

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.

Lane, Dr. Hartwell, Mr. Leonard, Rev. Mr. Flint, and Mr. Emery were present, of whom Mr. Emery was chosen Secretary pro tempore.

Voted, that the Secretary be authorized to draw upon the town treasurer to pay bills due from the Library, after being approved by the auditor.

S. M. Lane was chosen auditor.

The following rules were adopted for the temporary use of the Library:

All persons fourteen years of age and upwards, resident in the town of Southbridge, shall be entitled to the use of the Library, upon subscribing the following agreement; and minors shall subscribe by their parents or guardians:

I hereby certify that I am a resident of the town of Southbridge, and in consideration of the right to use the Free Public Library, agree to comply with the regulations that may be provided for its government.

One book may be taken at a time, and kept two weeks.

A fine of two cents a day shall be assessed on every book kept over time, payable on its return.

No pen or pencil marks shall be made in any books.

Persons taking books shall be held responsible for their loss or injury; and when a set is broken by the loss of one, this responsibility shall extend to the whole set.

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Voted to adjourn this meeting to meet at this place, Monday evening, Jan. 30, at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary pro tem.

Southbridge, Jan. 30th, 1871.

No meeting held this evening. Not a quorum present.

A. J. Bartholomew
Secretary.

Annual Meeting.

Southbridge, March 18th, 1871.

Library Committee met this evening. This was the annual meeting for the organization of the committee.

Members of committee for 1871, the same as last year, except W. A. H. Grant in place of Mr. Dodge, those whose term expired this year, having been re-elected.

Samuel M. Lane, Esq. was chosen by ballot, Chairman of committee.

A. J. Bartholomew was chosen by ballot, Secretary.

Members of committee present; Messrs. Lane, Bronson, Flint, Leonard, Hartwell and Bartholomew.

By vote of committee, Messrs. Bronson, Flint and Emery were appointed a subcommittee on the selection of books.

Voted to continue Mr. Emery Librarian until further and otherwise ordered.

Voted, that the Librarian procure paper and prepare same for covering the books of the library.

Voted, that the Librarian be authorized to select an Assistant.

Voted, that the book committee be instructed to confer with the Librarian regarding his compensation, and to report to the committee thereon.

Voted, that the library be opened on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Voted to adjourn for two weeks at this place, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

A. J. Bartholomew
Secretary.

Southbridge, April 1st, 1871.

No quorum met this evening. Meeting adjourned, subject to call of chairman of committee.

A. J. Bartholomew
Secretary.

Southbridge, April 10th, 1871.

Committee met at office of A. J. Bartholomew, at call of chairman.

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

Dr. Bronson was chosen chairman pro temp.

A list of new books for the library was read, and the purchase authorized.

Evening spent in examining the list.

Meeting adjourned to no day.

A. J. Bartholomew
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Southbridge, Monday evening, May 15, 1871.

Library Committee met at the office of Mr. Bartholomero, this evening.

Edwin Emery was chosen Secretary pro tem.

After voting upon a list of books presented by the book committee, the following rules were adopted:

Rule 1. All books to be returned must be delivered to the Librarian.

Rule 2. All books returned must be placed upon the shelves before delivery to other parties.

The meeting was then dissolved.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary pro tem.

Southbridge, July 14, 1871.

The Library Committee met at the Library this evening. The Chairman presided.

Edwin Emery was chosen Secretary pro tem.

In order that the Librarian may number, cover and catalogue all books, voted, that no books be issued at present after the 15th inst., and that all books be called in on or before the 29th inst.

The Librarian was authorized to have slips with the rules thereon printed for the books.

The Chairman was authorized to investigate the matter of rent, (Mr. Whitford claiming rent from October 1, 1871,) and adjust it.

Mr. Flint of the sub-committee on engaging Librarian, reported that Mr. Emery would serve for \$50 per annum.

Mr. Emery was authorized to pay Mr. McFarland \$5.00 for services as Assistant Librarian.

Voted to pay Mr. Emery thirty cents an hour for past and future labor in arranging and cataloguing books.

Meeting was then dissolved.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary pro tem.

Southbridge, July 21, 1871.

Library committee met at the library room.
Present, Lane, Leonard, Dr. Hartwell, Flint, Emery and Grant.

W. A. H. Grant was elected Secretary pro tem.

Books presented by Mr. Wm. C. Barnes, Dea. S. M. Lane, Hon. A. J. Bartholomew, Dr. S. C. Hartwell, Manning Leonard, Esq., Dea. Samuel L. Morse, Hon. Geo. F. Kobay, Dr. D. D. Clemence, and Mrs. Abiel Hibbard, and pamphlets by Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. J. Kinsey, Warren County Library and Reading Room, Mountville, Illinois, and Mrs. Hibbard, were accepted with the thanks of the committee therefor.

The Town library transferred to the library committee by the selectmen, was received.

The purchase of three copies of "Little Men", and one of "Orpheus C. Kerr Papers" was approved.

Voted to pay Miss Stone at the rate of \$35 per annum for services as Assistant Librarian.

Meeting dissolved.

W. A. H. Grant,
Secretary pro tem.

Southbridge, Dec. 9, 1871.

The library committee met at the library room.
Present, Lane, Leonard, Hartwell, Bronson, Grant, Emery and Bartholomew.

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Voted to go into the library rooms on the first day of Jan'y next.

Voted, that Mr. Lane be a committee to settle the claim of Mr. Whitford for rent up to Jan'y. 1st, 1872.

Voted, that the hours of keeping open the library in winter, be from 10, A. M. to 12, M., from 2, P. M. to 5, P. M. and from 6, P. M. to 9, P. M.

Mr. Bartholomew was appointed a committee to negotiate for a Librarian at an annual expense not exceeding \$250, and upon his report, Miss Carrie R. Stone was chosen Librarian, at that sum per annum, her terms of service to commence Jan'y. 1st next.

Mr. Leonard was chosen a committee to procure a Janitor for the Library, at a cost of not more than \$50 per annum, and to procure coal for rooms.

By vote, Mr. Lane and Mr. Emery were chosen a committee to prepare rules for the decorum of visitors at the Library.

Meeting dissolved.

A. J. Bartholomew
Secretary.

Southbridge, Dec. 28, 1871.

Library committee met at library rooms.

All present except Flint and McKinstry.

Voted, that the thanks of the committee be extended to the Southbridge Agricultural Society, F. W. Athaw, Esq., and Miss Emma S. Eddy for books presented by them.

Chairman of committee reported rules for the use of library, which were discussed, and, as adopted, ordered to be printed on large cards, and hung up in library rooms.

Rules as follows:

Smoking, spitting on the floor, and writing upon, marking or defacing any part of the building or furniture, are positively forbidden.

No loud talking, laughing or other unnecessary noise, or any rude or disorderly conduct, shall be allowed in the Library Rooms, or the halls and stair-ways leading thereto.

Loafers or persons not desiring to read or take out books, shall not be permitted to remain in the Rooms, nor to resort thither for the transaction of any business not relating to the Library.

Persons returning books to the Library, or taking them therefrom, shall be attended to in the order of their application to the Librarian.

The Library will be open from 10 to 12 in the forenoon, from 2 to 5 in the afternoon, and from 6 to 9 in the evening.

Meeting dissolved.

A. J. B. Bartholomew
Secretary

Southbridge, Feby. 3d, 1872.

Library committee met at the Reading Room.
Present, Lane, Eastwell, Grant, Bronson, Emery and Bartholomew.

Voted, that Mr. Lane and Dr. Bronson be a committee to negotiate with Geo. S. Stone and Miss Carrie R. Stone for the care of the Library and Library rooms for one year for \$300, they to take all care of Library and rooms to the satisfaction of the committee, and to employ all needed assistance at their own expense, such assistants to be also satisfactory to the committee; such control to be abrogated for cause by notice from either party.

Voted to purchase periodicals, papers and reading matter for the Library.

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