

January 6. 1879.

Present, Leonard, Lane, Hartwell, Malorian and Paton.

Voted, that the Secretary be directed to procure for the Reading Room the New York "Nation".

Also voted that we accept and acknowledge from Hon. W. H. Rice 6 vols. Congressional Documents or Publications from Avery P. Taylor Esq, a newspaper the "Ulster County Gazette", of date Jan. 4. 1800 containing an account of the death of General Washington - From Hon. A. J. Bartholomew a \$1. Certificate of the Hungarian Fund Issued by L. Kossuth Feb. 2. 1852, and that the two last named be placed in the Museum.

also from the American Optical Company the show case in which were exhibited three samples of their work, at the Centennial in Philadelphia 1876, and that the same be placed in the Museum.

Voted to adjourn one week.

Manning Leonard  
Secretary.

January 13. 1879.

Present Leonard, Lane, Harrington, Malorian, Bulfinch and Hartwell.

A list of Books to be procured for the Library was presented, and accepted, and the Secretary, instructed to order them.

Voted that the "Book of Drawings & Verses" by Edward Lear, 11-165 be placed in reserved list.

Voted to adjourn two weeks.

Manning Leonard  
Secretary.

January 27, 1879.

Present, Buffinch, Leonard, Harrington and Martineau, Not a quorum.

Voted to adjourn one week.

Manning Leonard  
Secretary.

February 3, 1879.

Present, Lane, Leonard, Paton, Martineau, Harrington, Haloran and Bulfinch.

Voted that the "College Book," and "Prose Writers of Germany," be placed in Section R.

A List of Books was presented and approved, and ordered to be purchased. Also a List of Books too much worn for further circulation, was presented & it was voted that new ones be procured to replace them, with the exception of one vol. by Mrs. E. D. E. N. Southworth.

Voted that the Library be closed on the 21<sup>st</sup> inst. for examination of the Books. - Voted to adjourn to that day at 9 o'clock A.M.

Manning Leonard  
Secretary.

February 21, 1879.

Committee met for annual examination of Books in Library.

J. M. Lane and Manning Leonard worked all day, examined Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and R. W. R. Paton and J. J. Harrington in forenoon - examined Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11. S. C. Hartwell and G. G. Bulfinch examined the "Amundson Library."

Lane and Leonard examined the Register and made list of all books charged therein, and on comparing with lists of books not on the shelves, found several missing, but subsequently all were accounted for. ~~XXXXXX~~

Manning Leonard  
Secretary.

March 3, 1879.

Present, Hartwell, Lane, Leonard, Haloran and Bartholomew.

Elected Miss A. J. Conins Librarian, on the same terms and conditions as last year.

Voted that a copy of the Catalogue be furnished the Alms House for the benefit of the inmates therein.

The Secretary was requested to prepare the annual Report as usual.

Manning Leonard.  
Secretary.

March 17, 1879.

Present, Leonard, Lane, Irwin, Harrington, Bulfinch and Martineau.

The Annual Report was presented by the Secretary, and accepted, and he was instructed to have it printed with the other Town Reports - (In accordance with the vote of the Town at the last Annual Town Meeting.)

Voted to adjourn one week.

Manning Leonard  
Secretary.

Annual Meeting.

Committee for 1879-80.

Three years. Two years. One year.

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| G. H. Mellen   | Stephen P. Irwin Jr. | Manning Leonard |
| E. M. Phillips | J. J. Harrington     | J. G. Bulfinch  |
| Joseph Jagger  | Wm. Haloran          | W. R. Paton     |

The annual meeting of the Library Committee was held in the Library at 7 1/2 o'clock P. M. April 14, 1879. All the members present except W. R. Paton, S. M. Lane Esq. whose term of office expires - on the unanimous request of the members, occupied the Chair until a successor should be elected as Chairman of the Committee.

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The following officers were elected by ballot.

Geo. H. Mellen Chairman

Manning Leonard Secretary.

The following committees were chosen by nomination.

Manning Leonard }  
J. P. Irving jr } Executive Committee.  
J. G. Bulfinch }

E. M. Phillips }  
J. J. Harrington } Committee on Finance.  
Joseph Jagger }

W. R. Paton }  
Geo. H. Mellen } Committee on Books.  
E. M. Phillips }

Wm Maloran }  
W. R. Paton } Committee on Library.  
J. P. Irving jr. }

Voted, that the Secretary be a Committee to confer with Miss A. J. Corius, Librarian, and that he be authorized to ratify and confirm an engagement with her for the ensuing year, on the terms and conditions voted at the meeting held by the Committee Mar. 3. 1879.

Voted, that J. P. Irving jr. be a Committee to procure a sufficient supply of coal to "complete the season".

Voted, that the Secretary acknowledge to Hon. W. H. Rice, <sup>the receipt</sup> of the official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office.

Voted, that the Librarian be authorized to procure one or more proper steps, or step-ladders, for the convenient reaching books on high shelves.

The following vote was passed unanimously:  
Resolved: That the Library Committee recognizing the value of the counsels of S. M. Lane Esq. in all matters connected with the interests of the Public Library; do hereby constitute him an Honorary Life Member of the Committee. They cordially invite him to be present at all meetings of the Committee and to take part in our deliberations; also to continue that department of library work upon which he has been so long engaged.

Voted to adjourn two weeks.

Manning Leonard  
Secretary.

April 28, 1879.

Present - Mellen, Leonard, Phillips, Harrington and Jaggard.

S. M. Lane Esq. was also present, and stated that he had received from the Secretary a copy of the vote passed at the meeting of the Committee held on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. constituting him an Honorary Life Member of the Committee. He was very grateful for

the favor and honor thus conferred upon him. He felt a deep interest in the Library, and would be glad to do what he could to promote the advancement, and success of this valuable Institution.

The Committee on Books presented a List of books which they recommended to be purchased. It was approved, and ordered to be procured.

The Librarian presented a list of 8 books too much worn for further circulation, and it was ordered to procure new ones to supply their places.

Messrs. Mellen and Lane were appointed a Committee to consider a communication rec<sup>d</sup> from John M. Cochran Esq. for use of works in Section 14 and to report at a future meeting.

Voted to adjourn one week.

Manning Leonard  
Secretary.

May 12, 1879.

Present - Mellen, Harrington, Leonard, Phillips and Bulfinch.

Voted to make our Librarian a member of the Library Association - also that the Secretary subscribe for the Library Journal for 1879.



Also, voted that the Secretary procure a Ream of paper (like Sample exhibited) from the Association for covering books.

Voted that the Librarian procure a chair - without arms - for the use of assistant.

Voted to accept from the School Committee, a bound vol. - and place the same in the Restricted list - of Drawings of the pupils in the Schools of the Town.

Adjourned two weeks.

Manning Leonard  
Secretary.

May 26, 1879.

Present, Paton, Leonard, Lane, Mellen, Phillips and Harrington.

Messrs. Mellen and Lane reported in regard to the Communication of John M. Cochran Esq. - That it was inexpedient to grant the removal of works in Section 14 from the Library. Their Report was accepted, and adopted.

Messrs. Lane and Mellen were appointed a Committee to consider the matter of preparing a Supplement of the Catalogue, to consult the Librarian in regard to its preparation &c, and report to a future meeting -



Voted that ~~that~~ the thanks of the Committee be presented to Edward H. Amundson Esq. for furnishing the Reading Room with a copy of the Commercial Bulletin, and paying the subscription therefor for one year.

Voted that the following books be thankfully accepted from the School Committee: Guyot's Physical Geography; Houston's Ditto; Swinton's Elementary Geography; - Bradbury's Elementary Geometry; - Robertson's First Book in Arithmetic, and the First part of Complete Arithmetic = 6 vols. —

Voted to procure 14 vols. of Longfellow's Poems, <sup>of places</sup> to complete the whole set published, of 30 vols.

Voted to purchase two more reams of paper for covering books, like that had of Library Association.

Voted to adjourn one week, at 7<sup>34</sup> P.M.

Hanning Leonard  
Secretary.

June 23. 1879.

Present, Paton, Bulfinch, Leonard, Jagger, Phillips, Harrington, Mellen and Lane.

Mr. Mellen made report for the Committee appointed to consider the matter of preparing a Supplement of the Catalogue, consulting the Librarian in regard to it &c. Stating,

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that they had attended to that duty, and recommended that the Librarian be employed to do the work and that she be paid for the service at the rate of twenty cents per hour.

The Report of the Committee was accepted, and their recommendation adopted, and they were instructed to make engagement with the Librarian on the terms named.

It was voted that the Librarian be authorized to have another drawer prepared for Card Catalogue.

It was also voted to accept and thankfully acknowledge, the Boston Almanac for 1879, from Mess. Sampson, Larnport & Co. - the publishers.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Manning Leonard  
Secretary.

September 8, 1879

All present except Paton, voted that a copy of Catalogue be sent to the Public Library of North-Brookfield. also that we accept and acknowledge the book received from Rev. Geo. A. Jackson. also that three extra copies of the Little Ship Registry be procured to aid the Librarian in her work.

The Chairman, Secretary, and Librarian were appointed a committee, with

instructions to procure the printing of such number of <sup>Supplementary</sup> Catalogues as they think desirable, to be of same style and quality of our Catalogue, on as good terms as they may be able to negotiate.

Voted to adjourn to Monday evening October 6<sup>th</sup> at 8 o'clock P.M.

Manning Leonard  
Secretary.

October 6, 1879.

Present Harrington, Leonard, Jagger, Paton, Phillips and Bulfinch. The Chairman being absent, Mr. Phillips was chosen to preside. The following votes were passed unanimously.

That we accept from Mrs. Mary L. Plimpton, widow of the late Edwin L. Plimpton Esq. of Brooklyn N. Y. the Landscape picture of Globe Village, painted by Francis Alexander in 1822, on the terms made by her. The Secretary to acknowledge its acceptance with the profound thanks of the Committee.

That 8 Books (Mass. Public Documents)-from Mrs. Lydia Litchfield, be accepted and acknowledged.

That the Supplementary Catalogue, No. 1, now being printed, be sold at 25c per copy, and that the price of Catalogues, be reduced to 75c each.

Voted to adjourn to 20<sup>th</sup> inst.

Manning Leonard  
Secretary.

[Note - The terms on which Mrs. Plimpton presented the Landscape painting, was as follows: - "Should at a future day, any of my children wish it, I would like to reserve the privilege of retaining it, for them, although this thought at present seems improbable."

Copy of a letter to me dated Sep. 15, 1879.

Manning Leonard.]

November 10, 1879.

Present, Paton, Lane, Leonard, Jagger, Bulfinch, Harrington and Haloran.

The Chairman being absent Mr. Paton was chosen to preside at the meeting.

The Committee on printing Supplementary Catalogue, by Secretary made report, that they made contract with Alfred Mudge & Son to print 350 copies which were completed and submitted, and it was voted unanimously to approve the work, and the secretary was instructed to pay their bill of \$117.



The bill of the Librarian for her services on the Catalogue, amounting to \$40<sup>00</sup> was also approved, and the Secretary instructed to pay the same.

It was voted to accept and acknowledge from Holmes Arundson Esq. a Map of St. Augustine Florida and two ears of corn grown in Illinois, and that they be placed in the Museum.

It was also voted that the Museum be open to the public on the afternoon & evening of the first Monday in each month.

It was also voted that two copies of Chas. Francis Adams Jr. Pamphlet on Librarians &c. (one copy to be placed in the Reading Room) be procured.

Voted to adjourn to the evening of the first Monday in December.

Manning Leonard  
Secretary.

December 1, 1879.

Present, Mellen, Lane, Leonard, Paton,  
Harrington, Jaggard, Bulfinch, Balaban,  
and Phillips.

Voted that the Secretary  
procure the same publications for  
the Reading Room, that we have  
had the past year, for the year  
1880.

Also that he procure "The  
Huguenots in the Nipmuck Country" for  
the Library - also the History of Bolton,  
also History of Lancaster, also of  
Worcester County, now being  
published by Jewett & Co.

It was voted to accept from  
Bernard A. Leonard a fine en-  
graving of Abraham Lincoln  
presented by him to the Library  
and Geo. W. Mellen and Geo. S. Bul-  
finch were appointed a com-  
mittee to draw up resolutions  
and present the thanks of the Com-  
mittee of the Library, therefore.

The following were the Resolutions  
presented - Resolved that the  
thanks of the Library Committee  
and of the community are due  
Mr. Leonard for his beautiful  
gift, and that they fully appreci-  
ate the spirit and the force of  
the able communication accom-  
panying it.

Resolved that the en-  
graving be assigned a prominent  
place in the Library, that the young  
and the old, may gather inspiration

by looking on the face of  
the great emancipator.

Voted to adjourn the  
meeting to the first Monday  
evening in January 1880.

Manning Leonard  
Secretary.

February 2, 1880.

Present, Mellen, Lane, Paton, Jagger,  
Leonard, Bulfinch, Harrington & Phillips.

Voted that the Library be  
closed on the 20th and 21st inst. for the  
annual examination of Books.

Voted that the Librarian be in-  
structed to forward copies of our  
Catalogues to the following Librarians:  
Mercantile San Francisco Cal.  
Cincinnati Ohio.  
Brooklyn N. Y.

The Secy was instructed to  
make further efforts to procure  
Vol. VIII. of Special Statutes of Mass.

Elected Miss A. J. Cornins Librarian,  
on the same terms and conditions  
as last year.

Messrs. Bulfinch and Mellen were  
appointed a Committee to consider the  
matter of foul atmosphere in the Library  
caused by the water-closets in the  
building and the pipes and drainage  
connected therewith, and to take such  
steps as they may think best, to remedy the same.