

Saturday, Dec. 20, 1873.

Messrs. Lane, Leonard, S. C. Hartwell, Bartholomew, Flint, Gleason, and Emery present.

Voted to discontinue Dwight's Journal of Music.

After hearing the report of the Chairman in regard to Librarian, voted, that the salary of the Librarian be \$475 for the next year, and authorized the Chairman to conclude contract with Miss Comins.

Adjourned to meet in Library two weeks from Monday evening next, January 5, 1874.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Monday, Jan. 5, 1874.

Met according to adjournment. Messrs. Lane, S. C. Hartwell, Flint, and Emery present. Not a quorum.

Adjourned one week.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Monday, Jan. 12, 1874.

Messrs. Lane, Leonard, and Emery present. Adjourned one week.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Monday, Jan. 19, 1874.

Met according to adjournment. Messrs. Lane, Leonard, S. C. Hartwell, Gleason, Grant, and Emery present.

The Chairman, Mr. Lane, reported that he had concluded contract with Miss Comins, Librarian, to take charge of the Library, Read-

ing Room, and Museum, for the current year, at a salary of \$475, payable quarterly.

Report accepted, and ordered to be recorded. Voted to accept papers and pamphlets from Reading Room, to Dec. 31, and place the same in the Library.

x Voted to accept the furniture of the Reading Room, consisting of four paper-stands, one magazine rack, ^{one table and furniture therewith,} twelve chairs, and eight stools.

Voted to accept books, pamphlets and papers from Mr. F. W. Bacon, New York, Messrs. Cummings & Williams, Mr. Lucian Lyon, Stillman B. Allen, Esq., Boston, Warren County Library, Monmouth, Ill., Quincy Public Library, Mr. Henry Curtis, Marlborough, William O. Brown, Esq., Fitchburg, Miss M. Nellie Reed, Mr. George M. Whitaker, Dr. S. C. Hartwell, and the Town, and place them in the Library, and also a "Poison-Scorpion" from Mr. C. L. Newhall, for the Museum.

Voted that the Secretary be authorized to procure an order-book of 192 pages, with four orders on a page, at \$4.40, and also a snow shovel.

Voted on list of books presented by the committee on books.

Adjourned one week.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Monday, Jan. 26, 1874.

Messrs. Leonard, Bartholomew, Flint, and Emery met in the library, but a quorum not being present, adjourned to meet on Friday evening next, at 7 1/2 o'clock.

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Southbridge, Jan. 30, 1874.

Met according to adjournment. Messrs. Lane, Leonard, Bartholomew, Gleason, and Emery present.

Messrs. Leonard, Gleason, and Emery were appointed a committee to examine library and Librarian's Account Book to-morrow.

The Secretary made a verbal report in regard to umbrella-stand.

Voted to accept box of minerals for the Museum, from the Secretary, and also nine numbers of the Southbridge Journal, for the Library, from the same.

Voted to accept from Rev. F. C. Flint, The Woman's Journal, and place the same in the Reading Room.

Adjourned to meet one week from Monday evening next.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Monday, Feb. 9, 1874.

Messrs. Lane, Leonard, Flint, and Emery present. Not a quorum.

Adjourned two weeks.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Monday, Feb. 23, 1874.

Met according to adjournment. Messrs. Lane, Leonard, Flint, Gleason, Grant, and Emery present.

The committee appointed to examine Library reported that they performed their duty Jan. 31, and found all books accounted for. Report accepted.

Voted to accept and place in the Library, engravings presented by Holmes Annidown, Esq., and pamphlets received from the Directors of the Free Public Library, Worcester, Hon. George F. Hoar, Hon. C. J. Johnson, Mr. Joseph Kinsey and Morse & Whitaker, last year.

Voted to accept, with thanks, one volume from Mr. E. A. Gleason, and one from the New England Tract and Missionary Society of Seventh-Day Adventists, and instructed the Secretary to acknowledge receipt thereof: also voted to accept for the Museum, a piece of cedar from Mt. Lebanon, Syria, from Mr. F. P. Pratt, and two pamphlets for the Library from Holmes Annidown, Esq.

Heard report of Secretary for year ending Jan. 31.

Voted, that the report prepared by the Secretary, to be presented to the town, be accepted, and that he be authorized to make such changes as may be deemed best.

Mr. Grant, in behalf of Mr. C. Collard Adams, of Oswego, N. Y., presented an Oration delivered in this town in 1821, which was accepted, and the Secretary was instructed to thank the donor therefor.

Voted to accept one volume from Mr. Linus C. Albee, by Mr. Grant, and tender him our thanks.

Adjourned two weeks.

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Annual Meeting.

Southbridge, Monday, March 9, 1874.

The annual meeting of the Library Committee was held at 8 o'clock this evening, in the Library.

Committee for 1874-5.

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F. C. Flint,	S. C. Hartwell,	W. A. H. Grant,
Edwin Emery,	A. J. Bartholomew,	E. A. Gleason.

Messrs. Lane, Bartholomew, Flint, Gleason, and Emery were present.

S. M. Lane was chosen chairman, and Edwin Emery, Secretary, for the ensuing year.

The following committees were chosen:

Samuel Hartwell;	} Executive Committee.
W. A. H. Grant,	
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Samuel M. Lane,	} Committee on Finance.
S. C. Hartwell,	
Edwin A. Gleason,	

F. C. Flint,	} Committee on Books.
Edwin Emery,	
A. J. Bartholomew,	

S. C. Hartwell,	} Committee on Library.
S. M. Lane,	
Edwin Emery,	

Voted to accept books and magazines from Mr. Verney Fiske, and instructed the Secretary to extend to him the thanks of the Committee for his valuable donation.

Voted, also, to accept with thanks, one book from

Mr. E. A. Gleason, and pamphlets from Mr. G. M. Whitaker, Rev. F. C. Flint, and the Directors of the Leicester Public Library.

Voted, that the Secretary be instructed to complete set of Atlantic Monthly.

Voted to subscribe for St. Nicholas, for the Reading Room.

Adjourned two weeks.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Monday, March 23, 1874.

Committee met according to adjournment. Messrs. Lane, Leonard, S. C. Hartwell, Bartholomew, Flint, Gleason, Grant, and Emery present.

Voted to accept one volume and four pamphlets from Mr. Joseph Williams, and pamphlets from Mr. George M. Whitaker, and Manning Leonard, Esq., and thank the donors thereof.

Voted to purchase the American Cyclopaedia, \$5.00 edition, (subscription book,) and restrict the same to use in the Library and Reading Room. Also voted to restrict Muspratt's Chemistry, 2 vols., to use in the same, and to purchase several books.

Adjourned two weeks.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Monday, April 6, 1874.

Met according to adjournment. Messrs. Lane, Leonard, Flint, Gleason, and Emery present.

Voted to accept pamphlets and magazines from Mr. George F. Wall, Dr. J. McGrady, Mr. George M. Whitaker, Quincy Public Library, and Edwin Emery, with thanks.

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Southbridge, April 13, 1874.

Messrs. Lane, Leonard, S. C. Hartwell, Bartholomew, Flint, Gleason, and Emery present at meeting of Committee.

Voted, that any person, temporarily residing in town, may take books from the library on the same conditions as permanent residents; provided that a resident of the town, known to the Librarian, shall, in writing, become responsible therefor.

Voted on list of books.

Adjourned one week.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Monday, April 20, 1874.

Messrs. Lane, Leonard, and Emery met in library, and adjourned one week.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Monday, April 27, 1874.

Present, Messrs. Lane, S. C. Hartwell, Bartholomew, Flint, Gleason, and Emery.

Voted to accept with thanks, one volume from Mr. Cyprian Whiting, one from Mr. C. A. Gleason, nine pamphlets from Mr. George K. Dresser, one from Mr. William B. Potter, and a fac-simile of the Massachusetts Spy, July 17, 1770, from Rev. F.

b. Flint.

The chairman was instructed to make inquiries in respect to cases for the Museum, and report.

After voting to purchase a small list of books, adjourned one week.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Monday, May 4, 1874.

Present, Messrs. Lane, Leonard, S. C. Hartwell, Gleason, Grant, and Emery.

Voted to accept with thanks, pamphlets from Hon. Clark J. Gillson, of Worcester, and Mrs. J. Conins, and place them in the library.

Voted on list of books for purchase.

Adjourned one week.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Monday, May 11, 1874.

Messrs. Lane, Leonard, S. C. Hartwell, and Emery present.

Adjourned one week.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Monday, May 18, 1874.

Present, Messrs. Lane, S. C. Hartwell, Bartholomew, Gleason, Grant, and Emery.

Voted to accept one volume from Mr. E. S. Beecher, and pamphlets from Mr. George M. Whitaker, and the Concord Public Library, and instructed the Secretary to acknowledge acceptance of same with thanks.

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The Chairman made a verbal report in regard to cases for the Museum.

Voted to purchase a small list of books, presented by the book committee.

Voted to have Library cleaned, and authorized the Librarian to employ some one to do the work to her satisfaction.

Adjourned two weeks.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Southbridge, June 1, 1874.

Messrs. Lane, S. C. Hartwell, Bartholomew, Gleason, Grant, and Emery present.

Voted to accept pamphlets from Mr. Joseph Kinsey, Cincinnati, Free Public Library, Worcester, Mrs. Rebekah Ammidown, Mr. George L. Winter, and Mr. George M. Whitaker, and instructed the Secretary to acknowledge receipt of same with thanks.

Voted to restrict the Massachusetts Historical Collections to use in Library.

Authorized the Secretary to procure cards with "Conversation not allowed," printed thereon, for Reading Room.

Voted on list of books.

Adjourned two weeks.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Monday, June 15, 1874.

Messrs. Lane, S. C. Hartwell, and Grant present.

Adjourned one week.

W. H. Grant
Secretary pro tem.

Southbridge, June 22, 1874.

Messrs. Lane, S. C. Hartwell, Bartholomew, Grant, and Emery present.

Voted to change Article 5 of the regulations for the government of the Committee, so that it shall read as follows: (See record below.)

Four members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transactions of business.

Voted to accept pamphlets from Public Library, Lancaster.

Voted to accept three orations presented by Holmes Ammidown, Esq., New York, and instructed the Secretary to present to the donor the thanks of the Committee therefor.

Authorized the Secretary to procure 200 blank forms of acknowledgment.

Authorized the Chairman to procure case for Museum.

Adjourned one week.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Monday, June 29, 1874.

Messrs. Lane, S. C. Hartwell, Bartholomew, and Emery present.

Voted, that the Secretary so amend his record of last meeting as to give reason for changing Article 5 referred to, and have it read as follows:

Inasmuch as three members are disqualified or absent, four members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

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Southbridge, July 6, 1874.

Messrs. Lane, S. C. Hartwell, Gleason, Grant, and Emery present.

Voted, that Mr. Grant be a committee to purchase, at his discretion, a supply of coal for the year.

Voted on list of books.

Adjourned two weeks.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Monday, July 20, 1874.

Messrs. Lane, S. C. Hartwell and Emery present.
Not a quorum. Adjourned two weeks.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

August 3, 1874.

Messrs. Lane, S. C. Hartwell, and Emery present. Adjourned one week.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Monday, Aug. 10, 1874.

Messrs. Lane, S. C. Hartwell, Bartholomew, Grant, and Emery present.

Voted to accept one volume, nineteen pamphlets, and one cane from Mrs. Rebekah Annidown, one volume, and five pamphlets from Mr. G. M. Whitaker, eight pamphlets from Rev. F. C. Flint, one volume from Rev. F. W. Emmons, Sturbridge, two volumes from Mr. William C. Barnes, five pamphlets from Mr. Harry Winter, one pamphlet from the Department of the Interior, one engraving, "The First Steam Passenger Train in America", from Mr. Josiah Snow, Brook-

lyn, N. Y., one fish-hawk from Mr. Christopher Abbott, one specimen of mineral from Mr. Geo. A. Dresser, and six specimens in Natural History, sugar-cane seed, sea beans, butterflies, and turtle, from Mr. E. P. Schrightgiesser, and instructed the Secretary to acknowledge the same.

Voted on list of books.

Adjourned, subject to call of Secretary.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Aug. 31, 1874.

Messrs. Lane, Hartwell, Bartholomew, and Grant present.

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

The Chairman and Secretary were appointed a committee to prepare a letter of acknowledgment to Mr. Ammidown for his recent donation of books, papers, and pamphlets for the library, and a collection of specimens in natural history for the Museum, and forward the same with expression of thanks therefor.

Mr. Bartholomew was appointed a committee to draft and prepare a series of resolutions on the death of Dr. Samuel Hartwell, and present them at the next meeting.
Dissolved.

W. A. H. Grant.

Secretary pro tem.

Monday, Oct. 12, 1874.

Messrs. Lane, Gleason and Emery present.

Adjourned to meet on Monday evening next, at 7½ o'clock.

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Southbridge, Monday, Oct. 19, 1894.

Met according to adjournment. Messrs. Lane, Hartwell, Gleason, and Emery present.

Voted to renew subscription for the the five Foreign Quarterlies, for the Reading Room.

Voted to accept one volume from L. V. Carpenter, Esq., for the library, and one volume from Mrs. John Congdon, one from Mr. John Bowker, and an "Arctic" from Mr. George H. Hartwell, for the Museum, and instructed the Secretary to acknowledge the same with thanks.

Voted on a short list of books.

Adjourned two weeks, to meet at 7½ o'clock.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Monday, Nov. 9, 1894.

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

Voted, that the Museum be opened on Tuesday afternoons and evenings instead of Saturday, after the present week.

Voted to accept specimen of Confederate Money from Mr. Lucian Marcy, preserved reptiles, fish, etc., from Mr. George H. Hartwell, Mrs. John Edwards, and Mr. William A. Archer of Santa Cruz, specimens of eggs from Mr. H. C. Winter, and butterflies from Mr. C. D. Clarke, for the Museum, and papers and pamphlets from Mr. G. M. Whitaker, and pamphlet from Mr. E. P. Wells, for the Library, and to thank the donors therefor.

Instructed the Secretary to purchase paper for covering books.

Adjourned one week.

Edwin Emery, Secretary.

Southbridge, Monday, Nov. 16, 1874.

Messrs. Lane, Bartholomew, Gant, and Emery present.

The following resolutions, presented by Mr. Bartholomew, were accepted and adopted:

The death of Dr. Samuel Hartwell, the senior member of this Committee, and an earnest friend of the Public Library, has taken from us one of our most active, faithful, and efficient members, and filled our hearts with sorrow, leading us, his associates, to adopt some fitting expression of our appreciation of his services and character, and the great loss we have sustained: therefore

Resolved, That, in Dr. Hartwell, we ever found a wise and prudent counsellor, an able, earnest, and devoted worker in the discharge of all his duties, and a kind and agreeable companion in all our relations with him, and that, by these qualities of mind and heart, he secured our respect and affection.

Resolved, That his great natural good sense, and his vast general knowledge were a valuable assistance to us in laying well the foundations of the Public Library, and that, in his demise, that institution has lost a firm friend and supporter.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered in the records of the Committee, and published in the Southbridge Journal.

Voted to review the subscriptions for three Harper's publications, and four scientific periodicals, for the Reading Room.

Adjourned two weeks.

Edwin Emery,
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Southbridge, Nov. 30, 1874.

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Edwin Emery,
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Monday, Dec. 7, 1874.

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

Voted on list of books for purchase, and then adjourned one week.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Monday, Dec. 14, 1874.

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

Voted to accept one volume from Hon. George F. Hoar, and the Chicago Weekly Journal from Mr. A. J. Spurr, for the Reading Room, and instructed the Secretary to acknowledge the same.

Voted to purchase ten monthly periodicals for the Reading Room.

Voted on list of books.

Adjourned one week.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Monday, Dec. 21, 1874.

Messrs. Lane, Leonard, and Emery present.
Not a quorum. Adjourned one week.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Southbridge, Monday, Dec. 28, 1874.

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

The Chairman was authorized to make a contract with Miss Comins to serve as librarian another year, upon the same terms as last year.

Voted to accept books from Rev. F. W. Cummings, and place the same in the library. Also "The Laws of Life and Journal of Health" for the Reading Room, from the same gentleman. The Secretary was instructed to acknowledge the acceptance of the above-mentioned donations.

The Secretary was instructed to correspond with the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, to inquire upon what terms the library can obtain the publications of that Institution.

Voted on list of books.

Adjourned two weeks.

Edwin Emery,
Secretary.

Monday, Jan. 11, 1875.

Messrs. Lane, Leonard, Gleason and Emery present.

The Chairman reported that Miss Comins agrees to continue the same services another year, upon the same terms as last year. This report was accepted.

Voted to transfer papers and periodicals for 1874, from the Reading Room to the library.

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