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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Treasurer, Selectmen,

AND

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF HERMON

FOR THE

Year Ending March 2, 1899.

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# Municipal Officers of the Town of Hermon,

For the Year 1898-'99.

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## SELECTMEN:

H. B. LEATHERS, J. M. TAYLOR, C. S. GRANT.

Town Agent.....	H. B. LEATHERS
Town Clerk.....	THURSTON HUNT
Town Treasurer .....	THURSTON HUNT
Collector .....	G. E. TEBBETTS
Constable .....	G. E. TEBBETTS

## SCHOOL BOARD:

J. M. TAYLOR, C. N. PATTEN, THURSTON HUNT.

Supervisor of Schools, E. E. McLAUGHLIN.

## BOARD OF HEALTH:

DR. F. P. WHITAKER, SEC'Y .....	Term expires May, 1899
G. W. MOORE .....	Term expires May, 1900
T. G. KIMBALL.....	Term expires May, 1901

# 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 1898:

		DR.	
March 14.	To amt. due from A. J. Kimball, Collector of 1897.....		\$1,721 87
	Two tax deeds.....		22 45
	One tax deed .....		5 99
	Cash .....		77
April 15.	Receipt from State Treasurer, dog licenses refunded.....		90 74
30.	State tax.....		1,061 57
	County tax.....		488 55
	Town tax.....		3,765 00
	Overlayings made by Assessors.....		75 73
	Highway deficiency of 1897.....		43 23
June 15.	Interest on tax deed of Wm. Myrick.		2 22
Oct. 13.	Interest on tax deed of M. Taylor heirs.....		1 82
20.	Cash from State Treasurer for Free High School .....		36 75
Nov. 2.	Interest on tax deed of Melza Thomas place .....		1 80
Dec. 28.	Reimbursement by State for sheep killed .....		46 00
Jan. 10.	R. R. and telegraph tax .....		3 20
Dec.	Cash from State for Free High School fund and mill tax .....		61 25
			972 80
March 1.	Cash rent of Town hall.....		5 15
			\$8,406 89

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April 30.	By 59 town orders .....		\$1,060 17
Sept. 1.	County tax .....		488 55
Jan. 18.	State tax .....		1,061 57
March 1.	269 town orders.....		3,837 37
1.	51 town orders.....		565 16
1.	1 tax deed .....		16 92
	Amt. due from Geo. E. Tibbetts, Collector.....		1,363 89
	Cash .....		13 26
			\$8,406 89

Respectfully submitted,  
**THURSTON HUNT,**  
Treasurer of Hermon.

Hermon, March 2, 1899.

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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Value of resident real estate .....	\$246,723 00	
“ “ personal estate .....	50,482 00	
“ non-resident .....	42,141 00	
Total valuation of estates .....		\$339,346 00
Whole number of polls assessed, 320 @ \$2.00, \$640.00.		
Per cent. on each dollar, .014 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 .....	1,200 00	
For contingent expenses .....	600 00	
Memorial expenses .....	15 00	
Text books and appliances .....	50 00	
Repairs on schoolhouses .....	150 00	
Wire for fence .....	50 00	
Total appropriations including State and County taxes .....		5,315 12
Overlayings made by assessors .....		75 73
Highway deficiencies of 1897 .....		43 23
Total amount committed .....		\$5,434 08

## SCHOOL FUND.

Amount raised by town .....	\$1,100 00	
State school fund and mill tax .....	972 80	
Unexpended balance of 1897 .....	22 35	
Total school fund .....		\$2,095 15
Paid school bills of 1897 .....	\$ 26 90	
“ “ “ 1898-99 .....	2,068 59	
		\$2,095 49

## FREE HIGH SCHOOL FUND.

Unexpended balance March 3, 1898.....		\$103 75
Paid for spring term of 1898 .....	\$ 73 50	
“ “ fall “ 1898 .....	124 00	
Total expended.....	197 50	
Less amount from State .....	98 00	
		<u>99 50</u>
Unexpended balance March 2, 1899.....		\$4 25

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

Raised for support of poor.....		\$600 00
Paid town of Searsport, support of R. M. Young ..	\$43 01	
Thomas G. Kimball, support of Dolly Jennis.	76 00	
Town of Orneville, support of E. H.		
Annis and family.....	\$43 45	
Supplies furnished E. H. Annis .....	14 85	
	<u>58 30</u>	
Supplies to Chas. Veazie in 1897.....	1 65	
Insane Hospital, Everett Gubtil.....	138 37	
“ “ James Staples .....	136 39	
H. B. Leathers, care of tramps.....	2 00	
		<u>455 72</u>
Unexpended balance.....		\$144 28

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Raised by town to be expended by Road Commis- sioner.....		\$1,200 00
Paid bills summer work of 1898.....	\$796 84	
Bills winter “ “ .....	246 06	
Outstanding bill of winter work of 1898 orders not drawn.....	84 07	
Total expenditures as per Commissioner's report .....		<u>1,126 97</u>
Unexpended balance March 2, 1899.....		\$73 03
Road bills from March 3 to March 14, 1898....		48 22

## REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Raised for repairs on school houses .....		\$150 00
Paid repairs on school houses.....	\$41 08	
Morse & Co., bill unpaid estimated.....	23 00	
Total expended .....		<u>64 08</u>
Unexpended balance.....		\$85 92

## SCHOOL BOOKS.

Raised for school books, appliances .....	\$50 00
Paid " " " " .....	49 99
Raised for barbed wire .....	50 00
Paid " " " " .....	19 55

## MEMORIAL EXPENSES.

Raised for memorial expenses .....	\$15 00
Paid Grand Army Post, memorial expenses .....	15 00
Damage to sheep by dogs.....	46 00

## CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Raised for contingent expenses .....		\$600 00
Paid F. A. Bishop, watering tub .....	\$1 50	
T. G. Kimball, Health Office, services 1897....	3 00	
L. D. Snow, work in cemetery, Snow Corner.	4 00	
Martin & Cook, legal advice .....	2 00	
Expense of perambulating line between Car-		
mel and Hermon .....	9 25	
Chas. H. Glass & Co., reports of 1897 .....	13 75	
Selectmen for guide board.....	2 50	
C. N. Patten, services as Election Clerk .....	2 00	
L. D. Snow, " " " " .....	2 00	
J. W. Leathers, services Election and Ballot		
Clerk .....	2 00	
Rufus Robinson, services Election and Ballot		
Clerk .....	2 00	
G. W. Chase, work in cemetery, Hermon Pond	3 00	
David Bugbee & Co., books, stationery, etc...	11 96	
Wm. Bowen, removing banking from Town		
house .....	75	
Wm. Bowen, banking Town house.....	2 00	
G. W. Moore, Health Officer, services 1897 ...	3 00	
L. M. Hewes, public watering tub.....	1 50	
A. J. Kimball, premium collection 1897.....	86 03	
A. K. P. Patten, services as Road Commissioner	118 00	
F. P. Whitaker, reporting births and deaths ..	6 00	
" " Secretary Board of Health...	5 00	
T. G. Kimball, services as Health Officer.....	3 00	
C. S. Grant, services Selectman, etc.....	40 00	
J. M. Taylor, " " " " .....	45 00	
H. B. Leathers, " " " " .....	75 00	
" " use of team.....	8 00	
E. E. McLaughlin, Supt. of Schools.....	106 03	

Paid Thurston Hunt, services as Treasurer .....	35 16	
"    "    recording deaths and births ..	6 60	
J. M. Taylor, wood for Town house.....	2 00	
Selectmen, postage and registered letters.....	2 50	
T. Hunt, Treasurer, interest .....	11 65	
Dr. Cowan, reporting deaths.....	75	
Liberty Weatherbee, work in cemetery.....	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$620 93

Abatements made to A. J. Kimball on his collections of 1897:

Obediah Banks, heirs of .....	\$1 87	
Joseph W. Benjamin, heirs of.....	6 20	
John T. Bryant .....	2 00	
F. I. Blanchard.....	2 00	
Harry B. Davis.....	2 00	
Edward H. Davis.....	2 00	
Walter J. Edminster.....	2 00	
C. B. Edwards .....	2 61	
Fred Grant.....	2 00	
Josiah Hall .....	2 00	
Benjamin Ham .....	2 00	
Alfrado Henry .....	2 50	
F. W. Huntington.....	2 00	
Wm. Jones.....	2 00	
Bridget Kirk .....	4 24	
Cyrus J. Libby, heirs of.....	2 09	
Hollis Luce.....	2 00	
Elijah W. Libby.....	2 00	
John H. Murphy.....	39	
David T. Nowell .....	11 48	
Chas. T. Pickard .....	2 00	
Stephen O. Packard .....	2 00	
George Stevens .....	2 00	
Sumner Swan .....	94	
Horace Swett .....	2 00	
Geo. E. Sanborn.....	2 00	
Morris Webster .....	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$68 32
Total abatements.....		

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 2, 1899 .....	\$4,473 52	
Orders outstanding.....	227 16	
State tax.....	1,061 57	
County tax.....	488 55	
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Total expenditures.....		\$6,250 82

## SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

Paid for schools.....	\$2,095 49	
Free high school .....	197 50	
Support of poor.....	455 72	
Roads and bridges.....	1,091 12	
Repairs on school houses.....	41 08	
School books.....	49 99	
Wire for fences .....	19 55	
Memorial expenses.....	15 00	
Dogs' damage.....	46 00	
Contingent expenses .....	620 93	
Abatements.....	68 32	
State tax.....	1,061 57	
County tax.....	488 55	
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Total expenditures .....		\$6,250 82
Balance due collection of G. E. Tebbetts.....	\$1,363 89	
Add outstanding orders of 1897 .....	989 16	
One tax deed.....	16 92	
Cash in treasury.....	13 26	
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	2,383 23	
Deduct outstanding orders of 1898 as per treas. acct.	227 16	
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		2,156 07
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		\$8,406 89

## ASSETS, MARCH 2, 1889.

Balance due on G. E. Tebbetts' collection of 1898..	\$1,363 89	
One tax deed.....	16 92	
Cash in treasury .....	13 26	
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Total assets.....		\$1,394 07

## LIABILITIES.

Due T. G. Kimball, support of Dolly Jennis. ....	\$12 00	
Insane hospital, estimated .....	60 00	
F. A. Bishop, public watering tub .....	1 50	
Alonzo Newcomb, " " .....	1 50	
Morse & Co., estimated .....	23 00	
Outstanding orders .....	227 16	
Bills outstanding for roads .....	84 07	
G. E. Tebbetts, premium, collector, 1898 .....	105 00	
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Total liabilities .....		514 23
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Balance in favor of town .....		\$879 84

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. B. LEATHERS,	} Selectmen of Hermon.
J. M. TAYLOR,	
CHAS. S. GRANT,	

## • Annual Report of the Supervisor of Schools.

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### TO THE CITIZENS OF HERMON :

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

While we have met with several unavoidable obstacles, yet we consider our efforts have been crowned with partial success. Our greatest handicap has been in maintaining too many small schools. Below is given a brief account of each of our several schools, from notes taken at closing examinations and carefully preserved for your benefit.

### SCHOOL NO. 1.

The Spring term was taught by Miss Ruth G. Kimball of this town. This was Miss Kimball's first school. She has been a regular attendant at all our terms of High school in the past, thereby acquiring for herself a good reputation as a scholar. Her manner of governing this school was not just what we wished for, although she worked hard for her scholars and they made fair progress in their work.

The Fall term in No. 1 was taught by Miss Myrtie Hilton of Bradley. Miss H. came to us well recommended as a teacher. She at once put the school under good discipline and her work as an instructor was very satisfactory.

Winter term was under the instruction of Miss F. Edith Bemis, and, as is well known, Miss Bemis has taught several profitable terms in No. 1 during the past two years and this was no exception. Her school showed well at the close.

### SCHOOL NO. 2.

The Spring and Fall terms in this school were taught by Miss F. Edith Bemis with equally as good success as she has attained in No. 1.

Winter term was again under the instruction of Mr. W. A. Swan and we feel safe in saying that this was one of the most enthusiastic schools in town this winter.

#### SCHOOL NO. 3.

The Spring and Fall terms of this school were taught by Miss Maym Andrews. Although the school was not up to its usual number in attendance, yet it was a profitable one to those attending.

Winter term taught by Miss Linnis Snow. Miss Snow, as in the past, at once gained the respect and affection of the scholars and a good work was done in No. 3, closing very pleasantly for both teacher and pupils.

#### SCHOOL NO. 4.

Spring and Fall terms taught by Miss Annie Smith of this town. Miss Smith is another new one added to our list this year. She is very candid in her work, practical in explanations, and we think with experience will make a good teacher.

Winter term in No. 4 was suspended by a vote of S. S. Com. and scholars transferred to Nos. 1 and 5.

#### SCHOOL NO. 5.

Spring and Fall terms taught by Miss Eva S. Paine. Miss Paine is one of our own young ladies, and has taught several schools in this town with very good success. During the Spring term in No. 5 there seemed to be a good interest shown by teacher and scholars and quite a good work was done. But for some reason that we cannot explain, the Fall term was not as enthusiastic, nor quite as satisfactory.

Winter term taught by Miss Mira White of this town. Miss White acquired quite a fame as a teacher in No. 12, having taught there the past three terms. But in this school her methods of teaching did not meet with her pupils' approval as well as it had in the past, and the attendance was somewhat irregular, but those who attended regular made good progress.

## SCHOOL NO. 6.

Spring and Fall terms taught by Miss Alice McFarland. Miss McFarland is a good scholar, and an earnest worker in the school room. The only thing we find her lacking in is force in her government. Her pupils made good advancement in their work.

Winter term under the instructions of their old teacher again, W. F. Harding. Mr. Harding had quite a full school, having several scholars from other schools, making a good class and a very profitable term.

## SCHOOL NO. 7.

Spring and Fall terms taught by Miss Inez Smart. This was Miss Smart's first experience, and the school being so very small it is hard to rate her as a teacher. She manifests quite a skill for school work and we think that with experience she will become a good teacher.

Winter term taught by Miss Maym Jackson. Miss Jackson has demonstrated, during the past year, by her efforts in the school room that she intends to be a school teacher. This was a profitable term for a small school.

## SCHOOL NO. 8.

This school for the year was under the instruction of Mr. Royal N. Grant, and by his untiring efforts in this school he has won for himself a high rank as a young teacher. They have had a good school in No. 8 the whole year.

## SCHOOL NO. 9.

Being unable to procure the services of a suitable female teacher for this school, we engaged the services of Mr. Roscoe W. Snow for the Spring and Fall terms. Mr. Snow is one of our promising young male teachers, having taught some very good schools in town. His classes in No. 9 made a good showing at the close of his terms.

Winter taught by Mr. F. O. Prescott. Mr. Prescott is a teacher of considerable experience. The scholars in No. 9 took great interest in this term of school and a good work was done.

## SCHOOL NO. 10.

Spring and Fall terms were taught by Miss Edna Shaw of this town. Miss Shaw is one of our young teachers who labors hard for her pupils and maintains good order in the school-room. We consider this quite a profitable term.

Winter term taught by Miss Alice McFarland, and as has been reported of her work in No. 6, she is a very earnest worker for her pupils, but lacked the power to govern some of the larger scholars in this school, which of course gave the school rather a poor appearance. Some of the scholars made good progress in their studies.

## SCHOOL NO. 11.

Spring and Fall terms taught by Miss A. Linnis Snow, a teacher of quite a wide experience in this town, and these terms ranked well with those taught by her in the past.

Winter term taught by E. E. McLaughlin and, as usual, this was a large and well attended school, the scholars taking great interest in their work and making good advancement.

## SCHOOL NO. 12.

Spring and Fall terms taught by Miss Mira White, and, as has already been reported, Miss White gave splendid satisfaction in this school.

Winter term taught by Mr. Roscoe W. Snow, and as Mr. Snow has established a favorable record for himself as a teacher in the past, we will simply say that this school was a success.

## SCHOOL NO. 13.

Spring and Fall terms taught by Miss Mattie Brackett of this town. This school, although rather small, manifested a good interest in their studies and did a fairly good work.

Winter term by Miss Edna Shaw, who was fully capable of keeping the interest of the scholars up and continued the work in a very creditable manner.

## SCHOOL NO. 14.

This is another one of our small schools. The Spring and Fall terms were taught by Miss Maym Jackson, who seemed to inspire the scholars to do their best and consequently did a good work.

The Winter term in No. 14 was taught by Miss Ruth G. Kimball and we feel safe in saying that experience has benefited Miss Kimball in governing a school, for this one was well conducted and the pupils made good advancement in their studies.

## FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Spring term under the instructions of Mr. Noah Edminster of So. Etna. There was quite a good attendance at the opening and a fair average during the term. Mr. Edminster entered upon his duties in a very pleasant and agreeable manner and had one of the best disciplined High schools held in this town for a long time. His methods of teaching were not kindly taken to by some of the scholars, thereby causing the interest to lag a little, but we considered him quite a good teacher.

For the fall term we engaged the services of Mr. F. E. George of Boston, Mass. Mr. George came to us very highly recommended by presidents of colleges from which he had graduated, also by boards of education in towns where he had been employed in school work. He endeavored to conduct the school under strictly high school principles, requiring his pupils to do a practical work without regard to text. This method at once met with disapproval by a large majority of the scholars, and they soon began to leave the school, consequently the average was very low, and allow me to say right here, that, under the existing laws governing free high schools in this state as well as our own system of mixed schools, it would not be advisable to attempt to run a school of this kind during the coming season.

## REMARKS.

## IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE.

The attendance in some of our schools seems far below what it need be and the average still below this, thereby showing that parents are not doing their duty in sending their children to school. Much valuable time is thus lost to our scholars.

## SCHOOL HOUSES.

Some of our school houses and out buildings are in fair condition, but the most of them need some repairing, especially the out buildings, in some cases they are totally unfit for children to occupy.

## TEXT BOOKS.

The greater part of our text books are in good condition for use. Grammars and histories are an exception, and something will have to be done the coming year with these books. Either buy some more of the same kind to take the place of those unfit for use or else a change made for new ones.

We have endeavored to perform all duties falling upon us in this school work faithfully and to the best of our ability. While we consider that we have passed through a fairly prosperous school year, yet we would feel that a more profitable system might be maintained by consolidating small schools, always bringing them together in the most central and desirable locations, and as the occasion would suggest, providing suitable conveyance for those needing it. We could thereby, in time, establish graded schools, which, in our estimation are what the present times call for.

In conclusion we commend our schools to the wise and generous regard of the people on whom rest the responsibility of their success. Let us, then, endeavor to elevate our schools, for from them we expect to raise our future government.

Most respectfully submitted,

E. E. McLAUGHLIN,

Supervisor of Schools.

HERMON, March 1st, 1899.



# 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.
<b>SPRING TERM.</b>						
1	Miss Ruth G. Kimball,.....	8	7	7	\$2 75	\$1 50
2	Miss F. Edith Bemis,.....	16	14	7	3 50	1 50
3	Miss Maym Andrews,.....	15	13	7	3 50	1 50
4	Miss Annie Smith, .....	14	11	7	2 75	1 50
5	Miss Eva S. Paine, .....	18	16	7	3 50	1 50
6	Miss Alice McFarland, .....	13	12	7	3 00	1 50
7	Miss Inez Smart,.....	7	6	7	2 75	1 75
8	Mr. Royal N. Grant,.....	30	24	7	4 00	1 50
9	Mr. Roscoe W. Snow,.....	27	23	7	4 50	2 00
10	Miss Edna Shaw,.....	17	14	7	3 00	1 50
11	Miss A. Linnis Snow, .....	38	35	7	4 50	1 50
12	Miss Mira White, .....	27	22	7	3 50	1 50
13	Miss Mattie Brackett, .....	13	10	7	3 00	1 50
14	Miss Maym Jackson,.....	9	8	7	3 00	1 50
<b>FALL TERM.</b>						
1	Miss Myrtie Hilton, .....	10	8	7	3 00	1 50
2	Miss F. Edith Bemis,.....	21	16	7	3 50	1 50
3	Miss Maym Andrews,.....	18	15	7	3 50	1 50
4	Miss Annie Smith, .....	10	9	7	2 75	1 50
5	Miss Eva S. Paine, .....	16	14	7	3 50	1 75
6	Miss Alice McFarland,.....	15	14	7	3 00	1 50
7	Miss Inez Smart,.....	5	..	7	2 75	1 75
8	Mr. Royal N. Grant, .....	30	22	7	4 00	1 50
9	Mr. Roscoe W. Snow,.....	34	26	7	4 50	2 00
10	Miss Edna Shaw.....	14	13	7	3 00	1 50
11	Miss A. Linnis Snow, .....	30	27	7	4 50	1 50
12	Miss Mira White, .....	31	26	7	4 00	1 65
13	Miss Mattie Brackett, .....	15	14	7	3 00	1 50
14	Miss Maym Jackson,.....	9	8	7	3 00	1 50
<b>WINTER TERM.</b>						
1	Miss F. Edith Bemis,.....	13	12	10	4 00	1 50
2	Mr. W. A. Swan, .....	22	19	10	6 25	2 00
3	Miss A. Linnis Snow, .....	18	16	10	4 50	1 50
5	Miss Mira White,.....	18	13	10	3 50	1 50
6	Mr. W. F. Harding,.....	31	27	10	6 25	2 00
7	Miss Maym Jackson,.....	8	6	10	3 00	1 50
8	Mr. Royal N. Grant,.....	20	13	10	5 00	2 00
9	Mr. F. O. Prescott,.....	42	33	10	6 75	2 00
10	Miss Alice McFarland, .....	19	17	10	3 50	1 50
11	Mr. E. E. McLaughlin,.....	36	32	10	6 75	2 00
12	Mr. Roscoe W. Snow,.....	26	22	10	6 25	2 00
13	Miss Edna Shaw,.....	15	12	10	3 50	1 50
14	Miss Ruth G. Kimball,.....	9	8	10	3 00	1 65
<b>FREE HIGH SCHOOL—Spring Term.</b>						
	Noah Edminster,.....	45	28	6	10 00	2 00
<b>Fall Term.</b>						
	F. E. George, .....	27	13	10	10 00	2 25