

January 14, 1916

The regular monthly meeting of the Trustees was held on Friday evening, January 14, 1916. Present Messrs. Chapin, Paige, Boyer, Corbin and Grant.

Mr. Chapin read a suggestion from the Librarian that it would be better to have bulletins issued during the year rather than to insert a long report in the annual town report, such bulletins to give lists of books added. It was voted to adopt the plan, leaving to the Librarian the time of issuing the bulletins.

The Librarian's annual report was read and it was voted that it be accepted and printed in the town report.

It was moved that the Secretary be authorized to prepare a brief report to be printed in the town report as the report of the Trustees.

The matter of keeping the library open from 5.30 to 6.30 each week day was discussed, Mr. Paige stating that in the near future this ought to be done. The plan met with the approval of the board, and may be adopted at a later time.

Voted-The Board unanimously voted to increase the salary of the Librarian \$ 50 a year, making the annual salary \$ 1000. It was voted to increase the pay of Miss Beecher from 20 cents an hour to 25 cents an hour. Voted-To increase Miss Plimpton's pay to \$ 575 a year.

The matter of loaning books and contributing to the

financial affairs of the "Westville" branch library, located in the town of Sturbridge, was discussed and the Board concluded that it would be inexpedient to do so.

The Janitor's pay was fixed at \$ 60 a month, in accordance with a vote taken at a previous meeting.

Estimates of the expenses of the library for the coming year were submitted by Mr. Paige, and on motion of Mr. Royer, it was voted to ask the town for an appropriation of \$ 5000.

April 13, 1916

A regular monthly meeting of the Trustees was held on April 13, 1916.

The subject of a janitor was discussed, and the action taken at a previous meeting, when there was not a quorum, instructing the Building committee to arrange with Fred Gelineau to take the position until such time as the matter would be definitely settled, was ratified. His pay was decided on as \$50 a month.

Voted-To accept the list of books submitted by the Librarian.

The matter of insurance on the building and contents was discussed, and the Building committee was requested to look into the subject and report at a future meeting.

May 11, 1916

The regular monthly meeting of the Trustees was held May 11, 1916. Present Messrs. Chapin, Cochran, Paige, Boyer and Grant.

Voted-That Fred Gelineau be continued as janitor, at wages of \$60 a month, so long as the work is done satisfactorily.

Voted-To purchase book "A nurse in every home" by M.G. Overlock.

Organization of the Trustees for the year was effected with Mr. Chapin re-elected chairman and Mr. Grant secretary.

It was announced that Messrs. Boyer and Corbin had been reappointed trustees by the Selectmen, their terms having expired.

It was decided to get a list of articles insured in the building and also on the building itself.

The following were named on the Book committee- Messrs. Corbin, Paige and Grant.

The Building committee- Messrs. Cochran, Chapin, Boyer.

The matter of coal supply was left with Mr. Paige.

June 8th, 1916

The regular monthly meeting of the Trustees of the Library was held June 8th. Those present Messrs. Chapin, Corbin, Paige and Grant.

It was voted to buy the list of books presented by the Book Committee.

It was voted that the library erect a flag pole.

July 13, 1916

The regular monthly meeting of the Trustees of the Library was held July 13th. Present Messrs. Chapin, Cochran, Corbin and Paige. Mr. Paige was elected Secretary pro tem.

It was voted to buy the list of books presented by the Book Committee.

September 15, 1916

The regular meeting of the Trustees was held Sept. 15,

1916. Present Messrs. Cochran, Paige, Corbin, and

Grant. Mr. Cochran was chosen temporary chairman.

Voted-To accept list of books submitted by the Librarian and approved by the Book committee.

Voted-That cans be bought for receiving the ashes from the boiler, and that someone be engaged to cart the cans away and empty them as frequently as necessary.

Voted-That Mr. Cochran be authorized to write to Mr. Shaw of the Gas and electric co. asking that the noise at the gas plant be suppressed.

Voted-That a list of children's books for Christmas be purchased.

Voted-That the register used at the information bureau during the centennial celebration of the town be accepted from the Board of trade and that it be kept in the library.

Voted-That articles offered to the historical room by Mrs. N.E. Putney be accepted and that the Secretary be instructed to write Mrs. Putney a card of thanks.

October 12, 1916

The regular monthly meeting of the Trustees was held on October 12, 1916. Present Messrs. Chapin, Corbin, Cochran and Grant.

Mr. Cochran reported result of correspondence with Mr. Shaw relative to the abatement of the noise at the gas house. Mr. Shaw said he thought there was not any more noise than formerly, but would look into the matter.

Voted-That non-residents who are tax payers in Scuthbridge be permitted to take books from the library upon signing a card stating that they are tax payers. It was voted that non-residents who are not tax-payers be charged the same as at present.

A list of books submitted by the Librarian, and also a list of magazines, was accepted. It was voted that the magazines be bought through the E. F. Dakin co.

November 9, 1916.

Regular meeting of the Trustees. Present Messrs. Chapin, Paige, Corbin, Cochran and Grant.

A list of books approved by the Book committee was accepted and ordered purchased.

The matter of buying a book entitled "Law of public schools", recommended by H.B. Montague, was laid on the table.

The children's magazine "Something to do", recommended by Miss Eager, was acted on favorably and the Librarian authorized to subscribe for the same.