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March 1, 1881

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Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer in account with the town of New Hampton.

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Cash on hand March 1, 1880,	\$ 367.50
E. K. Smith, note,	50.00
E. Fisk, interest on note and bonds repaid,	14.00
County of Belknap,	52.25
State Rail Road tax,	40.69
“ Savings Bank tax,	443.85
“ Literary Fund,	77.70
K. W. Smith, note,	91.47
“ “ bonds and interest,	455.00
Curtis A. Gordon, bonds and interest,	200.00
Town of Holderness,	1.93
Wm. R. Robie, collector, 1878,	26.84
“ “ 1879,	372.17
“ “ 1880,	4,738.62
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The Treasurer in account with the town of New Hampton.

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PAUPERS.

Paid town of Boscawen, Smith Emmon's bill,	\$175.00
W. H. Rand, medical attendance for Benj. Heath,	3.00
“ “ “ J. P. Green,	5.25
“ “ “ C. J. Beede,	1.50
D. H. Smith, supplies for Geo. Blake,	1.93
Geo. H. Harper, board of Sarah Ames,	40.00
Archie Robie, board of the Plaisted boy 40 weeks,	40.00
T. H. Murry, transient pauper,	1.00
A. S. Hawkins, board of S. D. Smith, one year,	104.00
K. W. Smith, transient pauper,	1.00
C. D. Thyng, supplies for Mrs. O. Webster,	13.15
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	385.83

SCHOOLS.

Paid T. P. Robinson, Dist. No. 1,	70.00
W. H. Smith, " " 3,	55.00
O. F. Dow, " " 4,	180.40
" bal. due in 1879,	23.50
Wm. Wallace, " " 5,	50.23
Martin Woodman " " 6,	41.82
John B. Gordon " " 7,	78.70
John Perkins, " " 9, in 1879,	26.88
" " " " 1880,	23.56
Ellen Dalton, " " 10,	26.00
R. M. Gordon, " " 11,	35.50
David Sanborn, " " 12 in 1877,	19.40
" " " " 1878,	37.67
" " " " 1879,	29.29
" " " " 1880,	19.76
S. Plaisted, Jr., Dist., No. 13,	92.55
J. C. Moses, " " 15,	34.20
Warren B. Gordon, " 16,	43.06
C. P. Stevens, " " 17,	14.00
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	901.46
Paid State Tax,	776.0
County Tax,	1,213.08
School House Tax, Martin L. Woodman, Dist. No. 6,	35.50

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid S. P. Smith, Note and interest,	296.47
K. W. Smith, " "	95.40
Edson K. Smith " "	52.50
Charles Flanders, Bonds due,	600.00
Curtis A. Gordon, " "	200.00
Charles Flanders, interest on bonds,	92.00
Abbie S. Sanborn, " "	68.00
Mrs. S. P. Robinson, " "	8.00
Charles B. Huckins, " "	10.00
Mary A. Huckins " "	4.00

B. S. Gordon,	"	"	40.00
Emma S. Gordon,	"	"	4.00
Mary E. Thyng	"	"	12.00
Polly C. Kelly,	"	"	16.00
D. E. Fifield,	"	"	28.00
M. H. Merrow,	"	"	16.00
Nancy G. Boswell,	"	"	8.00
K. W. Smith,	"	"	44.00
Edson K. Smith,	"	"	20.00
Ella Smith,	"	"	6.00
Mary Smith,	"	"	4.00
C. A. Gordon,	"	"	20.00
C. H. Mudgett,	"	"	22.00
Abbie Mudgett,	"	"	8.00
J. S. Drake,	"	"	8.00
Daniel Veasey,	"	"	22.00
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			\$1,704.37

SHEEP DAMAGE.

D. T. Smith,		6.00
J. C. Smith,		15.00
J. H. Berry,		3.50
F. G. Blake,		10.00
Daniel Veasey,		12.00
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		\$46.50

SERVICES.

S. M. Bean, Auditor, 1880,		1.00	
L. S. Gordon,	"	"	1.00
T. P. Robinson, Supervisor, 2 years ending Nov. 4, '80.		26.00	
J. C. Fox,	"	"	23.25
S. Emerson,	"	1 year	10.00
K. W. Smith, Selectman.			69.00
J. M. Flanders, Jr.,	"		67.00
W. C. Sargent,	"		62.00

C. D. Thyng, Treasurer,	40.00
A. Melissa Gordon, School Com.,	60.00
M. C. Burpee, Town Clerk,	20.00
W. R. Robie, Collector,	90.00

 469.25

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid J. O. Clark, labor on Highway,	\$7.64
Martin Woodman, "	1.25
J. W. Merrick, Breaking Roads,	2.04
J. H. Berry "	19.32
Walter S. Plaisted, "	7.00
K. W. Smith, Cash paid for labor on Sanborn bridge,	4.20
F. O. Wallace, Labor on Sanborn bridge,	48.75
J. Johnson, " "	18.37
N. Glover, " "	5.00
C. L. Cole, " "	17.50
J. P. Drake, " "	75.25
E. M. Huckins, labor on highway,	3.84
Scott Pattern, 5 M., bridge plank,	40.00
D. T. Smith, plank,	14.58
J. H. Berry, "	4.95
J. O. Clark, labor on highway,	45.72
E. G. Huckins, labor on Sanborn bridge,	6.25
J. H. Berry, labor on highway,	5.00
James Flanders, bridge plank,	29.36
J. H. Harper, "	2.40
L. B. Wells, repairing bridge,	22.25
Orren Plaisted, repairing road,	5.52
N. B. Wadleigh, plank,	4.73
Lester Plaisted, labor,	3.75
E. H. Maloon, iron for bridge,	6.50
A. Burpee & Co., lumber for Magoon bridge	5.00
S. F. Lougee, labor on highway,	6.30
Joseph S. Drake, non resident tax worked,	9.71
A. Burpee & Co., powder and fuse,	4.25

 \$423.43

GENERAL EXPENSES,

Paid W. H. Rand, record of births and deaths,	\$.75
D. York, tax repaid,	1.40
E. C. Eastman, collector's and surveyor's books,	4.00
James Mudgett, Poll tax repaid,	1.40
Walter S. Plaisted, witness fee in road case,	2.00
F. O. Wallace, bounty of hawks,	.60
Joseph P. Dearborn, Commissioner on road case,	20.90
Frank M. Rollins, " "	10.90
Charles Rollins, " "	10.90
Lewis & Sanborn, printing reports, March 1, '80,	19.50
G. H. Knowles, hotel bill,	5.20
S. Plaisted, Jr., non resident tax worked,	10.05
J. W. Moore, lighting bridge Feb. 13 to Nov. 13, '80,	22.50
" " two lantern globes,	1.00
" " police badges,	2.00
T. H. Murry, hotel bill for supervisors,	12.36
D. H. Smith, admr. J. P. Howe estate, damage discontinuing road,	10.00
K. W. Smith, cash paid town clerk of Bristol,	.25
" " " Reg. of deeds, copy of	
" " " D. H. Ames bond to Sarah Ames,	.75
" " " Reg. of deeds, recording foreclosure	
" " " of mortgage,	.90
" " " A. Smith, bounty of hawks,	.40
S. D. Huckins, labor on highway,	.40
A. W. Bachelor, damage in road case,	61.16
E. P. Jewell, council fees,	12.00
J. C. Fox, board of Supervisors,	10.00
James L. Wilson, council,	48.70
C. H. Sanborn, damage discontinuing highway,	10.00
J. H. Harper, watering trough,	3.00
Alden Bowles, " "	3.00
O. F. Morse, " "	3.00
S. Plaisted, Jr., " "	3.00
E. Fisk, " "	3.00
J. M. Flanders, Jr. " "	3.00
Wm. C. Sargent, cash paid bounty on hawks,	.80
A. Ward, 1-2 cord of wood,	1.50
W. G. Torsey, non resident tax worked,	9.81
N. Glover, care of town house,	3.20
John H. Berry, bounty on hawk,	.20
M. A. Haynes, printing check list,	5.00
K. W. Smith, Board of selectmen,	12.00
" " use of team, car fare and out of town expense,	18.00
C. D. Thyng, stationery and postage,	3.46

S. Cheever, damage on highway,	3.00
J. M. Flanders, Jr., expense and use of team out of town,	3.50
" " cash paid for hawk bounty,	1.40
" " Expenses on S. Emmons case,	5.00
John M. Flanders, drag, stone tools, etc.,	6.75
Wm. C. Sargent cash paid for hawk bounty,	.40
" " postage and stationery,	.90
" " use of team out of town,	7.00
N. Boynton, bounty on hawks,	.80
Wm. R. Robie, non resident tax worked 1880,	85.40
" " abatements, 1878,	6.15
" " " 1879,	27.11
" " " 1880,	79.42
J. B. Sanborn, damage to self and team,	25.00

\$603.82

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts, \$6932.02

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Pauper bills,	\$395.83	
Schools,	901.46	
State tax,	776.00	
County tax,	1,213.08	
School house tax,	35.00	
Notes and interest,	1,704.37	
Sheep damage,	46.50	
Services,	469.25	
Roads and bridges,	423.43	
General Expenses,	603.82	
Cash on hand, March 1, 1881,	373.28	\$6932.02

New Hampton, Feb. 25, 1881.

This may certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

L. S. GORDON,	} Auditors.
S. M. BEAN,	

TOWN DEBT, MARCH 1, 1881.

Town bonds on which interest is paid to March 1, 1881.

Charles Flanders,	\$1,700.00
Abbie S. Sanborn,	1,700.00
Benj. S. Gordon,	1,000.00
Curtis A. Gordon,	500.00
Emma S. Gordon,	100.00

Polly C. Kelley,	400.00
K. W. Smith,	1200.00
Edson K. Smith,	600.00
Ella M. Smith,	150.00
Mary Smith,	200.00
Mary E. Thyng,	300.00
C. H. Mudgett,	550.00
Abbie A Mudgett,	200.00
D. E. Fifield,	700.00
Sarah P. Robinson,	200.00
Nancy G. Boswell,	200.00
Charles B. Huckins,	250.00
Mary Huckins,	100.00
Daniel Veasey,	550.00
M. H. Merrow,	400.00
Joseph S. Drake.	200.00

\$11,200.00

Notes and Interest.

C. W. Chessman, (E. Fisk note)	\$173.00
Charles S. Flanders,	541.80
John Perkins,	118.00
Mary E. Thyng,	136.50

\$969.30

ESTIMATED STANDING OF THE TOWN.

Bonds outstanding March 1, 1881,	\$11,200.00
Notes (and interest,) "	969.30

\$12,169.30

Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1881,	\$373.28
Z. D. Gordon, note and interest,	589.00
Due from Collector, 1876,	43.00
" " 1880,	486.04
Liquor Agent,	88.37

1,579.69

\$10,589.61

C. D. THYNG, Treasurer.

Report of School Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

The summer term was taught by Miss Edith L. Swain, of Meredith. Wages per month, including board, \$18.00. Length of term, six weeks; number of scholars, 13; average, 11 7-10; instances of tardiness, 59; number of visitors, 20. This was the teacher's first school but she evidently labored faithfully and success attended her efforts. Miss Swain deserves great credit for the correctness and neatness of her register.

The second term was under the instruction of Miss Julia Ellis, of Lancaster. Money appropriated, \$70.00; wages per month, including board, \$16.00; length of term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 16; average, 14; marks of tardiness, 30; number of visitors, 16. Lottie J. Smith was neither absent or tardy during the term.

Miss Ellis brings to her aid, a large experience and understands that teaching means something more than simply asking questions and receiving the answers found in text books. Excellent order prevailed and in thoroughness of instruction we think she has not been excelled by any during the year.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Miss Sadie J. Worthen of Helderess taught one term in this district. School money, \$55.00. Wages per month, including board, \$18.00. Length of term, 13 weeks; number of scholars, 9; average attendance, 8; marks of tardiness, 28. Hattie Torsey and Fred Smith were absent only one half day during the term; Willie Wallace and Hattie Smith were absent three days on account of sickness. This was Miss Worthen's first attempt at teaching. She was earnest and interested in her work and the pupils made commendable advancement.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

There were three terms of school in this district, taught by Mrs. N. D. Redding of Sanbornton. Money appropriation, \$194. Wages per month, including board, \$32.00; length of terms 8 weeks each; number of scholars, first term, 47; second, 35; third, 37; average, first term, 38; second, 31 23-35; third, 28 30-37; instances of tardiness, first term, 57; second, 88; third, 60; number of visitors first term, 14; second, 10; third, 14. Upon the Roll of Honor we find, first term, Hermie Dow, Ida Spaulding, Della Thompson; second term, Bertha Scribner, Herman Thompson, Mable Spaulding, also the last two mentioned in the first term; third term, Ellen Drake, Katie Piper, and Bertha Scribner. This is the largest school in town, and composed as it is of different grades, requires no small amount of wisdom and skill on the part of a teacher to interest the pupils and arouse and bring into action the dormant faculties of their natures. Mrs. Redding's long experience as a teacher, was here particularly useful and the examination at the close of each term, while it gave credit to the scholars, showed that there had been faithful instruction on the part of the teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Miss Ella Thompson taught one term in this district. Amount of money, \$50.23. Wages per month, including board, \$20.00; length of term, 9 1-5 weeks; number of scholars, 24; average attendance, 20 1-2; marks of tardiness, 107; number of visitors, 17. Eva Cole and Weston Johnson were not absent or tardy during the term. This school needs an experienced teacher; one who is not only wide awake and earnest, but who, having the best interests of her pupils at her heart, knows how if necessary to administer discipline with kindness yet unbending firmness. Some of the pupils seemed well disposed. Miss Thompson was young in experience. She evidently tried to do her best and if she had received the entire co-operation of the parents would have without doubt have been more successful. Parents sometimes fail to realize how much their presence in the schoolroom or a word of approval aids a teacher in her work.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Miss Emma Mudgett was the teacher in this district. Amount of money, \$35.50. Wages per month including board, \$22.00. Length of term, 7 weeks. number of scholars, 12; average attendance, 9; number of visitors, 7. There were three names upon the roll of honor, viz: Alice Woodman, May and Grace Veasey. The school was quiet and orderly and good advancement made in the studies pursued. Punctuality seems to have been one principle of action, as we find an absence of tardy marks upon the record.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Mrs. Rebecca P. Blake of New Hampton, taught two terms in this district. Money appropriated, \$75.00. Wages per month, including board, \$20.00. Number of weeks first term, 7; second, 8; average, 6 and 4. Number of visitors first term, 6; second, 4. Number of scholars first term 8; second 4. The children were prompt, not a single mark of tardiness reported. They were earnest, and interested, and the examination at the close of each term gave conclusive evidence of thorough instruction on the part of the teacher. Attention was given to many of the elementary principals so often neglected in our schools.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

This District had one term taught by Miss Emma J. Neal. Amount of money, \$27.00. Wages per month, including board, \$18.00. Length of school, six weeks. Number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 8 1-12. Marks of tardiness 13; Number of visitors, 8. Nellie Dalton was not tardy or absent from the school during the term. This was the teachers first term of teaching. She evidently was faithful in the discharge of her duties and though some improvement was visible, the school was not up to its usual standard. Miss Neal complained of want of punctuality, on the part of the pupils, and no great advancement can be made unless scholars are prompt in their attendance. Though small this is usually one of the most ambitious schools in town.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Miss Mary E. Huse of New Hampton taught one term in this district. Money appropriated, \$36.00. Wages per month, including board, \$16.00. Length of term, 9 weeks. No. of pupils, 11; average attendance, 10 22-45; number of visitors, 26; roll of honor, Jerome Wells, Ada, Alice, Harry and Luther Flanders. Ora and Jerome Gordon. In this school also promptness appears to have been one of the ruling principles of action. Miss Huse is a thorough energetic teacher, infusing some of this spirit into her pupils, the school has prospered finely under her instruction. She knew her duty to her scholars, and performed it faithfully.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

The school in this district was commenced by Miss Hattie Sanborn of New Hampton and is still in session.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

There were two terms during the year, taught by Miss Ella M. Smith of New Hampton. Money appropriated, \$80.75; wages per month, including board, \$19. Length of school, first term, 7 weeks; second term, 10; number of scholars first term, 17; second, 20; average, first term, 16 3-7; second, 19 3-4; marks of tardiness, first term, 10; second, 12; roll of honor, first term, Minnie Flanders. Florence Bowles, Annie and Jennie Plaisted, Ellen and Frank Mudgett; second term, Luzetta Evans and Carriella Plaisted. Miss Smith is an experienced teacher. She was interested in her work and the improvement made, quite satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

Mary E. Huckins taught one term of 7 1-5 weeks. Amount of money, \$32.40. Wages per month, including board, \$18.00; number of pupils, 8; average attendance, 7 1-3; marks of tardiness, 17; number of visitors during the term, 4; Alice J. Huckins was not absent or tardy during the term. Miss Huckins disciplined her school well, inspired energy in her pupils and proved an efficient teacher. The pupils were prompt and thorough in their recitations. A class in book-keeping deserves special commendation.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

A term of nine weeks was taught in this district by Miss Lavina E. Melvin of Hebron. School money, \$43.00. Number of scholars, 18; average attendance, 12 1-5; marks of tardiness, 6; number of visitors, 6;. The teacher reports Orren W. Wallace present during the entire term, Alphonso G. Wallace only absent one-half day, which could not be avoided, This teacher pursued an entirely different method of instruction from the others. Had the parents been present at the closing examination they would not have failed to have seen an improvement manifested in all the studies pursued. She taught the children to think for themselves, aroused faculties hitherto unawakened. We have never attended an examination in which we were more full convinced of the benefits derived from thorough practical instruction.

While we have been able to report many favorable things in regard to our schools, they are far from reaching the standard they ought. It is a mistaken idea that every one who can get a certificate of scholarship is fitted for a teacher, or that one young and inexperienced is adapted to small children. On the contrary her mind should be a storehouse of knowledge from which instead of text books she could continually draw rich lessons of instruction. Ask the teachers of our high schools what is one of the greatest obstacles in their way of progress and they will tell you it is the lack which they find of a thorough understanding of the elementary branches. What should we think of a man who desiring to build a superstructure employs only inexperienced workmen to lay the foundation, trusting to future skill to overcome the wrong beginning. Let the first steps in knowledge be properly taken and time will not be required to eradicate errors. Each year we are more than ever convinced of the need of employing only thorough energetic teachers. A knowledge of human nature is requisite in order to meet the necessities arising from the various capacities and circumstances of the children. Some of our teachers understand that filling the memory with words rather than training the intellect to think, or giving real discipline to the faculties avails little. When children are required to learn what they are sure to forget, it is not the memory which is educated, but the habit of forgetfulness. The introduction of object lessons to cultivate the perceptive organs is an invaluable step in the right direction.

One branch of study too generally neglected in our schools is reading. System and careful training should be practiced in the reading lesson, as well as in grammar or arithmetic. There is another matter which deserves special attention. The remedy is to a great extent with the parents. We find that during the year there have been 487 marks for tardiness recorded. No amount of good intention for the future can retrieve the loss which comes to persons in mature life, who in early years neglect to acquire habits of punctuality and promptness; for want of these alone, future usefulness is often greatly impaired.

The constant change of teachers in our schools also retards in a great measure the advancement which would otherwise be made, if having secured the services of a good teacher, she could be retained for a series of terms. Work and wages, achievements and rewards go hand in hand. Our common schools are the royal road over which our youth may walk to fame and usefulness. To the children who gather there, the school room should be made the most delightful place in the world, unless it be their homes. We believe that the teacher should infuse into their very being the love for moral excellence, for without this, the education of the intellect will be of little value.

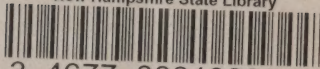
Intelligence breathing through a great nation is mighty in its effects.

"Educate the people!" was the first admonition addressed by Penn to the Commonwealth he founded. "Educate the people!" was the last legacy of Washington to the Republic of the United States. If, therefore our fathers are justly honored for the work they so nobly begun, let this generation feel their responsibility. Then will parents and guardians join their best efforts with those of the committee in making our schools what they ought to be and in securing to their children, the inestimable blessings which they are designed to impart.

A. MELISSA GORDON.

Supt. School Committee.

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