

Whereas Dea Samuel M Lane was one of the most active and influential men engaged in promoting the organization and establishment of the Public Library, and gave both of his time and influence toward the accomplishment of that office - And served upon the Library Committee for nine years (being Chairman all that time) until failing health compelled him to cease from further service and has since that time been connected with the Committee as an honorary member.

It is therefore resolved, that in the death of Dea S. M. Lane the Library loses one of ~~the~~ <sup>its</sup> most active and zealous friends.

That we as a Committee desire to unite with the general public in recording our tribute to his great services in its behalf, as also to his upright - faithful and God-fearing life in our midst.

That these resolutions be spread upon the records of the Committee.

The meeting then dissolved.

L. C. Bradford,  
Secy

### Regular Meeting

Jan 3. 1887

The regular monthly meeting of the Lib Com was held this evening in the office of J. M. Clewman. at 7.30. Present Messrs Lovell, Jagger, & Bezier, Cookman. & Bradford.

Voted to buy a mat for the use of the Library.

Voted to accept with thanks the portrait of Dea Samuel Hartwell presented by his family.

Voted to accept the list of books as presented by the book com.

Voted to refer the matter of the Globe Village picture to the next meeting.

The meeting then dissolved.

L. C. Bradford Secy

— Regular Meeting —

Feb 7 1887

The regular meeting of the Lib Com was held this evening at the office of J. M. Cochran at 7-30. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the records of the previous meeting read and approved. The following business was then transacted:  
Voted To accept with thanks a copy of the Mass Poughman presented by the publishers.

Voted To allow Clarence Winter to take from the Lib the picture of Longfellow for use on the 27<sup>th</sup>

Voted To buy another copy of Sweet Cicely

Voted To accept with thanks the relics of Gellipsburg and Mt Vernon presented by C. A. Paige

Voted To refer the matter of repairing the Esloe Village picture to Book Com.

The meeting then dissolved.

(Present Messrs Regis Jagger Lowell  
Cochran Wilson & Bradford)

C. A. Bradford  
Secy

Regular Meeting

March 7 1887

The regular monthly meeting of the Lib Com was held this evening in the office of J. M. Cochran at 7-30. Present Messrs Lowell, Wells, Jagger Cochran & Bradford. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved. The reports of the Secretary and Librarian were then read and approved. The following business was then transacted:

Voted to accept with thanks the scrap-book presented by Mrs L. M. Litchfield

Voted unanimously that the Librarian be paid \$850 the ensuing year the same to cover salary, pay of all assistants, janitor, and to cover preparing the card and numerical catalogue, and preparing a catalogue of all new books purchased during

the ensuing year ready for publications, and all  
labor connected with the Library.

Voted that we recommend an appropriation  
of \$1500 and the Dog fund for 1886 & defray the  
expenses for the ensuing year.

The meeting then dissolved

C. C. Bradford  
Secy

April 11, 1887.

Annual Meeting

The Annual meeting of the Lib Leon was  
held in the office of J. M. Cochran this evening  
at 7.30 P.M. Present: Messrs F. E. Corbin,

G. M. Lowell, J. M. Cochran, Jas Jagger, Clement Bequin  
and C. C. Bradford

Committee for 1887-8

3 years	2 years	1 year
J. M. Cochran	Wm H. Wilson	Clement Bequin
G. M. Lowell	Jas Jagger	G. M. Whitaker
L. Wesley Leavitt	C. C. Bradford	F. E. Corbin

The meeting was called to order by J. M. Cochran  
and they proceeded to elect by ballot - a  
Chairman, Secretary, and Book Committee  
resulting as follows: Chairman J. M. Cochran  
Secy C. C. Bradford

J. M. Cochran  
G. M. Lowell  
F. E. Corbin } Book Committee

Clement Bequin  
Jas Jagger  
C. C. Bradford } Executive Com.

G. M. Lowell  
Jas Jagger  
Clement Bequa

} Finance Com

J. M. Lockman  
L. W. Luntz  
W. H. Wilson

} Library Com

Valid To refer matter of change of Amundown  
History of Town to the Book Committee

Valid To increase the insurance on Library \$10,000  
The meeting then dissolved.

Chas Bradford Secy

May 2 1887

The regular meeting of the Lib Com. was held in office of  
J. M. Lockman this evening at 7:30 Present Messrs  
Whitaker, Jagger, Lowell, Luntz, Lockman & Bradford  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and  
approved. A list of books was presented by the  
Book Com and accepted.

Valid To add Salomons to list of books

Valid To replace a list of worn out books reported  
by Librarian.

Valid To purchase list of French books presented  
by Mr Bequa.

Valid To purchase two prose volumes of Longfellow

Valid To change Amundown Hist for  
Genealogy and Hist notes of Plimpton family

Valid To refer matter of painting blinds in  
reading room, and purchasing chairs for gallery &  
Lib Com with power to act

The meeting then dissolved.

Chas Bradford Secy

June 6 1887

The regular meeting of the Lib Com was held in the office of J. M. Cochran this evening at 7:30.

Present: Messrs Whitaker Jagger Lowell Cochran & Bradford.

Vote To give work of repairing Exeter village picture & Willard to be done within a month for the sum of twenty dollars.

Vote To buy Hist of Milford.

Vote To return a note of thanks to Mr Edward H. Amidown for his gift of books to the Library.

Vote That the secretary be empowered to act in matter of providing shelf room for London News.

Vote To put the London News presented by Mr Amidown in reserved section.

The meeting then dissolved.

C. C. Bradford  
Secy

Sept 5 1887

The regular meeting of the Lib Com was held in the office of J. M. Cochran this evening at 7:30. Present: Messrs Lowell P. Brien Jagger Cochran. Cochran & Bradford.

Vote To accept the list of books presented by the book committee.

Vote To have the portraits in the Reading Room marked with their appropriate names.

Vote To leave the matter of Brookfield & Colton History to Book Com, with full power to act.

Vote That the Committee of Library investigate the matter of lighting the Library by electric light and report at next meeting.

The meeting then dissolved.

C. C. Bradford  
Secy

Special Meeting -

Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1887

A special meeting of the Lib Committee was held in the office of J. M. Cochrane this evening at 7-30  
Present: Corbin Lowell Jagger Wilson Cochrane  
& Bradford

Whereas Mary Myquitt by her will, duly proved, devised to the Southbridge Free Public Library as follows

"To the Southbridge Free Public Library the sum of one thousand dollars to be known as the "Mary Myquitt fund" for perpetual use of the annual income only for purchase of reading matter as follows.

1<sup>st</sup> The leading Reviews of the Methodist-Episcopal Church and the leading religious newspapers of that denomination for the reading-rooms of said Library. The balance of said income to be used for the purchase of books of a good moral tendency and religious books of Protestant-character to be annually expended under the direction of the Library Committee"

It is the intent and design of my gift in aid of the Public Library, as hereinbefore stated, that it shall be in addition to the sum the said town of Southbridge is now obligated to appropriate annually for providing books and reading matter for said Library and Reading room.

At a special meeting of the Library Committee held at the office of J. M. Cochrane Thursday Sept 15<sup>th</sup> it was voted

1. That the Library Committee accept the legacy of Mary Myquitt late of said Southbridge deceased, subject to the conditions set forth in said will, but to be used in such a manner as not to conflict with the provisions of H. H. Ammerow's gift of said Library to the town.

2 That we establish the Mary Mycott fund as requested in said will and deposit said Mary Mycott fund in the Southbridge Savings Bank under the following slyce. "The Town of Southbridge for Public Library "Mary Mycott fund" the income thereof to be paid to the Town Treasurer and to pay the same to the Library Committee on order drawn by the Secretary of said Committee and approved by the Chairman thereof.

Voted To accept with thanks the gift of books from estate of Holmes Sumner.

Voted. To authorize the Librarian to make the exchanges of reviews (duplicate copies) asked for on her list furnished to the Committee.

The meeting then dissolved.

Lelet Bradford  
Secy

Oct - 3<sup>d</sup> 1887

A regular meeting of the Lib Committee was held in the office of J. M. Cochran this evening at 7-30 o'clock.

Present Lowell, Leobin Jagger Curtis Whitaker Cochran.

Voted That the privilege of buying the extra volumes received with the last quota of books be left with the Book Com with full power to act.

Voted to buy the four volumes to complete the set of DeForest works.

Voted That the question of paying Mr. Towber bill for restoring picture of Globe Village be left to Finance Com with power to act.

Voted the matter of lighting library by electricity be indefinitely postponed.

The meeting then dissolved.

Lelet Bradford Secy

Nov - 1887  
No Quorum

Dec - 1887

No Quorum

Jan 22 1888

A regular meeting of the Library Committee was held at the office of J. M. Cochran this evening at 7.30 Present Messrs Curtis & Bevin Curtis Jagger Lowell Cochran & Bradford

Voted To purchase the first vol of Engle's Illustrated Magazine.

Voted - To take the Swiss Cross

Voted To subscribe for the Methodist Review and Christian Advocate (from Mary Mynst fund)

Voted To buy Poole index

Voted To remove from the Library two volumes of DeFoe's Works nos 1. 1519 - 1. 1520 (presented by Quill)

le Bradford Secy

Feb 6 1888

A regular meeting of the Library Committee was held in office of J. M. Cochran this evening at 7.30 Present Messrs Jagger, Curtis, Lowell Cochran & Bradford.

Voted To close the Library Feb 22 & 23 for inspection  
There being no further business the meeting then dissolved

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