

The first meeting of the Library Committee was held at the office of A. J. Bartholomew, March 31st, 1870.

Members of Committee.

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Samuel M. Lane,	Saml Hartwell,	M. Leonard,
A. J. Bartholomew,	Austin Dodge,	Edwin Emery,
B. F. Bronson,	Wm. F. McKinstry,	F. C. Flint.

Present at meeting, Bartholomew, Lane, Bronson, Hartwell, Leonard, Flint, Emery, and Dodge. Mr. Bartholomew called the meeting to order, and Saml M. Lane was chosen Chairman, and A. J. Bartholomew, Secretary. The secretary was authorized to purchase a book for records of the doings of the committee.

Voted, that Bartholomew, Emery and Bronson be a sub-committee to prepare rules and regulations for the government of the committee, and for the control of the library also.

Voted, that Messrs. Lane, Hartwell and Leonard be a committee to solicit funds and books for the library.

Voted, that Messrs. Hartwell, Dodge and McKinstry be a committee to collect all books belonging to the town, for the library.

Voted, that Messrs. Leonard, Flint and Dodge be a committee to see what rooms can be obtained for the use of the library, and report thereon.

Meeting adjourned two weeks at same place.

A. J. Bartholomew
Secretary.

Southbridge, April 14th, 1870.

Second meeting held this evening at the office of Bartholomew.

Present, Lane, Flint, Hartwell, Bronson, Bartholomew and Emery.

The chairman presided. Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Report of committee on rules and regulations was passed over.

The committee on soliciting funds reported by its chairman, and presented letters from Holmes Ammidown, Esq, of N. Y. City, from Lee + Shepard of Boston, regarding books, which were ordered to be placed on file.

The catalogue and Report of the First Public Library in the City of Worcester were also presented by Dr. Hartwell, and left with the secretary.

Voted, that the members of the committee prepare for publication in the Southbridge Journal, a series of articles, calling public attention to the establishment of the Public Library here, and that Dr. Hartwell prepare an article for the next issue of the paper.

The committee on rooms reported progress, through Mr. Flint.

Mr. Emery was instructed to take care of all books till otherwise ordered.

Meeting then adjourned two weeks at same place.

A. J. Bartholomew
Secretary.

Southbridge, April 28th, 1870.

Committee met according to adjournment.

Present, Lane, Bartholomew, Hartwell, Flint, Emery and Bronson.

Dr. Bronson was instructed to accept a complete set of the works of Swedenborg.

Mr. Emery reported 250 volumes of books in High School Library.

Voted, that the thanks of the committee be extended to Hon. Geo. F. Hoar for valuable Public Documents presented by him.

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Voted, that the members of the committee prepare lists of books for purchase for the library, to be presented at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned two weeks at same place.

A. J. Bartholomew
Secretary.

Southbridge, May 12th, 1870.

Library Committee met this evening at the office of A. J. Bartholomew.

Present, Lane, Flint, Bronson, Emery and Bartholomew.

The secretary reported a list of regulations for the government of the committee.

The following is the report:

Article 1. The Library Committee shall be organized annually, on the evening of the first Monday after the annual town meeting at which such committee is chosen, by electing by ballot, a chairman and a Secretary, and such officers shall continue in office until others are duly chosen.

Article 2. The Chairman shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the committee, and the Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings, and have the custody of its papers, and make the annual report of the committee to the town. In the absence of either of such officers, others shall be chosen to act in their stead pro tempore.

Article 3. Regular meetings shall be held on the First and Third Monday evenings in each month, at 7½ o'clock, at such place as the committee shall appoint. Special meetings may be called by the chairman, or secretary, either at their own will, or upon the request

of any two members of the committee.

Article 4. Members shall be notified of all special meetings by personal notices, or by notices in writing, sent to them previous to the time appointed therefor.

Article 5. A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article 6. No books, periodicals, papers, or other reading matter shall be procured for, or admitted to the Library without the approval of the committee.

Article 7. The standing committees of the board shall be four, to consist of three members on each, as follows:

An Executive Committee;

A Committee on Finance;

A Committee on Books;

A Committee on Library.

Such committees shall be chosen each year from the members of the board; and they shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them, subject always to the general direction of the full board.

Article 8. The committee may also make such further rules as it may find necessary for the proper discharge of its duties.

The foregoing articles were adopted by the committee.

The committee on rules for use of Library reported that it was inexpedient to adopt any rules until the opening of the library to the public. Report accepted.

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Mr. Emery and others reported lists of books, which were read over and a list selected for purchase, and directed to be put in shape for use in purchasing books.

Meeting adjourned two weeks at the same place.

A. J. Bartholomew
Secretary.

Southbridge, May 26th, 1870.

Committee met this evening at the office of A. J. Bartholomew.

Present, Messrs. Lane, Emery, Bronson, Bartholomew and Flint.

The list of books is to be further examined and additions made.

The committee appointed to solicit funds reported no progress and no encouragement in that direction.

The articles for newspaper were directed to be continued, by the volunteer contributions of members.

Voted, that the thanks of the committee be extended to the Convention of the New Church in the United States, for a complete set of the works of Swedenborg, 21 volumes, presented to the Library by C. A. Dunham, Agent.

No other business was done.

Adjourned two weeks at the same place.

A. J. Bartholomew
Secretary.

Southbridge, June 9th, 1870.

No quorum met this evening, and the chairman adjourned it two weeks at this place.

A. J. Bartholomew
Secretary.

Southbridge, June 23d, 1871.

Committee met this evening at usual place.
Present, Messrs. Lane, Hartwell, Emery and Bartholomew.

No business done, except to talk over the lists of books to be purchased.

The meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chairman of the committee.

A. J. Bartholomew
Secretary.

Southbridge, July 14th, 1870.

The Library Committee met this evening at the office of A. J. Bartholomew, Thursday evening, upon the call of the chairman.

The chairman reported that he had notified all the members of the committee.

Present, Messrs. Lane, Emery, Flint, Hartwell and Bartholomew.

Voted, that the committee on rooms be directed to procure a lease of the two center rooms near the stair-way on the second floor of Whitford's new block, if they can be secured, or, if not, the corner front room on the same floor, on Main Street, in the same block, on the best terms possible.

Voted, that a sub-committee of three be appointed to purchase books for the library, and Messrs. Bartholomew, Flint and Emery were appointed.

Voted, that the lists selected be put into shape to be acted upon at a subsequent meeting, by this committee.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to this place, Monday evening, July 18th inst. to act on the list of books.

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Southbridge, Monday evening, July 18, 1870.

Library Committee met at office of A. J. Bartholomew.

Present, Lane, Flint, Bronson, Emery, Hartwell and Bartholomew.

Voted, to read over the list of books as prepared by subcommittee, and approve such as were satisfactory.

The list of books was then read over, and the committee on books were directed to purchase, on the best terms possible, the list of books as approved.

Voted to adjourn subject to the call of the chairman.

A. J. Bartholomew
Secretary

Southbridge, Saturday evening, Nov. 12, 1870.

Committee met at office of A. J. Bartholomew.
Present, Messrs. Lane, Hartwell, Emery and Bartholomew.

Committees on books and on the rooms reported.
The centre rooms were engaged at \$75.00 per annum.

Voted, that Mr. Emery take charge of getting books into the rooms as soon as prepared, and act as librarian.

Voted, that Bartholomew procure the shelves for books.

Meeting dissolved.

A. J. Bartholomew
Secretary

Southbridge, Jan. 23d, 1871.

The Library Committee met at Mr. Bartholomew's office at 8 o'clock, P. M. The chairman, Dec.