby.....	2 00	
Perley M. Libby.....	2 00	
David Lawrence... ..	2 00	
Geo. W. Littlefield.....	2 00	
John H. Murphy	51	
Chas. Myrick.....	2 00	
David Nowell	15 85	
Alvin Pomroy.....	2 00	
Sumner Swan, heirs of.....	1 23	
Chas. E. Small	2 00	
W. A. Smith	2 00	
O. S. Smith	2 00	
Edwin Thomas.....	3 23	
Marcellus Gilman.....	2 00	
Geo. W. Higgens	2 00	
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Total abatements		\$95 60

LIST OF THE POOR.

Dolly Jennis at T.G. Kimball's at \$76 per year.
Everett Gubtil and James F. Staples at Insane Hospital.

RECAPITULATION.

Orders drawn and paid March 3, 1898... ..	\$4,009 49	
Orders outstanding	989 16	
State tax.....	1,061 57	
County tax.....	488 55	
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Total expenditure		\$6,548 77

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Paid for schools.....	\$2,373 05	
Free High School	267 50	
Support of poor	743 95	
Roads and bridges.....	229 47	
Snow bills	479 10	
Repairs on school houses	120 10	
School books.....	69 10	
Memorial expenses	15 00	
Dogs' damage.....	2 00	
Contingent expenses.....	603 78	
Abatements	95 60	
State tax.....	1,061 57	
County tax.....	488 55	
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Total expenditures		\$6,548 77

Balance due collection of A. J. Kimball ..	1,721 87	
Add outstanding order of 1896	1 50	
Three tax deeds.....	29 44	
Cash in Treasury... ..	77	
	<u>\$1,752 58</u>	
Deduct outstanding orders of 1897	989 16	
		<u>763 42</u>
As per Treasurer's account.....		\$7,312 19

ASSETS, MARCH 3, 1898.

Balance due on A. J. Kimball's collection of 1897..	\$1,721 87	
Three tax deeds	28 44	
Cash in treasury.....	77	
	<u> </u>	
Total assets		\$1,751 08

LIABILITIES.

Due Chas. H. Glass & Co., this report.....	13 75	
T. G. Kimball, support of Dolly Jennis.....	12 00	
F. A. Bishop, public watering tub.....	1 50	
Insane hospital, estimated.....	60 00	
Outstanding orders.....	989 16	
A. J. Kimball's premium, collector, 1897	87 35	
	<u> </u>	
Total liabilities.....		1,163 76
		<u>587 32</u>
Unexpended balance, school fund.....		22 35
		<u> </u>
Balance in favor of town, outside of school fund...		\$564 97

All of which is respectfully submitted,

RUFUS ROBINSON,	} Selectmen of Hermon.
J. M. TAYLOR,	
C. S. GRANT,	

Annual Report of the Supervisor of Schools.

TO THE CITIZENS OF HERMON:

I most respectfully submit the following report of the schools of this town for the past year:

It is with much pleasure that we announce that the past school year has been one of prosperity in our schools. We have been fortunate in procuring teachers of good ability and moral character. The fact that in most cases the parents have coöperated with teachers and scholars, is quite evident from the good attendance.

Below is given a brief account of each of our several schools, from notes taken during the opening and closing examinations.

SCHOOL NO. 1.

This school has been under the instruction of Miss F. Edith Bemis for the whole year. Miss Bemis is a resident of this town and is, by her earnest endeavors, well worthy the success she attained in her work. The closing examinations were very satisfactory.

SCHOOL NO. 2.

The Spring and Fall terms were taught by Miss Mattie Brackett of this town. Miss Brackett is one of our young teachers. She shows a marked ability for instructing small scholars and in time, we think, should she continue her school work, that she will rank among our best.

Winter term taught by Mr. W. A. Swan. As is well known, Mr. Swan has been a faithful servant in the school room for many years. He is deeply interested in our school system and this school, without one exception, was a success.

SCHOOL NO. 3.

Spring and Fall terms were taught by Miss Iola Webber of this town. These were Miss Webber's first terms. She enters the school-room with such an air of matronly ease that she at once gains the respect of her scholars and thereby maintains good order. Her work was very satisfactory.

Winter term was under the instruction of Mr. Roscoe W. Snow. This was his second term. Although the school was unavoidably small, Mr. Snow maintained a good interest throughout, and the term was a success.

SCHOOL NO. 4—Suspended for the year.

SCHOOL NO. 5.

Spring term taught by Miss Amy Johnson of Orrington. Miss Johnson labored hard to overcome some difficulties, and in part was successful; and those who attended regularly made good progress.

Fall and Winter terms were taught by Miss Mabel E. Holland of Hampden. Miss Holland is a teacher of long experience and her method in this school, of placing each scholar on his or her honor, had the desired effect. She labored unsparingly, early and late, and closed one of the most successful schools in town for the year.

SCHOOL NO. 6.

Spring term taught by Miss Mabel E. Holland, and as in No. 5, was very successful.

Fall term was taught by Miss Maym Andrews of this town. Miss Andrews has been employed in several different schools in town for the past two years. She is one of our most esteemed young ladies, is well qualified and an earnest worker in the school room. This term was closed suddenly on account of sickness, one week sooner than expected. The attendance was somewhat small but the school was fairly profitable.

Winter term. This term was under the skillful instruction of W. F. Harding. The attendance was good throughout the term. Mr. Harding's methods are very thorough and practical and this school was no exception to the success he has attained in the past.

SCHOOL NO. 7.

Spring and Fall terms were suspended, there being too few scholars to profitably maintain a school. But after careful consideration it was thought advisable to have a school in No. 7 for the winter. It was taught by Miss Maym Jackson of this town. This was her first experience in the school room. But she showed a great interest in her work and her scholars made good progress.

SCHOOL NO. 8.

Spring term taught by Miss Maym Andrews. Miss Andrews labored hard for her scholars in this school and at the closing examination they proved beyond a doubt that they had made good advancement in their studies.

Fall term was taught by Miss Edna Shaw of Hermon. This was her first term. Miss Shaw entered the school room with the determination to have order, and by her endeavors to do so placed herself on our list of capable young teachers. The attendance was somewhat small on account of sickness, but those attending regularly made good progress.

Winter term. This term was begun by Miss Elvia Cushman of this town. Miss Cushman has had considerable experience in the school room. She attempted to discipline the school, which was sadly needed, at the very first of the term, and in doing so encountered some difficulties hard to overcome; and by not getting the required assistance of the parents, she was obliged to close her school at the end of the sixth week. The remainder of the term was taught by Mr. Royal N. Grant of this town. Mr. Grant is one of our capable young men, having attained a good education by hard

study and regular attendance at our high schools. He is highly esteemed by all who know him and proved to be the right man in the right place. He closed a very successful term of six weeks in No. 8.

SCHOOL NO. 9.

This school has been taught for the entire year by Miss A. Linnis Snow. Miss Snow is one of our ablest and best experienced teachers, having taught many successful terms in town. She is one of those teachers having the faculty of gaining the confidence and respect of her scholars from the largest down to the smallest. She is very active in the school room and entuses her pupils to do their best, thereby doing good work wherever she is, and we feel safe in saying that this has been a year of profit to No. 9.

SCHOOL NO. 10.

This school, as has No. 9, has been under the instruction of a very competent and energetic young teacher for the whole year, Miss Lucy M. Bryant of this town. That Miss Bryant has labored untiringly for this little school during its three terms, could not be doubted by any who visited it.

SCHOOL NO. 11.

Spring term taught by Miss Eva S. Paine of this town. This was Miss Paine's first attempt at imparting knowledge to the youth, and was quite an undertaking, as it is one of the largest schools in town. She worked early and late for the interest of her scholars, doing a very good work, lacking only in experience in some minor points. The school was well attended and did well under her instructions.

Fall term by Miss Annette A. Jackson of Hermon. Miss Jackson is one of our young teachers, having acquired her education in the high schools of this town. She has had some experience at teaching, with very good success, and in

this large school she was obliged to labor hard, and we are glad to report that her efforts were crowned with very good success.

Winter term taught by E. E. McLaughlin. That this has been a profitable term is only to be proven by the scholars who have attended, there having been a large class of well advanced scholars, who have been much interested in their work. This school at the present time ranks second to none in town and is deserving the best of teachers in the future.

SCHOOL NO. 12.

Spring term taught by Miss Annie L. Hicks of Hampden. This school has been under Miss Hicks' care for several terms and is in a prosperous condition.

Fall term was taught by Miss Alice McFarland of this town. This was her first attempt at teaching, and although the school was suddenly closed on account of sickness, we feel confident that good work was done and that Miss McFarland, with some experience, will soon come to the front as a teacher.

No. 12, Winter term is now in session under the instruction of Miss Mira White of Hermon. Although without experience, Miss White entered upon her duties with such an air of confidence and determination, that we feel safe in reporting this a profitable term. With the natural ability and practical methods exhibited by Miss White in the school room, we expect to soon place her among our best.

SCHOOL NO. 13.

Spring term taught by Miss Annette Jackson. As has been heretofore reported, Miss Jackson is an earnest worker in the school room, and the closing examination of this school was very satisfactory.

Fall and Winter terms were taught by Miss Eva S. Paine, and we consider that Miss Paine was particularly adapted to

this school, there being a good interest shown by her pupils during both terms and consequently good work done.

SCHOOL NO. 14.

Spring term taught by Miss Annie E. Gordon. This school although small, did good work under Miss Gordon's careful instructions. She shows a marked ability as a teacher and is well liked by both scholars and parents.

Fall term suspended and scholars transferred to school No. 3.

Winter term again taught by Miss Gordon with equally as good success as the preceding one in the Spring.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Spring term was under the instruction of W. R. Page, B. C. E., of Hampden. This was one of the most profitable terms of school held in this town for a long time, there being a large attendance throughout the term. Mr. Page seems to possess a particular ability for instructing the youth in high school work.

Fall term, although under the same management, did not seem to be as profitable, the attendance being rather small. Mr. Page seemed to manifest the same interest as before, and those attending made good advancement.

REMARKS.

There have been thirty-six terms of school taught in town during the year, besides two terms of Free High School, varying in length from six to twelve weeks, aggregating three hundred and sixty-four (364) weeks, and averaging twenty-eight weeks for each school, an increase of one week over last year. The average attendance has been good, although not what we wished for.

In reviewing the labors of our teachers for the past year,

we are pleased to state, that the most of them have been faithful in the discharge of their duties and are deserving much credit.

In closing I feel to express much gratitude to my fellow citizens for the many words and deeds of kindness received from them, and sincerely hope that my work for the past year has met with their approval.

Most respectfully submitted,

EDGAR E. McLAUGHLIN,

Supervisor of Schools.

Hermon, March 5, 1898.

TABULAR VIEW.
STATISTICS FROM TEACHERS' REGISTERS.

No. of School.	Name of Teacher.	No. of Scholars attending School	Average No.	Length of school in weeks.	Wages of Teacher per wk.	Price of board per week.
SPRING TERM.						
1	Miss F. Edith Bemis.....	13	11	8	\$3 50	\$1 50
2	Miss Mattie Brackett	17	14	8	3 50	1 50
3	Miss Iola Webber.....	21	20	8	3 50	1 50
5	Miss Amy Johnson.....	26	21	8	3 50	1 50
6	Miss Mabel E. Holland	19	15	8	4 50	2 00
8	Miss Maym Andrews.....	34	30	8	4 50	1 50
9	Miss A. Linnis Snow	34	29	8	4 50	1 75
10	Miss Lucy Bryant	17	15	8	3 00	1 50
11	Miss Eva S. Paine	37	30	8	4 00	1 50
12	Miss Annie L. Hicks.....	19	17	8	4 00	1 50
13	Miss Annette Jackson	16	14	8	3 50	1 50
14	Miss Annie Gordon.....	10	6	8	3 00	1 50
FALL TERM.						
1	Miss F. Edith Bemis.....	10	10	8	3 50	1 50
2	Miss Mattie Brackett	12	11	8	3 50	1 50
3	Miss Iola Webber	30	26	8	4 00	1 75
5	Miss Mabel E. Holland	29	25	9	4 50	1 75
6	Miss Maym Andrews	14	11	7	4 50	2 00
8	Miss Edna Shaw.....	35	25	8	4 00	1 75
9	Miss A. Linnis Snow	33	27	8	4 50	1 75
10	Miss Lucy Bryant	18	16	8	3 00	1 50
11	Miss Annette Jackson					
12	Miss Alice McFarland	26	23	6	4 00	1 50
13	Miss Eva S. Paine	20	17	8	3 50	1 50
WINTER TERM.						
1	Miss F. Edith Bemis.....	11	10	12	4 00	1 50
2	Mr. W. A. Swan.....	17	15	12	7 00	1 25
3	Mr. Roscoe W. Snow	14	9	12	5 00	2 00
5	Miss Mabel E. Holland	23	18	12	5 00	1 75
6	Mr. W. F. Harding	22	21	13	7 50	2 00
7	Miss Maym Jackson.....	5	4	12	3 00	1 00
8	Miss Elvia Cushman	20	16	6	5 00	1 50
	Mr. Royal N. Grant	23	16	6	5 00	1 50
9	Miss A. Linnis Snow	35	27	12	5 00	1 75
10	Miss Lucy Bryant.....	16	13	12	3 25	1 50
11	Mr. E. E. McLaughlin	40	33	12	7 50	2 00
12	Miss Mira White.....	14	13	3 50	1 75
13	Miss Eva S. Paine	19	15	12	3 50	1 50
14	Miss Annie Gordon.....	14	11	12	3 25	1 50
HIGH SCHOOL—Spring Term.						
	W. R. Page	53	44	10	12 50	2 00
Fall Term.						
	W. R. Page	27	10	10 00	2 25