

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. 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.

Voted, that Mr. Lane write to Holmes Amnidown,

Exp. of New York, for plans of the fixtures for Reading Room, and frames for papers.

Voted to prepare lists of papers, &c.

Voted to receive books and pamphlets from Mr. Daniel F. Newell, and Mrs. Charles P. Lewis of Boston, and pamphlets from Hon. Charles Sumner, and Morse & Whitaker, and put them into the Library.

Adjourned to next Thursday evening.

A. J. Bartholomew,
Secretary.

Southbridge, Feby. 8th, 1872.

Committee met at Library Room. W. A. H. Grant chosen Secretary pro tem.

Voted to fit up Reading Room in accordance with plans presented, having single portable desks.

Voted, that Mr. Lane and Mr. Emery be a committee to fit up Reading Room and centre table, for pamphlets and periodicals.

Voted to place the following papers and pamphlets in the Reading Room:

<u>Worcester Daily Spy,</u>	<u>Chicago Weekly Tribune,</u>
<u>Boston Daily Advertiser,</u>	<u>Boston Oboe,</u>
<u>" " Post,</u>	<u>Phila. Weekly Inquirer,</u>
<u>N. Y. " Times,</u>	<u>Atlantic Monthly,</u>
<u>" " World,</u>	<u>The Galaxy,</u>
<u>North American Review,</u>	<u>Overland Monthly,</u>
<u>Optic's Boys and Girls,</u>	

Adjourned to Saturday evening next.

W. A. H. Grant,

Secretary pro tem.

Southbridge, February 10th, 1872.

Saturday evening. No quorum met.

W. A. H. Grant,

Secretary pro tem.

Southbridge, Feby. 16, 1872.

The Library committee met this P. M. in the Reading Room, and Mr. Grant was elected secretary pro tempore.

Voted, that Mr. Lane procure a book and keep a list of donors and donations to the Reading Room.

Voted, that Mr. Emery be instructed to assist the Librarian in cataloguing all books received, in the Library and not now catalogued.

Meeting adjourned.

W. A. H. Grant,

Secretary pro tem.

Southbridge, Feby. 24th, 1872.

The Library committee met in Reading Room this P. M.

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

Voted to approve the bill of Mr. Lane, amounting to \$5.55, for stationery and matches.

Voted, that persons not residing in Southbridge, but paying taxes therein to the amount of \$25.00, or more, per annum, be admitted to all the privileges of the Library, on the same conditions as residents of the town.

Voted, that Mr. Lane procure 12 chairs for the Reading Room, and that he also be instructed to procure a suitable book for a numerical catalogue of books in the Library, and one for donors and donations.

Voted, that the chairman procure such stationery as may be necessary for the Library.

Voted, that the duties of the Librarian shall include the general care of the Library and the rooms to be done to the satisfaction of the committee. And

Voted, that Dr. Bronson and Mr. Lane be a committee to notify the Librarian of this vote, and, also,

to make the arrangement with Mr. Stone to take the entire care of the rooms for \$75, extra pay, if it can be done.

Voted to adjourn to Saturday evening, March 2d, next, at this place.

A. J. Bartholomew
Secretary.

Southbridge, March 2d, 1872.

Committee met this evening in the Library Rooms. Present, Lane, Leonard, Emery, Bronson, Grant and Bartholomew.

The statement of the Librarian, Mr. Emery, prepared for the town, was accepted and ordered to be put in shape for reporting the same.

The secretary was directed to have his report ready for town meeting.

Voted, that non-residents be permitted to subscribe the rules and regulations of the Library, and to take books therefrom, upon payment of the sum of \$3.00 yearly.

Adjourned.

A. J. Bartholomew
Secretary.

Tuesday, Mar. 12, 1872.

Committee met in Reading Room. Messrs. Lane, Hartwell, Leonard, Bronson, Grant, and Emery present. Edwin Emery was chosen Secretary pro tem.

Voted to subscribe for Scribner's Monthly, from January, 1872; Dwight's Journal of Music, The Literary World, the Springfield Republican, daily, and the Philadelphia Press instead of the Inquirer, and not to subscribe for the Chicago Tribune. Also to accept from the publishers, The Southbridge Journal, and the Wester Times, from J. M. Cochran, Esq.,

the Boston Daily Journal, and from Holmes Ammidown, Esq, the 12 following periodicals, and place them in the Reading Room:

<u>Blackwood's Magazine,</u>	<u>American Artisan,</u>
<u>Edinburgh Review,</u>	<u>The Manufacturer and Builder,</u>
<u>Westminster " "</u>	<u>" Industrial Monthly,</u>
<u>London Quarterly,</u>	<u>Harper's Bazar,</u>
<u>British " "</u>	<u>" Weekly,</u>
<u>Scientific American,</u>	<u>" Monthly.</u>

(See letters of Feb. 1872.)

Voted, that Mr. Emery be employed to make out numerical catalogue, and list of donors and donations.

Dr. Bronson, Rev. F. C. Flint and Mr. Emery were appointed a committee to examine pamphlets and old books.

Voted, that the Committee meet at 4 o'clock, P. M., Tuesday of each week.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary pro tem.

Tuesday, March 19, 1872.

Committee met at Reading Room. Messrs. Lane, Hartwell, Leonard, Grant, and Emery present.

Edwin Emery was chosen Secretary pro tem.

Voted, that Mr. Lane procure a feather-duster and books for Library.

Voted, that Messrs. Lane and Emery be a committee to prepare additional rules for the government of the Library and Reading Room, to be submitted to the Committee for adoption.

Meeting adjourned.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary pro tem.

3/ THINGS MOVED: 12 MORE CHAIRS PURCHASED
SPRINGER RANGES TO \$75

& ON MARCH 19, 1872 MR. LANE WAS
AUTHORIZED TO "procure a leather-duster and hoker."

On March 22 letter from Walt Edwards, Eng.
farmer, of So. & New Boston, asked Library to accept
portraits of the late Hon. William L. Massey &
Hon. Holmes Arrumidon.

Gifts were numerous - books, portraits &

Holmes Arrumidon, in 1873 gave library "a large
and valuable collection of specimens of fishes, birds and
aminals, and of shells and corals, and also of
maps and portraits." SEE PG 4

Calvin A. Paige gave a fac-simile of Ben
Franklin's first paper.

Holmes Arrumidon gave files of The So. Press,
1853-8 and The So. Journal, 1861-71

In addition to books, library subscribed to numerous
periodicals, including: The American Artisan, The
Scientific American, The Industrial Monthly and
The Manufacturer and Builder.

Newspapers: So. Journal, Webster Times,
Worcester Spy, Springfield Republican, Boston
Post, New York World, New York Times.

Southbridge, Friday, March 22, 1872.

At a special meeting of the Library Committee, Messrs. Lane, Hartwell, Leonard, Bronson, Flint, Grant, and Emery were present.

Edwin Emery was chosen Secretary pro tem.

A letter from Jacob Edwards, Esq., requesting the acceptance of the portraits of the late Hon. William L. Marcy, and Hon. Holmes Annidown, by the Library Committee, to be placed in the Library Rooms, was presented by Mr. Lane.

Voted, that the Chairman, Mr. Lane, and the Secretary, Mr. Bartholomew, be a committee to reply in behalf of the Library Committee, and to convey to Mr. Edwards the sincere and hearty thanks of the Committee and the inhabitants of Southbridge, and that the letter and reply be placed on file and published in the Southbridge Journal, and the donation recorded in the book of donors and donations.

Meeting dissolved.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary pro tem.

Annual Meeting.

Southbridge, Tuesday, March 26, 1872.

The annual meeting of the Library Committee was held in the Reading Room this afternoon.

Members of Committee for 1872-3.

Three Years.	Two Years.	One Year.
Samuel Hartwell,	Manning Leonard,	S. M. Lane
W. A. H. Grant,	Edwin Emery,	A. J. Bartholomew,
Edwin A. Gleason,	F. C. Flint,	B. F. Bronson.

Messrs. Lane, Leonard, Bronson, Flint, Gleason, and Emery were present.

Edwin Emery was chosen Secretary pro tem. The committee then proceeded to choose, by ballot, a chairman, and S. M. Lane was elected.

Voted to postpone the election of secretary for the present.

Mr. Emery, Rev. Dr. Bronson and Rev. Mr. Flint were chosen committee on books.

The following additional rules were adopted:

No person shall be allowed to take books from the shelves, except the Librarian and assistants, and the committee; nor shall any person be allowed within the railing, except by permission of the Librarian or a member of the committee.

The newspapers, magazines, and other periodicals in the Reading Room must not be taken from the Rooms. All persons using or reading them are requested to handle them with care, so that they may be kept in good condition for binding and preservation for the library.

Whoever cuts, tears, writes upon, or in any way defaces or injures any of these periodicals, will be required to replace the same, or make good the damage occasioned thereby.

The Act of Feb. 26, 1872, Chapter 42, Section 1, is as follows: "Whoever wilfully and maliciously or wantonly and without cause, writes upon, injures, defaces, tears or destroys any book, plate, picture, engraving or statue, belonging to any law, town, city or other Public Library, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than fifty dollars, or by imprisonment in the jail

not exceeding six months for every such offence."
Action was taken on list of books presented by
Mr. Flint.

Adjourned to Friday evening, March 29.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary pro tem.

Southbridge, Friday March 29, 1872.

Committee met in Reading Room. Messrs. Lane
Leonard, Bronson, Gleason, and Emery present.

Lists of books presented were reviewed and
adopted in part.

Adjourned to Tuesday, April 2.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary pro tem.

Southbridge, Tuesday, April 2, 1872.

Committee met in Reading Room. Present, Messrs.
Lane, Leonard, Flint, Gleason, and Emery.

A letter from Mr. Annumidown was read, after
which a list of books presented by the sub-com-
mittee was adopted in part.

Adjourned one week.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary pro tem.

Southbridge, April 9, 1872.

At a regular meeting of the Library Com-
mittee in the Reading Room this afternoon,
Messrs. Lane, Leonard, Bronson, Flint, Grant,
Gleason, and Emery were present.

Voted that the Secretary pro tem be instructed
to correspond with several publishing houses to learn
their terms.

Adjourned one week.

Edwin Emery, Sec. pro tem.

Southbridge, April 16, 1872.

No quorum present. Adjourned one week.
Edwin Emery,
Secretary pro tem.

Tuesday, April 23, 1872.

Messrs. Lane, Bronson, Flint, Grant, Gleason, and Emery were present at meeting of Library Committee this afternoon.

Voted, that we approve of the purchase of books of Messrs. Lee & Shepard, as per bill of April 19.

Voted, that we purchase our books of them the current year.

Voted to accept from the publishers, the Malden Mirror for the Reading Room.

Accepted partial list of books presented by sub-committee.

Adjourned to Thursday, April 25.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary pro tem.

Thursday, April 25, 1872.

In accordance with the above adjournment, Messrs. Lane, Leonard, Bronson, Flint, and Emery of the Library Committee met in the Reading Room.

Accepted partial list of books presented by committee on books.

Adjourned to Tuesday, April 30.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary pro tem.

Southbridge, April 30, 1872.

No quorum present. Adjourned one week.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary pro tem.

Southbridge, Tuesday, May 7, 1872.

Committee met in Reading Room. Messrs. Lane, Hartwell, Leonard, Bronson, Grant, and Emery present.

Voted to purchase Williamson's Maine and Mithrop's New England.

Voted, that Mr. Lane be authorized to procure Librarian's Account Book.

Adjourned one week.

Edwin Emery, Secretary pro tem.

Tuesday, May 14, 1872.

At meeting of Library Committee this P. M., were Messrs. Lane, Flint, Grant, Gleason, and Emery.

Voted, that Mr. Lane be authorized to purchase Librarian's Account Book, at a cost of \$22.

Voted, that we employ Mr. Theodore Jackson to re-bind books, upon the terms given in letter of May 13.

Adjourned one week.

Edwin Emery, Secretary pro tem.

May 21st.

Committee met at Reading Room at 4 P. M.

Present, Lane, Leonard, Emery, Bartholomew, and Gleason.

Voted, that Mr. Lane be instructed to procure a coal stove for heating the Reading Room.

A. J. Bartholomew
Secretary.

Southbridge, June 28, 1872.

Committee met in Reading Room. Present, Messrs. Lane, Leonard, Bartholomew, Flint, and Emery.

Voted, that Mr. Leonard be instructed to procure, at least, six tons of coal.

Voted, that we proceed to elect a Secretary, and Edwin Emery was chosen, by ballot, for the year.

Voted to accept books presented by Mr. H. B. Stratton, and that the Secretary return thanks therefor.

Voted, that the Secretary acknowledge receipt of books presented by Mrs. C. P. Lewis, and return thanks therefor.

Voted to accept for use in Library, books presented by Mr. E. B. Cummings, Mr. Joseph Clarke, Hon. George F. Hoar, and books and pamphlets, by Mr. Leonard, Esq.

Voted to accept for Reading Room, the Mindham County Transcript, from Mr. J. Q. A. Stone, and Littell's Living Age, from Mr. F. P. Pratt, and Scribner's Monthly from the first number to 1872, from Edwin Emery.

Three missing volumes of the Records of Massachusetts Bay and New Plymouth, belonging to town library, have been received.

Voted to purchase Lamon's Life of Lincoln.

Voted to print 400 supplementary catalogues. The Secretary was instructed to attend to printing catalogues.

Voted, that Mr. Bartholomew be instructed to examine to see whether the Committee has power to fill vacancies, and, if so, that a meeting be called to fill one caused by Dr. Benson's moving out of town.

Edwin Emery, Secretary.

Southbridge, Sept. 3, 1872.

Committee met at the Bank. Present, Messrs. Lane, Hartwell, Leonard, Flint, and Emery.

Voted to accept books and pamphlets presented in June last by Holmes Ammidown, Esq., and Mr. Edward H. Ammidown, on conditions of letter and schedules of Mr. H. Ammidown, and to acknowledge the acceptance of the same.

Voted to accept from H. Ammidown, Esq., also, certain relics referred to in his letter of Aug. 30, and that the Chairman and Secretary make a suitable reply to Mr. A's letter.

Voted to accept books from various persons, through the hands of Rev. F. W. Emmons, referred to in his letter of July 6, and acknowledge the receipt of them by letter.

Voted to accept books presented by First Baptist Church, Southbridge, through the hands of Mr. Luther Travis.

Adjourned one week to meet at Bank.

Edwin Emery, Secretary.

Sept. 11, 1872.

No quorum met. Adjourned.

Edwin Emery, Secretary.

Friday, Sept. 13, 1872.

Committee met in Reading Room. Present, Messrs. Lane, Hartwell, Leonard, Bartholomew, Grant, Gleason, and Emery.

Voted, that, when books have been out two weeks beyond the time allowed by the regulations for retaining them, the Librarian shall

notify delinquents, and make record thereof.

Voted, that the Secretary prepare form of notice and attend to the printing of 500 copies. The following form was adopted:

Southbridge Public Library.

No. _____

Vol. No. _____ taken from this Library by you should have been returned _____ 187 . You are hereby requested to return the same immediately, according to the regulations of the Library, and pay the charges on the same.

Librarian.

Southbridge, _____ 187 .

Voted, that the Librarian be instructed to collect as charges against delinquents, five cents for every notice sent.

Voted to accept book presented by Judge C. Gillson, and that the Secretary acknowledge the receipt of it, and return him thanks therefor.

Voted to accept Public Documents presented by Hon. George F. Hoar, Speeches from Hon. C. Sumner, and Report of Worcester Free Library from Mr. S. S. Green.

Mr. Leonard was chosen to fill vacancy in book committee caused by Mr. Bronson's moving out of town.

Adjourned, to meet at this place, Monday evening, 23d inst., at 8 o'clock.

Edwin Emery, Secretary.

Sept. 23, 1872.

Messrs. Lane, Hartwell, Bartholomew, Gleason and Emery of the Library Committee met, in accordance with the above adjournment.

All the business transacted was the adoption of a list of books for purchase.

Adjourned one week.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Southbridge, Monday evening, Sept. 30.

Messrs. Lane, Leonard, Grant, Gleason, and Emery present at meeting of Library Committee this evening.

List of books for purchase voted for.

Messrs. Bartholomew, Grant and Hartwell appointed a committee to see whether the Library Committee has control of room over the Reading Room, and, if so, to prepare it for immediate use.

Adjourned one week.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Oct. 7, 1872.

No quorum met. Adjourned one week.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Southbridge, Oct. 14, 1872.

Library Committee met at the office of E. M. Phillips.

Messrs. Lane, Hartwell, Leonard, Gleason, and Emery present.

Verbal report of committee appointed at last meeting heard. It was considered inexpedient to fit up a room as long as the Committee can meet in Mr. Phillips's office.

Voted, that the library pay Edwin Emery, \$5.00 for extra labor, in part, on supplementary catalogue.

Voted that the Secretary be appointed a sub-committee to prepare a report of the transactions of the library, including history of the same, from the beginning up to Feb. 1, 1873.

Adjourned one week.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Southbridge, Oct. 21, 1872.

No quorum present this evening. Adjourned.

Edwin Emery, Secretary.

Southbridge, October 28, 1872.

Messrs. Lane, Hartwell, Leonard, Gleason, and Emery of the Committee met this evening, and after voting on several books, adjourned one week.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Southbridge, Nov. 4, 1872.

Committee met at E. M. Phillips's office. Messrs. Lane, Hartwell, Gleason, Grant, and Emery present.

Voted to continue the American Artisan another year.

Adjourned.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Southbridge, November 18, 1872

Committee met at E. M. Phillips's office. Present, Messrs. Lane, Hartwell, Leonard, Grant, and Emery.

Voted, that the Chairman be authorized to renew the subscription of the 12 periodicals furnished during the past year by Mr. Holmes Ammidown.

Adjourned our work.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Southbridge, Monday evening,
November 25, 1872.

Committee met at office of E. M. Phillips.
Messrs. Lane, Hartwell, Leonard, Grant, and Emery
present.

Voted, that the Committee circulate a subscription paper for the purpose of raising \$150 for supporting the Reading Room another year.

Voted, that the Secretary purchase two files for letters and bills.

Voted, that the Secretary be authorized to procure the printing of list of new books on sheets.

Adjourned to Monday evening, Dec. 2.

Edwin Emery, Secretary.

Southbridge, Dec. 2, 1872.

Committee met this evening. Present, Messrs. Lane, Hartwell, Leonard, Gleason, and Emery.

Listened to letter from Mr. Holmes Ammidown.

Adjourned our work.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Dec. 9, 1872.

No quorum met. Adjourned.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Southbridge, Dec. 16, 1872.

In quorum met. Adjourned.

Edwin Emery, Secretary.

Monday evening, Dec. 23, 1872.

Committee met at office of E. W. Phillips. Present, Messrs. Lane, Hartwell, Bartholomew, Grant, and Emery.

Voted, that the following proposition of Mr. Lane with reference to Librarian, be accepted:

The Committee will provide the coal delivered in the coal-house, and furnish the gas needed for lighting the rooms and entrance; will also procure the books, periodicals and newspapers, and attend to the binding or re-binding of the same; also to all correspondence relating thereto.

All other services, matters and things relating to the Library and rooms and entrance thereto, to be performed and attended to by the Librarian, and to be done to the satisfaction of the Committee.

Any assistance needed in the performance of these duties to be procured by, and at the expense of, the Librarian, whose salary shall be \$450 per annum, payable quarterly, on the first days of April, July, October and January.

Voted, that Mr. Lane be instructed to employ Miss Carrie R. Stone as Librarian, in accordance with the above proposition, at a salary of \$450 per annum.

Voted to subscribe for the same periodicals for another year, as this year, and Younman's Popular Science and Littell's Living Age in addition.

Voted, that the Secretary be instructed to acknowledge the receipt of Congressional Globe

and other Public Documents from Hon. George F. Hoar, and return him thanks therefor.

Voted to accept books presented by Dr. S. M. Lane, Mr. S. A. Gifford, and Mrs. D. F. Bacon, and place them in the Library.

Received two volumes from State, and put the same in Library.

Adjourned to Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Southbridge, Dec. 26, 1872.

No quorum met. Adjourned.

Edwin Emery, Secretary.

Southbridge, Dec. 30, 1872.

Library Committee met in J. M. Cochran's office this evening. Present, Messrs. Lane, Hartwell, Flint, Grant, Gleason, and Emery.

Mr. Lane made a verbal report of what he had done with reference to hiring a librarian for the ensuing year. Miss Stone was not willing to serve for \$450 per annum, and Miss Jeannette Comins was engaged for \$400. Report accepted.

Voted to ratify the contract made by Mr. Lane with Miss Comins, hiring her for \$400 per annum, to commence Jan. 1, 1873, according to proposition accepted Dec. 23.

Adjourned one week.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.